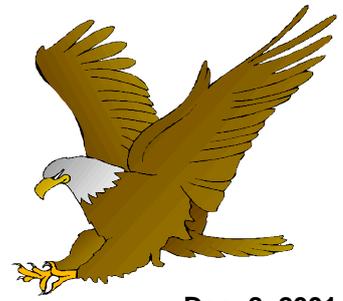




The Dusty Times



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"Serving the Mighty Desert Lions in Camelback Country"

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Commander's ViewPoint

Why We Are Here, Who We Are, and Where We Are Going

By Col. Gerald Sawyer
9/763 AEG Commander

Not a single soul prior to Sept. 11 could have predicted the impact a terrorist attack on America was to have on the lives of every American, both in and out uniform. Nor could they have predicted the far reaching economic impacts this senseless act of violence would have on the world. From the airlines, tourist centers, and retail industry to the stock market and foreign consumer goods, we are seeing layoffs and businesses close. So it should not come as any surprise that the President is now encouraging Americans to get on with life and begin investing and buying again.

But for us on the "Tip of the Spear" I would advise exactly the opposite. We are not here to forget anything. Our role is to protect our nation against all enemies foreign and domestic, and every single one of you is a key player on this team of superstars. Whether it is flying airplanes to deliver cargo, taking care of the sick

and injured, or feeding our folks, you are each and everyone a part of a team and a part of history which will define our nation every bit as much as our parents and grandparents defined it in World War II.

The world is judging us on our actions here today and we are making history. When people ask why you are here, I would like you to remember something that one of my mentors once said to me ... he said "Don't forget, we are ultimately judged on what we give, not by what we receive" and "that winners do what losers don't want to do!"

Each and every one of you gives meaning to these phrases and I am very proud and honored to be the commander that is privileged enough to be in the company of "Winners!"

You will note that this first edition of *The Dusty Times* refers to the "Desert Lions" and "Camelback" Country. Well folks, that is who we are. The lion is taken directly off of the 363d Air Expeditionary Wing's patch, and represents ferocity, fidelity, valor, strength and courage.

The Camelback is representative of the small but elite team of warriors who form the core of why we are here (i.e., the airlift flying team of the 763d Expeditionary Airlift Squadron).

Both the 763 EAS and the 9/763 AEG report to the 363 AEW and have a proud lineage to live up to.

As many of you know, we serve as the center of gravity for numerous missions and responsibilities for the entire Southwest Asia Area of Responsibility, and even though we all come from different backgrounds and specialties, we quite literally define the 363 AEW's motto of "One Team, One Fight." No one element is more important than the others, and all depend on each other to accomplish each and every mission.

Further, as you look around you, you will notice that the Group is in a constant state of improvement which spans the spectrum of mission, personnel, and quality of life. Everything from improving our cargo throughput capability (our mission) by improving our ramps and cargo yards, and developing awards and MWR programs, to bringing in name brand food franchises (e.g., Pizza Hut and Baskin Robbins), we are working to make this a better place to work and live. To this end, I encourage you to get involved. We can always use more help. When you have some free time, volunteer; sometimes the jobs no one wants conceal big opportunities! Further, don't hold back. That means let your needs and desires be known. Each Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the PERSCO building we have the Tent City Council. Don't be afraid to speak up, it is the way we can effect change for the better and make ours the best base in the U.S. Air Force!

Finally, let me close with this one thought: "Life's most treasured moments often come unannounced and we are all here to make a difference." And as corny as all that sounds, there will come a time when you will look back on this experience and say, "I made a difference that mattered!"



SLAMMIN'

U.S. Air Force photo by TSgt. Carole Steele

Civil Engineering Team 11 practices for their next intramural volleyball opponent. Pictured from left are Amn. Jorge Ortiz, TSgt. Jerry Blanchard, SrA. Ryan Johnson and A1C David Pribble. For volleyball highlights and statistics, see Page 7.

Editorials

Team building in the AEF Squadron

By Lt. Col. Mark Vlahos
763 EAS commander

The use of a core of professionals to organize, train and equip armies can be traced throughout history. This "in-place cadre" has always been, and is the nucleus around which to form a fighting organization.

In 1861, Lt. Gen. Winfield Scott successfully took the existing 16,000-man regular army and built the formidable Army of the Potomac, a 100,000-man plus organization.

This is exactly the role I see for permanent party airmen in an Aerospace Expeditionary Force squadron. I consider us all airmen, whether officer or enlisted.

Whether you are a commander, operations officer, first sergeant or supervisor at any level, your task is to act as a force multiplier. The permanent party airman is the nucleus that we build a squadron around every 90 days.

Under the AEF concept, our Air Force provides highly trained and capable airmen to fill a wide variety of

unit type codes for each squadron. Remember, there is always another airman ready, willing and able to replace you in your job.

Our job as permanent party cadre is to ensure our airmen have the tools to do their jobs, provide specific local corporate knowledge and provide a stable environment to work in. In short, our job is to build a team. Throw into the equation that during an AEF swap-out the mission must continue, and it makes this job even more critical and time compressed.

Commanding any type of expeditionary squadron is an exercise in team building and a challenge I have thoroughly enjoyed. I believe all permanent party personnel receive a three-year education in a one-year tour in the Southwest Asia area of responsibility.

I have watched in amazement and pride how quickly a new team is formed and friendships are made during a deployment. Airmen train their entire careers to be experts in specific skills; during a deployment the mission is real and comes first everyday.

Give our airmen the football and let them run; keep them focused on the mission and pride will swell quickly. That's something all permanent party officers and enlisted leaders can be proud of.

During Operation Enduring Freedom the 763rd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron grew and expanded its mission. Once again I watched our force multipliers in action as the squadron absorbed new personnel.

The 363rd Air Expeditionary Wing is an awesome machine encompassing a wide variety of airframes and missions. One thing that is constant is the professional job our permanent party airmen do in a challenging environment. They are the team builders.

As I approach the up-coming AEF swapout, I can say with full confidence there will be no change in the level of intensity and mission accomplishment by the 763 EAS. For this I am very grateful to my permanent party staff.

I can think of no other place I'd rather be right now than proudly serving in the SWA class of 2002.

Enduring The Storms

By Chap. (Capt.) Brad S. Agee
Protestant Chaplain

A man whom I learned of worked in the lumber business in Washington State. He preferred the hardwoods, particularly those that were taken from the mountaintops. Though the wood from trees grown in the valley still had value, the wood grown on the mountaintops yielded a much higher selling price.

The man noted that the special quality that set the mountain wood above the valley-grown wood was simply that the mountain wood had endured the many beatings of high winds, storms, and overall rougher climates during their raising. Therefore, the fibers of the wood itself made it a much more durable breed than that of the valley wood.

The trees in the valley were somewhat pampered from the storms in comparison. However, the tougher fibers of the mountain grown wood yielded a much more valuable final product when brought to market.

"This is the kind of wood folks use for the fancy stuff in their homes and businesses...like the exotic furniture, wall paneling, moldings, floorings, and cabinetry works...the real expensive stuff," the man would say.

Have you been feeling like the tree on the mountaintop lately? Maybe you have been going through the rough beatings and storms of life here in your desert experience.

You may look around at folks you know and wonder why they don't seem

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CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic Mass

Saturday	6:30 p.m.
Sunday	9:30 a.m.
Daily	Noon

Protestant Services

Sunday
11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Sunday at 2 p.m.

Catholic Programs

Bible Study: Monday, 6:30 p.m.
Rosary Day: Wed, 6:30 p.m.
Adult Catechism: Wed, 7:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal: Friday, 5:30 p.m.

Protestant Programs

Bible Study: Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Choir Practice: Thursday, 7 p.m.

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U.S. Air Force photo by MSgt. Frank Ware

Seeing Stars

Brig. Gen. Gilmary Hostage, 363rd Air Expeditionary Wing commander, shakes hands with SrA. Denis D'ateuil during a recent visit to the base. Hostage met with 12 top performers to thank them for their outstanding service.

**CHAPLAIN
(Continued from page 2)**

to be going through the storms of life that you seem to constantly go through. Others you look on seem to be like the trees that grow down in the valley who are somewhat sheltered from the vigorous beatings of life.

You may ask yourself, "Why do I have to be the one going through all this stuff of life? Others seem to have it so much easier than me." Sometimes you may be inclined to say that there is no point in trying to continue.

Yet, I believe, during these kinds of struggles that the Lord would have you to know that you are on the mountaintop of life's struggles for a good reason. You see, in God's eyes, you are being formed and fashioned into a person of greater value than perhaps the average valley dweller.

Could it be that God is getting

you ready for something that is of far greater value than you could have ever imagined for your own life...something that is a cut above the everyday thing...something that, had you not been prepared on the mountain top through the constant poundings of the high-wind storms of life, then you would have never been prepared for the success that God has prepared you for in His ultimate plan for your life?

Are you tired of being on the mountaintop? Put your hope in the Lord who greatly loves you. Let Him lift you up and be your strength, especially during the beatings of the storms of life because... *"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall: but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles: They will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."* Isaiah 40:29 - 31 (NIV).

All Welcome at Tent City Counsel

Do you have ideas for making Tent City a better place to live, relax, sleep and play? Every Tuesday night at 7 p.m., the SRC/PERSCO general purpose shelter is the place to let your voice be heard.

A lot of the Quality of Life improvements seen within the Tent City proper originated with this gathering of the minds. With the help of Civil Engineering, Services, Hospital, Contracting, and numerous volunteers these ideas became realities.

So, if you want to see something built, a program developed, something fixed or just want to see, "Whaaaats Uuuuupppp," come next Tuesday night. Dress is desert casual.

Happy Holidays from Tent City Mayor, Maj. Guy Parker, and Deputy Mayor, Capt. Richard Holcomb.

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CSAF: Nothing more vital than service to nation

by Tech. Sgt. Tim Dougherty
Air Force Print News

As the nation's military is involved in hunting down terrorists, the Air Force's chief of staff is taking steps to ensure airmen everywhere know the importance of the task at hand.

In his first meeting with the Pentagon press since becoming chief of staff in September, Gen. John P. Jumper said there is nothing more vital to the nation than its men and women serving in uniform during this crucial time.

"I want to make sure that our Air Force people understand that in times of crisis, the American people look to their military in uniform for strength and as role models," Jumper said Nov. 27.

Jumper said that one of his priorities as chief of staff is retention.

The events of Sept. 11 have "mitigated" the retention problem somewhat, but it is not completely solved, he said.

"Retention is very high on my list of concerns for the Air Force. The problems are caused by several factors," Jumper said. "First of all, our people are very, very busy. They are involved with families and they are gone away from home for long periods of time. These factors, combined with a robust job market outside the Air Force, pull our people away."

He said that Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche, who just returned from visiting troops overseas for Thanksgiving, echoes his thoughts, saying both leaders are extremely proud of their team.

"I've said many times that there is nothing more satisfying than seeing our

men and women in uniform doing our nation's work," Jumper said.

Because of ongoing world events, the Air Force activated the Stop-Loss program in September, which indefinitely suspended all (O-6 and below) planned retirements and separations unless an approved waiver is granted. Current guidance provides liberal waiver approval unless the individual's skills are required to support America's war on terrorism.

The Air Force has not established the necessary battle rhythm it needs to make any changes to the current Stop-Loss program, Jumper said.

"Our people are doing a great job and I tell them all the time that there is nothing more meaningful they could be doing in their life right this minute than to be serving in uniform."

The Hot Spot

By SSgt. Delton Tills
Assistant chief of fire prevention

The Base Fire Department would like to welcome everyone to the base and share some fire safety tips for Tent City.

Fire safety in a deployed location is very important, and it starts with each of us.

The following guidelines are basic common sense safety tips that include housekeeping, smoking, and fire reporting.

Housekeeping begins with the outside area of the tents; everyone should keep their areas clean and free of trash.

Inside tents, occupants should make sure all trash is emptied and that both exits are kept clear, including the vestibule. Vestibules should not be used for storage.

Everyone should make sure their smoke detectors and fire extinguishers are in good working condition.

Smoking is another area of concern in Tent City. The only places that personnel are authorized to smoke are at the fire point signs with the butt cans.

Personnel are urged to be respon-

sible when smoking by making sure cigarette butts are disposed in butt cans and by not putting any trash in butt cans.

Additionally, walking and smoking is not authorized.

One of the most critical points on smoking is that no one may smoke in or around any tent. Once ignited, these tents burn very fast and the entire Tent City can be engulfed in flames in a matter of minutes.

If you see a fire, no matter how small, report it, even if it has already been extinguished.

In the event of a fire, shout "Fire, Fire, Fire," evacuate the area, and blast the air horn located at the nearest Fire Point sign three times.

To report a fire by phone, call Ext. 1505 on tent city phones or call the fire department cell phone at 947-2674.

Those who do not have access to a phone should send a runner to the fire department in tent B-15.

Fire safety is important for all. For more information on fire safety or to request training, call SSgt. Delton Tills at Ext. 1504 or cell phone 923-5896.



HTNR Program shows troops' achievements

The Hometown News Release program is alive and well here, and base people may now submit a DD Form 2266 to the Public Affairs office highlighting their achievements.

The HTNR program showcases the accomplishments of individual airmen and soldiers through the production of news releases. The news releases are then distributed to hometown newspapers where the individual has family ties.

Eligible events include promotions, awards, reassignments, reenlistments, graduation of military schools, earning of degrees, and many other events.

Photographs are not required, but may be submitted with the form if so desired by the individual.

To submit a HTNR, fill out a DD Form 2266 and bring it to the Public Affairs office in Room 4 in the H Bldg.

THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN

IS TSP RIGHT FOR YOU?

9/763 Staff Judge Advocate Report

On Oct. 30, 2000, President Clinton signed the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001, also known as Public Law 106-398. A very important provision of the law extended participation in the Thrift Savings Plan to members of the uniformed services, and the first uniformed services open season began on Oct. 9.

Current statistics show that only 17 percent of military members will stay in more than 20 years to receive a military retirement. In other words, 83 percent will leave the service between their first enlistment or service commitment and before 20 years.

To help military members save for their retirement, Congress passed the Thrift Saving Plan. It offers participants the same type of savings and tax benefits that many private corporations offer their employees under so-called "401(k) plans."

The TSP allows participants to save a portion of their pay in a special retirement account administered by the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board. The money that participants invest in the TSP comes from pre-tax dollars and reduces their current taxable income; investments and earnings are not taxed until they are withdrawn.

Participation in the TSP is optional and not automatic. Military members must sign up with their service to participate in the TSP. Participants contribute to the TSP from their own pay on a pre-tax basis, and the amount contributed and the earnings attributable to contributions belong to the participant. It is theirs to keep even if they do not serve the 20 years ordinarily necessary to receive military retired pay.

The current military retirement pay system is a defined benefit program. This means that the benefit received from the military retirement system is based on years of service and the rank held at the time of retirement, rather than

on the amount of contributions and earnings.

Additionally, a defined retirement program ends on the death of the member unless the member buys into the Survivor Benefit Plan. The TSP, on the other hand, is a defined contribution plan. The balance in the TSP account will depend on how much was contributed to the account during the member's working years and the earnings on those contributions. Moreover, upon the member's death anything left in the TSP account can be given to his or her heirs.

Current members will be able to sign up to participate in the TSP during an enrollment period, that began on Oct. 9, and ends on Jan. 31, 2002. Contributions to the TSP based on the sign-up will begin to be deducted from paychecks beginning in the first week of January 2002.

Members who do not enroll during the special open season will have two "open seasons" per year to enroll thereafter. Open seasons are currently May 15 through July 31 and Nov. 15 through Jan. 31.

In 2002, members can contribute up to 7 percent of their basic pay each month. For an example, someone making \$2,000 a month can contribute up to \$140 each month. More importantly, the contribution comes before paying any taxes. This means the \$140 is deducted from the \$2,000 pay and the taxes are then taken from the remainder of \$1,860.

The percentage allowed to be contributed will increase 1 percent each year until it reaches 10 percent in 2005. Members may also be able to contribute all or any whole percentage of any special or incentive pay, including reenlistment or other bonuses. However, the total amount contributed each year cannot exceed the Internal Revenue Code's elective deferral limit (26 U.S.C. § 402(g)) for that year. For 2001, the limit is \$10,500. It is recalculated each year and may be higher in 2002.

For members of the Ready Reserve or National Guard that have a civilian

TSP account (or another qualified employer plan described under sections 401(k), 403(b), or 408(k) of the Internal Revenue Code), their total of all contributions to all of their plans cannot exceed the Internal Revenue Code's elective deferral limit.

Payroll offices will deduct contributions from the member's pay each month based on their election and will remit these contributions to the TSP. Members cannot send a check to the TSP; once they have received their pay, they cannot contribute any of it to the TSP. Those who want to contribute all or part of a bonus to their uniformed services TSP account, must have that contribution deducted by their payroll office and remitted to the TSP at the time the bonus is paid.

Members can invest any portion of their TSP account in the five TSP investment funds:

- Government Securities Investment (G) Fund
- Fixed Income Index Investment (F) Fund
- Common Stock Index Investment (C) Fund
- Small Capitalization Stock Index Investment Fund (S) Fund
- International Stock Index Investment Fund (I) Fund

As a new participant, the TSP will invest contributions in the G Fund until a contribution allocation is submitted to the TSP record keeper. Once a TSP account is established (i.e., upon receipt of the first contribution), the TSP will send an introductory letter and a Personal Identification Number to the member.

After receiving the PIN, participants will be able to make a contribution allocation to invest their future contributions in any of the five investment funds using the TSP Web site located at: www.tsp.gov, or the Thriftline at 504-255-8777. The Web site and the ThriftLine are the most efficient ways to make investment requests.

Read more on TSP in next week's issue of *The Dusty Times*.

R and R

3-on-3 B-ball Tourney

The 3-on-3 half-court basketball tournament is underway. The playoffs were held Friday and the finals will be today beginning at 5:30 p.m.

This is a fun, fast-paced tournament going to 20 minutes or 15 points, whichever comes first.

Chess Tournament

A chess tournament will be held Monday in the Recreation Tent to see if there are any Kasparovs in the crowd.

Participants should sign up at the Recreation Tent by close of business today. The tournament will be single elimination.

12 Days of Fitness

The 12 Days of Fitness begins Wednesday and runs through Dec. 24. Participants will be able to have some fun and get fit at the same time by participating in a different event each of the 12 days. Everyone who completes the program gets a T-Shirt.

Sign up at the Recreation Tent by Wednesday.

Birthday Meal

The December birthday meal will be served on Dec. 17 at the Crystal City Cafe. Those with a birthday in December should sign up at the dining facility by Dec. 16.

Waiters will serve a special meal to the birthday folks at their table. Birthday cake is also on the menu.

Base Club Hours

Due to the British Club closing for renovations next week, the Base Club will be open Monday through Saturday from 8-10 p.m., until their renovation is complete.

Base Barber Shop

The base barber shop is now open with three barbers available to cut men's and women's hair.

The shop is located in tent J-13 and is open from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. seven days a week.

Cots, Foam Mattress Turn-in

As bunk beds are received and placed in tents, everyone should take their cots and foam mattresses to the Services tent. This will eliminate the disappearance of these items from in front of tents and allow them to be redistributed to locations in critical need of these items.

News Briefs

Postal Information

The Base Post Office is open from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Saturday through Wednesday, and 9-11 a.m. on Thursdays.

A postal drop box is now located in the Services Recreation Tent which is open 24 hours a day.

Everyone is reminded to put their AOR return address on all outgoing mail including post-cards.

Safety Issues

Everyone is reminded not to pass the shuttlebus when it's stopped and loading and unloading passengers. This creates a dangerous situation for everyone.

People walking at night, even those wearing reflective belts, must yield to vehicles. Drivers of vehicles often do not see the reflective belt until they are dangerously close to pedestrians.

LES Requests

The most convenient way to request an LES statement from Base Finance is to e-mail MSgt. Willie Barreto with your name, social security number, and month you are requesting.

E-mail requests will normally be ready within 24 hours.

Those only picking up their LES statements may go to the front of the line at the finance window.

This method can alleviate a 20-25-minute wait in line to request the form and will help alleviate foot traffic in the H Bldg.

Air Force active duty, Reserve and Guard members can also access their pay information on DFAS's Employee/Member Self Service website at: <https://emss.dfas.mil/emss.htm>.

Those accessing the site will need their social security number and a PIN to log in.

Those who don't have a PIN may establish a temporary PIN by faxing a copy of their ID card along with their name, SSN, signature, and daytime phone to DFAS Cleveland at 312 580 5800. Deployed members may put "Daytime Phone N/A, deployed" for the phone number.

DFAS will reset the PIN in two or three business days to the last five of the SSN.

AAFES Outlines Military Star Contingency Deployment Policy

(Editor's note: The following information was provided by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service.)

The Exchange Credit Program is providing its Army and Air Force members lower or no interest rates during deployment.

The Military Star deployment policy provides cardholders whose account are in good standing (i.e., not in "collection" status) with two options while deployed.

Option 1 provides a 6 percent interest rate with no monthly payments and use of the account during the deployment period. This ability to continue using the account extends to any authorized users such as a spouse or family member.

Option 2 provides a 0 percent interest rate with no monthly payments during the deployment period. Under this option no charges can be made against the account during the deployment period.

Deployment is defined as travel to an overseas location in conjunction with a Joint Chief of Staff deployment order. The deployment order must be for at least 90 days.

The requirements to implement the deployment policy are as follows.

Unit commanders or their representative will notify the Exchange Customer Contact Center by providing:

a) Copies of official orders that reference the JCS message that directs support of a JCS deployment order. This can be in the form of combined orders by unit or individual orders.

b) A deployment listing with the service member's name, social security number, and length and dates of deployment.

Notification can be provided to the Exchange Customer Contact Center by one of two methods. Unit commanders may send deployment listings via internet to deployment@aafes.com with an image of the travel orders attached; or by mail to Exchange Customer Contact Center, P.O. Box 650524, Dallas, TX 75265-0524.

The unit commander should notify the center if the deployment is extended.

For more information or to request updates to accounts, contact the center by mail, phone, fax, or email. Their toll free number is 1-877-891-7827 or DSN 967-4326. Their fax number is (commercial) 214-312-4326.

Readiness Challenge canceled for 2002

Air Force officials have announced that Readiness Challenge VIII, a biennial multinational combat support competition, is canceled for 2002 because of current and possible future mission requirements in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle.

The competition, scheduled for April 18-27, demonstrates the leadership, readiness, warfighting and contingency support capabilities of the U.S. and international teams. Teams are made up of people from the Air Force civil engineer, services and personnel career fields.

The competition has been tentatively rescheduled for the spring of 2003.

"While we regret canceling the competition, the main focus of all our fighting forces is the current and future support of activities related to Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle," said Col. Bruce Barthold, commander of the Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency.

"In addition, the increased operational tempo being experienced now and into the foreseeable future makes it uncertain whether appropriate personnel and resources will be available to support the competition next spring," Barthold said. (AFP)

Race is On to Intramural Volleyball Playoffs

(763 EAS Services Report)

Intramural volleyball kicked off Thanksgiving Day with 17 teams.

Four teams will not finish due to real world missions and movement forward. Civil Engineering has the most teams entered with five.

The game to watch was Team 11 CES vs. Team 12 CES, both firefighters. Team 11 was victorious in the match.

Another good match was Team 11 CES vs. Team 13 CES. Team 13 took the easy win.

EOD is undefeated and is favored to win the championship. Team 11 CES

is expected to do well also.

Team 10 Med has a good record and should also be a shoo-in for the playoffs.

There are still a lot of games to be played, and with the race neck-and-neck for fourth place, its anyone's guess who may wind up in the playoffs.

All teams have come and played their best. Even the Brits, who claim that volleyball is not one of their sports, are doing well.

Everyone is invited to come out and watch the games Tuesday through Saturday from 7-9 p.m. and enjoy the action.

STANDINGS

(as of Dec. 5)

1. EOD(12)	6-0
2. CES(11)	5-1
3. 10 MED(5)	4-1
4. MED(9)	3-1
5. BRITS(14)	3-2
6. EAS(15)	3-3
7. 250 TH (10)	3-3
8. TRANS(16)	2-2
9. CES(1)	3-4
10. CES(17)	1-3
11. CES(12)	1-4
12. SFS(4)	1-5
13. MED(7)	0-5