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Tyndall opens gates for Gulf Coast Salute 2002

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325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Base members and their families won't want to miss the high-flying action as Tyndall Air Force Base opens its gates to the public March 23-24 for Gulf Coast Salute 2002.

The United States Navy's Aerial Demonstration Team, the Blue Angels, will bring their unique brand of aerial precision to the Tyndall skies.

Joining the Blue Angels in the air show lineup will be several military demonstration teams and civilian aerial shows. Invited demonstration teams include: the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation, Dave Dacy Airshows Inc., Patty Wagstaff and The Showcat.

"This is shaping up to be one of our best shows ever," said Maj. Barry Luff, Gulf Coast Salute 2002 project officer. "A lot of Tyndall folks are involved in planning and supporting this year's event - it takes a monumental effort to make it happen. I'm grateful to all of them for working so diligently behind the

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2nd Lt. Serena Custis

Valentines for Vets

Airman 1st Class Lakisha Knight, 325th Air Control Squadron, talks with a resident of Bay Crest Nursing Home Thursday as part of the Valentines for Vets program. Airmen from several different base organizations went to local nursing homes to spend some time with veterans and thank them for their service.

Team Tyndall award winners honored at banquet

2ND LT. SERENA CUSTIS

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Team Tyndall's shining stars were recognized for their outstanding work during the year 2001 at the annual awards banquet Saturday. Among those hailed was Airman 1st Class Brian A. Luther, an honor guard member whose dedication and sharp appearance makes him a star example for others to follow.

Senior Airman Billie S. Tuck is Team Tyndall's Airmen of the Year. Her innovativeness and attention to detail separates her as an outstanding contract specialist.

Tech. Sgt. Christine L. Beaudion, Team Tyndall's Non-

commissioned Officer of the Year, is a weapons load crew chief. She was recognized for her impressive leadership of weapons flightline activities, as well as her aircraft systems expertise.

As Team Tyndall's Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Master Sgt. Brenda L. Soel stood out as the top avionics flight production superintendent. Her proactive management drives the wing's processing time, pushing troops to a higher standard.

Capt. Mark Sotallaro, the Overall Company Grade Officer of the Year, is the 325th Maintenance Squadron's Engine Flight Commander. He is a powerhouse of effec-

tive leadership whose dedication to excellence has led his troops to exceed the norm.

Team Tyndall's First Sergeant of the Year, Senior Master Sgt. Lewis D. Mohr, knows his people and goes the extra mile to take care of them. He has mastered the art of balancing discipline and compassion.

Tyndall's civilian employees and volunteers also received accolades at the banquet. Curtis L. Seeman was honored as Team Tyndall's Civilian of the Year. He is the re-enlistment manager who revamped the entire retention program that is essential to mission success.

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Wing takes break for safety's sake

BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM F. HODGKINS

325th Fighter Wing commander



Saturday evening was a fantastic time for Team Tyndall and the Checkertail Clan. We announced the winners of our 2001 annual

awards competition to a packed house, and I was absolutely pleased to present the plaques to our most elite group of Air Force professionals. (Please turn to **Page 1** to find out who these winners are.)

These military and civilian men and women from the 325th Fighter Wing and our associate units put service before self all year long, and they showed all of us how to be the best of the best. I extend my sincerest congratulations to all of our 2001 quarterly and annual award winners for their superior performance!

As you know, today we'll be focusing on a different type of performance—our safety performance. Our Air Force chief of staff has directed Air Force units worldwide to take a brief break from normal duties to focus on how we do things on and off duty. Unfortu-



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nately, our service has seen an alarming trend in mishaps early this fiscal year, especially relating to private motor vehicle and flying accidents. Here are the sobering statistics:

In less than a two-week period, the Air Force has sustained eight off-duty PMV fatalities in five separate mishaps. Three of the five mishaps involved multiple fatalities. Closer to home, four of the eight PMV fatalities involved Air Education and Training Command members. Since the beginning of this fiscal year, the Air Force suffered 20 off-duty PMV deaths compared to 15 during the same time frame last fiscal year. During the same period this

fiscal year, AETC members have been involved in 30 PMV mishaps resulting in lost time due to disabling injuries. In most cases, members were disregarding common sense—driving faster than posted speed limits or faster than was safe for current road conditions.

Two AETC flight mishaps involved a T-37 crash in which a student pilot and instructor pilot lost their lives, and an MH-53J helicopter accident in which the crew suffered minor injuries and the helicopter was seriously damaged. Indeed, this was a tragedy and it is extremely important to have safety days to

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Remembering — and then understanding

BRIG. GEN. DUANE DEAL

Air Force Recruiting Service commander

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS) — Folks of every generation can usually recall when and where they first heard of key national events occurring during their lives. For my generation, such times include where we were when we heard of President Kennedy's assassination, the shuttle Challenger explosion and Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination.

During February, when we observe Black History Month, I'm especially reminded of that night. For many years I heard stories of having been born in Montgomery (while my dad was at Maxwell Air Force Base), and Dr. King's grass roots efforts that were originating there.

However, it took a few years to understand and appreciate what our nation lost in Memphis that night in 1968. We lost a grandson of sharecroppers, and the son of a minister—who had himself become a minister. We lost a brilliant young mind, which had skipped 9th and 12th grades, and entered college at

age 15. We lost a God-gifted orator of a class the world has rarely heard ... the 1963 Time magazine “Man of the Year” ... the youngest man to have won the Nobel Peace Prize ... and more.

However, while we lost those things, the sniper's shots did not cause us to lose his vision and principles. His principles for achieving social change stirred our nation's conscience and helped realign our priorities and legislation. And the principles of nonviolent resistance, which he so strongly promoted, have gone forward to break down walls — across our nation and around the globe.

His vision was perhaps best expressed on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in his unforgettable “I Have A Dream” speech. In it, he caused us to reflect on the content of our U.S. Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and the Emancipation Proclamation — that all are guaranteed the inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

While he gave us a blunt “reality check” how we had failed

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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

Comment: Great job on opening the Robin Hood on the flightline side of the base! It gives us an alternative to the Eagle Quick Turn. Now it would be nice if you could have an ATM machine installed over here. Being removed from the main base and with the threat condition creating traffic delays, it would be nice to have access to our money so we can spend it. With that thought in mind, you also might consider installing ATMs at the Class Six store and the service station.

Answer: Thanks! I also think the Robin Hood Sandwich Shop is a great addition to the services we provide Team Tyndall. We put that project on a fast track so would could provide another dining option to our folks who work on the north side of Tyndall. If it has been a while since you've eaten there, I'd remind you that AAFES has continued to tweak their service by providing a larger variety of sandwiches and using a greatly improved bread. Make sure your coworkers know this great dining option is available. I also agree that an ATM machine is needed on the flightline side of the base. We are actively working with the Tyndall Federal Credit Union to get a machine installed.

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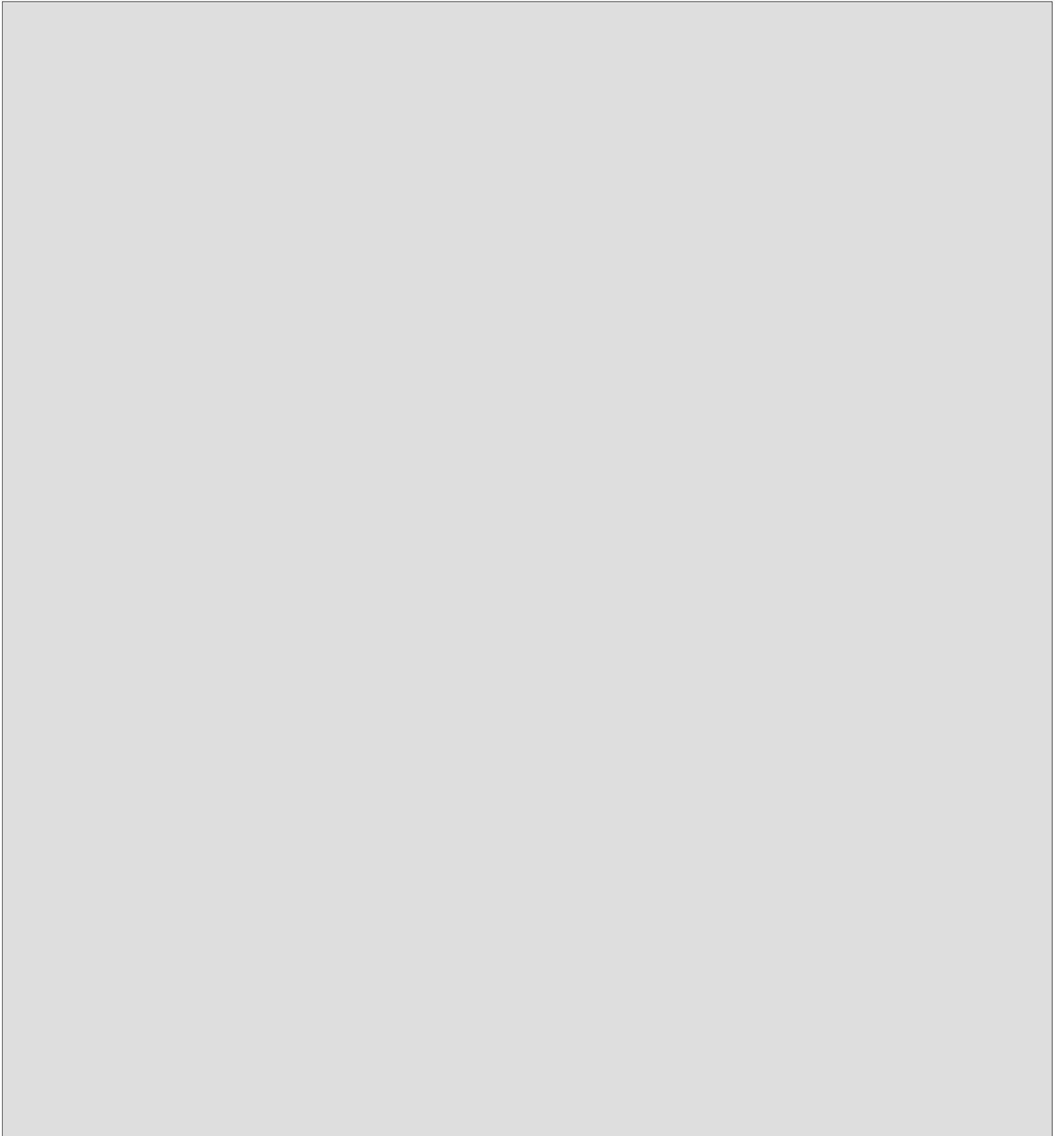
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Vehicle safety paramount for Tyndall success

COURTESY OF THE 325TH SAFETY OFFICE

Along with driving comes the dangers of unpredictable environments, hazards and careless drivers. There are however, ways you can protect yourself and your family from preventable accidents.

The key to reducing your chances of being involved in an accident or a fatality is staying aware of hazards, knowing your driving abilities and developing control measures. These are called the principles of Operational Risk Management. By identifying the hazards, accessing the risks, analyzing the control measures, implementing controls, and reviewing, you could very well save your life.

Driving Safely

When applied to driving, risk-assessment starts with know-

ing your vehicle and yourself before you get behind the wheel. Have your vehicle serviced for any mechanical problems. Ensure you get plenty of sleep prior to leaving. While on the road, stop at least every two hours to rest your mind and body. Driver fatigue can happen at anytime, whether you've been driving fifteen minutes or two hours. If you try to fight fatigue you will lose.

Plan your driving route in advance. If the highway or road is heavily congested, recognize that there will be additional hazards. Use proper vehicle spacing, such as the two-second rule. Take a second look prior to entering an intersection. Never assume you have the right of way, even on a green light. Always check the current road and weather conditions for your route of travel. This planning can save you from a major headache or a hazard.

While driving down the highway, remember that speeding, fatigue and lack of situational awareness are major hazards. Using risk management will help you identify hazards imposed by our changing environment. Mishap prevention is always your responsibility.

Drinking and Driving

Military members who are found guilty of DUI/DWI charges can face devastating consequences, including loss of their military careers. Penalties can include forfeiture of one-half month's pay for two months, 60 days of restriction, 45 days of extra duty, 30 days correctional custody, a reprimand, reduction in grade or the loss of your driving privileges. These are only some of the consequences of drinking and driving. If you are making the Air Force a career, there are farther

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as a nation to honor this sacred obligation, he wasn't someone who came to the table with complaints but without solutions. He had proposals, he had a path of actions to follow and he had a dream: "I have a dream that my children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

This month, as we commemorate African-American History Month, let us also celebrate the birth, life, vision and principles — the dream — of Dr. King.

While it's natural we remember the events such as his assassination, it's far better when we seek to understand — and appreciate — the significance of what it meant not just at the time, but in the years that followed. He may have lived for 39 short years in the mid-1900s, but he certainly ranks as one of our nation's founding fathers.

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Avelino Reyes-Alfonso's skills in dealing with millions of dollars in contracts, his commitment to self-improvement, and dedication to community spirit garnered him the Overall Civilian of the Year Award.

Donna R. Desporte earned the Team Tyndall Volunteer of the Year award for her selfless service to Tyndall and the surrounding community.

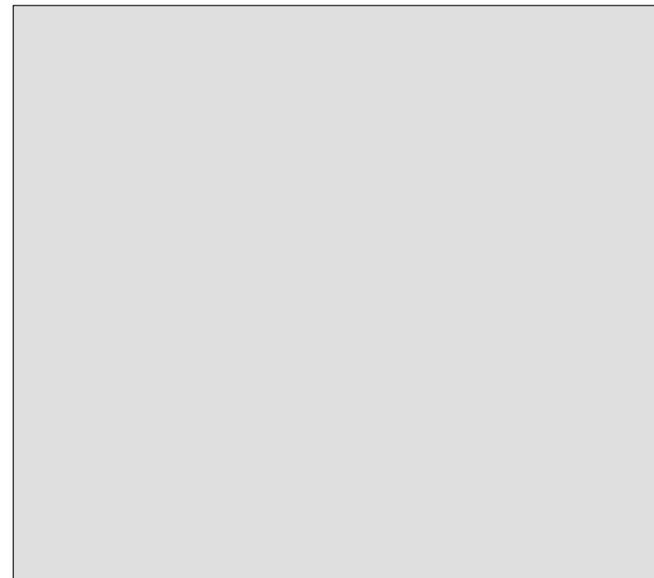
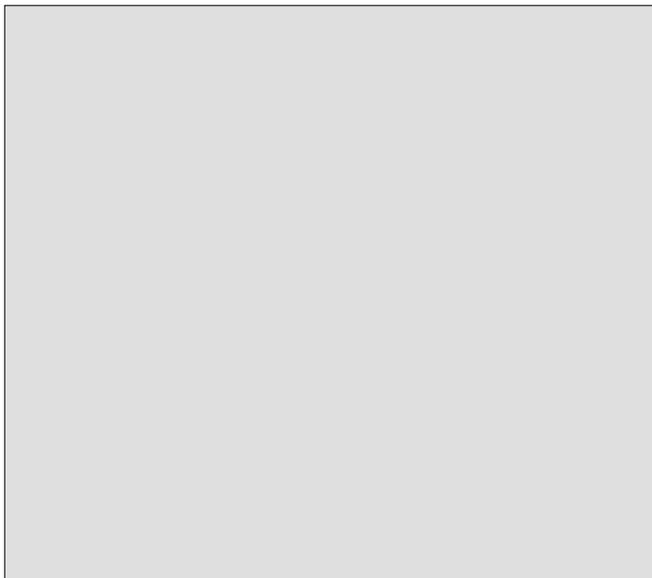
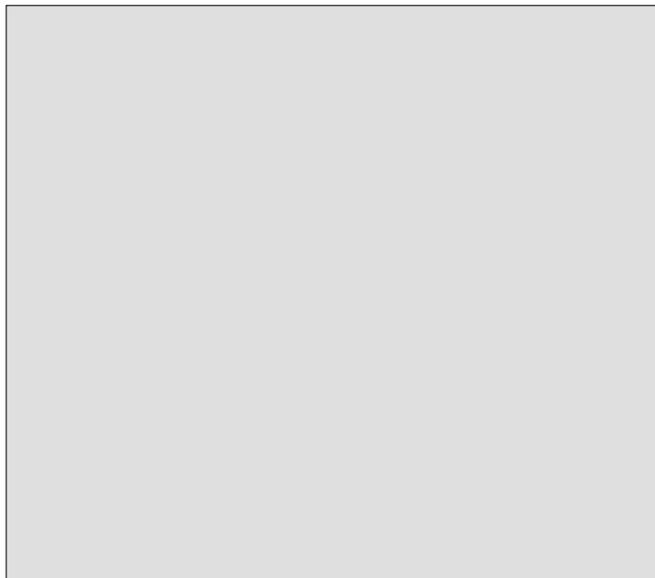
Congratulations to all Tyndall award winners! Your pledge to excellence can be seen in all you do, and it reflects highly on everyone who wears the Air Force uniform.



Courtesy photo

Tax guidance

Jason and Greisa Simpson get help doing their tax return at the Tyndall Tax Center recently. The Simpsons were the first customers to visit the center, which is located in the Marsh Room at the Community Activities Center. Appointments are available 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Walk-in customers are seen from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. To schedule an appointment or for more information, call 283-8913.



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recommit and emphasize the need to practice safety and risk management in everything we do.

To help do our part in reversing this trend, all of us – whether we work on the flightline or in offices – need to use this safety day to refocus on personal risk management. Through personal risk management, we identify the hazards involved in our on- and off-duty activities and take the appropriate actions to prevent a mishap from occurring in the first place.

I strongly urge you to make a new commitment to take care of yourself and others. To all our supervisors, I especially urge you to mentor those you supervise in their personal risk-management skills. By taking this approach, I know we'll safely handle the challenges we face.

Speaking of taking advantage of an opportunity, congratulations to the **Tyndall Tigers Men's Varsity Basketball Team**. They won the Southeast Military Athletic Conference regular season championship, beating Eglin Saturday 78-70, then again Sunday, netting a 95-90 victory at Eglin. Please check out the full story on **Page 11**.

I wanted to pass along special thanks to all our volunteers who participated in the **Valentines Day Visit the Vets** program. Spearheaded by the **Tyndall Active Airmen Association**, many of you visited veterans

throughout seven different nursing homes. I know the time spent with our vets was well appreciated. Above all, your affection showed them they're appreciated and certainly not forgotten.

On behalf of Team Tyndall, I want to express our deepest condolences to **retired Maj. Gen. Larry Fleming** on the loss of his wife, Peg, who passed away Feb. 8. General Fleming served as commander of the Air Defense Weapons Center, Aerospace Defense Command, at Tyndall Air Force Base in the early 1970s and continues to serve the men and women of Tyndall AFB in various capacities.

General Fleming, I want you to know our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family as you deal with this loss.

Before I close, I want to strongly encourage everyone who hasn't completed the **2002 Air Force CSAF Climate Survey** to do so as soon as possible. As of Tuesday, AETC was well under 50 percent overall participation, and Tyndall sits at just 33 percent complete. I can't overemphasize the importance of this survey in providing feedback to commanders at all levels. It's one of your best avenues for helping them improve their units. The survey only takes a few minutes to complete. It is available online via government computer at <http://csafsurvey.af.mil> or from a non-government computer at www.csafsurvey.com.



Master Sgt. Rob Fuller

Show and tell

Master Sgt. Glenn Russell, 325th Fighter Wing F-22 Integration Office, discusses the F-22 Raptor and its arrival to Tyndall next year with a visitor during Military Appreciation Day held at the State Capitol in Tallahassee Feb. 7. Team Tyndall members, along with other Florida bases and defense contractors, used the opportunity to share with legislators and citizens more about their individual missions and contributions to national defense.

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The following 325th Fighter Wing members received non-judicial punishment at Tyndall Air Force Base in December and January. This list is not published to single out individuals or to draw attention to specific squadrons or units. Therefore, member names and units will not be published. Information is published to familiarize members of Team Tyndall with actions that can result in disciplinary action.

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- An airman basic was given 15 days extra duty and 15 days restriction for failing to obey an order.

- An airman was reduced in rank to airman basic (suspended), forfeited \$100 pay for two months, given 30 days extra duty and reprimanded for signing a false official statement.

- A senior airman was reduced in rank to airman first class (suspended), given 10 days extra duty and reprimanded for making a false official statement.

- A senior airman was reduced in rank to airman basic for drunken driving and for failing to obey an order.

- A master sergeant was reduced in rank to technical sergeant and reprimanded for wrongful use of marijuana.

- A master sergeant was reduced in rank to technical sergeant (sus-

pending) and reprimanded for being drunk and disorderly on station and simple assault.

- A master sergeant was reduced in rank to technical sergeant for unauthorized use of the Government Travel Card (GTC) and signing a false official statement.

- An airman received 30 days of correctional custody, forfeited \$100 pay for two months and was reduced to airman basic (suspended) for drunken driving.

- An airman first class was reduced in rank to airman, given 15 days extra duty and reprimanded for failing to go on two occasions.

- An airman first class was given 15 days extra duty and a reprimand for failing to pay just debt.

- An airman first class was given 15 days extra duty and a reprimand for sleeping on post.

- An airman first class was reduced in rank to airman basic, given 28 days extra duty and reprimanded for larceny and forgery.

- A staff sergeant forfeited \$100 pay for 2 months and received a reprimand for simple assault and being drunk and disorderly on station.

- A captain was reprimanded for soliciting prostitution and making a false official statement.

Discharges

- An airman basic received a general discharge for conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline and drug abuse.

- An airman received a general discharge for minor disciplinary infractions.

- An airman received an honorable discharge for homosexual conduct.

- An airman first class received an honorable discharge for homosexual conduct.

- An airman first class received a general discharge for minor disciplinary infractions and for receiving a failure in the ADAPT (Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment) program.

- An airman basic received a general discharge for discreditable involvement with military and civilian authorities and for failing the ADAPT (Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment) program.

- An airman received a general discharge for failure to progress in on-the-job (OJT) training and dual CDC (Career Development Course) failures.

- An airman first class received a general discharge for failure to progress in on-the-job (OJT) training, dual CDC (Career Development Course) failures and minor disciplinary infractions.

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scenes. Thanks to their efforts, I know this will be a memorable open house and airshow for them, and definitely for our guests from the local community.”

Not all of the Gulf Coast Salute's 2002 activities will be in the air. Numerous ground displays and attractions will be available for the young and old. Aircraft currently slated to be on static display include the P-40, P-47, P-51, C-45, C-172, C-410, T-6, T-28, T-34, A-10, F-117, KC-135, MiG-23, MiG-29, L-17, L-19, DC-3, FedEx, B-55 and of course Tyndall's primary aircraft the F-15C Eagle.

As always, the annual show offers free admission and

parking, and shuttle bus transportation will be provided to the flightline show area. However, security will be stressed and base officials remind attendees that no pets, weapons, glass bottles or containers will be allowed.

An entire hangar is being dedicated to free events and activities for kids including pedal planes, face painting, moon walks and an F-22 display booth.

“There'll be great food, games and plenty of attractions making this year's event a great one,” said Major Luff.

To see how this year's Gulf Coast Salute is shaping up, check out the official Web site at www.gulfcoastsalute.homestead.com or call 283-8579.

Today in history

1804 New Jersey becomes the last northern state to abolish slavery.

1862 Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant launches a major assault on Fort Donelson, Tenn.

1869 Charges of treason against Jefferson Davis are dropped.

1898 The U.S. battleship *Maine* blows up in Havana Harbor, killing 268 sailors and bringing hordes of Western cowboys and gunfighters rushing to enlist in the Spanish-American War.

1940 Hitler orders that all British merchant ships will be considered warships.

1942 British forces in Singapore surrender to Japanese General Tomoyuki Yamashita.

1943 The Germans break the American Army's lines at the Fanid-Sened Sector in Tunisia, North Africa.

1967 Thirteen U.S. helicopters are shot down in one day in Vietnam.

Top chaplain to speak at prayer breakfast

CHAPLAIN (LT. COL.) DAN NIGOLIAN
325th Fighter Wing chaplain

According to President George W. Bush, the National Prayer Breakfast has been a symbol of the vital place of faith in the life of our nation. This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the National Prayer Breakfast here at Tyndall.

The breakfast was first organized by political and military leaders eager to reaffirm America as a nation of faith. In his remarks at the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C., President Bush stated, "The prayers of this nation are a part of the good that has come from the evil of September 11th." Tyndall members will affirm the president's sentiments by hosting a National Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday.

The breakfast will take place at 7 a.m. in the Pelican Reef Enlisted Club. Tickets will be available from first sergeants for \$2 each. A full breakfast will be served buffet style. The program should conclude not later than 8:15 a.m.

The speaker for this year's breakfast is the Chief of the Air Force



Courtesy photo

Maj. Gen. Lorraine K. Potter

Chaplain Service, Maj. Gen. Lorraine K. Potter. Chaplain Potter is the Air Force's first female chaplain. She is also the first woman to be Chief of Air Force Chaplains. She is an ordained minister of the American Baptist Churches, USA, and has held every command level position in the Chaplain Service.

As a member of the special staff of the chief of staff, Chaplain Potter

advises on all matters that pertain to the religious and moral welfare of Air Force personnel. Also, she is responsible for establishing an effective total chaplain program to meet the religious needs of all members of the Air Force. As chief of the chaplain service, she is the senior pastor of a combined active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian force of more than 850,000 people serving at approximately 1,300 locations in the United States and overseas. She leads an Air Force Chaplain Service of approximately 2,200 chaplains and enlisted support personnel from the active and Air Reserve components. As a member of the Armed Forces Chaplains Board, she and other members function as advisers to the secretary of defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff on religion, ethical and quality-of-life concerns.

Come celebrate with Chaplain Potter and other Tyndall members next Wednesday at the National Prayer Breakfast. Join us as we celebrate the strength of America — strength that comes from God.

IRS issues warning of faulty tax-audit scam

COURTESY OF THE 325TH STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE

The IRS recently alerted the Michigan Department of Treasury about e-mail requests for information under false pretenses that could be part of an identity theft attempt. Specifically, some taxpayers have received e-mail from a non-IRS source indicating that the taxpayer is under audit and must complete a questionnaire within 48 hours to avoid the assessment of penalties and interest. The e-mail refers to an "e-audit" and references the

IRS Form 1040. The taxpayer is asked for Social Security Numbers, bank account numbers and other confidential information. The IRS does not conduct e-audits, nor does it notify taxpayers of a pending audit via e-mail. This e-mail is not from the IRS. Anyone receiving an e-mail of this nature (source may be the address "blessthe day.com") should contact the local IRS office.

If you have had one of these requests, you should also contact the Tyndall Legal Office for information on how to protect your identity and your personal information.

National African-American History Month 2002 Proclamation

GEORGE W. BUSH
U.S. President

During these extraordinary times, America looks forward to new challenges and opportunities with a reinvigorated sense of unity and common purpose. We are a strong and vibrant nation, thanks to the creativity, fortitude and resilience of people of every race and background. During National African-American History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African-Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual and political development.

In 1915, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson founded The Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. Through that association, he began pressing for the establishment of Negro History Week as a way to bring national attention to the accomplishments of African-Americans. He hoped to neutralize the apparent distortions in black history and to provide a more objective and scholarly balance to American and world history.

Dr. Woodson's dream became a reality in 1926. He chose the second week of February for the observance because of its proximity to the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, two individuals whom Dr. Woodson felt had dramatically affected the lives of African-Americans. And in 1976, the Association succeeded in expanding the observance, which then became Black History Month.

The theme of National African-American History Month for 2002 is "The Color Line Revisited: Is Racism Dead?" The observance calls our nation's attention to the continued need to battle racism and to build a society that fully lives up to its democratic ideals. This commitment includes ensuring a high-quality education for all Americans, so that no child is left behind, and challenges us to continue to rebuild and restore our communities, to fight crime and violence and to pursue equal opportunity and equal justice in every part of our society. At the same time, the United States must look beyond its borders and take an ac-

tive role in helping to alleviate poverty, stimulate economic growth and trade, enhance democracy and combat HIV/AIDS in Africa.

This annual event gives all Americans a chance to recognize and commemorate the global history of people of African descent. As we celebrate National African-American History Month, I join with all Americans in celebrating our diverse heritage and culture and continuing our efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful and prosperous for all.

Now, therefore I, George W. Bush, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim February 2002 as National African-American History Month. I call upon public officials, educators, librarians and all of the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities that highlight and honor the myriad contributions of African-Americans.



2ND LT. SERENA CUSTIS
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Their credentials are impressive on paper; but, many pictures that African-American Air Force heroes experienced their faces and determination pushing them forward, the place in Air Force history.

These airmen are honored not just for being great African-Americans, but for their lives to the defense of their country, despite racial struggles. They blazed a trail so that the journey for those behind them was easier. African-Americans to dream bigger dreams than before... hope was to attain basic freedoms and an opportunity to live. They have started something great for African-Americans in the

Gen. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr.

Carrying on the legacy of his father, who was the first black general in the armed forces, Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. made heroic strides during his military career. His most memorable successes are linked with his command of the 332nd Fighter group, known as the "Red Tails." The group was comprised of graduates of the Tuskegee Institute, the first all-black pilot training school in Tuskegee, Alabama, where General Davis was an instructor. These airmen provided bomber escorts to Berlin during World War II, flying more than 15,000 sorties against the Luftwaffe. General Davis held several command positions, and with his promotion to brigadier general, he became the first black general in the Air Force. He retired as a lieutenant general in 1970, but in 1998, President Bill Clinton awarded him a fourth star for his outstanding service to the country.



Gen. Daniel "Chappie" James, Jr.

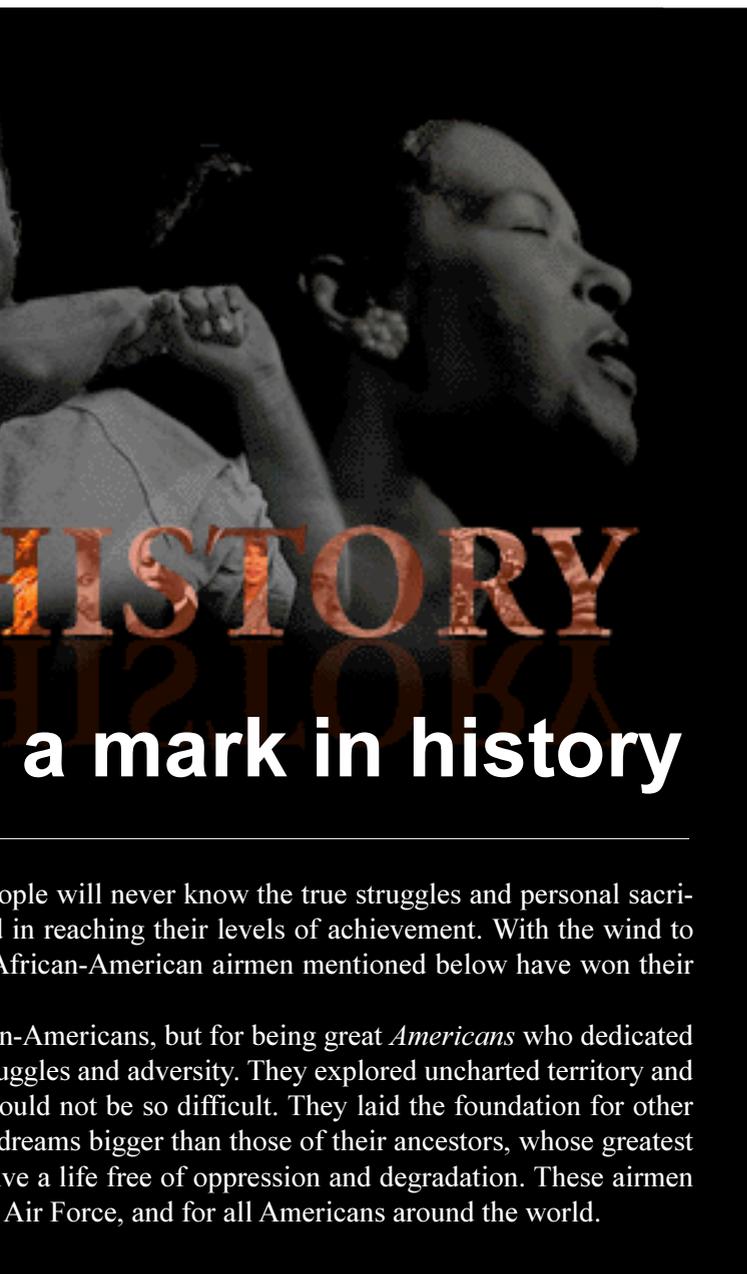
General James set the standard for potential of African-Americans in the Air Force by earning the highest level of military rank: four stars. General James, after graduating first in his pilot-training class at the Tuskegee Institute, went on to complete fighter-pilot combat training. He fought in three wars and had various command assignments including his command of the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD), with responsibility for all aspects of the air defense of the United States and Canada. In September of 1975, he became the first black officer in the history of the United States military to attain full general rank. He was sought after as a public speaker and devoted considerable time to addressing youth groups, particularly minority students. He died of a heart attack shortly after his retirement from the Air Force in Colorado Springs, Colorado.



Gen. Lloyd "Fig" Newton

General Newton began his impressive Air Force career as a pilot-training graduate at Williams Air Force Base, Arizona, in June 1967. He was the first African-American selected to join the Thunderbirds, the Air Force's precision aerial demonstration team, in November 1974. In nearly four years with the Thunderbirds, he contributed as a narrator, slot pilot and right wingman. General Newton racked up more than 4,000 flying hours in the T-37, T-38, F-4, F-15, F-16, C-12 and F-117 stealth fighter. Among other accomplishments, the general has flown 269 combat missions from Da Nang Air Base, South Vietnam, commanded three wings and an air division and served in several high-level posts. Before retiring on Aug. 1, 2000, he oversaw the recruitment, training and education of Air Force personnel as the Air Education and Training Commander at Randolph Air Force Base.





people will never know the true struggles and personal sacrifice in reaching their levels of achievement. With the wind to African-American airmen mentioned below have won their

in-American, but for being great *Americans* who dedicated struggles and adversity. They explored uncharted territory and could not be so difficult. They laid the foundation for other dreams bigger than those of their ancestors, whose greatest life free of oppression and degradation. These airmen Air Force, and for all Americans around the world.

Tyndall plans activities celebrating Black History Month

MASTER SGT. WALDLENA SCHMIDT
Tyndall Black Heritage Committee

February is Black History Month and Tyndall's Black Heritage Committee has three events scheduled this month to help celebrate the achievements and contributions of African-Americans. This year's theme is "The African-American Legacy: Contribution and Service in America's Defense."

The first event is the Black History Month luncheon which will be held at the enlisted club, 11 a.m. Wednesday. "The luncheon is a great way for people on base to take an hour or so and learn a little more about African-American culture and history," said Master Sgt. Terrell Reid, President of Tyndall's BHC. "We encourage everyone, regardless

of race, to come out to the club and enjoy this celebration with us."

The guest speaker is Reverend Ronald E. Williams, Sr., pastor to Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Pensacola, Fla. Allen Chapel is the leading church for the West Florida District comprised of 45 churches from Pensacola to Marianna. He also serves as Chairman of the West Florida Board of Examiners.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$7 for club members and \$10 for non-members and are available by contacting Sergeant Reid at 283-2670 or Master Sgt. Schmidt at 283-6378. Make your reservation no later than close of business today.

The second event will be a Taster's Choice at 11:30 a.m. at the Chapel 2

Annex Feb. 27. If you enjoy down-home cooking, come on out for a meal. Donations for the Taster's Choice go to the annual scholarship fund.

On March 16, come out and enjoy gospel, jazz, dance, rap, poetry, and rhythm and blues as the Tyndall Black Heritage Committee sponsors its annual scholarship dinner program at the Tyndall enlisted club. This year's program will be a variety show featuring talent from the base and local community. If you have talent and would like to be a part of this year's program, or you know someone who would like to participate, contact Committee Chairman Tech. Sgt. Calvin Ridley at 283-4249 or Sergeant Terrell Reid at 283-2670.

"America looks forward to new challenges and opportunities with a reinvigorated sense of unity and common purpose. We are a strong and vibrant nation, thanks to the creativity, fortitude and resilience of people of every race and background. During National African-American History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African-Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual and political development."

GEORGE W. BUSH
U.S. President

Gen. Marcelite J. Harris

Major General Marcelite Harris made her mark in Air Force history by being a woman of many "firsts." She was the first female aircraft maintenance officer in the Air Force, the first female deputy commander for maintenance and one of the first two female air officers commanding at the U.S. Air Force Academy. In 1997, shortly before she retired from active-duty service, she helped to establish a permanent office for the Committee on Women in NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) within the organization's existing Military Committee. She served as a personnel staff officer and White House social aide, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. With her promotion to brigadier general in 1991, she not only became the first black female general in the Air Force, she was the highest-ranking woman in the Department of Defense. General Harris retired on Feb. 22, 1997.



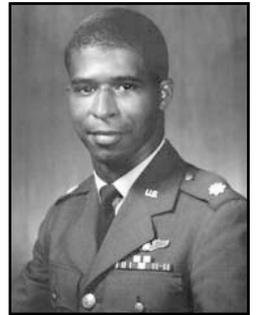
Chief Master Sgt. Thomas N. Barnes

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Thomas N. Barnes was an adviser to the Secretaries of the Air Force John L. McLucas and Thomas C. Reed and also Chief of Staffs of the Air Force Gen. George S. Brown and Gen. David C. Jones on matters concerning welfare, effective utilization and progress of the enlisted members of the Air Force. He was the fourth chief master sergeant appointed to this ultimate noncommissioned officer position and the only African-American to ever have the position. He served as a crew chief and flight engineer on B-25, T-11, C-45 and C-47 aircraft in support of various requirements of Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Headquarters Military Air Transport Service and the Air Research and Development Command. He was promoted to the grade of chief master sergeant on Dec. 1, 1969 and assumed duties as command senior enlisted adviser. He retired on Aug. 1, 1977.



Maj. Robert H. Lawrence, Jr.

Major Robert H. Lawrence left African-Americans a strong legacy in the early evolution of space development as the Air Force's first black astronaut. After earning a bachelor's and doctorate degree in chemistry, Major Lawrence served as an Air Force pilot and a research scientist in the Air Force Weapons Laboratory. Later, he completed Air Force Test Pilot school and became an astronaut in the Manned Orbiting Laboratory. As a test pilot who flew several research flights in the F-104 Starfighter jet aircraft, Major Lawrence tested theories that led to the present-day design of the Orbiter space shuttle. He ultimately lost his life while he was an instructor pilot when his student lost control of the aircraft. He died on Dec. 8, 1967 at age 32. The development and evolution of the many space station designs over the past 30 years was possible because of men like Major Lawrence.



AFCESA civilian wins Air Force engineer award

TECH. SGT. MICHAEL A. WARD

Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency public affairs

TYNDALLAFB, Fla. — An Air Force civilian has been named Air Force Civil Engineer of the year by a major national engineering society.

Mike Santoro, an electrical engineer with the Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency, was honored by the National Society of Professional Engineers, Jan. 18, as the Air Force's Federal Engineer of the Year (civilian category).

"To be recognized by my peers is really significant because there are many good federal engineers out there" Mr. Santoro

said. "Our work is usually done behind the scenes, in the trenches. When we're recognized, it is greatly appreciated."

Mr. Santoro is a member of the Air Force Utility Rates Management team. The team is responsible for negotiating and managing utility rates and contracts for all Air Force installations and ensuring the Air Force receives the most cost-effective and reliable utility service.

Last year was one of the most difficult for the Air Force in terms of energy management because of rising natural gas prices and a full-fledged energy crisis in California. Mr. Santoro and the team,

however, found creative ways for the Air Force to contain its spiraling energy bill.

"California got all the headlines, but natural gas prices were increasing rapidly across the country, and those increases were leading to increases in electrical cost, not just in California, but across the country," Mr. Santoro said.

The team kept costs in check by controlling utility rates and locking in prices with long-term contracts that should save the Air Force about \$42 million in energy costs over a five-year period, Mr. Santoro said. The team also helped the Air Force meet federal renewable energy-conserva-

tion goals by procuring renewable energy at competitive rates at several Air Force installations.

Since 1991 the team has saved the Air Force about \$725 million in energy costs. Last year alone it saved the service about \$81 million.

A long-time Panama City, Fla. resident, Mr. Santoro has been with the Air Force since 1974 and with AFCESA since 1983. He holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Alabama and a master's degree from University of Florida. He is a registered professional engineer in Florida, Texas and Alabama.

Promotions

It's promotion time, and Team Tyndall had a number of people who earned a higher rank. Don't forget to congratulate the following folks when you see them:

Lt. Col. (sel) Montgomery Deihl
Lt. Col. (sel) Richard Doran
Lt. Col. (sel) Gary Klett
Lt. Col. (sel) Mark Koopman
Lt. Col. (sel) Geoffrey McClendon
Lt. Col. (sel) Kenneth Mulligan
Lt. Col. (sel) Mary Robinson
Lt. Col. (sel) Laura Stahl
Lt. Col. (sel) Darrin Valha
Lt. Col. (sel) Barry Wardlaw
Capt. Bryon Gleisner

The calendar year 2001B Central Line, Judge Advocate General, Chaplain, Nurse Corps and Biomedical Sciences Corps lieutenant colonel boards selected 1,712 officers for promotion to lieutenant colonel. The calendar year 2001D Captain JAG board also selected 33 first lieutenants for promotion to captain. Both lists are posted in their entirety on the Air Force Personnel Center's Web page, www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/offprom.



Staff Sgt. Roel Utley

Talking with the tooth fairy

Staff Sgt. Renee Todd dressed up as the tooth fairy and visited children at the Tyndall Child Development Center Tuesday. She was accompanied by Airman 1st Class Michael Pohlable and Capt. Michael Gardner, all of the base dental clinic. The trio were promoting dental hygiene as part of Children's Dental Health Month.

Tyndall Tigers sweep Eglin in close contests – crowned SEMAC Conference Champions

COURTESY OF THE TYNDALL TIGERS

The Tyndall Tigers Men's Varsity Basketball Team traveled to Eglin last weekend in Southeastern Military Athletic Conference (SEMAC) action. The two squads knew going into the contests that due to losses by both Hurlburt Field and Fort Benning that a sweep would garner the SEMAC Conference crown. The two teams slugged it out with the Tigers left standing with two hard-fought victories to claim the title.

Tyndall-78, Eglin-73

In Saturday's game, the Tigers, despite the red-hot shooting hand of Redd "the Franchise" Batiste, who tallied 18 first-half points (four of five three-pointers), trailed the Eagles by one point at the intermission, 33-32. In the second stanza, Tyndall dug in defensively, alternating between full court man-to-man and zone defenses to build an 11-point lead with 6:35 remaining to be played. Eglin went on a 10-0 scoring run, while Tyndall suffered through a three-minute scoring drought to trim their deficit to one point, 67-66 with 3:35 remaining. Down the stretch, Batiste, Marcus Baucom and Israel Figueroa scored crucial buckets for Tyndall as the Tigers extended their lead to six points and went into their delay offense. The Eagles were forced to foul and the Tigers sealed their victory from the charity stripe as they connected on five out of six free throws to take the five-point victory.

Redd Batiste led the Tigers in scoring with a game and season-high 31 points, followed by Israel Figueroa and Marcus "the Mailman" Baucom with 14 and 11 points respectively. Marvin "G-Money" Gamble and Figueroa

led the Tigers in rebounding with 12 and 10 respectively and Baucom led in assists with six. Israel Boyd led Eglin in scoring with 27 points.

Tyndall-95, Eglin-90

Whereas Saturday's game had been a defensive struggle, Sunday's contest was an old-fashioned shoot out. Tyndall, behind balanced first-half scoring from the trio of Israel Figueroa (17 points), Marvin "Gamble" (11) and Tarrance Garner (10), took a 50-43 lead into the half-time break. In the second half, the Tigers were on the verge of putting the Eagles away as Tyndall extended its lead to 14 points with 10:23 remaining. Once again the Eagles came storming back to come within two points with 4:06 remaining, 77-75, but Batiste connected on back-to-back three-pointers to thwart the Eagle rally. Tyndall led 89-86 with 55 seconds remaining to be played. The Tigers ran their delay game to perfection, forcing Eglin to foul. Tyndall re-

ceived clutch free-throw shooting from Tarrance "Big Game" Garner, Redd Batiste and Baucom, who combined to go 6-6 from the line to seal the 95-90 victory—completed the sweep and seized the conference championship.

Gamble led the Tigers in scoring with a game-high 22 points; followed by Batiste with 20, Figueroa with 17, Garner with 14 and Baucom had 12 points. Gamble and Figueroa tied for rebounding honors with 10 each and Baucom led in assists with six. Israel Boyd again led Eglin in scoring with 21 points.

The Tigers will return to Eglin again this weekend to compete in the SEMAC Men's Post-Season Basketball Tournament that will be held Saturday and Sunday and will consist of teams from Moody, Keesler, Hurlburt Field, Eglin, Fort Benning as well as Tyndall. Tyndall is scheduled to play Keesler at noon Saturday. The championship game is 4 p.m. Sunday. Come and cheer the Tigers to victory.



Courtesy photo

The Tyndall Tigers — from left to right (standing); Head Coach Rica Page, Jon Johnson, Marvin Gamble, Scott Moore, Al Overton, Israel Figueroa, Tarrance Garner, Assistant Coach William Sharpe; (kneeling:) Assistant Coach Terrell Reid, Redd Batiste, Kier Turpin, Marcus Baucom, Malik Taylor, Statistician Emmett Osburn.

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Gulf Guide

**in the
Tyndall community**

FEBRUARY

FRI 15

Top 3 meeting

A Tyndall Top 3 meeting is 3:30 p.m. today in the Pelican Reef Enlisted Club's Classics Lounge.

W-2 forms

Anyone who has not received a W-2 by today may go to the finance office's customer service counter and fill out a W-2 request form. The W-2 should be ready for pickup within 24 hours.

SAT 16

Gumbo cook-off

The 4th Annual Mexico Beach Gumbo Cook-off will be 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at Sunset Park, next to the El Governor Motel in Mexico Beach.

Cash prizes will include \$500 for first place, \$250 for second place and \$100 for third place winners. Entrants wishing to be included in the judging should bring two or more gallons of their gumbo, along with containers and heating devices. The judging committee will provide electricity, tables, bowls, napkins and utensils. Gumbo from the cook-off will be sold by the bowl to raise money for Mexico Beach's Independence Day celebration. For more information, call 648-8196 or pick up an application at the Mexico Beach Community Development Council office.

Latino-style Valentine celebration

The community is invited to join El Foro Latino and Don Tommy Cultural Connections in celebrating Valentine's Day Latino style 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Saturday at the Days Inn Bayside, 711 West Beach Drive. For more information, call Don Tommy, 872-1552.

MON 18

'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.

Base exchange holiday hours

The following base exchange facilities will be open at the times indicated on Monday, Presidents Day: main exchange, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Shoal Point Shoppette, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Class Six, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Felix Lake Shoppette, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Anthony's Pizza, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. All other facilities will be closed.

TUE 19

Focus 56 meeting

A Focus 56 meeting for staff sergeant selects through technical sergeants will be 3 p.m. Tuesday in the NCO Academy auditorium. The guest speaker will be Chief Master Sgt. Ron Georgia, 325th Fighter Wing career assistance adviser. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Bryon Nelson, 283-8742.

Commissary hours

The commissary will be open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday.

Coastal navigation course

The Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 16 basic coastal navigation course is 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Gulf Coast Community College's Student Union East building, Gibson lecture hall, Room 231. The course ends Feb. 28. For more information, call John Clark, 271-3828, or visit the flotilla Web site at: <http://clik.to/USCGAUXFlotilla16>.

Safe boating course

The Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 19 boating skills and seamanship class will be 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Navy Coastal Systems Station. The course runs through March 14. For more information, call 215-2025.

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. Laura Palm, 283-7594, or Master Sgt. Perry Newberry, 283-4189.

WED 20

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.

Wood Manor water outage

The 325th Civil Engineer Squadron will conduct a water outage to replace isolation valves on the water distribution mains 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Wednesday. Due to the possibility of initial water discoloration, it is recommended that clothes not be washed until the water clears. The outage will affect Wood Manor family housing occupants in residences 2301, 2303, 2305 and 2307 Jefferson St. and 5008, 5009, 5013, 5015, 5018, 5020, 5022, 5023, 5025, 5026, 5030-5033 in the Bonita Bay area. Fire hydrants 19, 5001, 5002 and 5003 will be affected. For more information, call the civil engineer office, 283-4949.

Youth job fair

The Second Annual Bay County Youth Job Fair will be noon-3 p.m. Wednesday in the Rutherford High School gymnasium. The fair is aimed at Bay County youth ages 16-21 seeking jobs with local employers.

NOTES

Hospital volunteers needed

The American Red Cross is in need of volunteers at the base hospital. Help is needed in the pediatrics, internal medicine, family practice and physical therapy clinics. For more information, call Naomi Woodruff at the American Red Cross, 283-2770 or 763-6587.

Olympics escorts needed

Volunteer escorts are needed for the Special Olympics 7 a.m.-4 p.m. March 16. Anyone interested in volunteering may call Capt. Lori Vessels, 283-3899. For general information, call 2nd Lt. Ryan Nash, 283-2218.

Climate survey

The 2002 Air Force Chief of Staff Climate Survey will continue through March 8. For more information, visit the survey Web site at: csafsurvey.af.mil.

Sewer problems

The base contractor and the sewer contractor are currently experiencing problems with large amounts of grease in the sewer and sink traps and are asking that grease not be disposed of in drains.

Robinhood Sandwich Shoppe

The Robinhood Sandwich Shoppe is now located in Building 532. The hours of operation are 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 286-8288.

RETIREE NEWS

TRICARE cap reduced

The TRICARE fiscal year catastrophic cap has been reduced from \$7,500 to \$3,000 for uniformed services retirees, their family members and survivors. The cap is the maximum amount of out-of-pocket costs these beneficiaries are required to pay for medical care during a fiscal year. For active-duty family members, the catastrophic cap remains \$1,000 per fiscal year. The catastrophic cap reduction is retroactive to Oct. 1, 2000. Retirees, their family members and survivors who have paid more than \$3,000 out-of-pocket for TRICARE-covered services are eligible for reimbursement. The managed care support contractors will search their files and identify beneficiaries due refunds. Beneficiaries who have saved their receipts and choose to initiate a request for reimbursement may do so by contacting their regional claims processor for guidance on where to submit their receipts and claims.

It is not necessary for beneficiaries to resubmit claims already paid by TRICARE to qualify for reimbursement of the amount paid over the catastrophic cap. For retirees, their family members and survivors enrolled in TRICARE Prime, there is an enrollment year cap. The enrollment year cap begins on the anniversary date of enrollment in TRICARE Prime and applies to all enrollees. Catastrophic caps, both fiscal year and enrollment year combined, will not exceed \$3,000 in a given 12-month period for retirees, their family members and survivors. Once the catastrophic cap and enrollment year cap combined are met by TRICARE Prime enrollees, TRICARE will pay up to the TRICARE-allowable amount for all covered services (excluding point-of-service charges which do not count toward the catastrophic cap).

Some beneficiaries mistakenly believe that the \$3,000 catastrophic cap is the ceiling on the amount that TRICARE will cover for a family during any given year; in actuality, the cap will protect retirees, their family members and survivors from paying more than \$3,000 out-of-pocket for medical care. For more information on catastrophic cap reduction, beneficiaries are encouraged to contact the nearest TRICARE service center or military treatment facility beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinators for assistance. TRICARE benefit information is also available on the Military Health System-TRICARE Web site at: <http://www.tricare.osd.mil>, or by calling (888) 363-5433.

RAO tax assistance

Volunteer income tax assistance at the Retiree Activities Office will continue 9 a.m.-noon on Wednesdays through April 10. To make an appointment, call the RAO, 283-2737.

CLASSIFIEDS

Futon, wood frame, black cushion with tan cover, \$150. Chaise lounge, white with stripes, \$50. Okie Dokie stroller, \$15. Call 286-8642.

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reaching consequences you will deal with. A DUI can stick with your records throughout your years in the service. There are options for you to get home safely, and they don't include you driving drunk. If you have been drinking, the 325th Fighter Wing has the "Safe Ride Home Program" and the "Airman Against Drunk Drivers Program." Both these programs are in place and can save you a trip to jail or your family a trip to the morgue. Be smart don't drink and drive!

Child Safety Seats

Is your child safety seat secure in the car? To do its job, a child safety seat must be held securely against the vehicle's seat back. If the lap part of the safety belt is not tight or the safety seat slides around on the vehicle seat, your child may not be protected. Children age 12 and under should ride in the back seat. Never put an infant (less than one year old) rear facing in the front of a car with a passenger air bag. Infants must always ride in the back seat facing the rear of the car. The lap part of the belt must hold the safety seat firmly in place. To make it tight, push the safety seat down onto the seat cushion while you tighten the belt around it. Push down on

it with your full weight to get the belt really tight. To check for a tight fit, pull the safety seat forward and push it from side to side. If the belt loosens or the base of the safety seat slides forward or sideward more than an inch, your child may not be protected.

Bicycle Safety Tips

When riding a bike, it's important to always ride on the right side of the road, with the flow of traffic. You should always be predictable, obey all traffic signs and be aware of your surroundings. Ensure that motorists can see you. Always keep stunts and tricks off the streets and avoid dangerous roads. In addition, while on base, you must wear helmets and other protective gear.

Motorcycle operators on base are required to follow several additional rules. If riding a motorcycle, your headlight must be on, your bike must have rear-view mirrors, you and any passengers need to wear a DOT approved helmet that is strapped on securely. The driver is required to wear impact-resistant goggles or a full-face shield. Your outer garments must include a brightly colored vest that is reflective during the night. In addition, shirt sleeves must be full-length and no shorts are allowed.

Funshine NEWS

February 15, 2002

This page is produced by the 325th Services Marketing office, 283-4565.

Community Activities Center

☎ 283-2495

Ballroom Dance Classes

with Russ Knight (Slow Dancing, Swing and Waltz). Starts Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Community Activities Center Ballroom. Cost is \$65 per couple for a 4 week session.

St. Paddy's Day Treasure Hunt

Starts March 5. Grand Prize: Playstation 2. Register by March 5.

Modeling Classes

Starts March 2, 11 - 11:30 a.m. Class is for ages 8 yrs old and up. Cost: \$20 for a 4 week session.

Information, Tickets & Travel

☎ 283-2499

Opening on Saturdays

Beginning Feb. 23, Information, Tickets and Travel will be open on Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Skeet & Trap

☎ 283-3855

Squadron Sports Days

The range is available for squadron sports days. Prior arrangements can be made through Wendy at 283-2499.

**Watch for the ITT
Travel Fair coming to
FamCamp on March 22**

Vendors representing a variety of travel destinations will be present. Call 283-2499 for more info.

Family Child Care

☎ 283-2266

Licensing Requirements

Base housing residents providing child care, in their home are required to be licensed by the Air Force. Contact the Family Child Care office for details.

Child Care Available

Child care is available in licensed family child care homes. Contact a licensed provider for information. Provider names are available through the CDC, Youth Center, and Family Support Center as well as the Family Child Care Office.

Pelican Pt. Golf Course

☎ 283-4389

Golf Advisory Meeting

February 21

Aero Club

☎ 283-4404

Unsure About Flying?

Schedule an orientation flight and see what you have been missing. Call Bill or Vicki for more information.

**Let the Fitness Ctr.
Help you lose those
unwanted pounds!**

FREE Aerobics Classes

- Mon. - Fri.: 9 a.m., noon, & 5 p.m.
- Sat.: 10 a.m.

**Call 283-2631
for more
information**



Skills Development Ctr.

☎ 283-4511

Special Hours

The center will be closed on Feb. 19.

Automotive Class

Tire Rotation and Balancing Class . Feb. 27 from 6-7 p.m. Class is limited to 5 students.

Framing Class

Framing classes are available on Thursdays 5-7 p.m. cost is \$30 and includes 8" x 10" frame supplies. Must prepay and register.

Bonita Bay

☎ 283-3199

We Can Help

Interested in Manatees? Let us help you plan your encounter. Stop by for helpful tips in making the most of your trip.

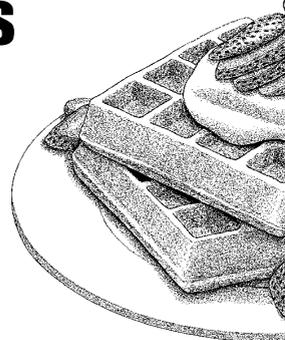
**The Marina Club
now offers Pizza on
Friday Nights, 5-8 p.m.
Carry out or Dine-In
Call 283-3059
for more information.**

Super Sunday All Ranks Brunch!

February 24 at the O' Club

\$6.95 Members and \$8.95 Non-members

Menu Includes: Omelets made to order, Belgian waffles, sausage, bacon, hash browns, fresh fruit, muffins, Danish, and biscuits & gravy



Cupid's Cruise

**AETC Club members,
eat at your AF Club
Feb. 1-28 for a chance
to win a cruise!**



Tyndall Fitness Center

MUSCLE BEACH 2002

March 30, 2002

Competition begins at 10 a.m. Weigh-Ins begin at 8 a.m. This competition is open to all Active Duty, Reservist, DOD employees, Government Contractors, Retirees, family members. Participants must be 16 yrs. of age or older.

Events Include:

- Power Lifting: Bench Press, Squat & Dead Lift
- Bench Press

Register by Mar. 15, 2002

For more information call 283-2631.



Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

USA Tennis 1-2-3

Sign-up and learn the basics in a fun, group environment. Open to ages 6 & up. Begins March 2 at 9 a.m. Cost is \$30. Call Andy at 283-4366 for details.

Attention High School Students

Need money for college? Join the Youth Employment Skills Program and gain work experience while earning money for college. Call Andy at 283-4366 for details.

CARTOON NETWORK BOWLING CLUB

Starts April 14, 2002

**Sunday Night • 6 p.m.
(Bowl for 16 Weeks*)**

Ball and Bag: \$8.75 per week
Accessory Package: \$5.70 per week
Bowling: Adult \$4.50, Youth \$3.00 per week

**Raptor Lanes
Bowling Center
283-2380**

*League length and cost may change once league committee has met.

Vet Clinic

☎ 283-2434

Closed Feb. 15 & 18

