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In brief

Hurricane preparation

With hurricane season rapidly approaching June 1, everyone needs to start taking steps toward preparing for such an event. A key step is to be properly prepared, even before hurricane season starts. The best way to do this is to put together a disaster supplies kit.

A disaster supplies kit should include the following items:

- First aid kit and medications.
- Canned food and can opener.
- At least three gallons of water per person.
- Protective clothing, rainwear, and bedding or sleeping bags.
- Battery-powered radio, flashlight, and extra batteries.
- Special items for infants, elderly, or disabled family members.
- Written instructions on how to turn off electricity, gas and water if authorities advise you to do so. (Remember, a professional is needed to turn them back on.)
- After a storm, ATM's may not work, so set a little cash aside.
- Keep vehicle gassed up at least halfway.

For more information, call the 325th Civil Engineer Squadron readiness flight at 283-2010, or 283-4107.

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Staff Sgt. Roel Utley

Check this out

Ken DeSaussure, 372nd Training Squadron, Det. 4, shows his daughter, Bailey, a hermit crab during their cleanup efforts at the Tyndall Beach Saturday. More than 100 people picked up debris in an effort to better Tyndall's natural habitat and celebrate Earth Day. See page 5 for more photos.

Revised plan establishes new command

COURTESY AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard Myers announced changes April 17 to the Unified Command Plan that establishes the missions and geographic responsibilities for combatant commanders.

The revised plan creates a new command, U.S. Northern Command, and assigns it the mission of defending the United States and supporting the full range of military assistance to civil authorities.

The revision also shifts U.S. Joint Forces Command's geographic area of responsibility to

the U.S. Northern Command and U.S. European Command. This enables Joint Forces Command to focus on transitioning U.S. military forces.

Effective Oct. 1, the plan also designates geographic areas of responsibilities for all combatant commanders and assigns them responsibility for security cooperation and military coordination with all countries in the region.

U.S. Northern Command's area of responsibility will include the continental United States, Canada, Mexico and portions of the Caribbean region. While Alaska will be included in this assignment, Alaskan Command forces will remain assigned to

U.S. Pacific Command.

The commander of U.S. Northern Command will also be responsible for security cooperation and military coordination with Canada and Mexico.

Russia and the Caspian Sea will be included in the area of responsibility assigned to U.S. European Command; however U.S. Pacific Command retains responsibilities for activities in eastern Russia.

Antarctica will be included in the area of responsibility assigned to U.S. Pacific Command.

Title 10 of The U.S. Code requires the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to review — not less than every two years — the missions and responsibilities (in-

cluding geographic boundaries), of each combatant command. He then recommends to the president, through the secretary of defense, any necessary changes. The current unified command plan was approved in September 1999. The events of Sept. 11 and the ensuing war on terrorism, as well as the new defense strategy outlined in the 2001 Quadrennial Defense Review, highlighted the requirement to further adjust the plan.

The Unified Command Plan provides guidance to all combatant commanders, establishes their missions and responsibilities, and delineates the general geographic area of responsibility for combatant commanders.

Keep up the great work Tyndall

BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM F. HODGKINS

325th Fighter Wing commander



This week we hosted the fourth AETC F-22 Site Activation Task Force conference at Tyndall.

Every six months subject matter experts from the 325th Fighter Wing, HQ AETC, and across the Air Force, along with our contractors, meet to answer questions, share information and further our plans for the beddown of America's next generation air superiority fighter – the F-22 Raptor.

Lt. Col. "Lee Bob" Hinkle and our F-22 Integration office folks are working extremely hard to ensure the Raptor's arrival and transition at Tyndall in 2003 is executed perfectly. I'm sure you are just as excited as I am about the arrival of this new weapons system. It promises to bring a new level in air supremacy to our ability to defend the United States and our values around the world.

Last week many of you enjoyed a great opportunity visiting with folks from our local community during the Port St. Joe



"I'd like to thank everyone who volunteered for our Tyndall beach cleanup effort Saturday. What a great improvement to our shoreline."

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325th Fighter Wing commander

Challenge Golf Tournament held at St. Joe Country Club April 18. Each spring, the challenge is held in Port St. Joe and Tyndall plays host in the fall. Although several miles from Tyndall, our Port St. Joe neighbors have stood by our military community and have always welcomed Air Force families into the area with open arms. This tournament is testament to that continuing strong relationship and friendship. Thanks to all who participated and a special thanks to St. Joe for hosting this year's event.

Speaking of being good neighbors, I'd like to thank everyone who volunteered for our Earth Day/Coastal Cleanup Satur-

day. What a great improvement to our shoreline.

More than 100 Team Tyndall folks combed the beaches, picking up debris that is potentially deadly to fish, birds and many other forms of wildlife. Volunteers even disposed of items like old tires, a mattress and fluorescent light bulbs. It's amazing how many strange items can wash up on our beaches, but thanks to our volunteers, we'll all be enjoying a much cleaner, safer environment at Tyndall AFB.

Finally, we're entering the time of year

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Action Line

The Action Line is your direct line to me. It is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

Action Line calls are recorded and staffed through the proper agency. The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a response.

Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers. If you're not satisfied with the response or you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For fraud, waste and abuse calls, you should talk to the office of inspections, 283-4646. Calls concerning energy abuse should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM F. HODGKINS

325th Fighter Wing commander

Child abuse prevention considered everyone's job

MAJ. RON WATROUS

Air Combat Command Public Affairs

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (ACCNS) — Darkness surrounded me, and the only sounds I heard were the groans of the house settling after a hot day, my breathing, and the thump of my heart. Was that a foot-step? My lungs burned. How long was I holding my breath?

Flaming ice raced through me as terror fought to control my mind. Finally, the cruel hand of exhaustion pried consciousness from my clenched body. Falling asleep was never easy...when I fell asleep, I couldn't see my attacker coming.

The days weren't much better. I learned to pay attention to my father's eyes more than anything. Sometimes he was plain-old dad, and fun to be around. Other times, the burning anger took control, and I knew it was time to hide.

By the grace of God and the positive influence of my grandfather, mom, and a number of teachers, I did well in school. Like many abuse survivors, I avoided thinking about it. Sometimes I'd tell myself that what I experienced was normal; that every family was like mine. The carefully constructed lies came crashing down during a child abuse conference I was required to attend on behalf of my directorate.

An interdisciplinary task force from California conducted the seminar for military legal, medical, law enforcement and other professionals to provide tips on abuse prevention, detection and case management. The gut-wrenching photos, clinical lectures and personal accounts brought me face to face with the past I had worked so hard to avoid. I started a 10-year process of meditation, grieving and healing, the intensity and pain of which I can't describe.

I'm one of the fortunate ones. The statistics relating to

survivors of child abuse are shocking. Leading researchers estimate between 50 and 75 percent of children in the U.S. experience physical or psychological abuse, or neglect. Even if half of the most conservative number were true, the statistic is staggering.

The federal government provided more than \$4.5 billion in funds to states in 1998 to provide child services. This amount excluded Medicaid, and accounted for more than 40 percent of the money spent by states in child services. This cost does not include more intangible figures such as ongoing incarceration, medical expenses and lost productivity among abuse survivors.

The incredible monetary impact is the least of our societal cost. Beyond financial price is the irreparable, and sometimes fatal, damage inflicted on our most defenseless citizens. The local news reported this week that Virginia suffered more than 30 child fatalities last year due

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when a lot of reports come due and people begin making changes of assignment. As the weather heats up, the pace of personnel turnover increases during the annual busy PCS season.

A PCS brings excitement to those anticipating change or new challenges. So I'll add my own challenge to each supervisor out there to make sure we take care of our most valuable resource during this time — our people. While we're still early in that phase, now is definitely the time to refocus on the things we do to take care of people. There will be EPR/OPR shells flowing down, decoration rips and literally tons of paperwork associated with a

move. Be sure to take your time and write the report or decoration a person deserves. Their career depends on it, and we owe it to them.

Also, if you are a sponsor, take the time to integrate your new folks into the Tyndall and Bay County community. The family support center has all kinds of information resources available for sponsors. It will go a long way in helping incoming folks settle into life at Tyndall — as seamlessly and efficiently as possible. I hope all our sponsors will take advantage of all of these resources at the earliest opportunity. It will make a huge difference and a great first impression.

Be safe and have a great week!

●FROM ABUSE PAGE 2

to abuse and neglect. Survivors of abuse are more likely to engage in criminal behavior, become addicted to drugs and alcohol, and become sexually active earlier in life. Those who seem to survive unscathed sometimes suffer what I call the "life-experience, delayed-action bomb." Debilitating post-traumatic stress disorder sometimes strikes people in their late 20s to mid 30s, disrupting families and careers.

One of our greatest challenges to prevention is overcoming our desire not to see the truth. Once I admitted the truth about my father and started talking with family friends, I was amazed to learn how many

people were concerned about his mean nature. None ever thought it was serious enough to call the police.

Odds are that if something is wrong enough to make a person wonder, it's worth investigation. Don't wait until it's too late. Call the police or family advocacy; let a teacher know what's going on; seek help. The long-term health of the child and our society depends on concerned friends and neighbors.

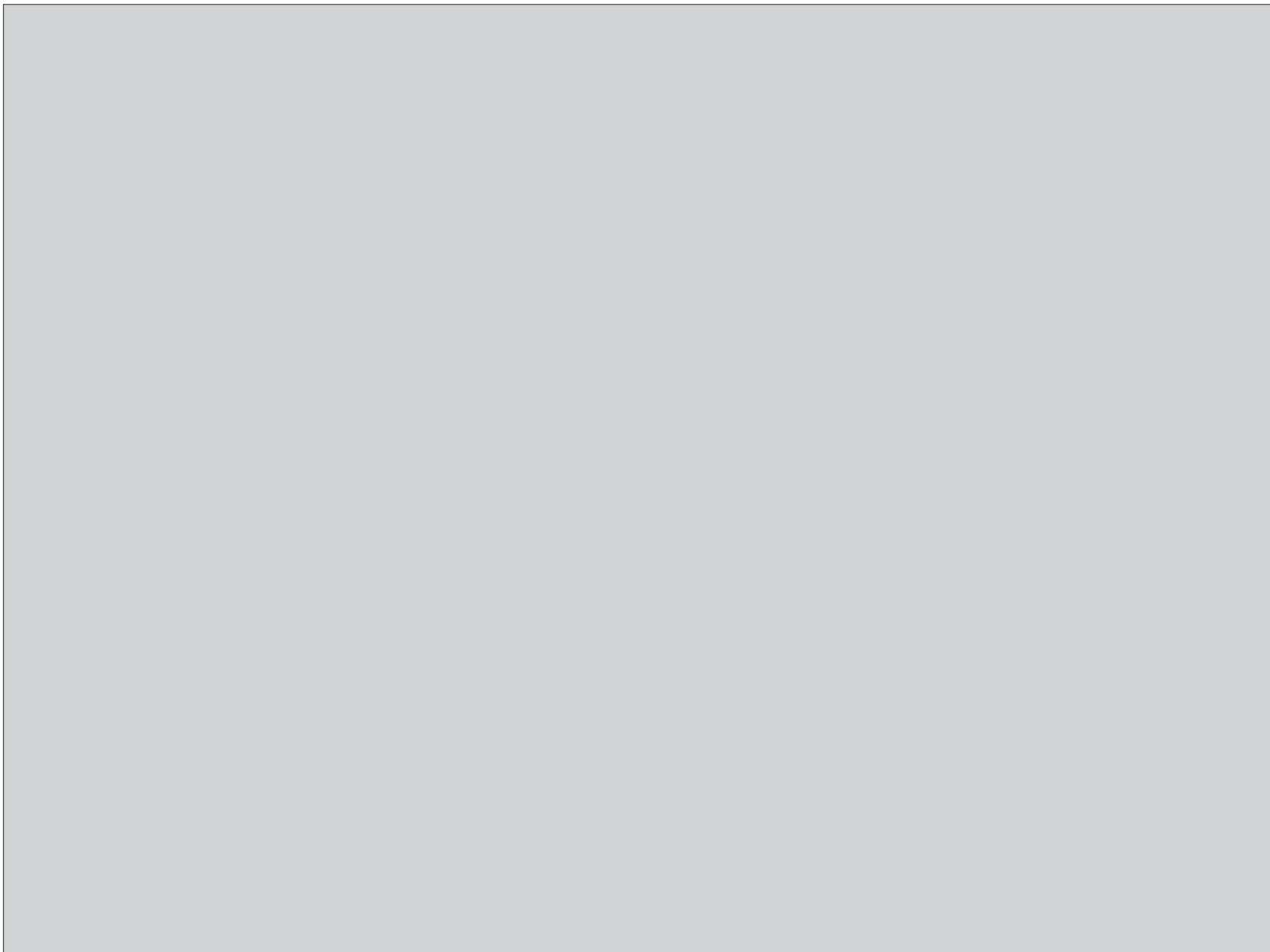
I am always amazed at how many people I've met who have had experiences like mine. It's not everyone, but it's more than I ever would have expected.

Those who have suffered from abuse fre-

quently suffer in silence for years, if not decades. Have the courage to ask for help. Seeking help from a counselor, clergy-member or friends is not a sign of weakness; it's crucial to establishing a healthy and better life.

Finally, I encourage other survivors of this horror to take heart. The past does not have to rule the present. I am happily married and the proud parent of two great kids. When I look into their eyes, I don't see anger or fear ... just happiness and trust. The cycle can be broken.

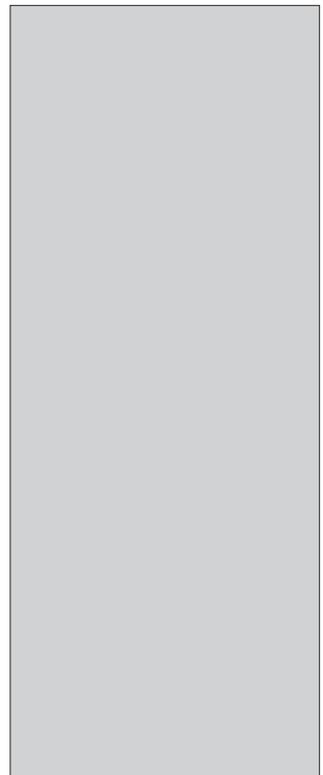
For more information about child abuse prevention month, see the Health and Human Services Web site at www.calib.com/nccanch/prevmnth/.



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Tyndall airfield 'mayor' earns AF honors

TECH. SGT. DAN NEELY

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

A 325th Operations Support Squadron senior NCO recently received word the Air Force selected him as one of the best in the business.

Master Sgt. Gary Wilson, 325th OSS chief of airfield management, was recently named Air Force 2001 Airfield Management Senior NCO of the Year.

Sergeant Wilson is responsible for the safe daily operation of a prime chunk of real estate — more than 132.7 million square feet of it — comprising the Tyndall Air Force Base airfield.

"It's like I'm the mayor of the airfield," he said. Among his numerous duties, he routinely inspects the airfield for any hazards that could potentially impede the 325th Fighter Wing's flying mission — be they inert foreign objects or living creatures such as birds that could damage aircraft. He ensures airfield lighting systems function properly, and is the operations focal point for any activity or construction project that impacts his area of responsibility. Additionally, Sergeant Wilson runs the flight line driving program, ensuring everyone with a need to operate a vehicle in the airfield area is fully trained and certified to do so, and supervises a staff of 10 airfield management specialists.

While the Greenwich, Conn., native said he was "very honored" to receive the prestigious award, hearing the good news quickly reminded him about the quality help he received from his superiors and subordinates alike.

"I was honored that they (his commander, Lt. Col. Steve Wallender, his prior commander, Lt. Col. Joe Breen, currently 325th Operations Group deputy commander, and his supervisor Capt. Brian Patnett, airfield operations flight commander) recognized me for the work I'm doing," Sergeant Wilson said, "but it's not all about me."

He said many Tyndall organizations deserve praise for boosting his success — the 325th Civil Engineer Squadron's Barrier Maintenance, Pavements and Grounds sections, the 325th Communications Squadron's Meteorological/Navigational Aids section and the 325th Maintenance Squadron's Transient Alert section — some of the key players he works with on a nearly daily basis.

Sergeant Wilson also gave special praise to subcontractor foreman Gerry Waters of Gulf Asphalt, whom he said came through in a pinch when extremely short-notice taxiway paving work needed to be



Tech. Sgt. Dan Neely

Profile:

Master Sgt. Gary Wilson: 325th Operations Support Squadron chief of airfield management

Years in Air Force: 20

Years at Tyndall AFB: 2 years in June

Family: Wife, Yolanda; daughter Marissa, 11; son David, 8.

Hobbies: Flying (recently received pilot's license through Tyndall aero club); boating and fishing, spending time with family.

done prior to President Bush's arrival aboard Air Force One.

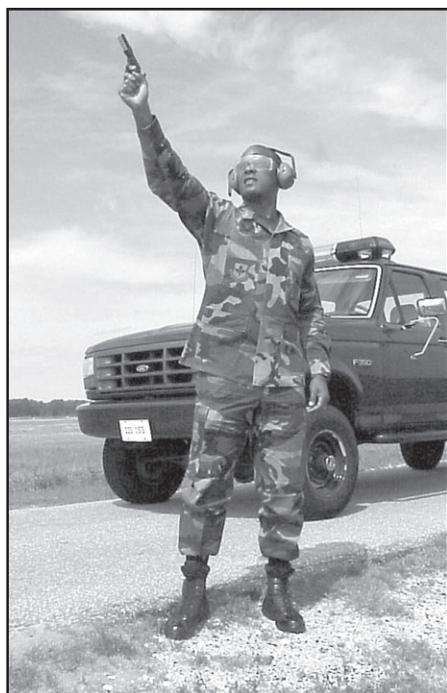
"He's the best airfield manager I've ever worked with," Captain Patnett said. "He's top notch."

The captain said Sergeant Wilson has a wealth of qualifications — enough to easily compete him for an equivalent civilian-sector airfield position.

"He's already been to a couple of (Federal Aviation Administration-level) schools to enhance his capabilities."

Wilson's most notable achievement was his executive oversight of a \$7.9 million airfield MILCON project. In it he directed a two-phase dual runway resurfacing project to lessen any impact on flying operations, keeping the wing's training mission on schedule. He maintained unprecedented control of the project from pre-construction to final inspection.

Additionally, Sergeant Wilson launched an aggressive upgrade and repair of more than 2.5 million square yards of cracked airfield surfaces. During that project, he was responsible for daily operations of more than 50 contractors and equipment on the airfield — all while ensuring the flying mission continued unimpeded.



Sergeant Wilson fires a banger/screamer pistol to disperse birds away from the airfield, one of his duties to reduce hazards to Tyndall aircraft.



Combing the beach

Above, volunteers take a break during Saturday's cleanup efforts on Tyndall's beach. Right, Daryl Rozell of the 325th Civil Engineer Squadron shows off his bounty. Among his loot was a fluorescent light bulb that had been discarded on the beach. Below in the foreground, Robert Zickefoose of the 82nd Aerial Targets Squadron along with his wife, Nicole, and children, Dylen in the backpack and Austin, help keep Tyndall's beach beautiful. Tyndall volunteers collected about a ton of trash that included tires, a mattress and construction waste among the expected netting, monofilament fishing line and other plastic products that could endanger marine wildlife.



Staff Sgt. Roel Utley

Keep America Beautiful

Put trash where it belongs

Earth Day



2002

Air Force wings to undergo major reorganization

TECH. SGT. SCOTT ELLIOTT

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The way Air Force wings are organized will undergo major changes beginning Oct. 1. Those changes include creation of a new maintenance group, restructuring support groups and reducing the taskings of operations groups.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper directed April 22 that all Air Force active-duty, Reserve and Air National Guard wings adopt the new standard wing structure to enhance the service's warfighting capabilities.

"After careful deliberations with major command commanders, we reached a decision on a new wing organizational structure that will standardize operations across the Air Force and enhance our expeditionary capabilities," Jumper said.

The five major changes involved in the standard wing concept include:

- All aircraft and space maintenance specialists currently assigned to operations and logistics groups will be reassigned to a newly created maintenance group.

- Supply and transportation squadrons will be combined to form logistics readiness squadrons.

- Contracting squadrons, aerial ports and LRSs will transfer into existing support groups, which will be renamed "mission support group."

- Logistics plans functions will transfer to the newly created LRSs.

"I fully understand the magnitude of these changes. The goal is to achieve a more capable Air Force with professionals who understand and are capable of meeting our ever-increasing complex mission."

GEN. JOHN JUMPER
Air Force Chief of Staff

— The logistics readiness officer career field initiative, which combines three officer career fields — supply, transportation and logistics plans — has new accessions beginning this month.

"My vision is that the groups in our wings will focus on their essential core capabilities," Jumper said.

"Operation of air and space weapons systems is a core competency of the U.S. Air Force," Jumper said. "Operations group activities focus on planning and executing air and space power. Commanders of operations groups are charged with leading their units in combat.

"They will continue to be considered leaders and role models in the tactical employment of their weapons systems," he said. "The Air Force has also recognized the emerging necessity to more closely integrate tactical skills with execution at the operational level of war. Commanders of operations groups will be increasingly involved in planning and training for the operational level of war.

"Maintenance of air and space weapons systems is (also) a core competency of the U.S. Air Force," Jumper said. "Aging fleets and years of resource shortfalls require increased attention to the balance of sortie production and health of our fleets. This requires career maintenance professionals able to develop the same level of skill and proficiency demanded of our operations, logistics and medical professionals.

"Mission support, in the expeditionary, rapid reaction, contingency-based Air Force of today is (another) core competency," he said. "The Air Force will develop a career path for commanders who understand the full scope of home station employment and sustainment, and deployment, beddown and sustainment at contingency locations: crisis actions, force protection, unit type code preparation, load planning, contracting actions, bare base and tent city preparation, munitions site planning, personnel readiness expeditionary combat support, etc."

Medical groups, Jumper said, will continue to focus on maintaining a fit and ready force. There will be no change to the structure of medical groups.

Jumper set Sept. 30, 2003, as the target date to achieve full operational capability.

"I fully understand the magnitude of these changes," he said. "The goal is to achieve a more capable Air Force with professionals who understand and are capable of meeting our ever-increasing complex mission."

Active duty sick call clinic available

COURTESY 325TH MEDICAL GROUP

In an effort to address the medical needs of active-duty Tyndall members on non-flight status, the 325th Medical Group has opened the AD Clinic. This clinic functions similarly to the former "sick call" program with the following modifications:

- The AD Clinic will be

open from 7:15 - 7:45 a.m. weekdays on a first-come first-serve basis.

- Limited services are offered the first Thursday each month due to training.

- For holidays and after-hours acute medical care, call 283-7591 and ask for your primary care manager.

- This service is for active-duty members only.

- Members must be in uniform.

- Active duty members must report to the front desk of the family practice clinic and indicate they are there for the AD Clinic.

- Hospital staff will make every effort to schedule an appointment with the member's PCM.

- The AD Clinic is for acute medical needs which are defined as non-emergency medical problems that require medical atten-

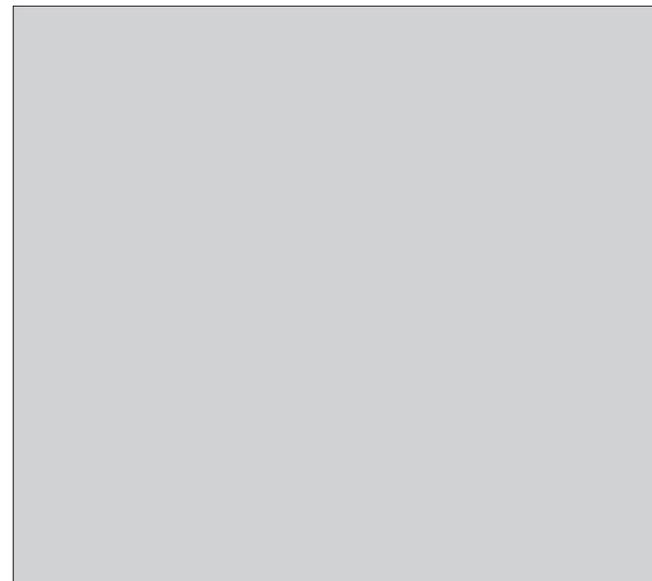
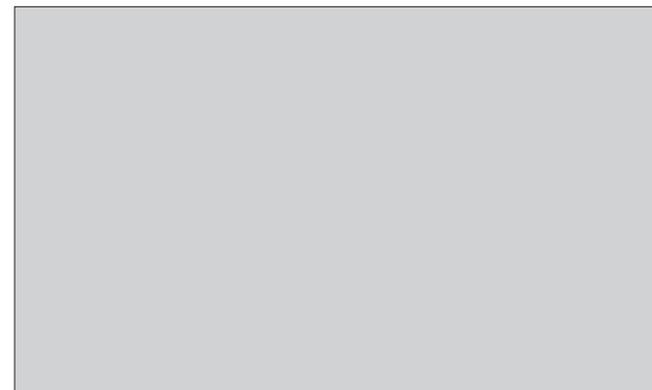
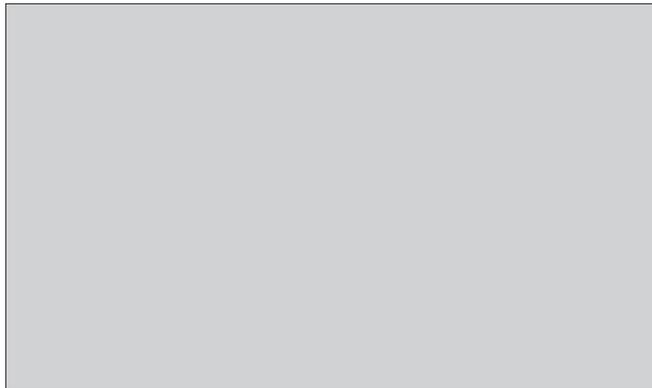
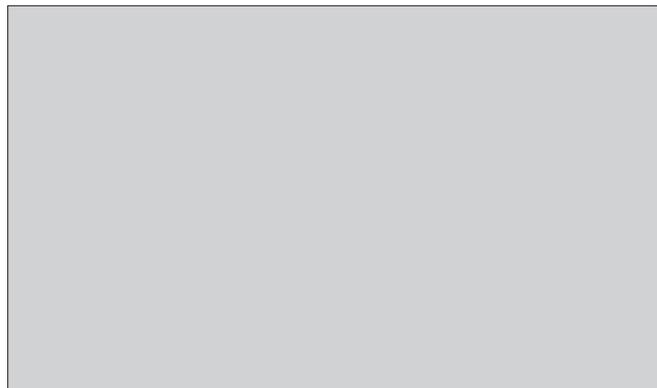
tion within 24 hours.

- Medication refills/renewals, follow up appointments, or treatment for chronic/routine medical problems *are not* appropriate for this clinic.

For routine medical appointments, call 283-2778.

For medical emergencies, call 911.

Members on flight status will continue to use sick call services in flight medicine.



1st Air Force honors award winners

MASTER SGT. ROGER TIBBETTS

First Air Force public affairs

Top performers for 2001 from around the country were recognized April 19 at the annual 1st Air Force awards banquet.

More than 150 people attended the evening ceremony at the Pelican Reef Enlisted club.

Air Force Master Sgt. Matt Standish opened with a solid rendition of O Canada, followed by regionally noted vocalist, Neysa Troutt, singing a spirited version of the Star Spangled Banner.

Canadian Forces Capt. Eric Ashby shared master of ceremony duties with Chief Master Sgt. Paul Karch, a testament to the valuable military companionship both countries enjoy.

Guest speaker Brig. Gen. Paul Kimmel, Air National Guard assistant director for operational readiness, praised the award winners and 1st Air Force personnel, saying the nation was indebted to all those serving in the U.S. military and our friends in Canada.

Award winner selection was based on leadership, job performance, significant self-improvement and base or community involvement.

Nominees considered were from 1st Air Force headquarters, its three sectors, attached squadrons and 10 fighter wings.

Among those taking center stage to receive their award from Maj. Gen Larry K. Arnold was Senior Airman Ginnette J. Thomas, a computer maintenance apprentice with the Southeast Air Defense Sector. Airman Thomas was lauded for routinely demonstrating leadership skills normally associated with those of a senior NCO, and earned top prize as 1st Air Force's Airman of the Year.

Tech. Sgt. Debora Guynn is this past year's 1st Air Force NCO of the Year. Guynn, NCO-in-charge of 1st Air Force's command and control, communications, computers and intelligence support, was recognized for dramatically improving the security posture of the 1st Air Force/CONR air operations center. Her efforts resulted in key personnel gaining instant access to worldwide secure voice communication.

This year's 1st Air Force Senior NCO of the Year hails from the 177th Fighter Wing, Egg Harbor Town-

ship, N. J. Senior Master Sgt. Robert McCarty, an accessories element supervisor, was recognized for promoting Air Force core values, exhibiting esprit de corps and consistently exceeding established standards of performance.

First Air Force's First Sergeant of the Year was Master Sgt. Russell White, SEADS. He was praised as the SEADS' "go-to" person for combining outstanding interpersonal skills with genuine concern for the well-being of sector personnel.

Capt. Michael A. Velle, a senior director with SEADS, walked away as the Company Grade Officer of the Year. Captain Valle's nomination cited his strong leadership during the heightened state of alert that began on Sept. 11. Additionally, he supervised 250 hours of fighter combat air patrols protecting valued national assets.

First Air Force also recognized the contribution its civilian force added to the mission and selected Seattle's Phyllis Motteler as Government Service grades 1-8 Employee of the Year.

She developed, wrote and implemented new checklist procedures for the Western Air Defense Sector's help desk that allowed for greatly expanded continuity.

The GS-9 and above annual award winner, Daniel Borah, also traveled from the Western Air Defense Sector, to receive his 1st Air Force award.

He was recognized for developing UNIX certification training plans for WADS. Borah was also the lead programmer/analyst in the Joint Surveillance Systems for both WADS and 1st Air Force.

Wrapping up the evening's events, General Arnold asked Tech. Sgt. David Higginbotham, a 1st Air Force counterdrug information analyst, to take the stage. He praised the sharp NCO for his leadership and technical expertise. And then, to the NCO's surprise, awarded him stripes for exceptional performers – promoting him to the rank of master sergeant.

Arnold praised and congratulated the evening's winners in his closing remarks and expressed his pride in standing with 1st Air Force's men and women, all of whom are capable of performing at the highest level and willing to lay down their lives hoping to prevent another 9-11.

Civilian personnel data system online

TECH. SGT. TIM DOUGHERTY

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force civilian personnel system transitioned to the modern defense civilian personnel data system in March and despite a few issues, officials said the switch was successful.

All but three installa-

tions across the Air Force are online and operating under the new system.

"We certainly did experience our first few weeks of pain but have seen drastic improvements in system performance since then," said Shirley Williams, director of the Air Force's PALACE command pass program manage-

ment office at the Pentagon. "Initial comments we've received from the field indicate they like the system and are looking forward to getting beyond the learning curve to fully explore its capability."

The move to the modern civilian personnel system is a Department of Defense-wide initiative

and is necessary to reduce cost and eliminate redundancy, she said.

"Many of the computers and other hardware the previous system used were outdated in capability, and we were losing the ability to sustain (the system) due to the archaic program code," Williams

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April: 'Month of the Military'

Tyndall AFB childcare grows children

MARCIA ROBERTSON

325th Services Squadron
marketing

In the final analysis, it is not what you do for your children but what you have taught them to do for themselves that will make them successful human beings.—

Ann Landers

Tyndall Air Force Base is dedicated to providing a positive environment for all the children of its personnel. From the learning years of early childhood through the maturing teenage period, the child care programs offered through the 325th Services Squadron give the children an opportunity to grow into successful adults. Whether supervision is provided by family child care, the child development center, youth center or teen center, all focus on reinforcing appropriate behavior and offering each child choices.

“We try to understand the child at his or her stage of development,” said Ina Crawford, family child care coordinator. “That’s what we build on rather than having an agenda.”

Each of the child care programs encourages children to develop their abilities. At the child development center, children are divided into classrooms by age. Activities are geared to the skill level of each group. The family child care program mirrors this approach with its care in the private home setting.

“We focus on what the child can do rather than on what they can’t,” said Marie Pippin, 325th SVS acting Child Development Center director.

Even something as routine as mealtime provides an opportunity to learn new tasks and behaviors.

“We have family style dining throughout the child development center,” Ms. Pippin said. “The children sit down in their classrooms with the staff for lunch and snack time. They begin to learn social skills such as saying ‘Please’ and ‘Thank you’ and develop some indepen-



Joe McLeer

Left, Kaylen Patterson, daughter of Staff Sgt. LaShawn Eggleston, made a new friend when a pet groomer visited the Tyndall Youth Center.



Marie Pippin

‘Miss Mabel,’ a.k.a. Joe McLeer, 325th Services Squadron training and curriculum specialist, visits with Holly Wade, daughter of Katrina and Senior Airman Jeramie Wade, at the child development center.

dence by serving themselves.”

“Eating family style lets the provider set a good example,” added Ms. Crawford. “The children can engage in conversation and just enjoy being together.”

As a child gets older, the before- and

after-school program offered by the youth center continues to reinforce acceptable actions while providing positive role models.

“Both the youth center and the teen center give kids a place when they can be out



Janet Collins, 325th Services Squadron CDC parent, visits with the children at the Child Development Center.

on their own in a safe environment,” said Alma Hooks, 325th Services Squadron Youth Center director. “They can begin to be independent and make choices.”

One area of special attention for these older children is encouraging them to see beyond themselves.

“We try to promote community service, especially with our teens,” Ms. Hooks said. “It’s not about asking ‘What do I get’ all the time. Ideally, reaching out to others in unfortunate situations can help teens realize that it isn’t a picture perfect world and they may not have it as rough as they think they do.”

At some point, correction and discipline must be handled regardless of which child care program is used. Here again, emphasis is placed on appropriate behavior and good choices.

“Instead of telling a child ‘No,’ we tell him what he can do,” said Ms. Pippin. “For ex-

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Courtesy photo

program technician, gets her class of 3 to 5 year olds moving at

ample, if a child is climbing on a table, we'll direct that child to an area where he can climb."

Negative behavior is discouraged by refusing to reinforce it with attention.

"If there are problems between children, such as hitting, we focus on the one who was hit," Ms. Pippin said. "We direct our attention first of all to comforting that child. In this way, the child who did the hitting can see the action didn't get any attention. And, of course, we make the parents aware of the situation."

By concentrating on positive behavior and choices, the Tyndall child care system aims to prepare children for the time when they will be completely independent and make all their own decisions.

The goal is to develop young people into responsible adults who can function well in society.

"We're getting children ready for life," said Ms. Crawford.

For more information about any of the child care options available on base, contact the facilities at the following numbers: family child care 283-2266; child development center 283-4747; youth center 283-4366; teen center 283-0295.



Joe McLeer

Gregory Bryan, son of Joe and Joni Bryan, lines up his pool shot at the Tyndall Youth Center.

Air Force reorganizes command, control, communications activities

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The Air Force's transformation efforts have led to a reorganization of its command, control and communications activities, including the creation of a new Air Force headquarters office and the loss of another.

Deputy chief of staff for warfighting integration, or AF/XI, will stand up Monday with Lt. Gen. Leslie F. Kenne at the helm.

"The integration of command and control and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities and their supporting communications infrastructure is key to transforming how the Air Force conducts joint and combined operations on a global basis," General Kenne said. "The integration of these capabilities to support commanders is the focus of this new organization."

The new office's mission is to streamline the way the Air Force finds, tracks, assesses, and engages targets by integrating manned and unmanned systems as well as space systems. That will enhance the Air Force's ability to work closely with forces of the other services, and boost its contributions to national defense as well, said Secretary of the Air

Force Dr. James G. Roche. "These changes will best posture the Air Force to enhance our contribution to national security by exploiting the synergies within command and control; communications and computers; and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities," Secretary Roche said.

"The secretary of defense has charged us with the task of working effectively together to execute our joint responsibilities to provide global reconnaissance and strike capabilities for this nation," he said.

The new organization will effectively merge many of the key abilities of Air Force warfighters, said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper.

"Successful operations depend on modernized air and space capabilities to quickly find, fix, track and attack targets," General Jumper said. "I have explicitly charged the new AF/XI to close the seams in this kill chain by integrating manned, unmanned and space systems, thereby enabling commanders to create desired effects in the battlespace."

The office of the deputy chief of staff for communications and information,

or AF/SC, will be disestablished the same day, with a major portion of its responsibilities and resources going to AF/XI.

AF/XI will become the "senior communicator" for the Air Force, and will represent the Air Force on communications matters to external agencies. However, AF/XI's focus will be on working warfighting integration.

The remainder of AF/SC will transfer to the newly formed directorate of communication operations, AF/ILC, under the deputy chief of staff for installations and logistics.

AF/ILC's mission will include developing policies and procedures for daily communication operations and maintenance, while ensuring the communications and information community is trained, organized and equipped for full-spectrum operations.

AF/ILC will act as the Air Staff's directorate for crisis response and contingency operations, and will focus on day-to-day operations of the communications and information systems.

The directorate of command and control will also be disestablished, with key responsibilities also moving to AF/XI.

Other changes resulting from the reorganization include:

- the Air Force Pentagon Communications Agency becoming a field operating agency under AF/ILC;

- the Air Force Communications Agency, Air Force Frequency Management Agency, and the Air Force Agency for Modeling and Simulation all becoming FOAs under AF/XI; and

- the Air Force Command and Control and Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Center at Langley Air Force Base, Va., except for selected elements, becoming an FOA under AF/XI.

The warrior schoolhouse at Hurlburt Field, Fla., and the UAV battle lab will remain aligned with Air Combat Command.

General Kenne comes to Washington from the Electronic Systems Center at Hanscom AFB, Mass., where she was the ESC commander. She has served in two previous Pentagon staff positions, first as a division chief, and during a second tour as a deputy director in the office of the assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition.

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said. "While the initial move to a new enterprise system can be painful, it was an absolute necessity."

The system was deployed by first converting the old database to the new system, and next bringing users online to process actions. The database conversion was accomplished ahead of schedule, but all users could not be brought online until capacity problems were resolved April 3.

"In a nutshell, system performance would degrade when we hit a certain number of users," said Carmen Maria Livoti, also from the PALACE compass program management office. "When the threshold was

exceeded, the system would lock up."

To get through the early stages with the new system, the number of users was restricted to allow it to continue processing personnel actions.

Personnel actions were also prioritized and officials worked closely with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service on accessions and actions that placed individuals in nonpay status.

PALACE compass and DoD officials are working together to deploy the three remaining bases as soon as additional system changes are made, and the modern DPCDS is expected to handle the additional load, officials said.



Courtesy photo

Sing me a song

Tech. Sgt. Robert Corrigan, 325th Medical Group and an NCO Academy student, plays some tunes for a local retirement home member in Panama City during a recent community support event. Students at the academy visit people in area nursing homes as a class project. The NCO Academy staff invite Team Tyndall members to join the class for an upcoming visit May 11. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Sam Price at 283-3238.

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Comptroller squadron closure

The 325th Comptroller Squadron will close 11:30 a.m. today for an official squadron function.

Financial planning class

A fundamental financial planning class is 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. today in the family support center classroom. For more information or to make reservations for this brown-bag lunch time class, call the family support center, 283-4204.

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Chiefs' golf tournament

The Tyndall Chiefs' annual golf tournament will be 7:30 a.m. Saturday at the Pelican Point Golf Course. The cost is \$30 for golf course members or \$40 for nonmembers and includes cart and entry fee, prizes, plus a meal during the award presentations. For more information, call the Pelican Point Pro Shop, 283-4389, or contact any Tyndall Chief Master Sergeant.

March of Dimes WalkAmerica

The March of Dimes WalkAmerica event will be Saturday. Bay County residents are invited to participate in this year's walk to help the March of Dimes continue its 64-year track record of advances that have saved millions of babies from death or disability. For more information or to register for the walk, call Master Sgt. Tim Johnson, 283-4616, or Tech. Sgt. Tracy Albert, 283-4870.

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EIT exam

The Gulf Coast Chapter of the Florida Engineering Society's 23-lesson Engineer in Training exam review course will continue every Monday through Sept. 30 at Gulf Coast Community College. The course is designed for those who plan to take the Florida State EIT exam on Oct. 26. Registration is at the GCCC campus. For more information and to indicate intent of registration, call Doug Merkle, 283-6113 or 871-3132 or e-mail: ddhmerkle@aol.com.

'Moms, Pops & Tots'

The parent and child interaction play group, "Moms, Pops & Tots," for parents and their under-age-five

children meets on Mondays. For more information and meeting locations, call 286-5812.

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Civil Air Patrol meeting

Civil Air Patrol meetings for boys and girls 12 years old and older will be held 6-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Building 852. The CAP offers local and national activities with a focus on educational and professional development. For more information, call Capt. Tim Jones, 283-8018, or Master Sgt. Perry Newberry, 283-4189.

Commissary case sale

The Tyndall commissary's warehouse case sale of select items will be Tuesday and Wednesday.

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Protestant youth group

The Tyndall Chapel's Protestant Youth Group meets 5-7 p.m. Wednesdays at Chapel 2. For more information, call the Chapel 2 office, 283-2925.

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95th Fighter Squadron reunion

The 95th Fighter Squadron's 60th anniversary reunion will be May 3-4. The reunion will consist of numerous events honoring former "Bonehead" members. For more information, call Capt. Christopher Levy, 283-2121, or 2nd Lt. Kevin Tyler, 283-2910.

NOTES

Yard of the month program

The "Yard of the Month" program for Tyndall Family Housing residents will run from May 1- Aug. 31. The selection of the "Yard of the Year" winners will be announced prior to Sept. 30. Judging for the contest will occur every third Thursday of the month and prizes will be awarded. Two or more inspection violations will disqualify residents from winning the contest. The housing areas included in the contest are: Shoal Point/Bay View; Wood Manor I; Wood Manor II; Wood Manor III; Felix Lake; and Red Fish Point. For more information, call Mrs. Mary Ann Barbieri, 283-8140 or 283-8141.

AFSA scholarship

The Air Force Sergeants Association Paul W. Airey Chapter 553 is accepting applications from high school seniors for the Chief Master Sgt. Luther Williams Memorial

Scholarship from now until May 10. Applicants for this scholarship compete through leadership in extra curricular activities and are evaluated based upon their grade point averages and progression in classes associated with their proposed major field of study. They are also judged on their ability to express themselves in a short personal statement. To apply, an individual must be an unmarried child or legally adopted stepchild of an enlisted member serving in or retired from the U.S. Air Force, National Guard or Reserve and a current member of chapter 553/553a at the time of application. Applications are available through any member of the AFSA Executive Council or Tyndall first sergeant.

Fire extinguishers available

Fire extinguishers are available for military family housing residents at the DGR self-help center. The center is open noon-7 p.m. Monday-Friday.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

The following Catholic services will be held at Chapel 2: Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; Reconciliation, after Saturday Mass or by appointment; Saturday Mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m.; religious education, 11 a.m. Sunday. Protestant services will be as follows: Communion service, 9:30 a.m., Chapel 1; general Protestant service, 11 a.m., Chapel 2.

RETIREE NEWS

Medicare coverage for Alzheimer's

The instructions for how Medicare processes claims for patients with Alzheimer's have been clarified. On Sept. 1, 2001, Medicare contractors were informed they can no longer automatically deny claims based solely on the Alzheimer's diagnosis. This does not guarantee that all claims for Alzheimer's patients will be paid. Instead, Medicare contractors are instructed to review these claims based on the beneficiary's overall medical condition. This means that Medicare may pay for speech, occupational and rehabilitation therapies for people with Alzheimer's, including mental health services.

The instructions given to Medicare contractors about Alzheimer's disease reflects the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' commitment to ensure that people with Medicare receive the benefits they are entitled to under the program.

Anyone with questions about a claim will need to contact the Medicare contractor that processed the claim. Their contact number can be found on your Medicare Summary Notice. An April 1 press release titled "Statement of Tom Scully, Administrator Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services On Therapy Coverage of Alzheimer's Disease Patients" can be viewed online at: www.cms.gov/media/press/release.asp?counter=435.

BASE THEATER

Today: "**Resident Evil**" (R, strong science-fiction violence, language and brief sexuality and nudity)
Saturday: "**40 Days and 40 Nights**" (R, strong sexual content, nudity and language)
Sunday: "**40 Days and 40 Nights**"
Thursday: "**All About the Benjamins**" (R, strong violence, pervasive language and brief sexuality)
All movies start at 7 p.m.

Sports & Wellness

Preventing injuries key to sports fun

By STAFF SGT. MICHAEL BACON
388th Fighter Wing Safety Office

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah (ACCNS) — The weather is getting warmer, grass greener, and sun brighter. The sound of softballs popping against a leather glove or an aluminum bat is replacing the sounds of snowboards and skis carving out the snow.

The only sounds that remain constant are the sounds of cries and whimpers from men and women, young and old, who don't properly warm up before partaking in such activities.

Oh! The humanity!

When switching from sport to sport, remember different muscles are being used. Every activity must begin with a proper warm-up. Stretching your legs is a good start in any sport. For softball, always throw the ball at half speed at least 20-30 times before you actually go onto the field. A light jog around the perimeter of the field will get your legs ready for those quick running starts from the batter's box, or when you're in the field.

Not all injuries involve sports. Some injuries occur when innocent bystanders are watching the action from the bleachers. Foul balls can land on not-so-interested, and therefore not-paying-attention, onlookers. An errant throw claimed the forehead of one such individual here last year.

Always be vigilant of the action on the field.

Use extra caution when playing on the softball fields. When you take your position on the field, go over your area of responsibility. Look for any divots or dips in the earth. These little buggers will send a speeding ball into a direction other than your glove — face and rated-R parts not excluded. Recessed sprinkler heads can also cause an outfielder to twist an ankle.

The bottom line is you have the responsibility to exercise personal risk management at all times. Off-duty sports and recreation are perfect examples. Do your part to avoid preventable injuries.

Unless your position is left bench, you will not be an asset to your teammates when you are on the sidelines with an injury.



Airman 1st Class Nakita Carlisle

John Gibson stretches his legs before softball practice to help prevent injuries.

Sports Shorts

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Boating safely class

The Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 16 two-day boating safely class will be 1-5 p.m. May 4-5 in Gulf Coast Community College's Student Union

East building, Gibson lecture hall, Room 231. An exam will be held at the end of the course. The cost is \$20 for materials. The course satisfies the requirement for those born after 1980 to operate personal watercraft. For more information, call John Clark, 271-3828, or visit the flotilla Web site at: <http://clik.to.USCGAUXFlotilla16>.

Coastal navigation course

The Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 16 navigation by global positioning system course will be 7-9 p.m. May 9 in Gulf Coast Community College's Student Union East building, Gibson lecture hall, Room 231. The cost of the one-night course is \$20. Registration and payment will start at 6:30 p.m. the night of the course. For more information, call John Clark, 271-3828, or visit the flotilla Web site at: <http://clik.to/USCGAUXFlotilla16>.

First aid training

The American Red Cross will provide classes in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid and AED training every fourth Tuesday and Wednesday of each month at Tyndall. For more information and to register, call the Red Cross, 763-6587.

Sports Standings

Volleyball		2 FS	18
Team standings are current as of April 23.		COMM	14
		MSS 1	14
		AFCESA	14
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AFCESA	9	0	95 FS 13.5
COMM	8	1	ACS 13
ACS 1	9	2	OSS 11.5
OSS	8	3	362 TRS 11
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CONR	6	3	WEG 10.5
WEG	6	3	MED GP 10.5
RHS	5	4	83FWS 1 9.5
MXS	6	5	CONR 1 7
MDG	4	6	SEADS 6.5
28 TS	4	7	CONR 2 6
372 TRS	3	9	SVS 5.5
83RD	2	7	TS 1 5.5
MSS	2	7	LSS 5.5
SEADS	2	9	SFS 1 5
ACS2	0	12	SFS 2 3
Golf		372 TRS	3
Team standings are current as of April 23.		83 FWS 2	2.5
<i>Team</i>	<i>Total points</i>	MSS 2	2
MXS	18	CONR 3	1.5
		RHS	0.5
		TS 2	0



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Funshine NEWS



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Community Activities Center

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Tae Kwon Do/Chung Do Kwan (ITF) Class

Mon-Tue-Wed, 6 p.m. in CAC ballroom.
10 classes for \$30.

Base Level Chess Tournament

May 18, 1 p.m. in the CAC Ballroom. Signup
deadline is May 14. Call for details.

Graphic Impressions has moved!

We have relocated to
Building 1311 on Suwannee Ave.
Come visit us at our new location!

283-2228

Lodging NAF Sale May 2, 2002

7:30-11 a.m.

This sale will be held at the West
End of building 1360/61 located
behind the lodging office.

Items for sale include:

Beds	Desks
Headboards	Desk Chairs
Easy Chairs	Refrigerators (4.5 cf)
Night Stands	TV's
Bar Stools	Microwaves
Artwork	

Items not sold on May 2
will be on sale May 3 same
time, same place.

283-4211

Information, Tickets & Travel

☎ 283-2499

Garage Sale Trip April 27

Cost per person is \$5 and space is limited.
Depart at 6:30 a.m. and return by 2 p.m.

Northwest Florida Balloon Festival in Chipley, Florida

May 4. Cost per person is \$5 and
departure will be at 8:30 a.m., return time
will be 4:30 p.m.

Tallahassee Customer Appreciation Shopping Tour

May 5. Cost per person is \$5. Departure
time is 8:30 a.m., returning at 5 p.m.

Cruise Specials

Call for information on 6-7 day cruise
specials. 283-2864.

Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

Start Smart Baseball

Get your 3-5 year old ready for
organized baseball. Sign up for Start
Smart Baseball and work one-on-one
with your child. Program runs April 20,
27, May 4, 11 at 9 a.m. Cost is \$30.

Red Cross Babysitting Course

April 20, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Ages 11 and
up. Cost is \$30. Make checks payable
to Red Cross.

Pitch, Hit & Run

Sign up now for this annual baseball
skills competition for boys & girls ages
7-14. Event is May 4.

Volleyball Clinic

This clinic is designed for youth ages
10-12 yrs and 13-16 yrs. Sign ups
begin May 3 and the cost is \$10. The
clinic will run from June 17 to 21.

Major League Soccer Camp

Sign ups begin May 3 for youth ages 5-
18 yrs. For more details call 283-4366.

Base Library

☎ 283-4287

Library Book Sale

The next book sale is Thurs. April 25
through Sunday April 28 during regular
library hours.

Skills Development Ctr.

☎ 283-4511

Woodworking Class

Ladies Wood Working Class Spruce up
for Spring - Yard art and picnic tables.
Class cost: \$4. All wood at 10% above
cost. Duration: 2 Hours. Call in
advance to schedule your class.

**The CAC has bicycles for rent.
Call 283-2495 for details.**



Bugler Needed for Base Honor Guard

Call 283-4405
for more information.

Marina Club

☎ 283-3059

NASCAR Sundays

Enjoy NASCAR Sundays at the Marina
club with food and beverage specials
and door prizes. Call for details.

Friday Seafood Lunch Buffet

It's back! Come try our seafood lunch
buffet on Fridays 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Cost is \$6.50 and includes soft drink
or tea. This is an All-You-Can-Eat buffet!

Scuba Lessons

Spring special only \$125.00 for open
water certification.

Dive and Fishing Charters

Deep sea and bay fishing, trolling or
bottom fishing: \$75 per operating
hour, everything included. Four hour
minimum.

Bonita Bay Outdoor Rec.

☎ 283-3199

Boat Safety Course

Take the approved State of Florida test
on-line free at www.boatus.com. Print
out the certificate once you pass and
then come down to rent boats.

Kayak Classes

\$40 per class. May 12, June 9

Sailing & Windsurfing Classes

Cost \$40 per person. Minimum age:
10. 2 day courses, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Call
for dates.

Family Child Care

☎ 283-2266

Arriving or Departing?

Air Force Aid offers free child care in
Family Child Care Homes. Contact the
relocation personnel in the Family
Support Center for your PCS certificate.
A list of FCC providers is available
through the FCC office in building 1309.

May Classes

FCC New Provider Training: May 22, 23,
and 29.
Community First Aid & Safety: May 30.

New Office Hours

Mon.: Noon-2 p.m.
Tues.: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Wed.: 11 a.m.-Noon
Thurs.: 2-3 p.m.
Fri.: Noon-1 p.m.

Officers Club

☎ 283-4357

Patio BBQ - April 26

Enjoy cook your own steak on the
patio, 5:30-8 p.m.

Air Force Club Scholarship Program

Three scholarships will be awarded to AF
Club members or their eligible family members
for the amounts of:

\$5,000, \$3,000, and \$2,000

Applicants must be accepted by, or enrolled in,
an accredited college or university graduate or
undergraduate program by fall of 2002.

Information packages with complete instruc-
tions and requirements are available from the
Tyndall Officers Club, Enlisted Club or the
Services Marketing Office beginning April 15.

Entry deadline is July 15.

283-4565

for more information.



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Mothers Day Buffet

Sunday, May 12

Reservations Highly Suggested

Two Seatings: make your choice for the
10:30 a.m. or 12:45 p.m. reservation times.

All Ranks at the Officers

Club Dining Room

Adults \$12.95

Children 5-11 \$5.95

Children 4 & under free

Buffet will feature:

Carving Station w/ Steamship Round,
Baked Ham and Turkey, Seasonal
Vegetables, Mini Salad Bar,
Omelet & Waffle Station,
Home Fries, Bacon, Cream
Beef w/ Biscuits, Assorted
Fruits, Juices and Dessert
Station.



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