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## In brief

### Voting information

A booth will be set up in the mall area of the base exchange from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Sept. 7 to provide voting assistance.

Information will be available on the upcoming elections to include Web sites where candidate and proposal information can be found. Computers will also be available to assist with absentee ballot requests. Also, for those who turned 18 and/or wish to register to vote in the state of Florida, there will be an official from the Bay County Supervisor of Elections office to register new voters.

For more information, contact your squadron voting representative or Capt. Iris Critten, installation voting officer, at 283-4412.

### SRB review

Air Force Personnel Center officials recently announced the beginning of the semi-annual Selective Re-enlistment Bonus review. The results of the review are due in January 2003.

The review will focus on manning levels as well as retention trends, training costs and career field manager inputs regarding the effects of ongoing or future force structure changes.

Enlisted personnel planning on re-enlisting during this time frame may want to delay their re-enlistment, if possible, until after the review is announced. Although the plan is to announce the results in January 2003, the release may be delayed, and if delayed, it could affect re-enlistment plans.

Call 283-2038 or 283-3198 for information.

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## Base delegation views Tyndall's first Raptor

**TECH. SGT. DAN NEELY**  
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Raptor 4018 didn't quite have its wings attached yet, but that was no showstopper for a cross section of Team Tyndall military and civilian members who enjoyed an opportunity to get acquainted with the base's first F-22 during a tour of the Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company assembly plant in Marietta, Ga., Aug. 22.

Stepping from their bus in front of Lockheed Martin's colossal assembly facility known as "B-2," the Tyndall group began their tour with a multimedia corporate overview and F-22 capabilities presentation. From there, they were ushered to the assembly line where Raptor 4018 was stationed, among other future Tyndall F-22s in earlier stages of assembly. The Tyndall group was led by Col. Mark Barrett, 325th Operations Group commander, and Lt.



John Rossino, Lockheed Martin

**Far right, Lt. Col. Jeffrey Harrigian discusses the future of Raptor 4018 with (from left) Capts. Jason Moore and Dave Abba, and Maj. Murray Nance Jr.**

Col. Jeffrey Harrigian, 95th Fighter Squadron operations officer, who will become the Air Force's first F-22 squadron commander when the

43rd Fighter Squadron stands up in October.

"It was a wonderful opportunity for everybody in the program to get

a firsthand look at the Raptor and see firsthand what it can do," said Master Sgt. Ed Hansen, 325th Maintenance Operations Squadron superintendent of F-22 training. "It also gave us a firsthand look at the people putting it together and developing it for the Air Force."

"It was a very awesome tour," said Tech. Sgt. Jerry Burks, a training instructor assigned to Tyndall's Detachment 4, 372nd Training Squadron. "It gave us all an opportunity to actually be some of the first ones, outside of the people working on it, to actually see it and touch it."

Sergeant Burks and many of his fellow visitors climbed aboard assembly stands bracketing the jet to get a 360-degree view of it, even as assemblers continued their work. Several even took advantage of a unique opportunity in F-22 posterity, taking pen in hand to autograph part

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## Quality-of-life survey takes concerns to leaders

**STAFF SGT. A.J. BOSKER**  
Air Force Print News

**WASHINGTON** — About 75,000 Air Force people will have the opportunity to address their quality-of-life concerns when they receive the 2002 Chief of Staff Quality of Life Survey in the next few weeks.

This comprehensive survey, covering eight major quality-of-life priorities, will be sent via e-mail to both active-duty people and civilians, said Charles Hamilton, chief of the Air Force Personnel Center's survey branch at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

These priorities include manpower, work environment, compensation and benefits, operations and personnel tempo, health care, housing, education and community and family programs.

"I am releasing this quality-of-life survey to get input from our people regarding current Air Force quality-of-life programs and to help us

decide which programs or initiatives we need to pursue in the future," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper. "It's important that people take the time to complete this survey to help me improve the quality of life for all our airmen and civilians."

Approximately 5,000 people will receive the survey each day over a three-week period, Mr. Hamilton said.

"We are asking that survey recipients complete the survey within two to three days of receiving the e-mail," he said.

"The survey participants and their feedback will remain anonymous," said Lt. Col. Frank Pombar, chief of the Air Force quality-of-life programs branch at the Pentagon. "The collected data will be compiled and given to senior leaders so they are aware of the concerns in the field and can raise these concerns before Congress during fall defense budget hearings."

Senior Air Force leaders take these surveys

very seriously and use the information gathered to develop new programs and initiatives to meet their people's needs, Colonel Pombar said. Answering survey questions honestly is key to providing these leaders with the most accurate picture of current quality-of-life concerns, said officials.

Many of the recent quality-of-life initiatives owe their origins to concerns raised in past surveys, Colonel Pombar explained.

"I've seen firsthand how past surveys have benefited people at the wing level," Colonel Pombar said. "Concerns about adequate housing, fitness centers, base exchanges and child-care facilities have resulted in numerous construction and renovation projects throughout the Air Force."

"I believe people are the Air Force's greatest resource," General Jumper said. "This survey is their chance to help me help them and their families."

# Awards abound throughout Tyndall

**BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW**

325th Fighter Wing commander



It's certainly no secret that Team Tyndall is blessed with some of the Air Force's most talented, well-rounded men and women, and

this week I'm very happy to announce two prestigious awards going out to some of our very best performers.

Congratulations to Capt. Dwight Minnick, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, who earned honors as the 2002 Gen. Lew Allen Jr. Trophy winner.

This trophy, named in honor of the Air Force chief of staff from 1978-1982, is awarded annually to an officer and a senior NCO in aircraft, munitions or missile maintenance who are directly involved in sortie production. Captain Minnick's sustained job performance, job efficiency and results, job knowledge, direct sortie-generation involvement, and other considerations easily put him above the competition. He is indeed a superb asset to the Checkertail Clan mission and all of Team Tyndall.



**"With the Labor Day weekend upon us, summertime is drawing to a close. However, we must not let down our guard."**

**BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW**

325th Fighter Wing commander

Congratulations also to everyone at Tyndall Federal Credit Union. They won the Financial Institution of the Year Award for Air Education and Training Command.

This award is proof that they understand and apply the highest principles of customer service and professional excellence as they meet the needs of their military family.

As command-level winners, Captain Minnick and Tyndall Federal Credit Union will move up to compete at the Air Force-level competitions. I wish them the best of continued success.

I want to express my thanks to all those from our 325th Mission Support Squadron who volunteered their time to visit veterans

and other residents at Bay Center Nursing Home Aug. 22. This has recently become a monthly program for MSS, and I understand it consistently proves to be a great time for all concerned. It's sad to say, but for many of these elderly residents these visits are the only social contact, outside the care providers working at the facility, they receive. Kudos to all who continue to touch the lives of these special people in our community.

A brief announcement – I strongly encourage any Team Tyndall members who have not yet registered to vote to take full advantage of the special registration oppor-

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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.

*Larry D. New*

**BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW**

325th Fighter Wing commander

# Speed, convenience not worth taking someone's life

**1ST LT. TAMMY DAVIDSON**

14th Flying Training Wing military equal opportunity

**COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. (AETCNS)** — I am amazed sometimes how time-oriented our society has become.

Fast food, drive-through pharmacies and increasing speed limits are all signs we are a society of speed and convenience, but I have to continually question how our thirst for speed and convenience can cloud our judgment and overrule basic principles of safety.

I saw a mother who drove to family housing from the child development center with her 2-year-old walking around on the front seat.

Does she care so little for her child's safety that she would save herself a little time and hassle by risking her daughter's life?

Probably not, but then why would she take such unnecessary risks?

I recently received a call from my husband while he was on a temporary duty assignment. He told me about an accident he witnessed and how a man died in the crash. It was early in the morning. Another person passed my husband's vehicle on a curve going more than 80 mph. When my husband caught up to this driver's vehicle, it had been split into two pieces. The driver was dying and a baby seat and coloring books lay in the back of the car.

My husband said the next morning on his way to work, he saw the gentleman's family at the side of the road crying.

I asked myself, "What event was he so late for that he was willing to risk his life for it? Did he die believing it was worth it? Will his baby grow up without him thinking it was worth it?"

I remember another accident a couple of years ago here where a passenger had taken off her seat belt to take a nap in the back seat. One of the car's tires blew and the vehicle ended up flipping several times leaving the passenger with a broken back, which eliminated her from flying training. I know she couldn't

have asked herself if her life was worth the cost of a nap when she unbuckled her belt.

I try to remember how many times I have unbuckled my belt for just a second to grab something. They are too numerous to remember. Is the risk of my daughter growing up without a mother not worth a 5-minute stop at a rest area or exit?

Does my grandmother still think that increasing her comfort level by improperly wearing her seat belt was worth the two broken legs she received during a 15 mph crash?

I find myself doing stupid things occasionally, but I try to stop and think, "Is this really smart, and would this be worth the possible cost?"

The answer is usually no. I don't believe we should live our lives in fear. I do believe there are calculated risks we probably could take, but I also believe a life lost or injury gained because we were too lazy, in too much of a hurry or too stupid is a sorry and inadequate excuse for all those who have to live with our decisions, too.

I beg everyone to evaluate their actions and continually ask, "Am I putting myself or others at increased or unnecessary risk for speed and convenience?"

Any boss, family member or friend would rather have you show up a couple of minutes late than never see you again.

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# Enjoy Labor Day safely

By MAJ. GEN. JAMES SANDSTROM

19th Air Force commander

People will often tolerate common hazards out of habit and take unnecessary chances. Others may not even recognize the hazards. To prevent mishaps, we should continue to use personal Operational Risk Management as we approach the Labor Day weekend.

Members of 19th Air Force have experienced four fatalities thus far during the 101 Critical Days of fiscal year 2002. We have also experienced 54 mishaps in that short time, some resulting in very serious injuries. Experience has shown us that the lack of good judgment and self-discipline are the primary reasons for

most of these mishaps.

Help your people change their habits, and identify the risks associated with everyday and holiday activities.

Emphasize the importance of the proper use of seat belts, wearing of helmets, and the dangers of alcohol. The simple approach to ORM — “look, think, do” — is an excellent way to keep safety in our thoughts both on and off duty at all times.

Let’s enjoy our time off with our families and friends this Labor Day weekend, but make sure we do it safely. Use common sense and look out for each other so we can all come back safe and sound.

## Correction

In the Aug. 23 edition of the *Gulf Defender*, the staff listed Howard Funkhouser as the manager of the Logistics Readiness Division. The manager is Avelino Reyes-Alphonso.

## Thinking of getting out?

### THINK AGAIN!

Make sure you’ve got all the facts first! Contact **Chief Master Sgt. Ron Georgia**, 325th Fighter Wing career assistance adviser, at **283-2222** for information on your career and its future.

# F-22 + supercruise = superlethal

**2ND LT. ALBERT BOSCO**  
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

*(Editor's note: This is the third in a four-part series on the unique characteristics of the F-22 Raptor; stealth, maneuverability, supercruise and integrated avionics.)*

On Oct. 14, 1947, the Air Force witnessed a feat many had previously thought impossible. Then-Capt. Chuck Yeager, piloting the Bell X-1, broke the sound barrier and reached a speed of 700 mph, which by today's standards seems insignificant. The significance of this historic event is that it marked the beginning of the supersonic age.

For today's pilots, the future is taking place in the form of the F-22 Raptor. With its stealth capabilities, integrated avionics, supercruise and maneuverability, the F-22 is signaling the turn of the century and a new page in the history book of air superiority by doing things no one in 1947 could have envisioned.

In the same manner that breaking the sound barrier in 1947 was an aviation milestone unparalleled at that time, today the F-22 is achieving milestones on a new level. Engine technology has advanced significantly since the 1940s, and as a result, current jet aircraft are capable of reaching speeds approaching three times the speed of sound. Unfortunately, there are significant costs associated with reaching these speeds, such as the need to burn a lot of fuel. Improved technology and innovative engine design, though, have



Courtesy photo

**The F-22 uses supercruise to get in and out of the target area faster, making it harder to shoot down.**

allowed engineers to develop ways to increase sustained speed while reducing the amount of fuel used.

What this means to those in the fighter community is, for the first time in aviation history, an aircraft will be able to fly beyond the speed of sound and sustain that speed for longer periods of time without the fear of running on empty. Many may call this feat remarkable, but the F-22 community calls it supercruise (not to be confused with a luxurious getaway to far away lands on an extravagant ocean liner).

In order to break the sound barrier, current aircraft must rely on "afterburners," or what those in the maintenance community call "augmentors." The basic principal involves adding fuel to the hot exhaust gasses created by the aircraft's engines as they exit the engine. The fuel and exhaust mixture is re-ignited, thus creating more power. While afterburners are beneficial to aircraft performance, their use poses several problems.

First, using afterburners causes the engine to operate at higher temperatures, meaning the pilot cannot sustain

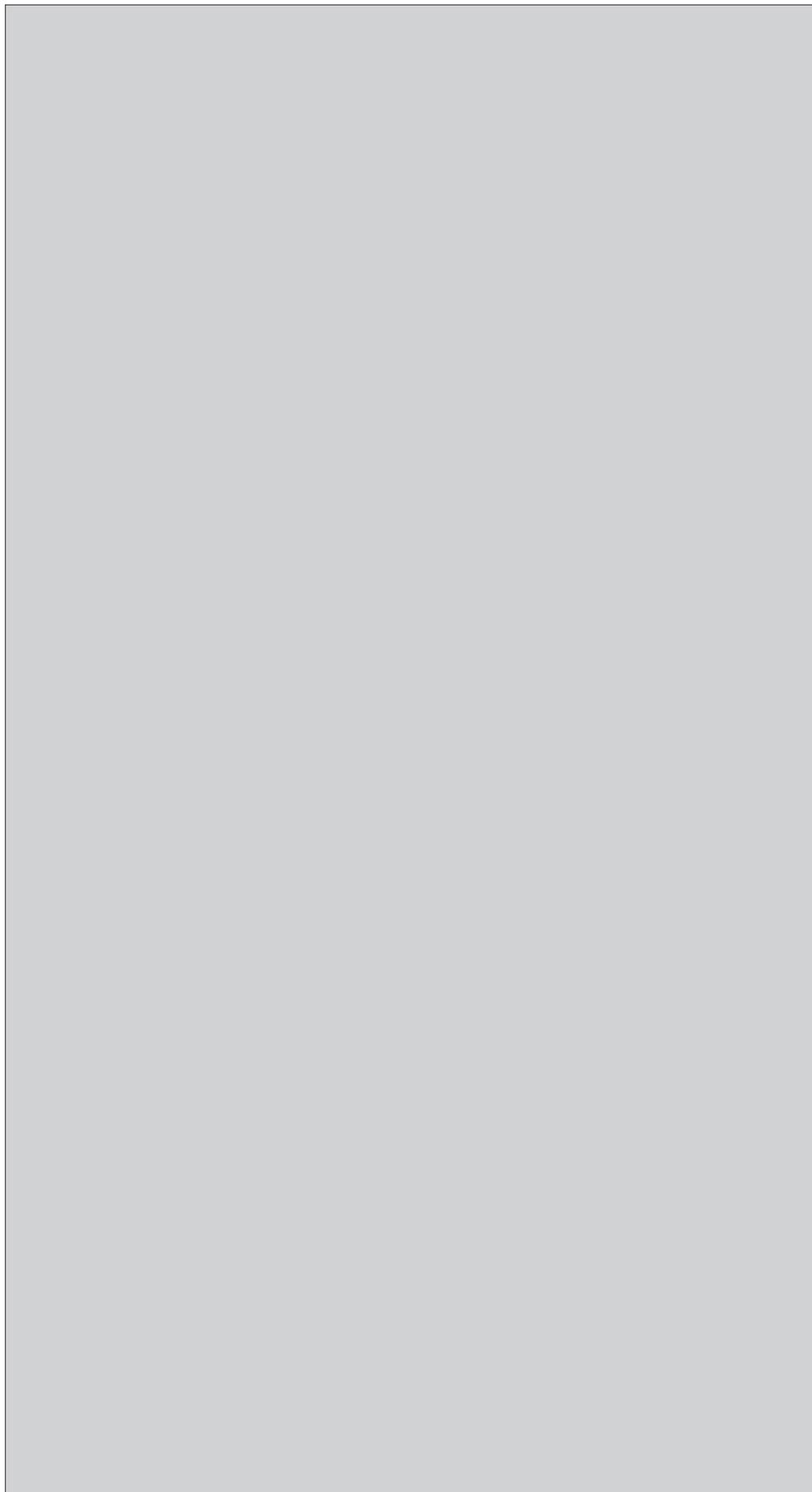
high speeds indefinitely. Similarly, large amounts of fuel must be added to the exhaust to reach speeds beyond the sound barrier and sustain them resulting in the need to carry additional fuel, which affects the aircraft's ability to carry more weapons. Also, on longer missions, tanker support becomes imperative.

In the world of aerial combat, pilots often need to cycle the engine between intermediate and afterburner throttle settings in order to maintain optimum maneuverability against enemy aircraft. As a result, the time spent in an engagement is reduced to a few short minutes before needing additional fuel.

"Supercruise will allow us to employ at supersonic airspeeds without the selection of afterburner," said Lt. Col. Jeffrey Harrigian, 95th Fighter Squadron operations officer. "In typical combat configurations, we normally select afterburner to get supersonic. This capability allows us to use intermediate power to not only get to the fight faster, but employ

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# DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE



## Checkertail Salute



Lisa Carroll

**Sergeant Poppe is presented the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award by Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander.**

**Staff Sgt. Donald Poppe**

**Duty title:** Unit trainer  
**Unit:** 325th Security Forces Squadron

**Time on station:** 4 years active duty/ 4 years Reserve

**Time in service:** 12 years

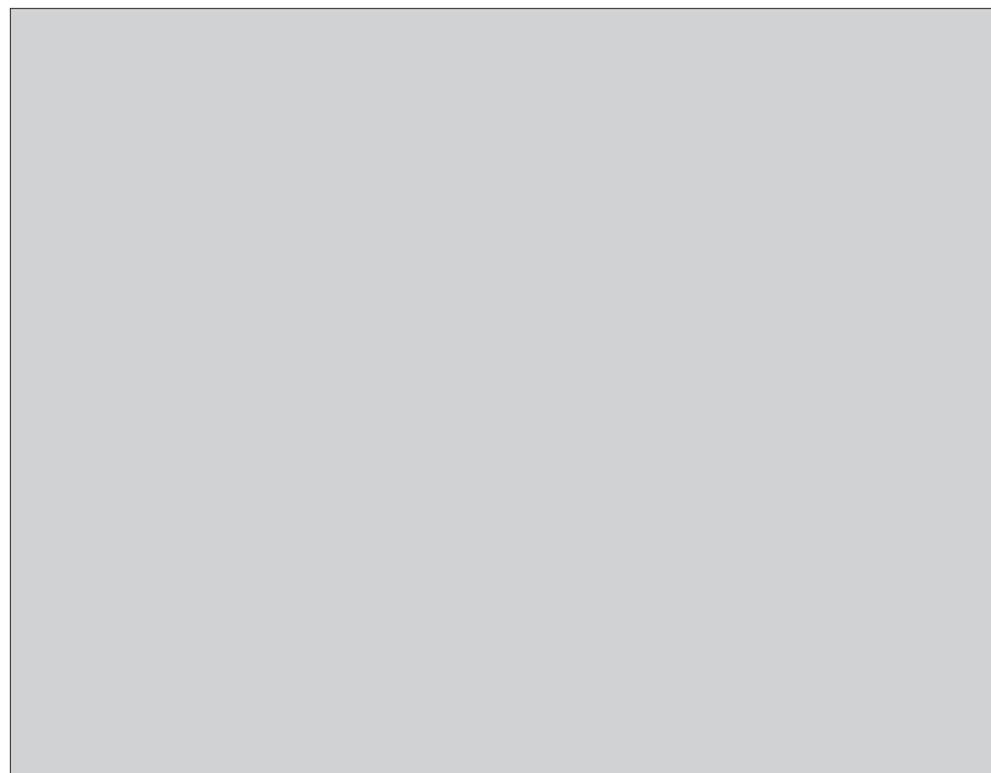
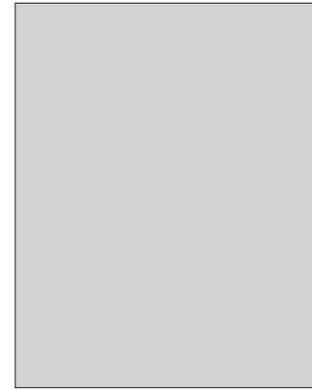
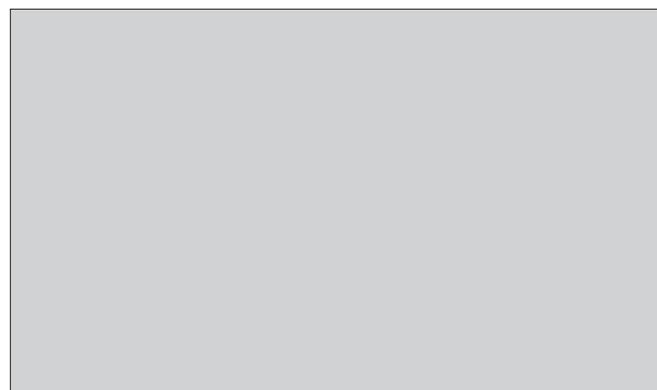
**Hometown:** Celina, Ohio

**Hobbies:** Motorcycles, SCUBA diving and spending quality time with family

**Goals:** To progress through the ranks of my civilian police agency.

**Favorite thing about Tyndall:** Proximity to the beach

The Checkertail Clan salutes Sergeant Poppe for providing Doppler radar certification for 22 members, saving the squadron thousands of dollars in tuition and related training expenses. He also instructed three all-terrain vehicle courses to certify all deployed personnel on air base defense applications of the ATV.



●FROM TOUR PAGE 1 of the aircraft's weapons bay.

According to Master Sgt. Richard Bailey, an Air Combat Command Acceptance Team inspector/supervisor permanently assigned to the Marietta plant, Raptor 4018, like other F-22s, was shipped there in different fuselage sections – forward, mid and aft, as well as wings — for final assembly. Sections and components arrive from other Lockheed Martin plants, such as its facility in Fort Worth, Texas, which develops and constructs the mid-fuselage section, and from Boeing's facility in Seattle, Wash., that builds the wings and aft fuselage section.

Lockheed Martin program host Jim Conlin said the tour was a positive experience not only for their Tyndall visitors, but for the plant's employees as well; particularly seeing the pride its future operators, maintainers and supporters appeared to have in the airplane Lockheed Martin assemblers helped produce.

To many of the visitors, the

facility itself was an eye-opening experience.

“What took me by surprise was the sheer size of the plant – it was quite impressive,” said Staff Sgt. Shawn Beard, 95th Fighter Squadron Life Support NCO in charge.

I think everyone on the tour was somewhat overtaken by the monstrosity of it.”

Sergeant Hansen agreed, adding, “I was surprised by how technologically advanced the facility was and how ad-

vanced the research was that went into it.”

While the staggering size of Building B-2's Raptor assembly area by itself appeared large enough to encompass several football fields, that portion comprised merely a quarter of the facility's total structure. The remainder is the assembly area for the defense contractor's C-130J Hercules transport as well as other aircraft and components. According to

Lockheed Martin officials, the Marietta plant, which is located at the northern end of the Atlanta area, was opened during World War II for production of B-29 bombers. The facility was reopened in 1951 to refurbish B-29s to help meet the U.S. Air Force's immediate need for bombers for the Korean War. The facility later built 397 B-47 Stratojet swept-wing jet bombers under license during the Cold War.

### Caption contest



### Last month's winner

“Use it or lose it.”



**TECH. SGT. DAVID DUNCAN**  
325th Civil Engineer Squadron



**Submit an entry for this month's Safety Caption Contest and win a free lunch from the 325th Services Squadron! Send your caption to 2nd Lt. Brian Smart at 283-4231 or e-mail the safety office.**

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without afterburners.”

“The combination of reduced aircraft drag and high specific thrust engines makes the F-22 capable of sustained supersonic flight without afterburners,” said Rick Marshall, Pratt & Whitney F-119 business

development manager.

The F-119 engine is officially reported as being in the 35,000 pounds thrust class, making it the most powerful engine produced for a fighter. Of course, this number implies the use of afterburners, but it is suspected that the intermediate

thrust rating could be near 25,000 pounds, almost twice as much intermediate power as the F100-PW-200, the engine powering the F-15 Eagle and F-16 Falcon.

“The F-119 engine thrust at intermediate power has a much higher percentage of thrust than conventional

engines at maximum afterburner thrust,” said Mr. Marshall.

Supercruise is the ability to travel faster than the speed of sound, greater than one and a half times faster to be precise, for extended periods of time without using afterburners. This feature greatly enhances the F-22’s operating envelope in two primary areas: speed and range. Not only will the F-22 be able to get to where it needs to be faster, but it will also travel much farther between refueling.

The advent of supercruise capability brings many new things to the battlefield, but the most significant is survivability. In the air-to-air arena, the F-22 will rely on a combination of speed, maneuverability, and stealth to achieve victory.

At higher speeds, the F-22 is designed to be less vulnerable to enemy missiles primarily because the enemy cannot react fast enough, while stealth will give the F-22 pilot first look, first shot, first kill capability.

“The combination of stealth and supercruise provide both reduced detectability and increased survivability,” said Mr. Marshall. “Supercruise increases survivability by shrinking the effective range of threats be-

cause the aircraft is traveling so fast.”

The combination of supercruise and the F-22’s stealth characteristics will enable the pilot to get even closer to the target, more quickly, before being de-

provides the F-22 pilot considerably more supersonic flight range.”

“The F-22 is always “combat configured,” said Colonel Harrigian. “So whether we are training in peacetime or employing in

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**RICK MARSHALL**

Pratt & Whitney F-119 business development manager

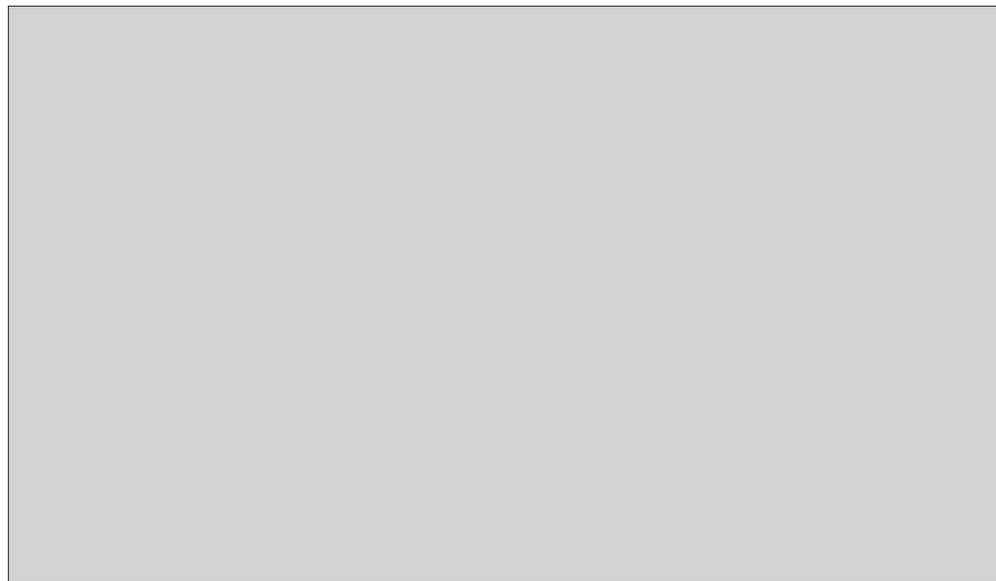
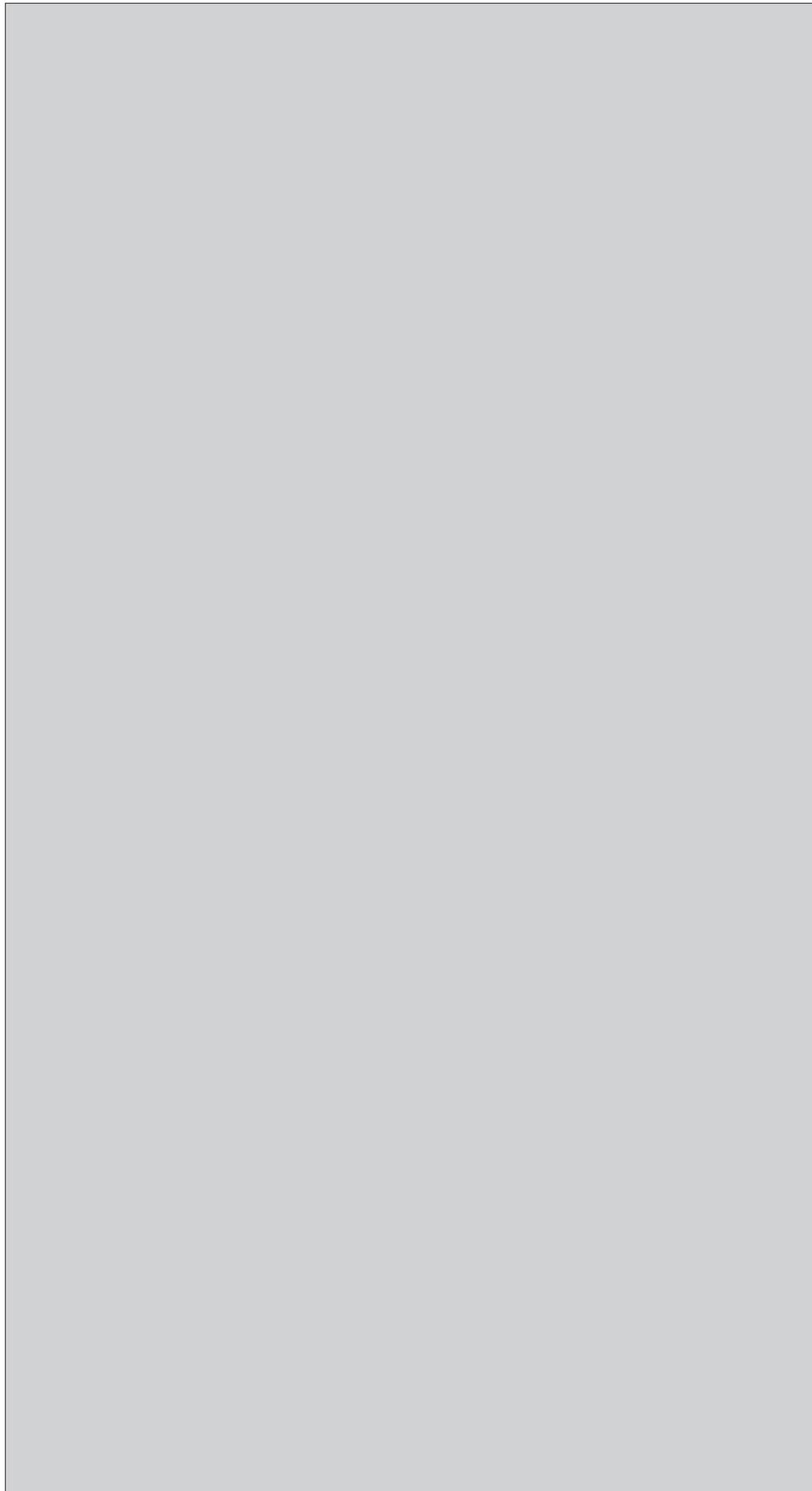
tected by the enemy’s radar. Since a fast target is harder to hit, the enemy must react faster in order to detect, aim and launch weapons. By this time, the pilot can launch weapons and be safely out of the area before the enemy knows what happened.

“Supercruise allows the pilot to enter high anti-access combat theaters with integrated air defenses at supersonic speeds thus providing increased weapon system survivability,” said Mr. Marshall. “It also permits the pilot to leave the combat theater at supersonic speeds after expending his or her weapons. Other, more conventional aircraft, must consume large quantities of onboard fuel to maintain supersonic speeds. This

a combat environment, the jet will be able to get to the fight in minimum time; detect, target and kill enemy aircraft at airspeeds that are significantly faster than most modern day fighters, and then exit the combat zone in minimum time.”

The F-22 must still rely on its other features such as stealth, advanced maneuverability, and integrated avionics in order to achieve the “total package” for lethality and survivability, however, supercruise represents a bold approach to engine technology and a major piece of the F-22 air superiority puzzle.

“This capability, when combined with the other leading edge technologies of the F-22, make it a dominating fighter,” said Colonel Harrigian.



# SO YOU'RE GOING TO DEPLOY????

## Here's how the 325th Mission Support Squadron helps get you ready

**1ST LT. SERENA WALLACE**  
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Sergeant "Sergeant" has just been tasked with his very first deployment...90 days in Acountryfaraway.

His deployment readiness depends on the efforts of numerous base agencies, but it starts and finishes with the 325th Mission Support Squadron.

The 325th MSS plays a key role in deployment readiness, providing assistance to troops before, during and after their deployment. Let's follow Sergeant "Sergeant" as he prepares to deploy.

His first stop is the Personnel Readiness Function, where Staff Sgt. David Wilcox, NCO in charge, gives him the initial deployment briefing and reporting instructions.

"We tell the troops when, where and approximately how long they will be deployed," Sergeant Wilcox said. "We'll also give them information about billeting, meals, uniforms, weapons, transportation...pretty much everything except what they will do when they get there."

After the briefing, Sergeant Wilcox makes a set of dog tags for Sergeant "Sergeant," then gives him a pre-deployment

checklist. Sergeant "Sergeant" makes his way to Passport Agent Robert Difilippo for assistance in obtaining a passport and visa.

Sergeant "Sergeant" visits several other units throughout the day. He makes sure he has all his immunizations, exams and other medical paperwork completed. He also signs up for weapons training, chemical-biological warfare training and self-aid/buddy care. After Sergeant "Sergeant" picks up his mobility bags and uniforms, he receives a terrorist threat briefing from the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

Following his "to do" list, Sergeant "Sergeant" makes travel and financial arrangements, and updates his will at the base legal office. He also out-processes with the commander's support staff, completes security awareness training and education and finishes the checklist with his unit deployment manager.

Just as Sergeant "Sergeant" thinks his deployment readiness is 100 percent, his supervisor reminds him to make one more important stop: the family support center. As part of the 325th MSS, the family support center offers a host of services for deployed troops and their families.



Photos by 1st Lt. Serena Wallace

**Staff Sgt. Zachary Holt and Airman 1st Class Enjoli DiPatri, 325th Mission Support Squadron commander support staff, prepare a 'care package' for deployed members.**

While at the family support center, Sergeant "Sergeant" talks to Tech. Sgt. Aundra Christon, the readiness program manager. Sergeant Christon tells Sergeant "Sergeant" about a program called "Hearts Apart" that helps keep families connected through communication while the military member is deployed. Families can receive free calling cards, have access to video-conferencing and video e-mail.

In addition, the family support center links families to services such as free weekend childcare, free oil changes and safety checks for automobiles, and natural disaster assistance.

While the 325th MSS supports families of deployed troops, it also sends care packages to the troops to boost morale. Care packages include items such as cookies and

candy bars, a photo album, a football or basketball, books on tape, a T-shirt and a mini U.S. flag and stuffed animals to send back home to kids.

Lt. Col. Deanna Paulk, 325th MSS commander, said members of the squadron came up with the idea of sending care packages around the 4th of July.

"Many of the airmen make comments about how they really were happy and proud they were a part of the project," Colonel Paulk said. "We have heard from several deployed troops who have just been overwhelmed with joy and appreciation for the surprise goodies."

Some of the grateful troops include Chaplain Robert Beck, who sent a thank you card reading "This is my fourth deployment, but the first time to ever receive such a surprise. It was like Christmas

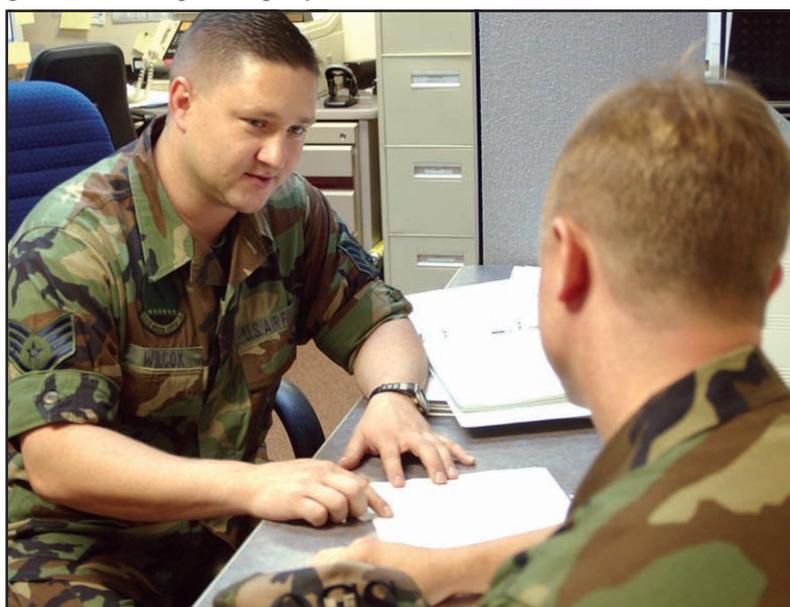
in July (except for the heat)."

Tech. Sgt. Madeline Jackson sent an e-mail to thank the squadron. She wrote, "The care packages are a godsend to those of us stuck in undesirable substandard places. I am enjoying the contents of the package. Please continue to keep this program going for the morale of the troops."

Master Sgt. Rigoberto Luna sent an e-mail reading, "A big thanks to all who made it possible ... it made my day ..."

Even upon the return of a deployed troop, the 325th MSS is still at work. Each returning member must be "re-deployed" and complete an in-processing checklist.

While each link in the deployment readiness chain is vital, the 325th MSS starts and seals the deal as the Air Force extends its arm of defense around the world.



**Staff Sgt. David Wilcox, NCO in charge of the 325th Mission Support Squadron personnel readiness function, gives a deploying member a pre-deployment briefing.**

# Team Tyndall family tours Climatic Laboratory

**2ND LT. ALBERT BOSCO**  
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

It looked like a scene from an upcoming James Bond movie. A snow-covered F-22 Raptor chained to the ground inside a hangar and workers donning parkas and snow boots scurrying about. At any moment one might have expected to see bad guys on snowmobiles crashing through the doors. While it would make a great scene, it wasn't from a movie set at all, but from the McKinley Climatic Laboratory at Eglin Air Force Base, where Raptor 4004 has undergone extensive environmental testing for the past few months.

Several Team Tyndall members, to include military spouses, as well as spouses of key civic leaders, were afforded the rare opportunity to see an F-22 up-close during a tour of the laboratory. Aside from seeing the aircraft itself, the visitors received a briefing by Brig. Gen. Jay Jabour, Fighter and Bomber Programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, program executive officer, in which he provided information on the lab and the F-22 testing environment. Lab personnel were also available to answer questions about various displays. The displays included a mock-up of the F-22 cockpit, in which some

of the visitors were able to sit at the controls to see what it might feel like to be the pilot of the Air Force's next generation of air superiority aircraft.

The climatic lab is not a new facility for the Air Force, or the military for that matter. In fact, the lab at Eglin AFB has been conducting climatic tests since 1947, according to Dwayne Bell, a laboratory test engineer. "Every new piece of equipment goes through the lab to find out how various environmental conditions will affect performance," Mr. Bell said. "We have the ability to simulate every condition you can think of. In fact, we can simulate several different conditions within a short period of time."

During General Jabour's briefing, he described some of the conditions simulated in the lab such as scorching sunlight, rain, sleet and snow, day or night, humid or dry, as well as the temperature ranges lab personnel operate under from negative 70 degrees to plus 180 degrees Fahrenheit. The testing helps the engineers and the Air Force understand how equipment operates in various environments and how its abilities change due to various climatic conditions, the general said.

While aircraft and equipment testing are important, other factors, such as the



Courtesy photo

**Diane New receives instruction on flying the F-22 from Buzz Buzze, F-22 advanced development products manager, during a simulator ride.**

human condition, are equally important. "Some of the tests are designed to determine how humans react to various environments," Mr. Bell said. "The maintenance crews need to be able to work on the equipment in these conditions, so we need to know their limits."

For the pilots, their ability to perform the mission in any condition is paramount. "In the lab, the pilot will actually simulate flight in every environ-

ment," Mr. Bell said. "Since the pilots will be operating in these conditions, we will conduct testing with them in the aircraft, engines running, doing everything they would in flight."

At the end of the tour, many who visited expressed their amazement, having actually seen the future of the Air Force. "I can't believe how far we've come," said Kathy Harrigian, wife of Lt. Col. Jeffrey Harrigian, recently named the first F-22 squadron commander and current 95th Fighter Squadron operations officer. "The [simulator] graphics are better than anything I have ever imagined. It was amazing to see what the cockpit of the F-22 is like."

"The F-22 is sleek and beautiful. I am impressed with its capabilities and it will definitely revolutionize the way we fight wars," said Diane New, wife of Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander. "This was amazing and it is an honor that Tyndall was chosen to receive F-22s. Everyone will be so excited about it coming to Tyndall."

Also among the group was Barbara Clemmons, wife of Panama City Mayor Jerry Clemmons. "I was impressed that General Jabour talked to us about the F-22," Mrs. Clemmons said. "Seeing this airplane really brings it all together."

While the rest of Team Tyndall eagerly awaits the arrival of its first F-22, those who visited the climatic lab have been given a new sense of appreciation for the advances made in the fighter arena.



**The F-22 undergoes climatic testing at the McKinley Climatic Laboratory at Eglin AFB.**

2nd Lt. Albert Bosco

# Licensing, certification info for military jobs now available online

**SGT. 1ST CLASS KATHLEEN RHEM**  
American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON** – Separating military members can now get help earning professional certification or licenses related to their military jobs for the civilian world before they leave the service. Where to go? Online. “There are a lot of people who get out of the military only to find out that they are not prepared, even though they’ve probably gotten all the training and all the experience that they need to have those credentials,” said Sandra Winborne, certification program manager for the Defense Activity for Nontraditional Education Support, or DANTES.

Many military specialties require certification or licensing to perform that job in the civilian world. Some of the more common are information technology and telecommunications jobs, most specialties in the medical and aviation fields, and most types of engineers and mechanics.

Ms. Winborne spoke to attendees at the recent Department of Defense Worldwide Transition Assistance Program training conference in New Orleans. She described some information separating servicemembers can find on the DANTES Web site, [voled.doded.mil/dantes/cert/index.htm](http://voled.doded.mil/dantes/cert/index.htm). The site describes certifications or licenses required to take a job in a wide variety of civilian career fields. Servicemembers can search based on their occupational specialty or service code. The site describes how well members’ training and experience in military jobs prepare them for the tests and what added work members might need to do.

The DANTES site also contains links to information from the Department of Labor and the Bureau of Labor Statistics on what civilian jobs correspond to military specialties. Ms. Winborne also cited an Army site as an excellent information source for departing members

of all the services.

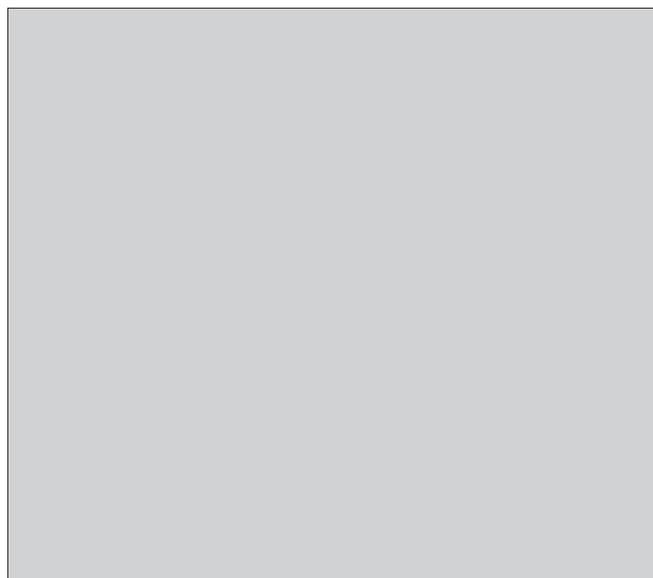
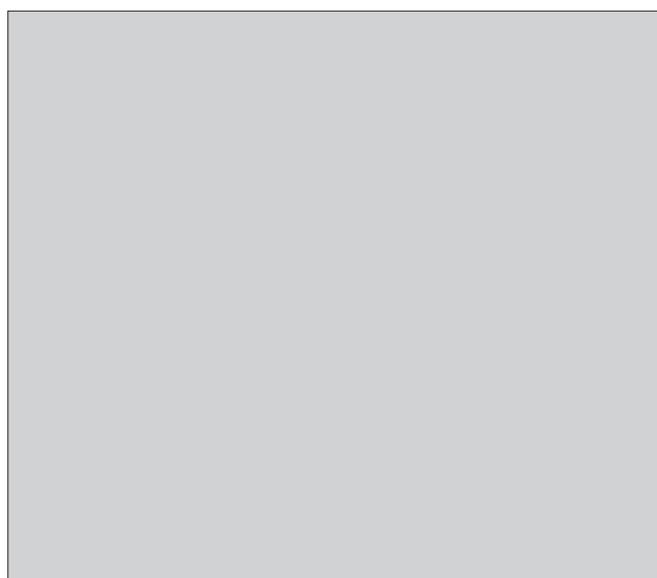
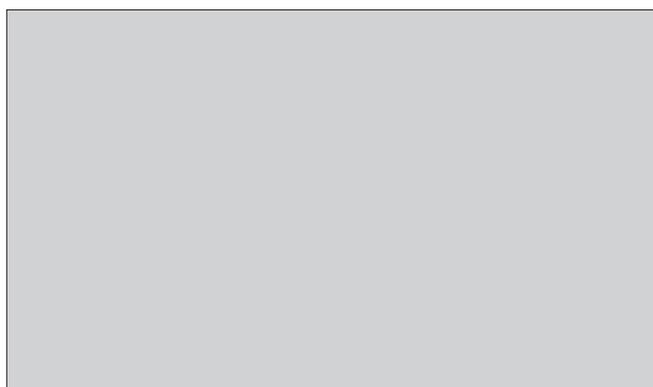
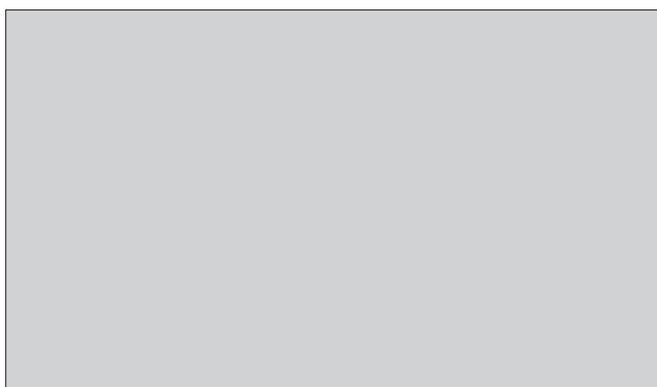
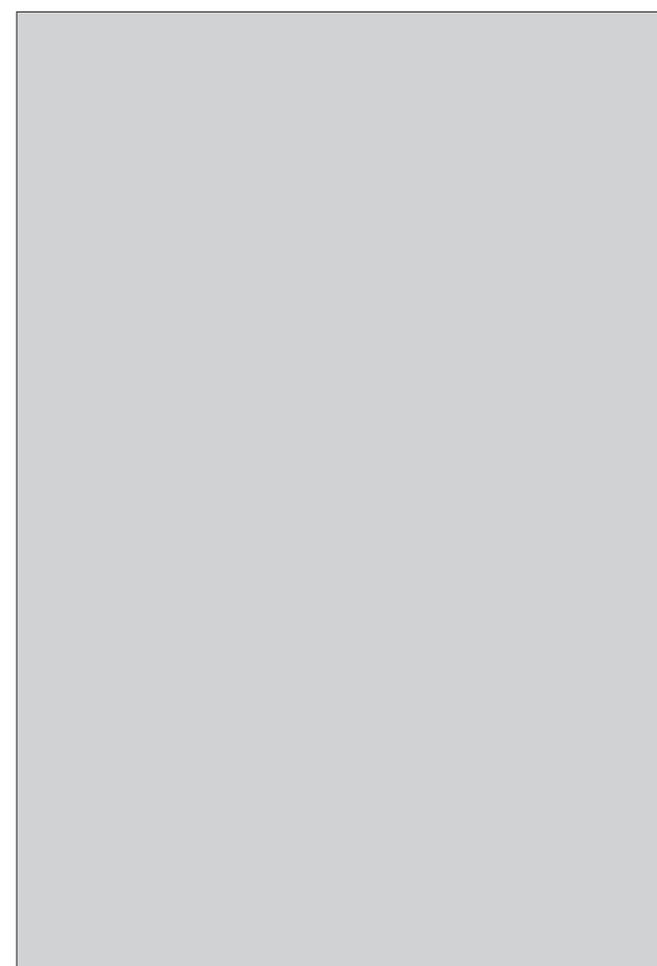
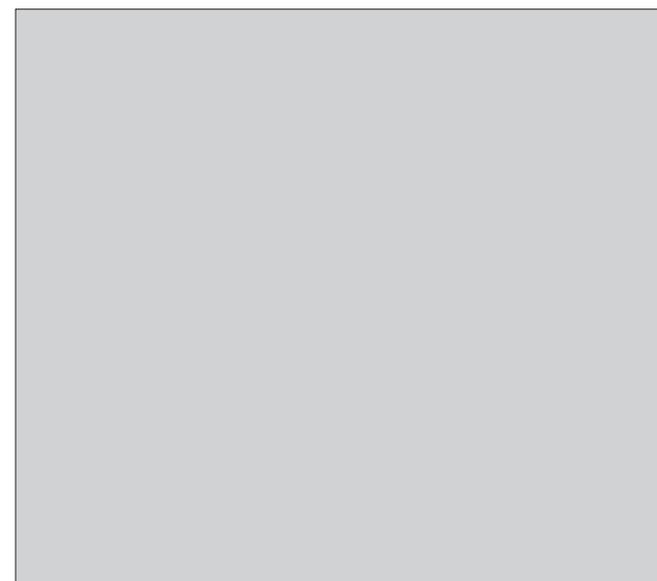
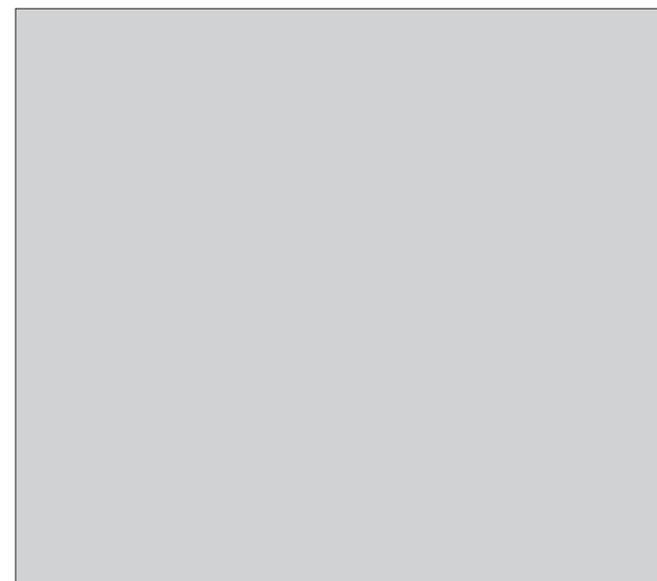
The Army’s Credentialing Opportunities Online, at [www.armyeducation.army.mil/cool](http://www.armyeducation.army.mil/cool) is the official site of the GI to Jobs program.

“GI to Jobs” is an Army initiative with the sole purpose of helping military personnel understand the entire process of earning professional certification or licensing before they leave the military, Ms. Winborne said.

She explained that DANTES maintains memoranda of understanding with more than 50 organizations that provide professional licensing and certification. Many such tests can be taken at the 580 DANTES testing centers on military bases worldwide.

In many cases, financial assistance is available. The DOD has signed agreements with some licensing or certification boards to cover the cost of tests given to military people. Many other tests are covered under the Department of Vet-

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 erans Affairs' Montgomery GI Bill. For more information on using the GI Bill to cover these costs, go to [www.gibill.va.gov/education/LCweb.htm](http://www.gibill.va.gov/education/LCweb.htm).

Ms. Winborne advised that the Army Reserve and National Guard and the Air Force Reserve will now reimburse members of those services for some tests associated with licensing and certification. Individuals can contact their nearest DANTES testing representative or military education center for more information. Reimbursement procedures are also discussed on the DANTES Web site.

While the DANTES site contains good information on transition assistance, remember that the Tyndall Education Center and Family Support Center can also help to prepare you for life as a civilian. The education center offers a "once in a lifetime" tuition assistance program for members seeking vocational diplomas, licensing and cer-

tification, while the family support center offers the "Troops to Teachers" program, which enables members to attain their teaching credentials.

The tuition assistance program, offered through the education center, allows personnel to pursue professional certificates, diplomas and licenses regardless of education level, though the maximum amount of assistance is limited to \$7,000 and only applies to coursework. Additionally, this is limited to a one-time use and service commitments and reimbursement policies apply.

The "Troops to Teachers" program is a Department of Education and Department of Defense cooperative program that provides referral and placement assistance to members seeking a secondary career in teaching. This program is open to all active duty and Reserve component personnel as well as civilian employees and military spouses. Education requirements for elementary or secondary edu-

cation are a baccalaureate or advanced degree from an accredited institution at the time of application, while vocational or technical education require the equivalence of one year of college with six years of experience in a vocational or technical field. Again, service commitments and reimbursement policies apply.

Other services provided by the family support center are a three-day transition-assistance workshop, which teaches members how to market themselves, or obtain commercial driver licenses. The focus of the workshop is job assistance, resume writing assistance and transition assistance. Members seeking a commercial driver license are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity while they are still on active duty; otherwise there are required exams that must be taken.

For more information, contact the base education center at 283-4285 or the family support center at 283-4204.

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 tunity Tuesday Sept. 7 that is detailed on Page 1. Capt. Iris Critten, our installation voting officer, has done a great job setting up this very important program, and I hope none of you pass up the opportunity to let your vote count during the upcoming election season.

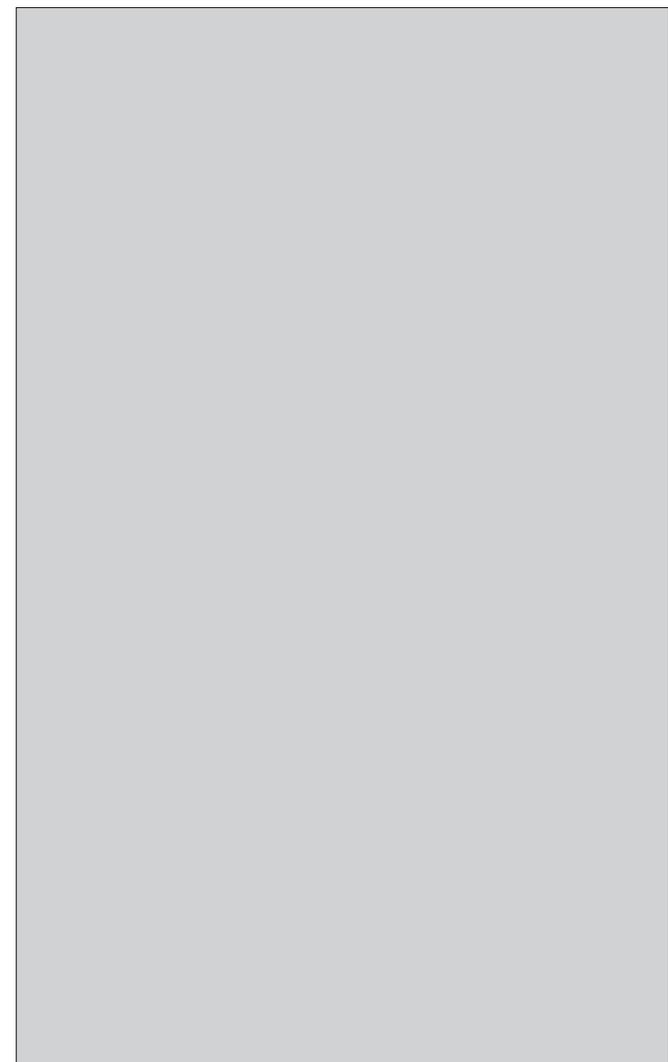
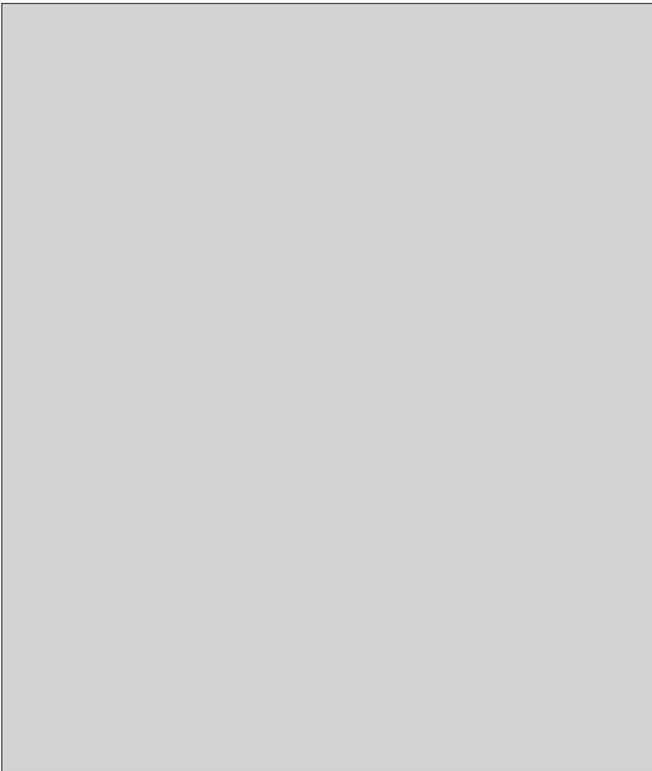
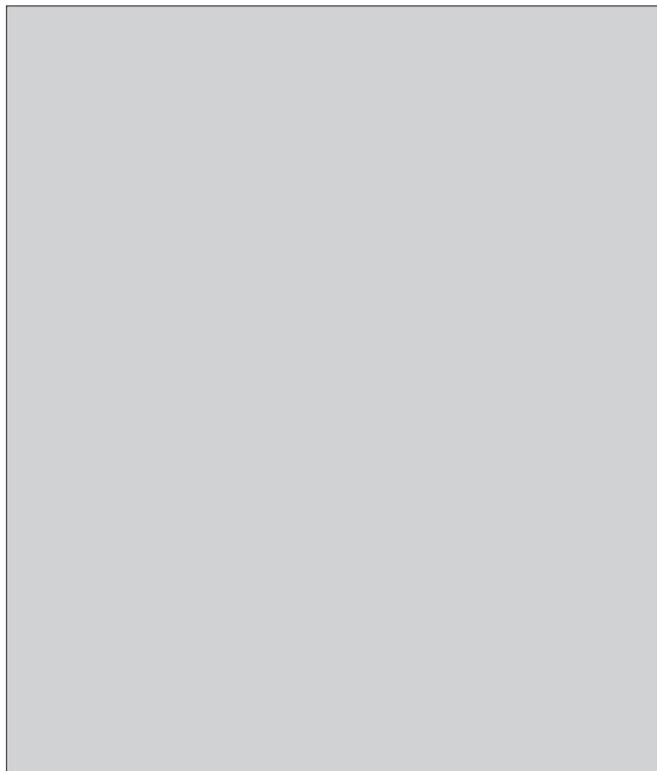
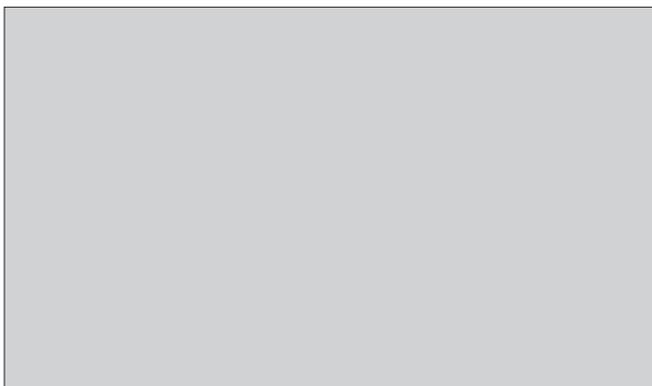
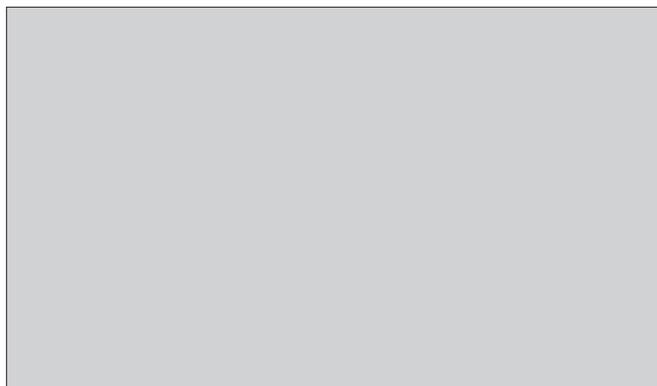
With the Labor Day weekend upon us, summertime is drawing to a close. Let's get to the end by sustaining Tyndall's great summer record. The "101 Critical Days of Summer," our deadliest, most accident-prone period of the year Air Force-wide, will continue through this final summer holiday weekend. I strongly urge you to plan your activities for success. Before engaging in any activity do a risk assessment. Ask yourself what the hazards are associated with the activity, what are the possible con-

sequences of those hazards, and what is the likelihood of that happening. This will tell you what the risk level is, and help you in mitigating the risk to an acceptable level. Since our most common risk involves operating a motor vehicle, here are two universal risk mitigators I would like to stress:

— Always fasten your safety belt if you're in a vehicle. It's a simple act that takes seconds but has life saving consequences. If you're riding a motorcycle, wear your helmet and dress appropriately.

— Don't drink and drive, and equally important don't get into a vehicle or on a motorcycle with a driver who has been drinking.

Each of our Team Tyndall members is critical to our mission, so we need you and your families back next week. Have a great and relaxing Labor Day weekend!



**Your link  
to what's going on**

# Gulf Guide

**in the  
Tyndall community**

## SEPTEMBER

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### Chapel religious education

The Tyndall Chapel offers religious education 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sundays for Protestants and 11 a.m.-noon Sundays for Catholics. Both sessions will be held at the spiritual fitness building. For more information, call 283-2925.

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### Commissary holiday hours

The Tyndall Commissary will be open on Tuesday following the Labor Day holiday.

### Children's weight class

The health and wellness center's sensible weight class for children meets 3:30-4:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Room 111. For more information, call the health and wellness center, 283-3826.

### 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.

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### Kids' Club

Kids' Club, an ecumenical program for Catholic and Protestant children, will meet 2:45-5:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Chapel Two. Children will enjoy snacks, chapel time, arts and crafts, lessons about their individual faith and a nutritious dinner. Registration per family is \$25 per semester or \$40 per year. For more information, call Maria or Cindee, 283-2925.

### Protestant youth group

The Tyndall Chapel's Protestant Youth Group meets 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays in the spiritual fitness center. For more information, call the Chapel 2 office, 283-2925.

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### Bible study

A weekly Bible study session offered by the Officer Christian Fellowship and Christian Military Fellowship will be 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Thursdays in the community activities

center. For more information, call Capt. Carma Pauli, 283-7669.

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### ASE exam dates

The cutoff date to register for the CONUS Automotive Service Excellence examinations is noon Sept. 6. The examination dates are Nov. 7, 12 and 14. Interested individuals are asked to visit the education center to review the list of 56 different certification exams offered this year and to register.

## NOTES

### AADD extended holiday hours

The Airmen Against Drunk Driving program will be extending its hours of operation over the Labor Day weekend. The extended hours will be 5 p.m. – 5 a.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday and noon- 10 p.m. Monday. The program is designed to provide military members with a free, safe ride home within the local area. The AADD phone line is staffed with E1 through E4 volunteers who can be reached by calling 867-2233. This program is available to all ranks who have a valid military identification card. AADD stresses complete anonymity to ease fear of retribution. For more information, call Airman 1st Class Carrie Wilks-Campbell, 283-2891.

### Active-duty walk-in clinic

The family practice clinic offers a walk-in clinic for active-duty members only 7:15-7:45 a.m. Monday through Friday. The active-duty call is designed to provide faster primary care manager access to active-duty members with acute illnesses that would potentially inhibit that day's duty performance. Individuals experiencing signs or symptoms prior to the start of the duty day that will potentially affect duty performance are asked to take advantage of this service during the specified sign-in times. For more information regarding the active-duty call, call Capt. Ben Leonardo, 283-7667.

### Yard of the month winners

The Tyndall Air Force Base yard of the month winners for July are: Wood Manor I, Senior Airman Syle Stanfield and Mrs. Gwendolyn Stanfield, 2987-A Starfighter Ave.; Wood Manor III, Staff Sgt. Randall Jones and Mrs. Melinda Jones, 3108-A Dagger Drive; Felix Lake, Master Sgt. John Johnson and Mrs. Stephanie Johnson, 3423 Mathies Court; Red Fish Point, Staff Sgt. Aaron Clark, 3664 Kislung Loop.

### AFIT graduate program

Air Staff has announced that seats are still available for the Air Force Institute of Technology's Fiscal Year 2004 graduate program in specific areas. This year, any officer in any AFSC may apply if academically qualified for any program of study as needed by the Air Force. This applies only to resident AFIT programs, not civilian institutions. Interested individuals are advised to watch for details to be announced by the Air Force Personnel Center and AFIT in the near future and are encouraged to apply directly to AFIT for a letter of academic eligibility, which will start the process of qualifying.

### Chapel 1 open for prayer

Chapel 1 will be open for prayer 24 hours a day. All interior doors will remain locked.

### Chapel cookies needed

Tyndall chaplains who visit the flightline and other base sections on golf carts are seeking donations of homemade cookies to deliver to troops. Squadrons, groups, clubs, individuals and spouses are invited to drop off cookies 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday at Chapel Two for this outreach ministry. Cookies should be placed in zip-lock bags – two cookies per bag.

### Base housing carpet cleaning

Effective immediately, all base residents are no longer required to have carpeting professionally cleaned. The maintenance contractor will be cleaning the carpeting during change-of-occupancy maintenance. Residents are still responsible for the care of the carpet and will be required to pay for carpet damage that is beyond fair wear and tear. For more information, call Mary Ann Barbieri, 283-8140 or 283-8141.

## RETIREE NEWS

### Air Force Retiree News e-mail service

The intent of the Air Force Retiree News e-mail service is to inform members of the Air Force retiree community and their family members about legislation, policies and other matters affecting their rights, benefits and obligations. To subscribe, prepare an original e-mail message on the computer to which you want information sent. Do not put anything in the "from" line. In the "to" line, type: [list.manager@listserver.afpc.randolph.af.mil](mailto:list.manager@listserver.afpc.randolph.af.mil). On the subject line, type in: Subscribe AFRETIRE. Then hit send. Later, you will get a return message indicating that you have been subscribed as a non-digest member and you will receive, via electronic mail, information of interest to the military retiree community.

## YARD SALES

The following yard sales are scheduled for Saturday: 3695 Kislung Loop, 3120-A Dagger Drive and 3410-B Smith St. All yard sales are held between 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

## BASE THEATER

**Today:** "Men in Black II" (PG-13)  
**Saturday:** "K-19" (PG-13)  
**Sunday:** "Men in Black II"  
**Thursday:** "Eight Legged Freaks" (PG-13)

All movies start at 7 p.m.

# Officials face tough decisions about stressed specialties

STAFF SGT. A.J. BOSKER  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom have increased operations and personnel tempo, placing tremendous strain on the Air Force's air expeditionary force construct.

At the height of operations, more than 30,000 additional Air Guard and Reserve members were activated to help fulfill mission requirements in the global war on terror.

As the campaign changed and the operations tempo decreased, the number of Guard and Reserve members deployed has also decreased. But still remaining are a steady-state requirement to continue supporting ongoing operations and, along with it, tough decisions on how to establish and maintain that level.

The Air Force's Human Capital Task Force is charged with developing a plan to assist senior leaders in making the tough de-

isions required to establish that steady-state force. The importance of their job cannot be understated, said Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Robert Foglesong in an Aug. 7 memorandum.

"It is imperative that we quickly come to closure with a comprehensive human capital plan that accounts for our current and future manpower ceilings and the realities of recruiting, training and retaining a sustainable workforce," General Foglesong said. "Failure to gain control of this situation will...result in both short- and long-term recruiting and training failures that are not recoverable."

This will require the Air Force to make some "tough implementation decisions," he said.

The task force's job entails more than just balancing the manpower books. It will also monitor the many initiatives and personnel actions that will help relieve the career field

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GEN. JOHN JUMPER  
Air Force Chief of Staff

stresses caused by the increased operations tempo and revalidate the service's long-term manpower projections.

"The purpose of the task force is to try to put our arms around the new steady-state situation facing our AEFs and normalize it," said Mike Aimone, director of the Air Force's Human Capital Task Force at the Pentagon. "Our goal is to reduce the extended tour lengths facing many of our AEFs and bring them back down to the 90 days that our force is familiar with."

Getting back to that standardized AEF "rhythm," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper, is critical to the day-to-day operations of the service.

"Everyone in the Air

Force must understand that the day-to-day operations of the service are absolutely set to the rhythm of the deploying AEF packages," General Jumper said. "The natural state of our Air Force when we are 'doing business' is not home-station operations but deployed operations. That process needs to be the focus of our daily operational business, and we must work to change the processes within our own service that drive requirements not tuned to the deployment rhythm of the AEF."

There is no "silver bullet" solution to the manpower challenges facing the Air Force's AEFs, Mr. Aimone said. It will take a combination of short-, mid- and long-term fixes.

One short-term solution came out of the Air Force Core Competency Review conducted earlier this year.

The CCR examined all Air Force positions to determine the missions that had to be done by airmen and looked for opportunities to free up airmen from tasks that do not require a "bluesuiter."

"We found almost 6,300 military positions that could be converted to free up manpower positions for our most stressed career fields and to fix shortfalls that exist in our squadrons," Mr. Aimone said.

The Air Force's Fiscal 2004 budget submission will ask the Defense Department to fund military to civilian conversions and some contract actions that would allow the Air Force to move these positions to stressed career fields where they are needed most, said William H. Booth Sr., the task force's deputy director.

Other possible short-term fixes include redirecting

basic military training graduates and officer accessions to the most critically stressed career fields and examining the positions airmen fill at defense agencies to see if it is better to bring them back to do Air Force jobs. Another fix involves reviewing various Air Force functions to identify more opportunities to convert non-military essential tasks to civilian or contract positions, Mr. Aimone said.

"The task force is in business because some hard choices have to be made," he said.

A primary concern, Mr. Booth added, is ensuring Air Force senior leaders have a complete understanding of the full effect of these decisions.

"That's why this effort is vital in transforming our skills mix so that we can live within the current recruiting and retention realities," Mr. Booth said. "We need every good person that we have, and our leaders are well aware of that."

## Some AEF deployments will be longer than 3 months

WASHINGTON — While Air Force leaders remain committed to the current air and space expeditionary force construct of three-month deployments in a 15-month window, about 10 to 15 percent of the deployed force will be gone longer, based upon current requirements, Air Force officials said.

Extended tour lengths are becoming necessary to fill shortfalls in certain stressed career fields caused, in part, by demobilizing Reserve and Guard forces and releasing most Air Force specialties from stop-loss to meet end-strength requirements.

Gen. John Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, understands the contributions required by the total force to allow the Air Force to succeed in the war on terrorism.

"As I talk with airmen and their families around the world, I understand the stress and sacrifices our continuing high operations tempo levies on many of our people," General Jumper said in a July 23 letter to airmen

worldwide. "The Secretary (of the Air Force Dr. James Roche) and I want to express our gratitude and admiration to everyone supporting this critical effort. A grateful American public recognizes and appreciates your dedication and hard work as well."

The Air Force has begun to identify the stressed career fields that could be affected by longer tour lengths. The initial specialties include: security forces, office of special investigations, civil engineers, fire fighters, intelligence, transportation, explosive ordnance disposal, combat control, command post, fuels, liquid fuels, communications, air command and warning, air battle managers, pilots and enlisted aircrews.

Not all of the people in these stressed career fields will be deployed longer than three months, but many will, said Maj. Gen. Tim Peppe, special assistant for air and space expeditionary forces.

"We don't know the full magnitude of it

yet," General Peppe said. "The AEF Center is currently sourcing the requirements for AEF 5/6. We've already notified some people in AEFs 3/4 that they'd be staying for up to 179 days."

General Peppe said the reaction from people who were told they would be deployed longer was varied.

"I think quite frankly they would have preferred that the Air Force told them they'd be staying longer before they went," General Peppe said. "Clearly, our goal is to work three-month deployments for everyone, but with standing up 14 additional expeditionary air bases, we have some work to do to make sure we have enough people in all the right career fields. There are two ongoing studies which are quantifying the help needed in numerous career fields."

Some of the work to be done to help the stressed career fields is to increase the pool of those qualified to deploy, and to seek to

balance the workload and "stressors" between the respective specialties.

"Currently, we have about 175,000 positions postured in the AEF library that the AEF Center looks at on a daily basis to fill requirements," General Peppe said. "That number has increased by about 3,000 in the last six weeks by having all commands and organizations identify positions and personnel who previously were not postured in the AEF library. These people are now eligible to go on an AEF deployment."

General Peppe said the total force is working to fill AEF requirements.

"Of the approximately 2,000 people who currently have been identified to deploy longer than three months, some are from the Reserve or Guard who have volunteered and are a big help," General Peppe said. "We shouldn't forget that the Reserve component continues to pull its fair share of the requirements."

# Funshine NEWS

August 30, 2002

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## All Ranks Super Sunday Brunch!

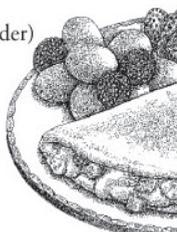
at the O Club

September 15, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

\$6.95 Members \$8.95 Non-members  
Champagne Available - add \$3

## Menu Includes:

Omelets (made to order)  
Belgian Waffles  
Sausage  
Bacon  
Hash Browns  
Fresh Fruit  
Muffins  
Danish  
Biscuits & Gravy



All Ranks  
Every Wednesday at the O Club  
**Family Night Buffet**  
5-7:30 p.m. \$6.95  
Children 6-11 \$4.95 5 and under eat free  
**283-4357**

## Skills Development Ctr.

☎ 283-4511

### Framing Class

Available on Thurs. 5-7 p.m. Costs \$30 which includes 8x10 frame supplies. Must preregister for class.

### Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed in the auto hobby and wood shops. Please call Ray at 283-4511 for more information.

## Community Activities Ctr.

☎ 283-4287

### Tai Chi Workshop

Sept. 10, 9 a.m. until noon. Cost is \$15 per person. Must register by Sept. 5.

### 8 Ball Tournament

Sept. 7, 1 p.m. Best 2 out of 3, double elimination.

## 325th Services Labor Day & Holiday Hours

### Base Library

Aug. 31: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Sept. 1, 2, & 3: Closed  
Sept. 4: 9 a.m.-8:15 p.m.

### Vet Clinic

The vet clinic will be open on Aug. 30, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. for non-clinic purposes. We will be closed on Labor Day.

### Officers and Enlisted Club

Sept 2: Closed

### All Ranks Barbershop

Sept. 2: Closed

### Bowling Center

Sept. 2: 1-8 p.m.

### Child Development Center

Sept. 2: Closed

### CAC Pizza Pub & Snack Bar

Sept. 2: Closed

### Fitness Center

Sept. 2: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

### Information, Tickets & Travel

Sept. 2: Closed

### Youth Center

Sept. 2: Closed

## Skills Development Center

Time is running out to enter the Annual Air Force Artist/Craftsman Contest and Photo Contest

## Deadline is Sept. 1

Call 283-4511 for more information.

## Information, Tickets, & Travel

☎ 283-2499

### Foley, AL Shopping Trip

Sept. 7. Cost is \$15. Shop til you drop in many famous outlet stores including Vanity Fair, Lenox, Mikasa, Liz Claiborne, Country Collectibles and many more. Tour departs at 6:30 a.m. and returns at 8 p.m.

### Tallahassee: History and Shopping Trip

Sept. 12. Tallahassee history and shopping cost per person is \$10 and is due upon sign up. Depart at 8 a.m. and return by 5 p.m.

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- Cardio-Kickboxing at beginning level
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Work at your own fitness level, and remember to have fun!

Call 283-2631 for more information

## Bonita Bay Outdoor Rec.

☎ 283-3199

### Kayak Classes

\$40 per class. Sept. 15, Oct. 6.

## Community Activities Center Pigskin Picks

### First Heat: Sept. 1 - Oct. 19

Entries must arrive at the CAC by 5 p.m. Friday preceding the weekend games. (Thursday games do not count.)

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Call for more information:

**283-2495**

All Ranks at the Officers Club

Members Only  
September 28 6 p.m.

## Medieval Banquet

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Lords, bring your ladies to a lavish feast and spectacular tournament. Cheer the majestic procession of Beast &amp; Fowl that begins the Royal Banquet! Hail your champions in the fierce sword fights and amazing jousting competitions!

2 tickets to Medieval Times Dinner &amp; Tournament in Kissimmee, FL will be bestowed upon the most regally arrayed couple-- a \$90 value!

- ⊕ SCA Demonstration
- ⊕ Competitions
- ⊕ Costume Contests
- ⊕ Medieval Craft Displays

Tickets on sale now  
thru September 25  
at OJ Club  
business office**\$19.95**  
per personSponsored in part by: Medieval Times  
No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. **283-4357**

## Pool Hours

We will sponsor Customer Appreciation for the month of September. All pool activities are Free, except for pool parties.

### Hours:

#### Fitness (Lap) Swim:

Tues. 6-7:30 a.m.  
Wed.-Fri.: 6-7:30 a.m.,  
11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5-6:30 p.m.

#### Water Aerobics:

Tues., Wed., and Thurs.: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

#### Open Swim:

Wed.-Sun.: 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

#### Pool Parties:

Pool parties can be scheduled: Fri.-Sat. 7-10 p.m. The last day for pool parties will be September 27.

For more information call:

**283-3199**

## Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

### Start Smart Soccer

Is your 3-5 year old ready for recreational soccer? Sign up for Start Smart soccer and learn basic skills to prepare your future soccer players. Program runs Sept. 28 and Oct. 5, 12, 26 at 9 a.m. the cost is \$30 Contact Andy at 283-4366 for more information.

## Marina Club

☎ 283-3059

### Pontoon Boat Rentals

Full day rental only \$95.

### Sunday Breakfast

The Marina is open for breakfast every Sun. 7:30-10 a.m.

### Seafood Lunch Buffet

All-You-Can-Eat only \$6.50, including soft drink. Every Fri. 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

### Scuba Lessons

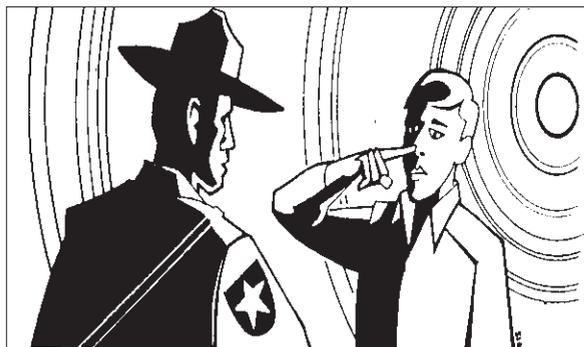
Open water certifications: \$125.

## Tyndall Enlisted Club Steak-Out Zone Every Friday

5:30-8:30 p.m.

Only \$5.95

featuring: cole slaw  
steak  
potato salad**283-4357 for details**



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## TRICARE covers cost of physicals needed for school

Under the 2001 National Defense Authorization Act, TRICARE covers physical examinations required for school enrollment. The new benefit applies to all TRICARE-eligible beneficiaries ages 5 to 11. It does not cover sports physicals. The effective date for the benefit was Oct. 30, 2000.

TRICARE advises beneficiaries to submit all receipts and related paperwork for TRICARE reimbursement of school physicals received since October 30, 2000. To file a claim for

this reimbursement, beneficiaries should attach the receipt and paperwork to a claim form and send it to their regional managed care support contractor.

TRICARE regards school physicals as preventive services. TRICARE Prime enrollees will not have co-payments or need referrals or authorizations from their primary care managers unless they go to a non-network provider. TRICARE Standard and Extra beneficiaries do not have to get referrals, but they will have to pay applicable cost shares and deductibles for the school physicals.

Beneficiaries may download claim forms from the

TRICARE Web site at [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil), or may contact a local TRICARE Service Center.

Parents are encouraged to first contact the Tyndall Pediatric Clinic to arrange their child's school physical. Call 283-2778 to schedule an appointment. If appointments are not available, sponsors of Prime enrollees can contact the Tyndall TRICARE Service Center at 286-1000 for help with locating a Prime network provider. Families using the Standard or Extra benefit may call the Clinic Health Plan Management Office at 283-7331 for assistance or contact the TSC.

*(Courtesy 325th Medical Group)*

