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Operations, logistics groups revamp training program

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325th Fighter Wing public affairs

In summer of 2000, the 325th Operations and Logistics groups were staring a Career Development Course pass rate of only 74 percent right in the face. But with a lot of hard work and dedication, the trainees, the supervisors and the Logistics Support Squadron training flight were able to turn an entire training program around and are now enjoying the fruit of their labors.

Seventeen months ago, with many troops needing waivers for their second CDC failure, the people immediately responsible for training them, the logistics training management branch, knew it was time for action. They implemented a "back-to-basics" approach to training, and in the process restored high-priority status to CDCs.

The training branch put together a "tiger-team" that designed timelines for completion that were within the boundaries of wing policy. In addition, they instituted alert systems for trainees nearing deadlines that at best got the troop a letter, at the worst brought attention from the trainee's group commander.

Most importantly though, were the training managers and supervisors, both on and off the flightline who were asked to shoulder more responsibility. The training managers became more aggressive; initially they left it to the supervisors to get the student done, according to Master Sgt. Barbara Patterson, logistics training management branch chief. "It would be eight months before some students had their test ordered (due to day-to-day job requirements on supervisors). Statistically, anything over eight months and you're almost guaranteeing yourself a failure."

Major Monty Diehl, LSS commander, added, "The supervisors are the ones who really made this happen. They are the ones who gave the trainee the homework, double-checked to make sure they got it done. The credit goes to the supervisors who are out there pushing to make this a priority."

Though troops adhered to a stringent schedule and were held accountable for their academics, there were valuable rewards for those who succeeded. For those test-takers who posted scores of 90 per-

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Staff Sgt. Dan Neely

Let the sunshine in

Airman Mike Gauthier, 95th Fighter Squadron assistant dedicated crew chief, cleans the canopy of an F-15 recently on the Tyndall flightline.

Air Force announces new re-enlistment bonus list

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Bluesuiters in seven additional career fields will now receive re-enlistment bonuses, courtesy of the recent Selective Re-enlistment Bonus Review Board, officials at the Pentagon said.

Following the board, the Air Force released its latest selective re-enlistment bonus list, resulting in several additions, said Lt. Col. Francine Blackmon, chief of Air Force skills management at the Pentagon.

The board considered enlisted skills with no SRB currently authorized for an initial award, along with SRB multiple increases/reductions/deletions for existing SRB skills. Emphasis was placed on those career fields determined as "stressed" — those with existing shortages.

All 197 enlisted skills were reviewed, including reporting identifiers and special duty identifiers. The Air Force will now pay bonuses to personnel in 161 skills.

Seven skills have been added while 18 skills on the current list remain the same. Zone A changes, which apply to airmen re-enlisting between 17 months and six years of service, incurred nine additions and 110 increases. Zone B changes, which apply to airmen re-enlisting between six and 10 years of service, had 17 additions and 79 increases. Zone C changes, which apply to

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Team Tyndall named outstanding unit

BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM F. HODGKINS
325th Fighter Wing commander



I've got some great news that I'm extremely proud to announce. We recently received official word that the 325th

Fighter Wing has won the **Air Force Outstanding Unit Award** for the period from July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2001. If you were assigned to the Checkertail Clan during that period, I want to congratulate you. It took an incredible amount of teamwork and focused dedication to our mission to make this happen.

During the period, the wing produced mission-capable F-15 pilots, air battle managers and weapons directors, as well as air traffic control officers, international controller students and intelligence personnel. The wing also showed its strength when it landed an overall "Excellent" rating in the January 2001 Air Education and Training



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Command Operational Readiness Inspection.

That excellence continued as the wing hosted President Bush's first official visit to an Air Force base, and a multitude of base units earned "Best Practices" through an amazing array of innovation and hard work. And folks, that's just the tip of the iceberg. Well done to all those who made this wing stand head and shoulders above the rest!

On behalf of Team Tyndall, I'd like to introduce our new **Military Affairs**

Committee chairman, Hugh Roche. In this capacity, Mr. Roche holds a critical position as a vital link in establishing and maintaining positive relations between Tyndall Air Force Base and the local community. We'll all get better acquainted very quickly as Hugh and his wife, Carla, will tour the base Monday. I'm eager to begin working with Mr. Roche and I see great things ahead for the base and our neighbors in the community.

Speaking of introductions, we wel-

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

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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

Tax tips

Unreimbursed moving expenses

Deductions are important because they are subtracted from your gross income thereby lowering your tax liability. There are various deductions individuals can take depending on their status. In 2001 if you moved due to a permanent change of station, you are eligible to deduct the reasonable unreimbursed expenses of your move. Expenses incurred from the moving of household goods and personal effects, including expenses for hauling a trailer, packing, crating, in-transit storage and insurance qualify as deductions. However, you are not allowed to deduct expenses incurred for moving furniture or other goods that you bought on the way from your old home to your new home. Unreimbursed travel and lodging expenses are also deductible; however, travel modestly because you cannot deduct lavish and extravagant lodging. If you traveled by car, you can claim either your actual expenses incurred or 10 cents per mile. Unfortunately, there is no deduction for meals. It is important to remember that if the travel management office reimbursed all of your moving expenses you do not qualify for this deduction. This deduction can only be used for moving expenses that were not reimbursed in part or in full by the travel management office. For more information on deducting moving expenses, pick up a copy of IRS Publication 3, *Armed Forces Tax Guide* or log on to www.irs.gov.

Words to live by: duty, honor, country

TECH. SGT. TIMOTHY CARNEY
365th Training Squadron

SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Several years ago, while I was stationed in Washington, D.C., I discovered I had some leave to burn, so I decided to go somewhere I had never been before. I turned my car north and headed for the U.S. Military Academy in upstate New York, better known as West Point.

During my two days there, I walked the grounds, immersing myself in the rich history and traditions that go back to 1802, the year West Point was established to "...develop leaders of character for the nation, to serve the common defense."

In the 1890s, West Point officially adopted its motto: "Duty, Honor, Country."

To the United States Corps of Cadets, as it is known, these words have embodied the guiding principles of West Point throughout its 200-year history. Instilled in all cadets the day they enter the academy, all are expected to

live by these principles during their four years at West Point and throughout their lives.

In today's Air Force, I've discovered by interacting with new and seasoned airmen, that many people join the Air Force to get an education, to learn a trade, to travel or for any one of a dozen other reasons. However, very few people provide the one reason the Air Force, as well as the rest of the military, exists: to serve and defend the nation.

In today's world, it's very easy to lose sight of that concept. People today want the American Dream: a good job, lots of money, a loving family and a happy life.

The military certainly provides excellent educational and job opportunities to take back to the civilian world, but many people forget that our country, with its high standard of living and the freedoms that all Americans cherish, has been threatened many times.

The Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican War,

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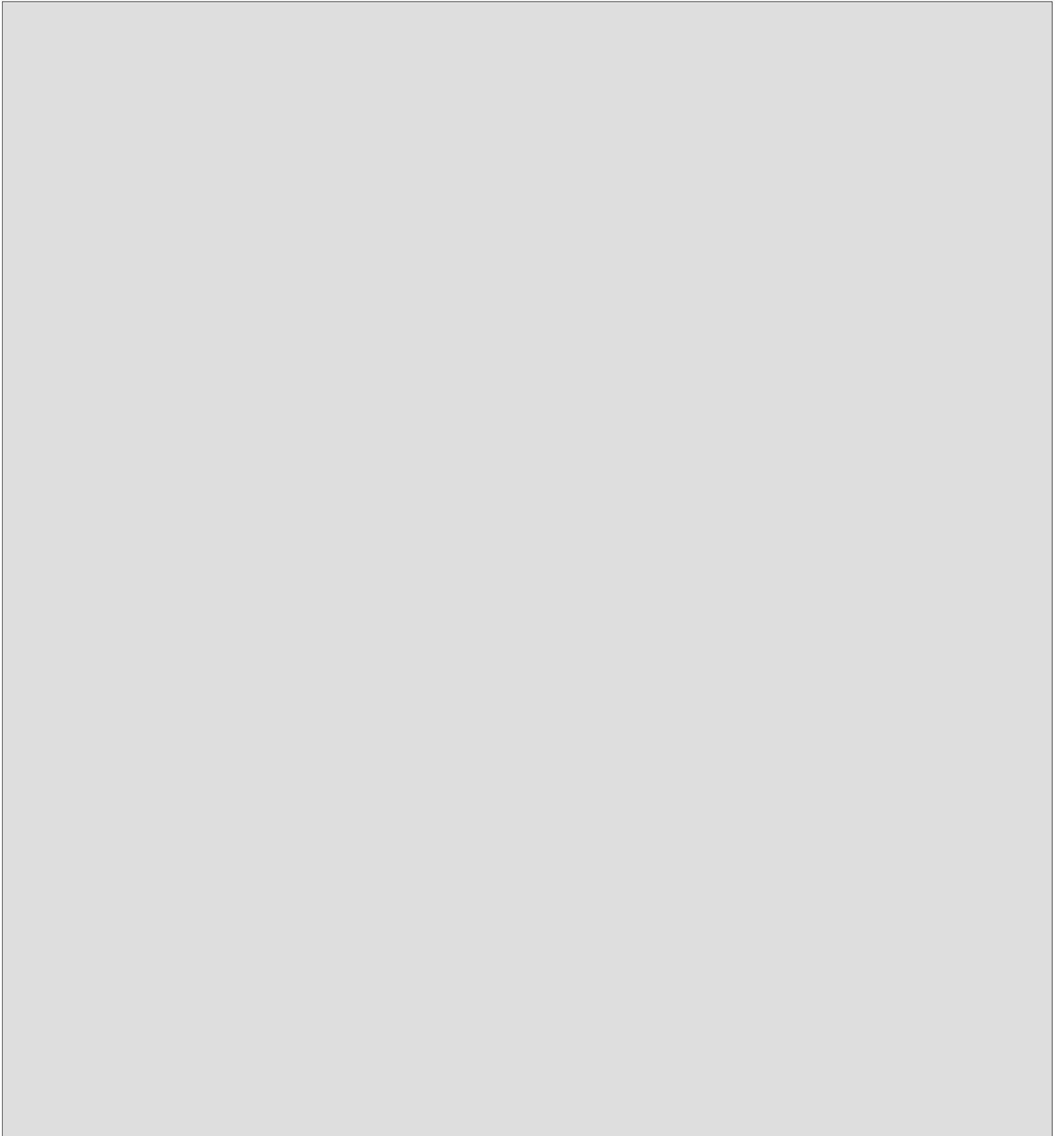
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AETC command chief visits Tyndall, talks leadership issues

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The command chief master sergeant of Air Education and Training Command stressed the importance of leadership when he visited Tyndall last week.

Chief Master Sgt. Bill Milligan said he was impressed with the leadership in action he observed and credits Team Tyndall's positive attitude to leaders taking care of the troops.

"Senior leadership is doing an outstanding job. Morale is extremely high," Chief Milligan said.

The chief pointed out the security forces and F-22 teams as just two examples of professionals at work.

"They work extremely hard, yet when I visit the security forces people at the gate here, they're extremely positive and upbeat," Chief Milligan said. "Also, those involved with the F-22 beddown are quietly performing a mission that will set the tone for our Air Force. If they don't get it right, it will take a long time to fix it, but there is no doubt they will ensure it is perfect."

Their pride and professionalism, the chief said, is a direct reflection of senior leadership's efforts to ensure everyone knows their role and gets the tools to perform.

He also noted the most effective way of improving the organizational

climate in a unit is to complete the current Air Force chief of staff survey.

"In the past, those surveys have been used to make significant changes to how we do things in the United States Air Force," Chief Milligan said. "Because the data gets reported, people evaluate it. They take it seriously. The chief of staff wouldn't do this if he weren't serious about it. If you don't make input, we can't fix it."

The 2002 survey covers such topics as leadership and supervision, job characteristics, resources, values, communication, training, teamwork and recognition. The survey is

available online through March 8 at <http://csafsurvey.af.mil>.

The chief pointed out that if some things don't change, that's no reason to start looking for greener pastures. He said many people leave the Air Force for the wrong reasons. Oftentimes, it boils down to dissatisfaction with their current work situation.

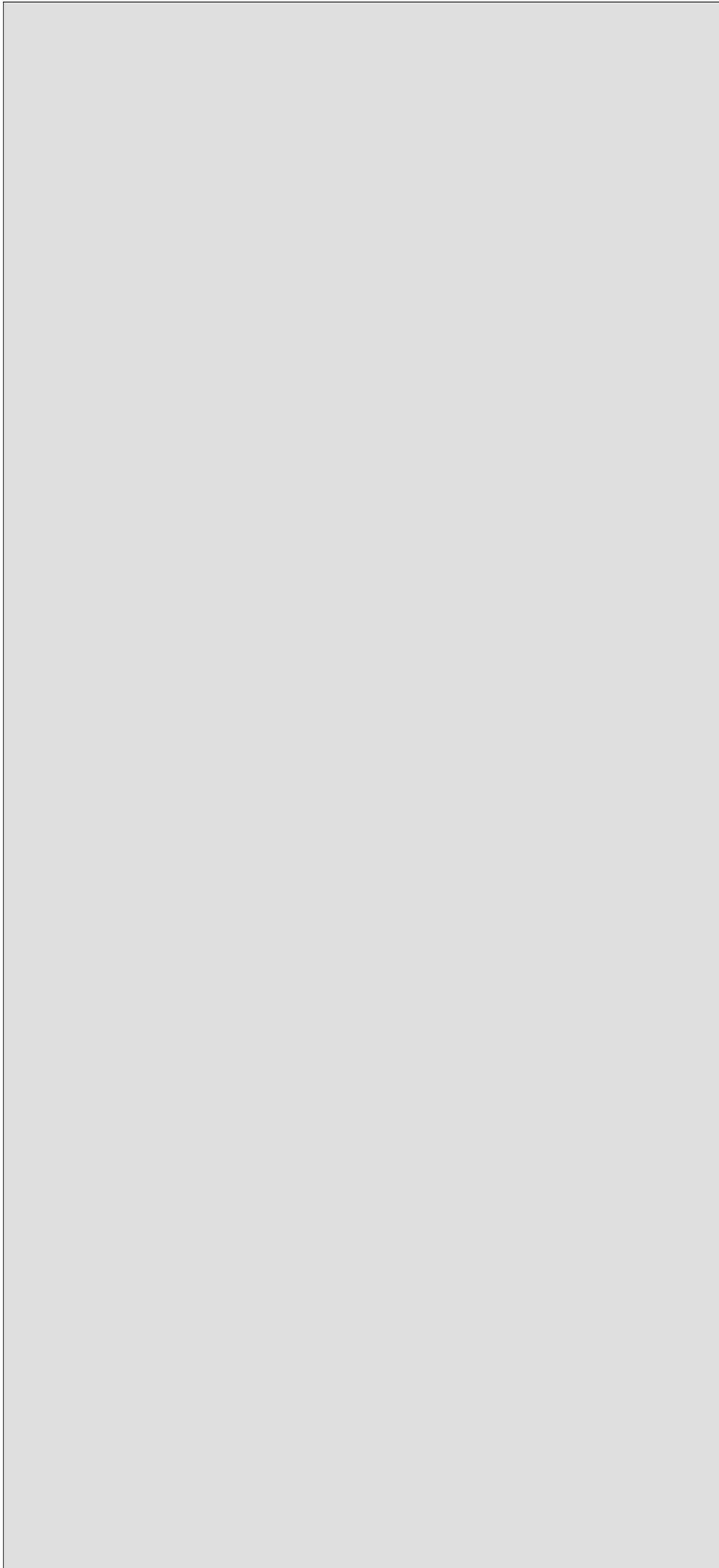
"What we can do for young airmen who come in the Air Force today, in addition to letting them know how they fit in and why they're important to what we do, is teach them the difference between 'wrong' and 'don't like,'" said the 27-year Air

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Lisa Carroll

Brig Gen. William Hodgkins, 325th Fighter Wing commander, shakes hands with Chief Milligan as Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Hodges, 325th FW command chief, looks on after an orientation flight to better familiarize Chief Milligan with the 325th FW mission.



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comed **AETC Command Chief Master Sgt. William Milligan** Jan. 16. The chief came to personally congratulate our newest chief master sergeants at their induction ceremony. While here, he enjoyed a chance to meet many of you as he toured the base and learned more about our air superiority training mission. From talking with him, I know he's anxious to begin helping Tyndall's and the command's enlisted force any way he can.

As a reminder, please take time out to complete the **2002 Air Force CSAF Climate Survey**, which began Monday and ends March 8. This survey gives feedback to commanders at all levels to help them improve their unit. It is available to all Air Force active duty and Department of Defense civilians.

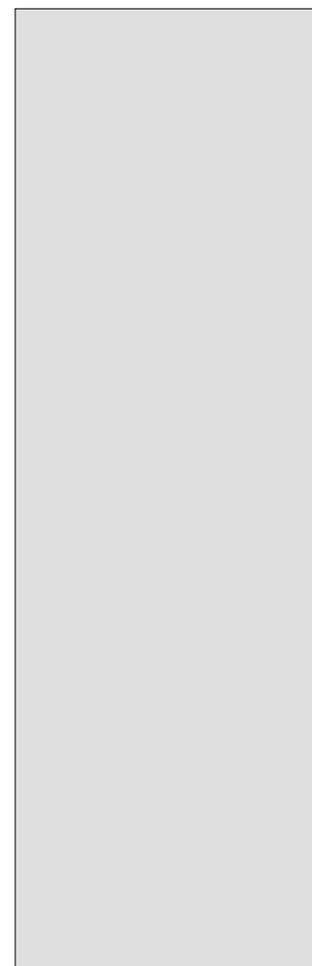
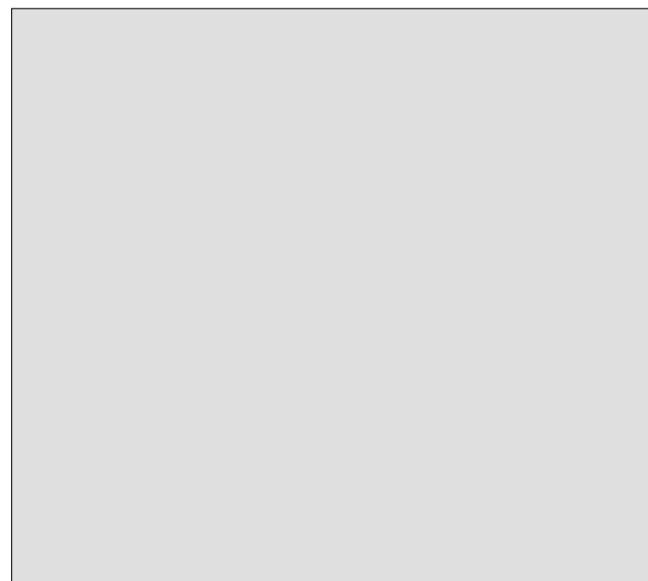
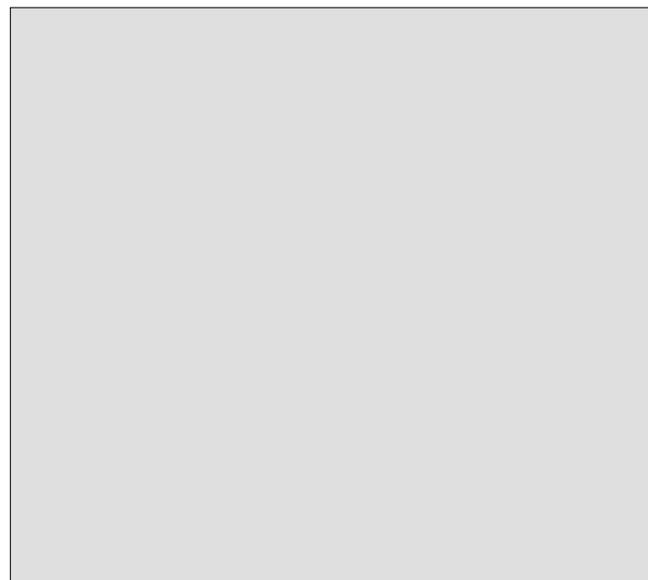
Why is it important to you? First, it's an opportunity to provide anonymous feedback to leadership. Secondly, leadership at all levels will act on the results. And third, it measures influences on retention and performance, prima-

rily in the areas of recognition, unit-level leadership and overall job satisfaction.

The survey is available online via government computer at <http://csafsurvey.af.mil> or from a non-government computer at www.csafsurvey.com. The survey takes about 30-45 minutes to complete, but it will definitely be time well spent – for you and your Air Force.

Before I close, I want to congratulate two Team Tyndall units for their sports success in 2001 – the **325th Operations Support Squadron** and the **83rd Fighter Weapons Squadron**. These units claimed trophies for their overall sports programs for the 2001 calendar year. The 325th OSS won the large unit category, while the 83rd FWS won the small unit category. They proved that their intramural sports teams were the best of the best, and I salute all their leadership, players, coaches and supporters for emerging victorious over the competition.

Stay safe and have a great week!



MTI team recruiting at Tyndall

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFP) — Did you know that you could become a member of one of the most elite groups of people in the Air Force — the Military Training Instructor (MTI) Corps? MTI duty is one of the most rewarding, satisfying and challenging jobs in today's Air Force.

"There's a constant need for basic training instructors," said Master Sgt. Maria Cornelia, NCO in charge, MTI Recruiting Team. "Applicants from all Air Force specialties are eligible to apply and are encouraged to attend an upcoming MTI briefing at Tyndall Air Force Base to determine eligibility."

"Everyone remembers their MTI. The MTI sets the stage for each individual's success in the Air Force. This job is filled with substantial rewards for those who want to have a hand in molding tomorrow's Air Force. Most concerns about MTI duty are based on misconceptions or fear of the unknown. Our briefing will answer everything you want to know about MTI duty. We will process applications for all interested attendees," Sergeant Cornelia said.

Airmen choose to become MTIs for different reasons — but one common bond is the desire to help transform civilians into airmen, helping to shape and mold the future of the Air Force hands on.

Staff Sgt. Beth Peura, a MTI with the 331st Training Squadron at Lackland, Texas, entered the Air Force in 1985 because she wanted to serve her country. She has since added to her sense of service a desire to influence the Air Force from its very foundation. "This was something I always wanted to do," said Sergeant Peura. "I



Yolanda Hunter

Staff Sgt. Michael Simic, a military training instructor with the 320th Training Squadron, corrects Airman Basic Christopher Rowin during an inspection.

always wanted to help instruct the new airmen entering the Air Force."

Tech. Sgt. Ken Williams, also a MTI with the 331st, entered the Air Force in 1984 for different reasons. He said he started college after graduation, but lacked the maturity he needed. "My sister was in the Air Force," said Sergeant Williams. "I was familiar with the Air Force through her, so I came in to get the discipline I wanted. I worked inventory for the supply squadron at Dyess AFB, Texas, but I wanted a challenge, and being a MTI provided it."

MTIs receive \$275 per month in special duty assignment pay, additional annual clothing allowance, free dry cleaning, a MTI ribbon and a stabilized four-year tour.

Senior airmen who commit to a second enlistment through technical sergeant with less than 16 years total active service are eligible to apply. Get more details during the MTI briefing scheduled for 9 a.m., Feb. 7 in Building 662. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend.

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Force veteran. "Don't say something is wrong when you really mean you don't like it. If you don't like it, then you need to understand how you can impact or affect it. If you can't, then you need to accept it.

"Young people today are extremely intelligent. We're getting some great people in the Air Force. They want to be led. They want leaders out there leading them."

Leadership is an inherent responsibility of every noncommissioned officer in the Air Force, according to the chief.

"It's not something you choose to do or not choose to do," Chief Milligan said. "It is inherent with your rank. It is a responsibility we must take seriously. We do not hire 10-year staff sergeants in this Air Force. Through the mentoring process someone got us to where we are. We

owe that back."

NCOs have much more influence on retention than people realize, the chief said, and it takes involvement to be successful.

"As NCOs, we can't give anyone a pay raise, we can't change anyone's entitlements or benefits. Senior leadership takes that battle to the hill, and I might add they have been doing a great job," he said. "What we do have control over is the daily contact with those airmen and how we influence

"As we mentor and guide and lead, we need to assess what it takes for someone to be successful and ensure they are given every opportunity to do that."

CHIEF MASTER SGT. WILLIAM MILLIGAN
Air Education and Training Command command chief

their decision to stay in the United States military, specifically our Air Force. We can do that by giving them self-worth, letting them know how they fit in, why they're important, and what their skill brings to support the United States Air Force mission. It doesn't matter what career field they come from. Everyone obviously has an important role to support our mission or they wouldn't be here."

AF says read W-2s carefully

TECH. SGT. TIM
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Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force people who spent time in a newly recognized combat zone area during the last part of the year should carefully review their W-2, and they might need to wait for a corrected form W-2C to arrive, Air Force officials said. W-2 forms were mailed Jan. 15.

"If you were entitled to combat zone tax exclusion during the final four months of 2001, we recommend you carefully review your W-2," said Col. Martha Beatty, Air Force accounting and finance office director. "If you feel there are errors, delay filing your tax return until you con-

tact your local finance office and see if you need a corrected W-2."

The determination of CZTE and personnel system problems caused many pay records to update late, Colonel Beatty said. A statement on January leave and earnings statements will remind people about the potential for errors.

President Bush signed an executive order Sept. 19 that designated Afghanistan and the airspace above it as a combat zone. Air Force people directly supporting operations in Afghanistan from other locations may also be eligible for CZTE if they are receiving imminent danger pay or hostile fire pay.

The Internal Revenue Service established a

toll-free telephone number for military people or their families to call with any tax questions that may arise. Callers will not be limited to asking combat zone-related tax questions. The number is (866) 562-5227.

A recent letter sent out by the IRS to about 50,000 military people caused confusion about CZTE.

"The primary purpose of the letter was to update IRS records to ensure that certain extensions are allowed and that other types of actions are not taken against members who are serving in a combat zone," the colonel said.

Although the IRS is drafting a follow-up letter that will be sent to try to clear up any confusion, the best advice is to simply disregard the original letter, Colonel Beatty said.



Photos by Marcia Robertson

Janel Woodard tries an experiment during the youth center's visit to the library.

Special program helps Tyndall gain appreciation for libraries

MARCIA ROBERTSON

325th Services Squadron marketing

The world, it seems, is divided into two groups: library lovers and library haters. The library lovers will while away an afternoon in a corner of a library, leisurely savoring this book and that. Library haters, on the other hand, liken the library to a dreary dungeon and would just as soon contact leprosy as spend any time at all there. And, often, we become one or the other early in life.

Here at Tyndall, the library staff and its volunteers are determined to develop library lovers at the earliest age possible. Story time for preschoolers began almost a year ago and the response has been strong.

"Story time encourages parents to bring their children to the library," said Lynn Kauff, 325th Services Squadron library technician. "We want to promote an enjoyment of reading."

The program is held from 10 -10:30 a.m. each Tuesday. It is designed for those ages 3 to 5 although younger children are welcomed. The books chosen for reading each week center on a theme. While upcoming holidays are a favorite theme, story time aims to focus on matters which involve the children themselves.

"We try to read stories that are relevant to the children's lives," said Ms. Kauff. "Since some of the children were getting siblings, we've done stories on becoming a big brother or sister. One week, we had a birthday theme. We've also touched on more sensitive topics, like death and family separation, to help young children deal with these life problems."

Most of the sessions are run by parent volunteers with Ms. Kauff acting as



Ashanti Anderson, Matthew Demarest and work on a project.

coordinator. The volunteer selects the topic and any related books for a particular week.

"Children's books are my passion," said Jennifer McDonough, who started volunteering for story time when it began last February. "I choose books based on what I like and what is

catching my daughter's attention.

"We want to make things age-appropriate," explained Sheri Ortiz who has also volunteered with story time since its inception. "We also try to avoid scary stories."

Story time is not limited to reading. Often, projects go hand in hand with the week's topic.

"*Green Eggs & Ham* was a big day," Mrs. Ortiz said. "The kids were excited that they actually got to crack an egg. We used



Lynn Kauff, 325th Services Squadron library technician, takes a turn reading at the library during the youth center's visit.

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Tyler Volpi get ready to

an electric skillet to heat deli ham. Everyone wants to know ‘when do we get to cook again?’”

Even when there isn’t a planned program that coordinates with the book topic, activity is encouraged. Clapping and singing are popular. And the library tries to get everyone involved.

“When we read *I Feel Silly*, we asked everyone to do

something silly, even the moms,” Ms. Kauff said.

This parent-child interaction is an important component of story time.

“We want the parent to stay with the child during story time,” said Ms. Kauff. “It’s supposed to be a family activity that gives the parent and child a chance to do something fun together.”

“We’re very informal,” Mrs. McDonough said. “We don’t care if babies are playing. We don’t demand perfect behavior.”

While story time promotes a love of reading in a family-friendly environment, there are other benefits as well. Parents get a chance to meet others with similar interests. Although fathers are encouraged to attend, most of the parents who participate have been mothers.

“It gives the moms time to talk,” said Ms. Kauff. “Some have become really close which has been a help to them.”

For the children, emphasis is placed on positive social skills.

“It’s good socialization for the children,” Mrs. McDonough added. “My daughter gets to interact with other kids and see that others like books. It reinforces what we do at home.”



Jennifer McDonough, 325th Services Squadron library volunteer, shares a story during the library’s story-time program.

While story time plants the seed for enjoying the library, other programs are designed to keep older kids interested in the facility.

“Our reader-of-the-week program is aimed at school-age children,” Ms. Kauff said. “We select one child each week from a random drawing to win a free book.”

The library has also coordinated with the youth center to spark children’s interest.

“We worked with the youth center this fall for National Library Card Month,” said Mrs. Ortiz. We used stories, crafts and tours of the library to pique the kids’ interest.

We want kids to say ‘I had a good time at the library. Let’s go back.’”

Both story time and the reader-of-the-week program run year round.



Charlene Ammons helps her son, Matthew, with a craft project for the library’s story time.



Angela Nelson helps her daughter, Aliyah, make a boat for the story-time craft project.

Parents and their children are invited to join story time any week. Parents of children interested in participating in the reader-of-the-

week program can sign up at the library.

For more information call the library staff at 283-4287.

Air Force conducts talent search

Performers can apply to audition for the AF entertainment team

SAN ANTONIO (AFPN) — The search for performers to compete in the 2002 Air Force Worldwide Talent Contest, being held March 17 to 25 at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, has started.

The contest seeks out the best active-duty entertainers who, besides vying for the first-place "Roger" award, will try for a spot on the Air Force entertainment team, *Tops in Blue*. Once selected, 30 performers will become part of a world-class showcase of talent that travels the globe during a nine-month tour.

"We're looking for singers, dancers, musicians, comedians and anyone else who has a talent they'd like to share with people around the world," said Carol Sudy, *Tops in Blue* tour coordinator for the Air Force Services Agency.

Those interested in entering the contest and auditioning for *Tops in Blue* must submit a VHS tape of themselves performing, along with an entertainer application, to HQ AFSVA/SVPCE, 10100 Reunion Place, Suite 402, San Antonio, Texas, 78216-4138 by Feb. 22. Applications are available on the team's Web site at www.afsv.af.mil/TIB or from any services squadron.

After reviewing submissions, the Air Force Services Agency entertainment branch will invite to Lackland those people who judges believe can possibly best support the team. Funding for the contest is pro-



Staff Sgt. Sonny Cohrs

Airmen from *Tops in Blue*, the Air Force entertainment team, put on a show. Air Force people who compete in the 2002 Air Force Worldwide Talent Contest, which will be held at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, March 17 to 25, are vying for a first-place "Roger" award as well as a spot on the *Tops in Blue* team.

vided by Air Force Services, including permissive temporary duty, travel and lodging.

And while some bases hold their own talent shows to refer performers to the worldwide event, Ms. Sudy said "it's not necessary."

However, she added, it is best that people interested in participating at Lackland "check with their services folks to see if a local contest is planned and to obtain assistance in applying."

The group also needs bluesuiters

as bus drivers; stage, light and sound technicians; wardrobe/costume coordinators; choreographers; and vocal assistants. People skilled in these areas and who wish to participate in the competition as well as tour with the team should submit a technical/staff application, which can also be obtained on the team's Web site or from any services squadron.

For more information, call the Air Force Entertainment Office at (210) 652-6566 or DSN 487-6566.

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airmen re-enlisting between 10 and 14 years of service, saw 14 additions and 25 increases.

“During these comprehensive assessments, we review each enlisted specialty,” said Colonel Blackmon. “The criteria used for determining which enlisted skills will receive an SRB include current and projected manning levels, re-enlistment trends, career field force structure changes and inputs from individual career field managers.”

According to Chief Master Sgt. Ron Georgia, the 325th Career Assistance Adviser, the bonuses are a good thing for airmen and the Air Force.

“Bonuses are great for retention but it still takes leadership to ensure everyone understands how they fit in the mission and recognize our top performers. Money alone will not keep our best.”

If the new list of bonuses has sparked your interest in re-enlisting, or if you have questions regarding re-enlistments or Air Force benefits, contact Chief Georgia at 283-2222.

Local military personnel flight re-enlistment offices will soon have more information.

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Civil War, Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf War and, most recently, the savage and ruthless terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 have all threatened our way of life in one way or another.

But, there to preserve it over our 226-year history have been countless American soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen who served, sacrificed and, in many instances, died so we today can live our lives in happiness and contentment.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, a 1903 graduate of West Point, once said, “They died unquestioning, uncomplaining, with faith in their hearts ... always for them duty, honor, country.”

When we chose to enlist in the Air

Force, no one twisted our arms, held a gun to our heads or coerced us. We joined freely and, while many of us may have joined to get an education or learn a trade, we must never lose sight of the real reason we’re here: to serve and defend the United States in time of war as well as peace.

As General MacArthur said in his address to West Point’s graduating class of 1962, “Your mission remains fixed, determined, inviolable — it is to win our wars. Everything else in your professional career is but corollary to this vital dedication ... that the very obsession of your public service must be duty, honor, country.”

Whether you are new to the Air Force, well into your careers, considering re-enlistment or maybe think-

ing about joining the Air Force or another branch of the military, before you raise your right hand and take the oath of enlistment, think about why you are taking the oath. When you recite those words, you are giving your pledge to protect and defend your families, your friends and your country — with your very life if necessary.

It is an honorable and noble undertaking, one that must never be taken lightly or with any mental reservation.

“Duty, Honor, Country. Those three hallowed words dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be.” General MacArthur couldn’t have said it any better.

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cent or above, their respective group commanders honored them at group stand-ups and commander’s calls. More than the recognition, the “outstanding” scores earned the airmen a three-day pass for their hard work. Now, more than a year later, the results are in, and the programs implemented by the training flight and unit training measures are paying off.

CDC pass rates have jumped to 94 percent on average between the two groups for Fiscal Year 2001. What’s more, no one in either group is contending with two-time failure.

Chief Master Sgt. Dale Smith, chief of the logistics training flight, told *The Gulf Defender*, “Not only are more people passing now, they’re passing with higher

— RAPTOR FACTS —

Primary Function: Air Dominance Fighter

Official Name: Raptor

Length: 62 ft. 1 in.

Wingspan: 44 ft. 6 in.

Height: 16 ft. 5 in.

Top Speed: Mach 2 class

Supercruise speed: Mach 1.5+

Armament: Internally, six radar-guided AIM-120c medium range air-to-air missiles (or two 1,000 lbs. class GBU-32 joint direct attack munitions in place of four of the AIM-120Cs) in main weapons bay; two heat-seeking AIM-9 Sidewinder short-range air-to-air missiles (one in each side weapons bay); one M61A2 20 mm multi-barrel cannon; four external stations can carry additional stores (weapons or fuel tanks)

First Flight: Sept. 7, 1997

Planned Production: 295

Courtesy Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Co.

scores.” Those higher scores include 37 airmen who posted scores in the “outstanding” range of 90 percent or above. In addition, some squadrons are running with 100-percent pass rates.

“It’s incumbent upon us to monitor the progression of each trainee through the courses closely because the Air Force has already invested in their technical training. So we need to be good stewards of that investment and ensure that people become productive members in the AFSC which they entered the Air Force for.”

Considering the great success so far, it would appear the trainees and the trainers are making that happen.

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Tyndall community**

JANUARY

**FRI
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Financial planning class

A brown-bag lunch-time financial planning fundamentals class is 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. today in the family support center classroom in Building 743. The class will be conducted by First

Command Financial Planning. For more information or to make reservations, call the family support center, 283-4204.

Top 3 meeting

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

Will appointments

The base legal office is currently scheduling will appointments 9-11 a.m. for Saturday. The number of appointments available for wills is limited. Prior to the appointment, a will worksheet must be completed at the legal office or on the office's Web site. To schedule a will appointment, call the legal office, 283-4681.

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 Tuesday-March 14. Students may elect to attend six sessions regarding safety, rules and regulations before taking an examination or take the entire 14-session course, which includes piloting, knot conversion, weather and radio before an examination. There is no charge for the instruction, but a \$35 material charge is necessary for the textbook and study guide. Today is the cut-off date that has been established for proper security requirements on the Navy base. For more information, call 215-2025.

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Coastal navigation course

The Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 16 basic coastal navigation course is 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Gulf Coast Community

College 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>.

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
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Protestant youth group

The Tyndall Chapel's Protestant Youth Group meets 5-7 p.m. Wednesdays at Chapel 2. For

more information, call the Chapel 2 office, 283-2925.

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Antiterrorism training

Mandatory antiterrorism training is provided by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations on a walk-in basis 8 a.m. every Thursday in Building 656.

The training will last approximately 45 minutes. Anyone with a permanent change of station or temporary duty assignment to an overseas location who has not received Level-I Antiterrorism training within six months of their departure date is required to receive this training prior to out-processing. Out-processing checklists should be brought to the training session. Military dependents are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Special Agent Doug Hartwell, 283-3261 or 283-3262.

W-2 forms

All W-2s are required to be mailed out by Thursday. Anyone who has not received a W-2 by Feb. 15 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.

NOTES

Survivor benefit plan annuity

The National Defense Authorization Act of 2002, signed into law by President Bush on Dec. 28, 2001, changes who is entitled to receive an active-duty death Survivor Benefit Plan annuity. The new law provides that a SBP annuity be paid – retroactive to Sept. 10, 2001 – to the spouse, dependent children or former spouse (if court ordered) of any active-duty member who dies in the line of duty regardless of years of service. For more information on active-duty SBP coverage, visit: <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/SBP/actduty.htm>.

New York Air National Guard vacancies

Immediate New York Air National Guard positions are available with the 109th Airlift Wing in Scotia, New York. Some full-time, active-duty positions are also available. For more information, call Master Sgt. Wesley Ryerson, DSN 974-9456, (800) 524-5070, or e-mail: wesley.ryerson@nyscot.ang.af.mil.

Leisure travel options

Greater travel opportunities are now available to Air Force people through new full-service travel agency services provided through Air Force Services Agency Information, Tickets and Travel offices. These travel services are also available online at: www.afrtravelonline.com.

Care-A-Van rally

The sixth annual "Little Hands Care-A-Van" rally will be 10 a.m. today at Early Childhood Services' Chapman Early Education Center, 2928 East 11th St., Panama City. The public is invited to join more than 150 young children to welcome the van to Panama City in celebration of Children's Week 2002. The Care-

A-Van will eventually travel to the state capitol where the artwork of hundreds of Northwest Florida's children will be displayed in the rotunda.

Essay and art contests

The Armed Services YMCA is seeking entries from military children for its 2002 art contest and readers' essay contest. Artwork from children in kindergarten through sixth grade depicting their active-duty, Guard or Reserve military families will be accepted. The top art prizewinner will receive a \$500 Savings Bond. The entry deadline is Monday. The essay portion is open to first through 12th graders and offers Savings Bond prizes of up to \$1,000. The contest highlights the joys of reading. The entry deadline is March 28. For contest guidelines, call (703) 866-1260 or send an e-mail to: essaycontest@asymca.org.

RETIREE NEWS

Effects of incorrect information

Officials in the Records Procedures Section of the Air Force Personnel Center emphasize the importance of correcting any inaccurate birth-date information. The date of birth is the exact time an individual becomes eligible for Social Security and Medicare and thus becomes eligible for TRICARE For Life. A birth date that turns out to be wrong can prove to be extremely significant, even costly, especially for those nearing retirement age. It is important to correct any wrong birthdate information as soon as it becomes known.

When a retired Air Force member sends birth documentation to the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System office in Monterey, Calif., the DEERS staff sends all birth documentation to the Records Procedures Branch and that staff, in turn, does the paperwork to correct the retiree's Master Personnel Record. A copy of the AF Form 281 is provided to the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Mo. for filing in the retiree's records. The staff also updates the correct information in the Military Personnel Data System, which will update the military pay record at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service- Cleveland Center and DEERS.

If a date of birth is found to be incorrect and you are approaching the age where you become eligible for Social Security, send the Records Procedures Section a copy of your birth certificate (if you have not provided a copy to the DEERS office) and they will correct your records. Be sure to include your Social Security Number on all correspondence. The process can take up to 30 days. The addresses are: HQ AFPC/DPSAMP, 550 C Street West, Suite 19, Randolph AFB, Texas, 78150-4721 or the DEERS Support Office, 400 Gigling Road, Seaside, Calif., 93955-6771. For more information, call HQ AFPC/DPSAMP at (210) 565-2450.

Name changes and changes in Social Security Numbers work the same way. A source document – marriage certificate, divorce decree, copy of a new Social Security card – should be sent to the HQ AFPC/DPSAMP address. AFPC officials have also pointed out that this notification takes care of matters from a military and DEERS standpoint; it does not eliminate the need to make necessary changes with the Social Security Administration or Department of Veterans Affairs or any other agency keeping records.

YARD SALES

The following yard sale is scheduled for Saturday: 2806-A Falcon St. All yard sales are held between 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

BASE THEATER

Today: "Ocean's Eleven" (PG-13, some language and sexual content, 116 min.)

Saturday: "Vanilla Sky" (R, sexuality and strong language, 120 min.)

Sunday: "Vanilla Sky"

Thursday: "Ocean's Eleven"

All movies start at 7 p.m.

Air Force boxers hungry for competition

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37th Training Wing public affairs

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN)—The 2002 Air Force boxing team is focused on a prize the program has not won since 1975—the Armed Forces Championship.

This year's bluesuiter card was finalized Jan. 12 at the 27th annual Air Force Box-Off held in the Bennett Sports and Fitness Center at the Kelly Field Annex.

Four of the five returning champions defended their crowns and will form the nucleus of a team that has veteran Air Force coach Osmar Alaniz eager for competition.

"For the first time in years we have fellas that are really prepared. They're ready," Alaniz said. "I'm a proud papa right now."

Two of his Lackland "sons" retained their titles in back-to-back bouts to open the championship finals.

Southpaw Bobby DeLeon used a rapid-fire combination to stop Edgar Gaytan from Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., 22 seconds into the fourth round, to keep his bantamweight crown. DeLeon eliminated Jorge Romero, Jr., from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, in the preliminaries Jan. 11.

James DuBois, a third-generation fighter, kept his 125-pound bantamweight title, and upped his amateur record to 38-14, stopping Ted Braxton from Dyess AFB, Texas, with body blows at 1:58 of the third round.

"If you take the body away, the hands will fall and you've got the head," the 22-year-old DuBois said. "A lot of times the body is the key."

Antonio Tamayo, from Ramstein AB, Germany, won a unanimous 5-0 decision over Dylan Luther, from Luke AFB, Ariz., to repeat as the 139-pound light welter-

weight king. The score belies the closeness of the fight. Luther, a 4-1 victor over Nicholas Rosado of Royal Air Force Alconbury, England, in the preliminaries, went toe-to-toe with Tamayo.

"I felt his punches and they were hard," Tamayo said. "Luckily I came out strong and finished the same way. It feels great to represent (U.S. Air Forces in Europe). It's an honor."

Jorge Hernandez, from Buckley AFB, Colo., relied on a series of quick combinations to stop Lackland's Louis Alvarez 53 seconds into the third round, to capture his second straight 156-pound light middleweight championship.

The one returning champ to be dethroned was John Askew, from Dover AFB, Del. In what Alaniz called a real toss-up, a persistent Fabian Elizondo-Garza from Travis AFB, Calif., took a 5-0 decision and 147-pound welterweight laurels.

The defeat overshadowed Askew's three knockdowns of Rahman Tabb of Travis in his preliminary bout, ending that fight 22 seconds into the second round.

"I knew the Garza fight was super-close



Yolanda Hunter

Mark Bautista from Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., covers up as Deron Elias from Hurlburt Field, Fla., looks for an opening. He found one quickly, stopping Bautista 1:51 into the first round to take the 132-pound lightweight title at the Air Force Box-Off on Jan. 12.

and I needed the fourth (last) round to squeak it out," Askew said. "I can't take anything away from him. He got me today."

Completing the Air Force roster are:

—Deron Elias, from Hurlburt Field, Fla., who needed only 1:51 of the first round to grab the lightweight crown over Mark Bautista, from Malmstrom AFB, Mont.;

—Angel Landrau, from Minot AFB, N.D., a 5-0 decision over Terrance Graves of Osan AB, Korea in the 165-pound middleweight class;

—Daniel Barrera, from Vandenberg AFB, Calif., who took just 38 seconds of round two to beat Daniel Tuberville, from McConnell AFB, Kan., for the 178-pound light heavyweight title;

—Brian Fields, from Peoria ANG Base, Ill., won by retirement (other corner throwing in the towel) 1:42 in round 1 over Edward Johnson, from Barksdale AFB, La., in the 201-pound heavyweight division; and

—Lackland's Muhammad Fallaha, in the

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Intramural basketball standings

Intramural League

RHS	7-0	0	1.00	83FWS	3-3	3.5	.500
WEG	5-0	1	1.00	MSS	3-4	4	.429
COMM	5-1	1.5	.833	CONS	3-4	4	.429
95 FS	4-2	2.5	.667	SFS	2-5	5	.286
2 FS	3-2	3	.600	MXS	1-5	5.5	.167
OSS	3-3	3.5	.500	1 FS	1-6	6	.143
ACS	3-3	3.5	.500	MDG	1-6	6	.143

Over-30 League

MSS	6-0	0	1.00
CONR	3-2	2.5	.600
1 FS	3-2	2.5	.600
ACS	2-3	3.5	.400
SEADS	2-3	3.5	.400
OSS	1-4	4.5	.200
LSS	1-4	4.5	.200

Sports briefs

Coaches needed

Men's and women's varsity softball coaches are needed for this season. If interested, submit a resume to Lou South at the sports and fitness center. For more information, contact the sports and fitness center at 283-2542.

Tyndall soccer

The Tyndall Air Force Base traveling soccer club needs players. The club is currently in the second half of the season with 10 games left to play. The team practices from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Falcon Field near the combined activities club every Tuesday and Thursday (barring holidays). Games are at 2 p.m. Sundays. All interested personnel can contact Dennis

Dillenschneider at 872-1908 or Pablo Ledesma at 283-3215.

Walk on the beach

The Panama City VolksSport Club will host a 5/10K walk on Feb. 14 in Perdido Key, between Pensacola and Orange Beach. The walk will start in Perdido Key State Park, Beach Access 2 (the west entrance). The walk can be started anytime between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. but must be completed by 8:30 p.m. Participants can walk for free if not desiring credit. There is a \$2 charge for those desiring IVV/AVA credit. Take some time and participate in this event that will help keep you healthy and feeling good. For more information, contact DJ Moore, 871-2624, or Vicki Bateman, 785-1289.



Funshine NEWS

January 25, 2002

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

Sports Page Pizza Pub
All-You-Can-Eat

Pizza Buffet: \$4.75

Monday & Thursday
10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Includes drink, salad bar,
and a variety of hot, fresh pizza
Call 283-3222 for more information.

Skeet & Trap

☎ 283-2499

Squadron Sports Days

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

Family Child Care

☎ 283-2266

Volunteers Needed

We are currently recruiting persons who are interested in supporting our armed forces by providing child care for shifts or weekends. Also needed are individuals willing to provide care for infants and children with special needs. Call for more information.

Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

Special FREE Baseball Clinic

Saturday, Jan. 26th, 1-3 p.m.
Open to kids 9 yrs and older. Coach Darren Mezaroski and his staff from GCCC will give a one-day baseball clinic.

Information, Tickets & Travel

☎ 283-2499

Let Us Help You...

Call 283-2864 for all your airline, hotel and rental car needs.

Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

2002 Baseball & Softball

Registration Deadline Feb. 8

Open to all youth ages 5-14 yrs old. Early signup is advised. Coaches needed.

Bonita Bay

☎ 283-3199

Winter Boat Rental Rates

Stop by Bonita Bay and rent a boat for half price, not including fuel. Call for details and availability.

Graphic Impressions

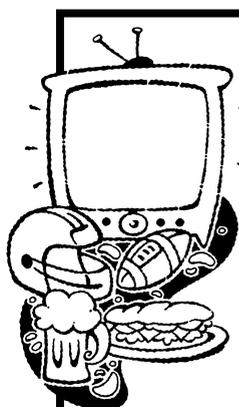
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Business Cards

Your photos or color logos can be included on our Full Color cards for just \$20 per 200.

Color Copies Special

Every Friday 8 1/2" x 11" color copies are just 65¢ each.



ALL RANKS
Super Bowl
Sunday

at the CAC
Pizza Pub Feb. 3
4 p.m. until...

283-3222

Watch for the ITT Travel Fair coming to FamCamp on March 22, 2002

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

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

Let the Fitness Ctr.
Help you loose those
unwanted holiday 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 open Sunday, Feb. 3, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Closed Feb. 4 & 5. The center will be closed on Feb. 19.

Woodworking Class

Make a coffee table and end tables Feb. 2, 9 & 16; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free Lessons! Cost of wood at 10% above cost and use of machines at \$2.00 per hour. Includes glue, nails, screws, etc. Limit four students.

Automotive Class

Tire Rotation and Balancing Class Feb. 27 at 6-7 p.m. Learn to balance and rotate tires. Class is limited to 5 students.

Ceramics Class

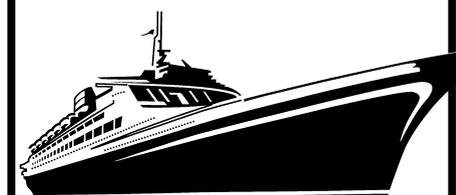
Feb. 9, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Learn to pour your own greenware. Cost is \$15 and includes lesson, greenware & firing. Maximum number of students is four. Call for more information. Must register by Feb. 7.

Library Volunteer \$2 a Bag Book Sale

February 7-10
283-4287

Cupid's Cruise

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



Pelican Point Golf Course Sweetheart Couples Tournament

February 10, 2002

Shotgun start at noon
Cost: \$20 per couple
Members pay additional cart & greens fee
Non-members pay an additional \$20
Format: 2 person best ball
Wine & Cheese tasting after play
Deadline for signups: Noon, February 8
For more information call: **283-4389**



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 and all local residents. 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.



●FROM FIGHT PAGE 13 shortest fight of the tourney, knocked out Michael McDuffie of Randolph AFB, Texas, with a straight right hand just 4 seconds after the opening bell to capture the 201-plus pound super heavy-weight championship.

Duty commitments may keep Fallaha from fighting at the Armed Forces Championships held Feb. 10 to 16, at Camp Lejeune, N.C. If he cannot go, the Air Force has

no replacement. Armed forces winners advance to the World Military Games in Ireland in September.

Following the armed forces tournament, the Air Force team returns to San Antonio for the Golden Gloves competition Feb. 22 to 26, with the finals slated for the Bennett Sports and Fitness Center on Kelly Annex.

Then, it is off to Colorado Springs, Colo., for the national championships sched-

uled for March 10 to 16.

Any boxer ranked at the nationals will fight throughout the year representing the United States against other nations.

"I'm really happy with the caliber of boxers we have," Alaniz said. "We should do well at the Armed Forces Championships."

He should know. He led the Air Force to its last armed forces title in 1975, in his rookie year as coach.



Courtesy photo

Pigskin pics

Chief Master Sergeant Jimmy R. Graham, 83rd Fighter Weapons Squadron chief of maintenance, shows his Jacksonville Jaguars autographed helmet to Jean Cole, 325th Services Squadron Community Activities Center manager. Chief Graham won the prize for having the most correct guesses in the final heat of this year's Pigskin Pics. The contest ran throughout the football season at the CAC.

