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## In brief

### AADD program

The Airmen Against Drunk Driving program is designed to provide military members with a free, safe ride home within the local area. The AADD phone line is staffed with E-1 through E-4 volunteers who can be reached by calling 867-2233. This program is available to all ranks who have a valid military identification card. AADD stresses complete anonymity to ease fear of retribution. The extended hours for the Columbus Day weekend will be today, Saturday and Sunday from 5 p.m. – 5 a.m. For more information, call Airmen 1st Class Carrie Wilks-Campbell, 283-2891 or Vesta Cox, 283-4616.

### Firing range restrictions

The 325th Security Forces Squadron's combat arms section cautions all to stay clear of the land adjacent to the firing range. Trespassing is illegal and dangerous. The red range flag will be flying during day firing, and the red beacon will be flashing during night firing. For more information, call combat arms, 283-2114.

### Contracting closure

The 325th Contracting Squadron will close at 11 a.m. Oct. 18 for an official function.

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Tech. Sgt. Dan Neely

## Rocket power

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# General officer explains transformation

**STAFF SGT. A.J. BOSKER**

Air Force Print News

**WASHINGTON** — Transformation is a good thing but putting a face on it and understanding what it is can be difficult, said the Air Force's director of operational requirements at the Pentagon.

The key to understanding it, said Maj. Gen. Daniel Leaf, is the word "fundamental."

"Transformation is a fundamental change in what we're able to do or how we do it," General Leaf said.

Using a baseball analogy, General Leaf explained that baseball players know and take for granted the average pitcher throws between 90- and 100-mph fastballs.

When the leadoff batter steps up to the plate in game one of the World Series, he thinks he knows the capabilities of the opposing pitcher, the general explained.

However, what if the batter suddenly learns that the opposing pitcher throws 130-mph

fastballs and he does so with better control than any other pitcher in history? Also, the pitcher is standing on second base instead of the pitcher's mound, making it harder for the batter to pick up his arm motion and see the ball in his hand. What if, before the first pitch, the stadium lights are turned off?

Opposing militaries will soon be faced with the same types of obstacles, presented by the F/A-22 Raptor, which will bring fundamental change — transformation — to air dominance, General Leaf said.

"The F/A-22 is so much faster and has much greater control of its weaponry through its integrated avionics than any other aircraft in the world," he said. "It can shoot from farther away and is extraordinarily stealthy and maneuverable. The Raptor is going to bring startling, stunning change to air dominance, combating both air and ground threats."

The first adversary, whether an enemy surface-to-air missile operator or an enemy pi-

lot, who has to face the F/A-22 in a fight is going to have a complete mind-set shift, General Leaf said. Things are going to happen so fast the adversary will be unable to deal with it. That is transformational.

"Sometimes, to help people better understand transformation, it helps to define what is not transformation," he said. "Unmanned aerial vehicles, just because they are unmanned, are not examples of transformation; they are just different.

"And we've been using drones in combat since Vietnam," he added. "However, if you can use the unique capabilities or attributes of UAVs in a new way that changes the nature of the fight, then it's transformational."

Transformation is not limited only to weapon systems or equipment. "Ideas, processes and approaches can also be transformational," General Leaf said. "They can even be used in relatively subtle ways to do things

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# Use risk management to stay safe

**BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW**

325th Fighter Wing commander



I hope all Tyndall members will make a very important note on their calendars. On Nov. 15,

Command Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Hodges will be retiring in a ceremony at 3 p.m. at Flag Park, followed by a reception at 4 p.m. at the enlisted club. While I've only worked with Chief Hodges a few months, it definitely didn't take long to notice how much of a positive impression and impact he has made on all of Team Tyndall and the local community — not just those of us in uniform, but family members, civilian employees, retirees and more. It is very evident to me that all of Team Tyndall holds him in high regard, and I think that's a great measure of success. Please mark this as your opportunity to congratulate him on a great career and thank him for his outstanding service to all of us.



**“There's just no way to over-emphasize how dangerous our roadways can be, especially for our motorcycle riders.”**

**BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW**

325th Fighter Wing commander

I'll have more to say about the outstanding leadership of Chief Hodges as his retirement nears.

Another opportunity you may want to mark on your calendar is taking advantage of the 100 percent tuition assistance that was instituted this month and pursue your educational goals before the new academic terms begin. This initiative shows the value our Air Force places on a well-educated force, and I encourage people to look into pursuing academic endeavors for the betterment of themselves and our Air Force.

With another three-day holiday

weekend almost here, I ask that each of you keep safety at the forefront of your mind — in all your activities. Just last week one of our members was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident. The lesson we can all take away from this mishap is that a quick personal risk-management assessment of the situation would have put this individual at an unacceptable level of risk, and applying mitigating measures may have prevented the accident, injury and damage.

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## Action Line

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

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

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

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

*Larry D. New*

**BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW**

325th Fighter Wing commander

# Good health — Not just smart thing to do, it's your duty

**COL. JON PEARSE**

90th Medical Group commander

**F.E. WARREN AIR FORCE BASE, Wyo. (AFPN)** — Allow me to pass on my convictions on health, as a middle-aged male, a parent, a husband, a physician and commander. No matter what “hat” any one of us wears, we have an obligation to ourselves, to our loved ones, and as military members, to our country, to care for our health.

If you know it is important to change the oil in your car, then why is it so hard to believe that you have to take care of your body? Prevention and good health are the keys to the future and fall into three simple categories: diet, exercise and tobacco use.

Obesity is increasing alarmingly fast in the world, and America is leading the way. The typical “Western diet” is high in saturated fat and sugars. This toxic and high-calorie diet is the major cause of heart disease, diabetes and stroke. Combine this unhealthy diet with lack of exercise, and one becomes a walking time bomb. Most health pro-

fessionals consider 30 pounds over ideal body weight obesity. In 1991, only seven states had 15 percent or more of the population considered obese; by 2001, all but one had obesity rates over 15 percent.

The average human needs about 2,200 calories per day to remain active and healthy. Look on the wall of the next fast food restaurant you enter for the nutrition facts they post. The “super meal” well exceeds this, and has a fat content more than four times the recommended amount.

I have fought the “battle of the bulge” nearly my entire life, and pushed the limits of the Air Force weight standards for most of my career. I never met a chip I didn't like, or a stalk of celery I particularly did. I have, though, learned how to eat a sensible low-fat diet.

I admit I was lucky. I met and married the queen of low-fat cooking, and it was easy to learn to live by it. And if I can, anyone can. Want to try? Call the health and wellness center and you will kill three birds with one stone: you will feel better, be able to do more and you will greatly reduce

your risk for the biggest killer diseases in this country.

Exercise is the most effective companion to smart eating in preventing the same diseases. It multiplies the effects of weight-loss programs immeasurably. The key to success in exercise is “start low, go slow.” Success is measured over time, and it's clear that those who set reasonable expectations and stay with it as a lifestyle change succeed, while those who overdo it initially get discouraged, even injured.

The time and place to exercise must be fixed, and an “immovable rock” on your daily routine. Look at your schedule. I will assure you there is an hour and a half, three times a week, that you have time to start an exercise program.

Finally, smoking is the “800-pound gorilla” of killers in our society. Consider these tobacco facts: half a million deaths a year, \$50 billion in health care and \$47 billion in lost productivity last year. The cost to each American is about \$400 per year, regardless of age. That's about what

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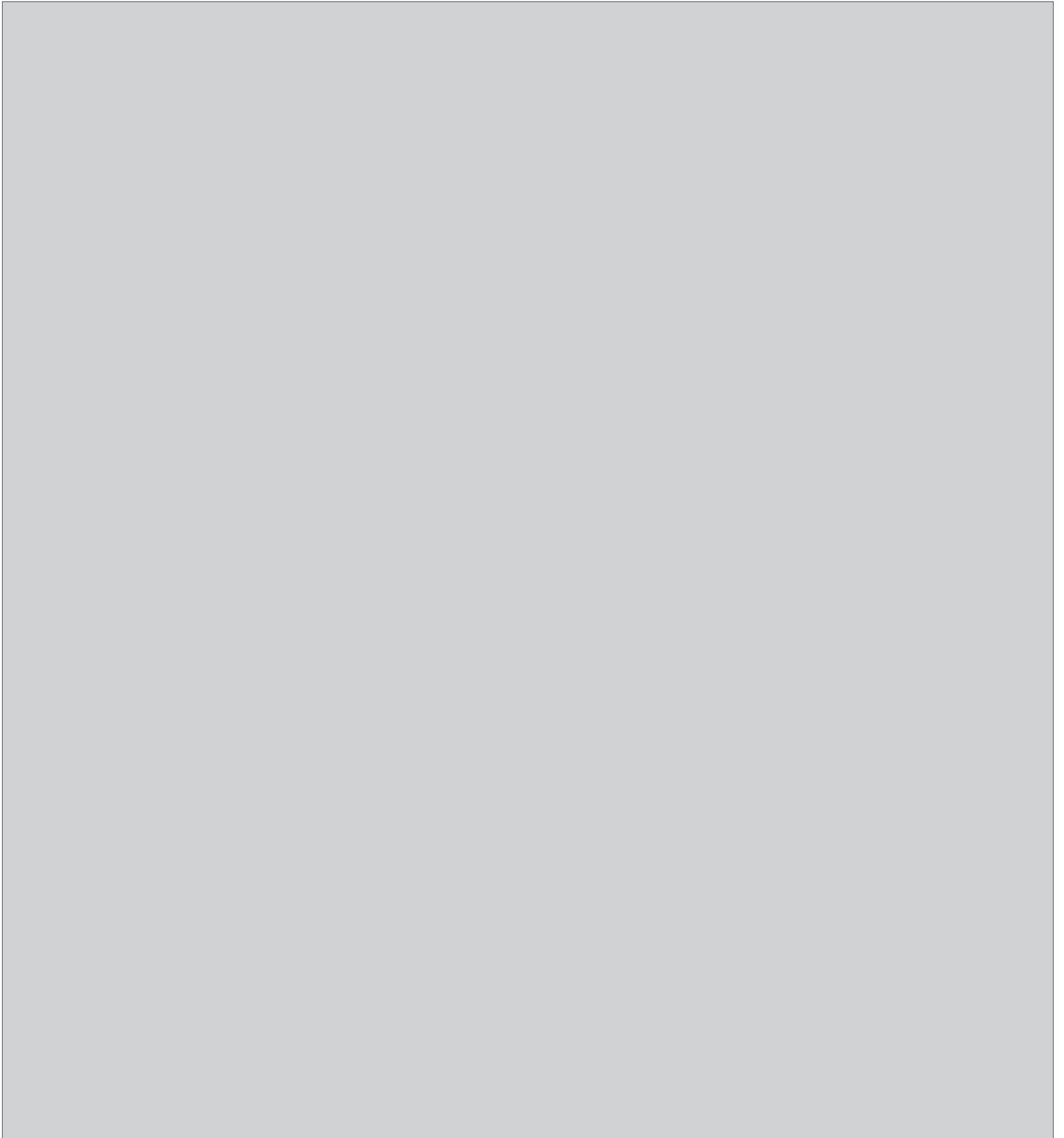
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## MTI recruiting team seeks volunteers

**LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** – Have you ever been interested in becoming a member of one of the most elite groups of people in the Air Force — the Military Training Instructor Corps?

“There’s a constant need for basic training instructors,” said Master Sgt. Jodie Swanson, MTI Recruiting Team superintendent. “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 answer any ques-

tions you may have.

“Everyone remembers their MTI. The MTI sets the stage for each individual’s success in the Air Force and has the opportunity to mentor hundreds of new Air Force members. 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 pro-

cess applications for all interested attendees,” Sergeant Swanson said.

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

Senior airmen who commit to a second enlistment through technical sergeants with less than 16 years total active service are eligible to apply. Get more details during the MTI briefing scheduled for 9 a.m. Oct. 22 in Building 662, Room 267. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend.

## Board announces cause of F-15 crash

**EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AFPN)** — Investigators determined that structural failure led to the April 30 crash of an F-15 Eagle into the Gulf of Mexico about 60 miles south of Panama City.

James Duricy, from the 46th Test Wing, was declared dead following the crash after search and rescue efforts were unsuccessful.

Investigators concluded he likely ejected under conditions that were instantly fatal.

The accident investigation board report said there is clear and convincing evidence that structural failure of the honeycomb material supporting the leading edge of the left vertical stabilizer during a high-speed test dive was the primary cause of the crash. At about 24,000 feet and at an airspeed of about 900 mph, the aircraft experienced the structural failure which caused part of the tail to break off and the fighter to depart from controlled flight. The departure created other structural overloads that resulted in the aircraft breaking up.

The accident occurred during a captive carry flight test for the AIM-9X, an improved version of the Sidewinder air-to-air missile.



Staff Sgt. Roel Utley

### Oohh, I know

First-grade children from the Tyndall Elementary School respond to a question by Sparky and Fire Inspector Bobby Richardson during a recent visit

to the school. The Tyndall Fire Department’s outreach program was planned to highlight Fire Prevention Week which ends Saturday.

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## Checkertail Salute

### Master Sgt. Jon Ellis

**Duty title:** Commander's support staff superintendent

**Unit:** 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

**Time on station:** 1 year

**Time in service:** 21 years

**Hometown:** Seattle, Wash.

**Hobbies:** Golf, bowling, softball, fishing and computer games

**Goals:** Make the 325th AMXS orderly room the best on Tyndall, finish my degree and with a little luck — make senior master sergeant.

**Favorite thing about Tyndall:** Friendly people and "the world's most beautiful beaches."

**Pet peeves:** People who lack common sense and liars.

**Favorite book:** The "Rogue Warrior" series by Dick Marcinko

**Favorite movie:** Monty Python's "The Holy Grail"



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

The Checkertail Clan salutes Sergeant Ellis whose one-on-one mentor-student relationship with his junior NCOs and airmen is the archetype of the Air Force senior NCOs. His insight and dedication yielded a strong working relationship with more than 600 maintenance personnel. His efforts ensured no loss in customer support during the reorganization.

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a retired family pays to enroll in TRICARE Prime. The cost just to buy the cigarettes for a one-pack-a-day smoker is approximately \$912 a year. That's about one month's pay for a new airman.

Now for the good news. Sixty percent of smokers tried in some way to quit last year and more than 20 percent of those who tried were successful. Success goes up with re-

peated tries. Success really goes up when one participates in an organized program.

What is this about duty? I feel that optimizing your health is a duty to those who depend on you, to those you care about, and to the country you serve. It is this simple: a more productive, longer life can make a bigger difference.

*(Courtesy of Air Force Space Command News Service)*

# Comptroller recaps Team Tyndall's financial picture

**CAPT. CRAIG HARDING**  
325th Comptroller Squadron

The financial books are closed for Fiscal Year 2002. Tyndall's financial/contracting community "celebrated" the new year late into the night Sept. 30.

During that celebration, the final touches were put on an outstanding year, executing more than \$200 million. Those dollars served as the fuel to train America's air superiority team.

For the average Team Tyndall member, it may not be obvious where those dollars

went. A majority of the funds went to the normal operation and maintenance of the base. This includes funding for civilian pay, training, travel or civil engineering work orders. But, at the end of the fiscal year, the wing is able to take saved funds and additional funds from command and buy things on an unfunded priority list. In that regard, 2002 was an exciting year. We were able to secure more than \$12 million for Tyndall's requirements list. These extra dollars were spread throughout the wing.

More than \$7.7 million was allocated to

facility projects. These projects include renovation of the small combat arms range, repair of the base swimming pool, replacement of the dining facility doors, construction of two munitions facilities and renovation of Hangar 2, to name a few. Additionally, we received funds for designing a new gym and new civil engineer facility.

Tyndall also allocated funds for additional library resources, dining facility equipment, lodging and dorm equipment, fitness center equipment and night vision goggle training. Most activities received some additional

funding this year, spread between mission and quality-of-life requirements.

Executing Tyndall's budget is a complete team effort. Key people include our cost center managers, our squadron/group resource advisers, the professionals in supply and Trend Western, and the folks in the civil engineer, contracting and comptroller squadrons. Special thanks go to the 325th Communications Squadron for ensuring all systems were up and running, and the maintenance group for on-the-spot assistance in closing the books on Sept. 30.

# Local support agencies free victims from domestic violence

**SHERI WARD**  
Family advocacy outreach manager

We have few needs as basic as the need to feel safe in our own home. Yet millions of people live in fear of a spouse or friends or even their own parents.

In a national survey of more than 6,000 American families, 50 percent of the men who frequently assaulted their wives also abused their children and/or their pets.

Men who have witnessed their parents' domestic violence are three times more likely to abuse their wives than children of non-

violent parents. Sons of the most violent parents are 1,000 times more likely to become abusers.

What is domestic violence? Any abuse that occurs in the home can be called "domestic."

Violence includes physical assault, verbal abuse, yelling, throwing objects at a household member, or making threats with a weapon or an object that is used as a weapon.

Children who witness violence at home display emotional and behavioral disturbances such as withdrawal, low self-esteem, night-

mares, self-blame and aggression against peers, family members, pets and property. Research suggests that as many as 3.3 and 10 million children in the United States witness parental spouse abuse.

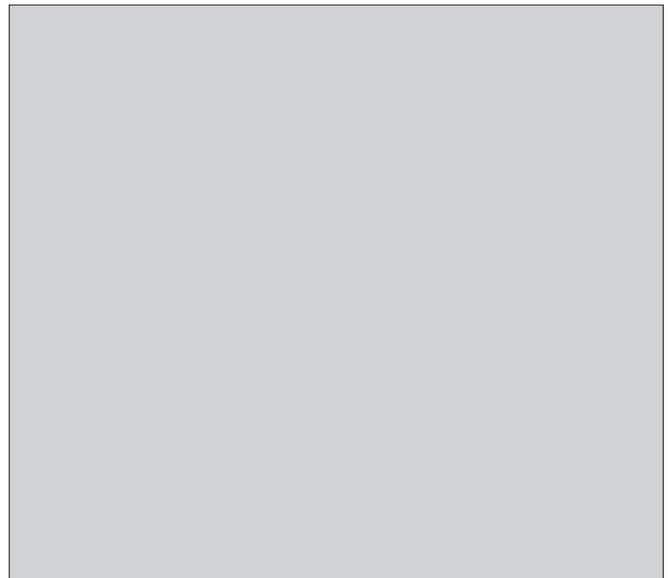
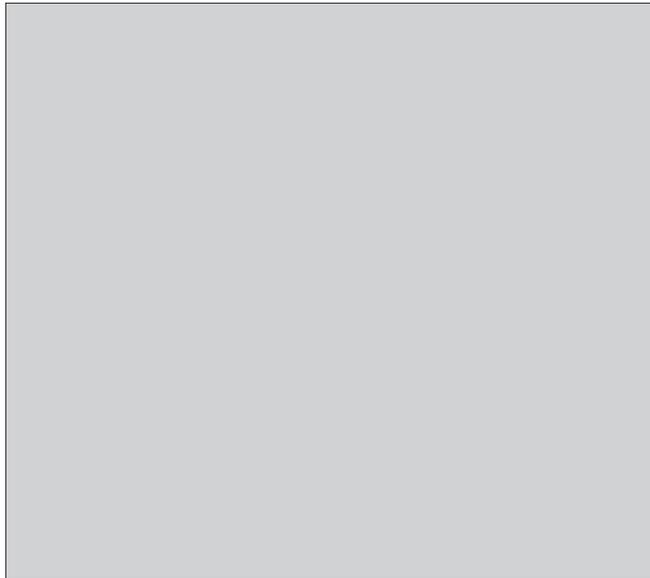
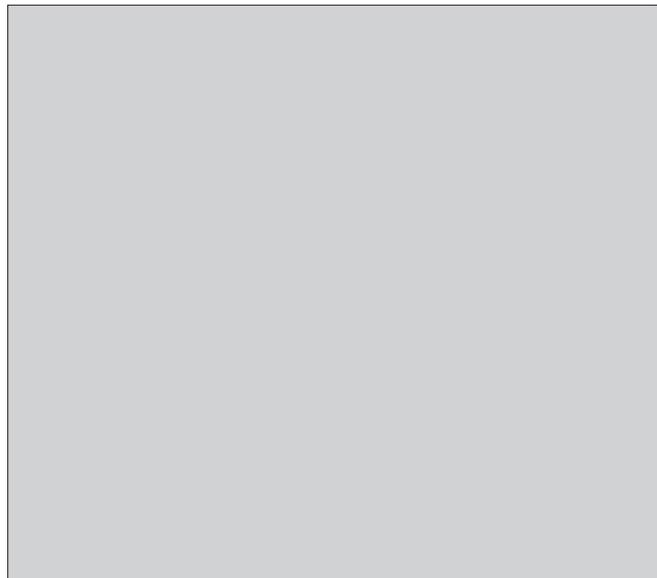
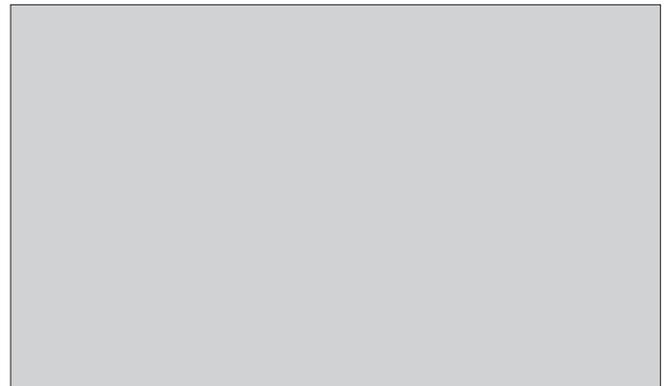
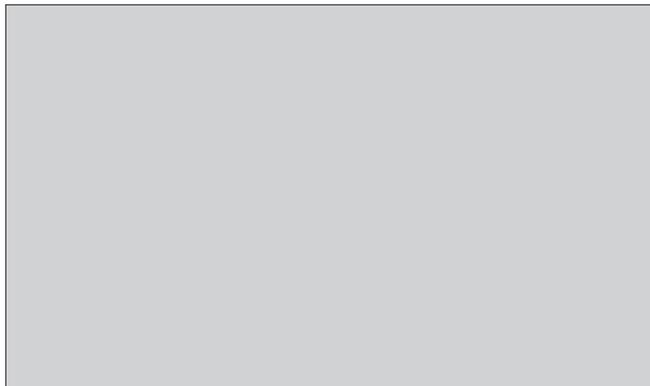
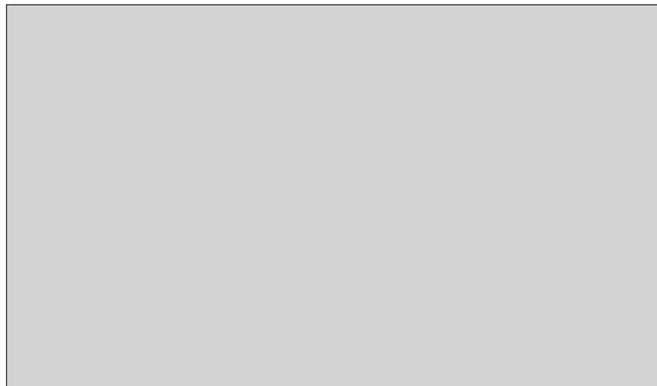
Domestic violence is not a normal situation. This type of violence often increases in frequency and severity over time. When an adult tolerates violence, even if the offender acts out only under the influence of drugs or alcohol, a message is sent to the offender that violence is acceptable. It's not.

If you are being abused, find

someone you can trust, like a counselor, teacher, minister or relative to help you with the situation. Children exposed to violence need to be able to speak openly with a sympathetic adult about their fears and concerns and, ideally, have someone to intervene to improve the situation.

If you are a victim or know someone who is a victim of abuse, you might be wondering what to do and how to feel safe again. The first step is to acknowledge your feelings. Next, make a decision. The desire to make your own decisions is a step toward recovery

because you are regaining control. Getting support from those around you who care for you at this difficult time can be very beneficial. Take advantage of any positive support that others can give you; but, if you feel the need, don't hesitate to talk to a professional counselor or victims' group. For more information about services in your community, contact the Family Advocacy Program at 283-7272, the Tyndall Chapel 283-2925, or The Salvation Army Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center at 769-7989.



# DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE

## Re-enlistments

### *The following Team Tyndall members re-enlisted during September:*

Tech. Sgt. Jeffery Abernathy, 82nd ATRS  
Senior Master Sgt. Richard Acevedo, 325th MXS

Master Sgt. Jeffrey Adams, 83rd FWS

Tech. Sgt. Enrique Alcaraz, 53rd WEG

Tech. Sgt. Michael Ammons, DET 2, 28th TS

Tech. Sgt. John Armstrong Jr., 83rd FWS

Master Sgt. Rick Bannon, 2nd FS

Tech. Sgt. Robert Barnett, OLJ 951st RSS

Staff Sgt. Erika Benson, 325th MDSS

Tech. Sgt. Leonard Bevilaqua, 325th MXS

Tech. Sgt. Thomas Bonifay, 325th CS

Senior Master Sgt. Charles Brantley, AFCESA

Tech. Sgt. Michael Brauer, 325th LG

Tech. Sgt. David Burgess, 2nd FS

Staff Sgt. Brian Bussie, 325th CS

Staff Sgt. Aaron Clark, 1st FS

Senior Airman Brian Crabtree, 325th MXS

Senior Airman John Crane, 325th SVS

Staff Sgt. William Eaton, 325th CS

Staff Sgt. Richard Gantt, 325th OSS

Master Sgt. Sandra Haines, 325th OG

Tech. Sgt. Eric Kaziska, 325th SFS  
Senior Airman Jonathan Keen, 2nd FS  
Senior Airman Viedelquina Keen, 325th FW  
Staff Sgt. Robert Lewallen, DET 1, 823rd RHS  
Staff Sgt. Wilma Majors, 325th AMXS  
Staff Sgt. Heath Marlin, 325th OG  
Senior Airman Shandan McClendon, 325th CS

Staff Sgt. Kevin McGee, 2nd FS

Staff Sgt. John McGinty Jr., 325th MXS

Senior Airman Derrick McMillian, 2nd FS

Tech. Sgt. Derrick Moore, 325th FW

Tech. Sgt. Dale Patterson Jr., 325th CS

Staff Sgt. Damian Phillips, 325th SFS

Staff Sgt. Lynn Riffle, 325th CS

Tech. Sgt. Christopher Roethle, 325th AMXS

Staff Sgt. Rafael Rosadorosa, 325th AMXS

Master Sgt. Robert Steng, DET 1, 823rd RHS

Senior Airman Christopher Tuck, 325th CONS

Senior Airman Jeremy Turner, 325th CS

Master Sgt. Alan Weatherly, 325th CS

Tech. Sgt. Clifford Wilkins, 325th OSS

Tech. Sgt. Barbara Wood, 325th MSS

Master Sgt. Robert Wood II, 325th MXS

Tech. Sgt. James Zelrick, 325th SFS

● **FROM TRANSFORMATION PAGE 1** that we've always done and still be transformational. A good example of this is our transformation to the expeditionary air and space force construct."

According to General Leaf, operating from forward-deployed locations, working in harsh conditions and rotating people deploying in and out of these areas is nothing new for the Air Force.

"We've been doing that since World War I," he said. "We did it again in World War II as we worked our way across the globe as an expeditionary U.S. Army Air Force. We go wherever we need to conduct operations and kick the enemy's butt. That's the nature of the Air Force.

"However, the EAF structure and mindset has transformed the Air Force in many subtle ways," he said. "We were able to put more predictability into our rotation cycles to help our people plan time to take

a vacation, attend training or continue their education. It also transformed the way we present forces and explain our capabilities."

Transformation will not happen overnight, the general added. While the Air Force has made significant strides in transitioning to the EAF construct, there is still much to learn and much work to do. Transformation does not have a clear beginning or end and cannot be put on a schedule, he said. It is an ongoing process.

"You can't decide one day to work on some transformation," General Leaf said. "It happens when the bright men and women of the Air Force question the assumptions that they operate under and look for new ways to achieve the desired effects. Thinking about better ways to do business is the fertile ground from which transformation can grow."

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# EOD's world

## Training focus keeps unique flight primed for global mission success

TECH. SGT. DAN NEELY

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

To even the most jaded observer, theirs is a volatile world: Weapons of war — bombs, rockets, sub-munitions, mines and others, conventional and unconventional, are their bread and butter. It's definitely no career for the skittish or faint of heart. After all, the 325th Civil Engineer Squadron's tiny 12-man explosive ordnance disposal flight routinely seems to stare a specter of death squarely in the face, despite their unblemished weapons safety record.

Now here's the ironic part: The potentially fatal hazards of the job don't appear to faze these airmen in the least.

Why?

In a word, training.

"I think we build up so much confidence in our training that when we go out on calls, we don't stress out over the fact that we're dealing with something real," said Master Sgt. Tim Collister, EOD flight chief. "We're much harder on ourselves during the training than during actual calls. I'm confident in my abilities, and I'm confident in the abilities of my guys. I can always count on them to show up and give 110 percent. Plus they're all trained and certified to handle everything from a bullet to a nuclear weapon."

And train they do. According to Sergeant Collister, the flight spends the majority of its weekly manhours in training situations, both teaching and being taught, not to mention participating in regular physical training and other teambuilding activities.

There is plenty to prepare for, considering their mission and their global on-call mobility requirement to render safe all manner of assets — weapons, aircraft, vehicles, facilities, airfields and weapons ranges — usually on extremely short notice.

Quite often, the unit is tasked to support U.S. Secret Service missions for the president, wherever he happens to travel. Describing that role, Tech. Sgt. Chad McCurdy said EOD technicians typically search for "assassination devices."

"Our job is to go through and find these things so we can move the protectee away from them. If we're doing a motorcade or a route and we see something suspicious ... it's our call. We can change a motorcade route in pretty much any instance. If it takes that, we can send the president clear around a city if we need to."

During aircraft ground emergencies at Tyndall, the unit is typically called to respond to the flightline to secure or "safe" a weapon, such as a live AIM-9 or AIM-120 air-



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Dan Neely

**Senior Airman George Schmalz, wearing a 60-pound, air-conditioned bomb-protective suit, demonstrates use of a pan disruptor on a simulated pipe bomb. Pan disruptors are used to remotely fire projectiles at ordnance for disposal.**

to-air missile that has malfunctioned and is still mounted on its launcher rail. Until EOD's job is done, absolutely no one gets near the jet. As Sergeant Collister put it, "until (our response) is terminated, the entire flightline is

locked up."

In other cases here, the flight supports Tyndall tenant units such as the 83rd Aerial Targets Squadron when target drones wash up on area beaches, requiring EOD to first secure their chaff and flare dispensers, a potential hazard to beachcombers who discover one and attempt to touch it. They also provide emergency response for security officials throughout the Florida

panhandle and beyond — Pensacola's airport, for one — and are the primary coverage for Columbus AFB, Miss., which does not have its own permanently assigned EOD unit.

The Tyndall unit also responds any time a suspicious package is found at the base post office or elsewhere, where they identify, remove and dispose of the potential hazard. One of their primary tools used in such a response could easily be mistaken for a contestant on television's "Battlebots" — namely their Remote Ordnance Neutralization System's remote-controlled vehicle.

In a demonstration of the robot's capabilities, Staff Sgt. Nathan Walch sat in front of a control panel and video terminal where he remotely steered it toward a simulated pipe bomb lying on the ground. He then moved its mechanical arms and claws to delicately lift the weapon for closer inspection by one of the RONS' four remote cameras.

Sergeant McCurdy and his teammates must stay proficient on a mind-numbing array of weapons, weapon systems and procedures.

"In EOD as a whole, we don't just know our job, we have to know a little bit about everything in the Air Force," Sergeant McCurdy said. "So, it kind of makes us more worldly as far as knowing supply, equipment management, security management and other things."

When flight members aren't involved in training, they use the time to maintain equipment they use for worldwide deployments.

"Ninety-five percent of our job skills are wartime skills," Sergeant McCurdy explained. "We're supposed to be able to be a roll-on UTC (unit type code). We roll it on, we go, we roll off and we're supposed to be ready to work.

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**From left, Staff Sgt. [Name] and Staff Sgt. [Name]. The 325th Civil Engineer Squadron's global roll-on/roll-off unit.**



**Senior Airman [Name] shown next to an 82/A2 50-caliber munitions at Tyndall.**



... Brian Fleming, Airman Schmalz, Tech. Sgt. Chad McCurdy and Staff Sgt. Petrie are shown in their typical wartime configuration. The Engineer Squadron unit must maintain total readiness as a self-sufficient team.



... Staff Sgt. Mike Hernandez is shown operating a Humvee-mounted M249 machine gun used to disrupt enemy stand-off ranges.

them. We knew we had to get in there and safe these live ordnance items.”

With the EOD technicians routinely handling things like unexploded ordnance – both from friendly and enemy

forces – one might wonder what attracted them to the career field back when they visited their recruiters.

“It looked different and challenging, especially because the dropout rate was 60 percent,” said Senior Airman George Schmalz, who recently notched his first year in EOD at Tyn dall. “Getting to work with special forces every once in a while and doing some fun stuff got me interested.”

Ironically, despite the inherent hazards of EOD work, Airman Schmalz said his parents didn’t seem outwardly opposed to his choice of Air Force specialties, instead choosing to fully support their son’s decision.

“They’re just glad I’m doing something I like,” he remarked. “My grandmothers are kind of worried, and they were actually upset I made it through the school,” he said, grinning widely.

That takes a lot of maintenance on equipment and making sure our guys have the best stuff they need to fight.”

All EOD airmen get their formal training in a nine-month course, the vast majority of that at the Navy-run, joint-service course at Eglin AFB. Despite being a 14-year EOD veteran with plenty of experience plying his trade with special forces units in Kuwait during Operation Desert Storm, Sergeant McCurdy said one of his career highlights was passing the course.

“It was one of the hardest things I’ve ever done,” he admitted. “I did learn a lot when I was in Kuwait. When they (coalition forces) kicked all the Iraqi forces out, I did disposals in urban areas that a lot of EOD techs have never even thought about doing. I learned a lot of different aspects because of the coalition having different ordnance, finding a bomb under a man’s house, in a garbage can or buried in his garden,” he said. “As an A1C (airman first class) right out of tech school, it wasn’t like ‘let’s play a war game,’” Sergeant McCurdy continued. “This was war and these were live ordnance that could possibly kill you – and had killed adults, and even children who had been playing with



Staff Sgt. Nathan Walch operates a Remote Ordnance Neutralization System robot. Inset photos: (Top) Sergeant Walch works the remote system controls; (bottom) the robot’s claw grasps a simulated pipe bomb for closer inspection via one of its four onboard cameras.



Sergeant McCurdy places an inert ordnance item inside one of several EOD display cases. Base members can view a virtual museum of such items at their facility in Building 729.

## Tyndall’s EOD flight at a glance

**325th EOD Flight mission:** Give the wing the flexibility to fly live ordnance and keep pilot training on schedule.

**Motto:** “Instant success or total failure”

**Safety record:** Zero weapons-related accidents to date.

**Emergency services:** Terminates the following: aircraft emergencies involving ordnance, incidents involving ordnance or suspicious objects in and around support functions, incidents involving ordnance generated by Tyndall AFB but found off the installation (drones, dropped ordnance, flares).

Enables recovery capabilities involving aircraft accidents; flexibility to handle any type of aircraft ordnance load or host units involved in testing weapons systems (53rd Weapons Evaluation Group, Air Force Research Laboratory, others) and to host Silver Flag training (explosive operations).

Assists local community with EOD services on calls ranging from Navy ordnance washed up on shore, assists local airport with terminating incidents involving suspect objects (nearest civilian bomb squad is in Pensacola).



Tech. Sgt. Dan Neely

### CFC kickoff

Col. Douglas Cochran, 325th Fighter Wing vice commander, signs a Combined Federal Campaign form as 2nd Lt. Jason Bernal, 325th Mission Support Squadron and 325th Fighter Wing staff CFC project officer, looks on. The Combined Federal Campaign is the official fund-raising event for the Air Force. The event continues through Nov. 15.

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 be, especially for our motorcycle riders. Always be alert to the various hazards while operating any type of motor vehicle, and be sure you're never driving too fast for conditions. Always use and wear the proper safety equipment and clothing. Riding a motorcycle is dangerous enough during daylight and fair weather, but adding darkness and wet weather amplifies the risks many times over.



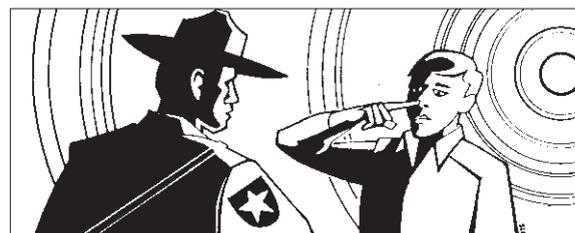
At Tyndall we have placed a great deal of emphasis on motorcycle safety and I urge all of our motorcyclists to take the proper precautionary measures to ensure they can see and be seen out there on the road. To all others who operate motor vehicles, make sure you're wearing your seat belt anytime you get behind the wheel, and if you have children,

please ensure they're secured in a proper car seat or using a seat belt of their own. Not only are seat belts life-savers – they are the law. We just can't afford to lose one member of Team Tyndall to an accident, so please take preventative measures to ensure the safety of yourself and others.

No matter what you decide to do to enjoy the holiday weekend, please do not drink and drive. If you plan to drink, your plan should include getting home with a sober driver.

However, if caught without a plan, your Air Force family will support you. If the need arises, please contact a friend, coworker, supervisor or the Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 867-2233.

Please stay safe, and have an enjoyable holiday weekend!

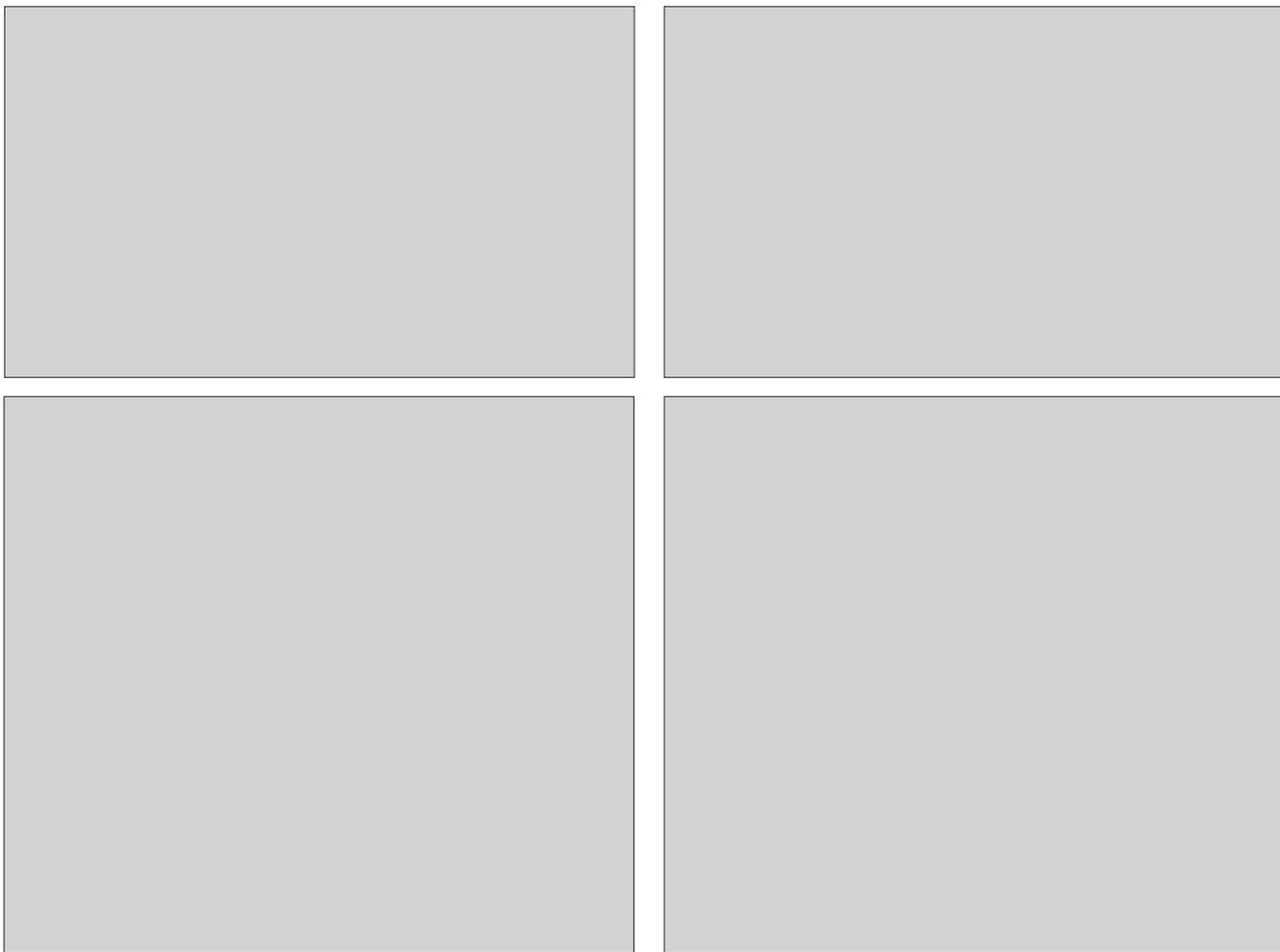


**Think  
 before  
 you  
 drink.**

### Thinking of getting out?

## THINK AGAIN!

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





Tech. Sgt. Dan Neely

## Mr. Bones retires ... not!

Mr. Bones (inset), 95th Fighter Squadron mascot, is lowered by his fellow 'Boneheads' into a makeshift grave due to his frail condition. A new Mr. Bones is already in place to continue the 95th FS tradition.

# AEF provides opportunity, stability

**STAFF SGT. KYLE FORD**  
14th Flying Training Wing public affairs

**COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. (AETCNS)** — The command chief master sergeant of Air Education and Training Command talked about the benefits of the command's growing role in the Air and Space Expeditionary Force during a recent visit to Columbus AFB.

Chief Master Sgt. William Milligan told the enlisted groups he met with that a major advantage of AEF participation is the opportunity for instructors to get current field experience

"That's value added to the classroom and the cockpit," the chief said. "It brings back an operational knowledge into the teaching environment."

The chief said deployments allow instructors to transfer more than just technical skills. They can tell their students from a first-hand perspective what operational experiences are like, how students will apply the skills they learn in technical school and the things they'll face as they accomplish the mission in the field.

This year, AETC has 13,000 people committed to AEF. Next year, that number will rise to 20,000.

"Our commander, Gen. Donald Cook, is determined to support the war on terror," the chief said. "Obviously, we're going to strike a balance to where supporting the war doesn't impede our ability to train, because training, educating and sustaining the combat capability of the Air Force is our primary mission."

While the chief recognized that increased deployments could cause people to leave the Air Force, he credits the Air and Space Expeditionary Force concept with improving retention.

"The AEF structure has given our troops the ability to program and predict their lives around deployments," Chief Milligan said. "That's probably had a bigger impact on enhancing retention than we give it credit for."

He cited the improvements in AEF planning and structure, from the first AEF to present, to Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper's leadership.

"He's committed to the AEF and making it work," the chief said. "He's going to keep working at it."

The chief described how the AEF structure has improved.

"Part of our retention problem was due to the fact that people deployed many times without the ability to project when and how long," he explained. "That impacted retention because people didn't know when they were going or when they were coming back and couldn't plan their lives."

Today, people are assigned to a unit task code requirement and that requirement fits into a position in the AEF at a certain time. Once people are assigned against a UTC, they know when their window for deployment is open.

"With the UTC requirements getting larger, more and more Air Force people are going to be involved," Chief Milligan said. "When you do that, more people go less times, and now your predictability is even better."

"Just giving the AEF some structure gives people some predictability in their lives and that helps retention."

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

# Gulf Guide

**in the  
Tyndall community**

## OCTOBER

**FRI 11**

### Troy State registration

Today is the last day of registration for Troy State University's Term II. The term begins Monday and ends Dec. 22. For more information, call the education center, 283-4449.

### Embry-Riddle registration

Today is the last day of registration for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's winter term. Registration hours are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in Room 48 of the education center. Class dates are Monday-Dec. 14. For more information, call the education center, 283-4557.

**SUN 13**

### Chapel religious education

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

**MON 14**

### Commissary closure

The Tyndall Commissary will be closed Monday and Tuesday in observance of the Columbus Day holiday.

### Bible study

A "More About Jesus" Bible study will be 7 p.m. Mondays through Oct. 21 in the Chapel 2 annex. For more information, call the chaplain's office, 283-2925.

**TUE 15**

### Focus 56 meeting

A Focus 56 meeting for all staff sergeant selects through technical sergeants will be 3 p.m. Tuesday in the NCO Academy auditorium. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Bryon Nelson, 283-8701, or visit the Web site, [www.tyndall.af.mil/FOCUS56/default.htm](http://www.tyndall.af.mil/FOCUS56/default.htm).

### Holiday budgeting class

A brown bag, lunch-time holiday budgeting class will be 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday in the family support center classroom. For more information or to make a reservation, call the family support center, 283-4204.

### Children's weight class

The health and wellness center's sensible weight class

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

**THU 17**

### Housing office closure

The housing office will close at noon Thursday for training.

### Bible study

A weekly Bible study session offered by the Officer Christian Fellowship and Christian Military Fellowship will be 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Thursdays in the community activities center. For more information, call Capt. Carma Pauli, 283-7669.

**FRI 18**

### Top 3 meeting

The next Tyndall Top 3 meeting and membership drive will be 3:30 p.m. Oct. 18 at Bonita Bay. All senior NCOs and senior NCO selects assigned to Tyndall are invited to attend. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Michael Burson, 283-3442.

## NOTES

### Licensed skydivers needed

A search is underway for current, licensed skydivers with their own gear interested in joining a team to represent Tyndall Air Force Base for the U.S. Army Parachute Team Black and Gold Meet to be held Nov. 8-11 in Raeford, N.C. For more information, call Capt. Lori Katowich, 283-3404, or e-mail [lori.katowich@tyndall.af.mil](mailto:lori.katowich@tyndall.af.mil).

### 40th Bay Annual Art Exhibit

The 40th Bay Annual Art Exhibit will return to the Visual Arts Center of Northwest Florida Oct. 18-Nov. 23. The show spotlights art by local artists who utilize a variety of mediums and formats. The reception starts 7-9 p.m. Oct. 18 for anyone wishing to join the artists and other patrons for live entertainment, refreshments and art. The deadline for art entries is Thursday. Entries are accepted in all media except photography from Florida artists who reside in Bay and surrounding counties. For information, call the Visual Arts Center, 769-4451.

### Nature's gallery festival

A Nature's Gallery Festival will be Oct. 26-27 in St.

Andrews State Park. Tyndall will be bringing their fire safety house and ambulance service and volunteers from natural resources will be leading activities for children through Project Wild. Native American story telling, civil war re-enactments, string bands, environmental exhibits, art displays and activity booths will be included. Tent displays will feature student science and history fair projects along with exhibits designed by the Big Bend Wildlife Sanctuary. Park admission is free. Visitors may park at the jetties or the gulf pier at the park entrance, where free shuttle buses will take passengers into the campground, or park at Captain Anderson's restaurant to take the shuttle boat ride across Grand Lagoon. A \$2 donation for ages 7 and up is suggested for the round trip water adventure. A food court, wheelchair-accessible picnic tables and art vendors will also be available.

## RETIREE NEWS

### New mail-order pharmacy contract

The Department of Defense TRICARE Management Activity has awarded Express Scripts, Inc. of Maryland Heights, Mo., a contract to provide mail-order pharmacy services for the TRICARE program. The contract covers a five-year period and is valued at approximately \$275 million over the five years. The new contract will replace the existing National Mail Order Pharmacy contract, which is due to expire at the end of February 2003. The TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy contract will provide a worldwide, full-service mail-order pharmacy program to all TRICARE-eligible beneficiaries and will begin on or about March 1, 2003.

Like the NMOP, the TMOP provides another option for TRICARE beneficiaries to meet their prescription needs in addition to military and retail pharmacies. The Pharmacy Data Transaction Service, a patient medication record that enhances patient safety, will monitor all three options for pharmacy services. More information about the new TMOP program will be available soon on the TRICARE Web site at [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil). Beneficiaries currently using NMOP will receive information about TMOP prior to its start date. Beneficiaries also may visit the Express Scripts Inc. Web site at [www.express-scripts.com/](http://www.express-scripts.com/) for more information.

## YARD SALES

The following yard sales are scheduled for Saturday: 2814-B Falcon St. and 2337 Grant Drive. All yard sales are held between 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

## BASE THEATER

**Today:** 7 p.m. "Men in Black 2" (PG-13)

**Saturday:** 7 p.m. "Fear.com" (R)

**Sunday:** 5 p.m. "Men in Black 2"

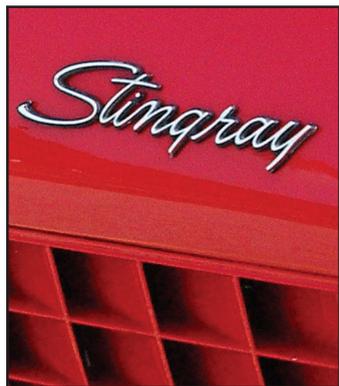
**Thursday:** 7 p.m. "Fear.com"

## CLASSIFIEDS

Classified ads in this section are free to active-duty and retired military members and their families as well as Department of Defense employees assigned to Tyndall Air Force Base. For more information call 283-2983 or visit the public affairs office in Building 662, Room 129.

# In praise of cars

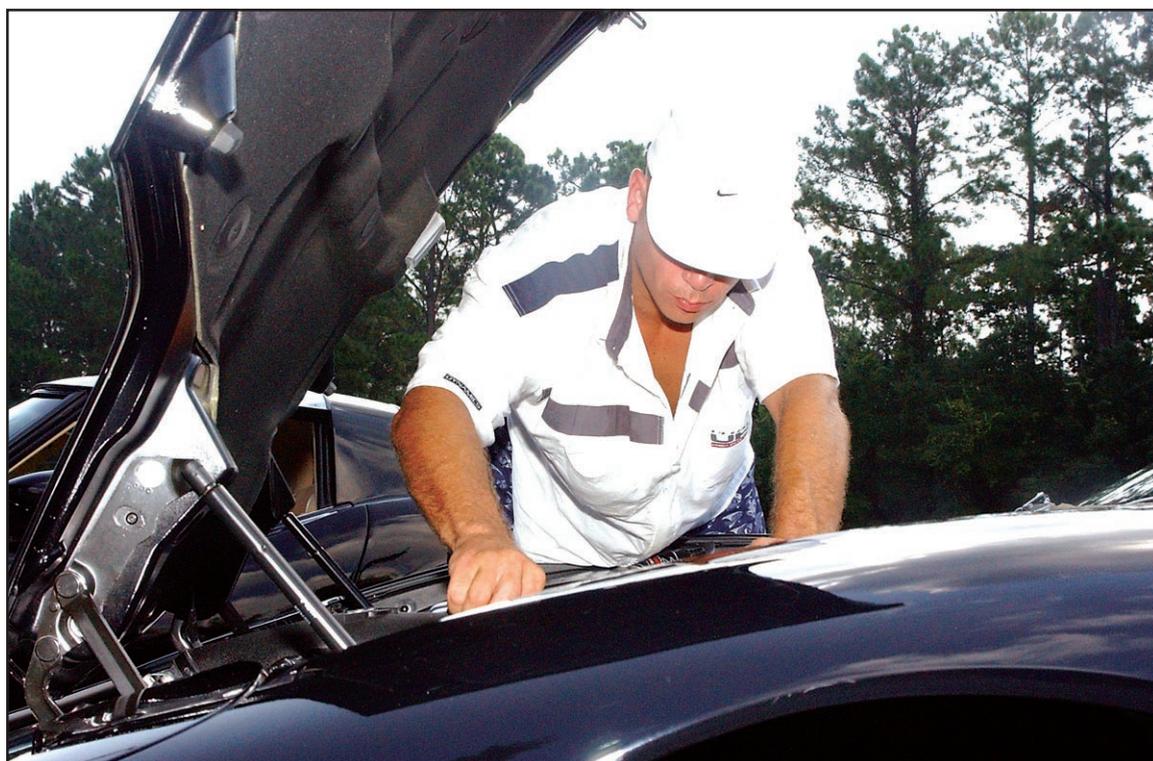
## Tyndall welcomes area auto enthusiasts to annual show



Many attendees found this 1957 Ford Thunderbird a real head turner from any perspective.



A Tallahassee club flies its colors at the show.

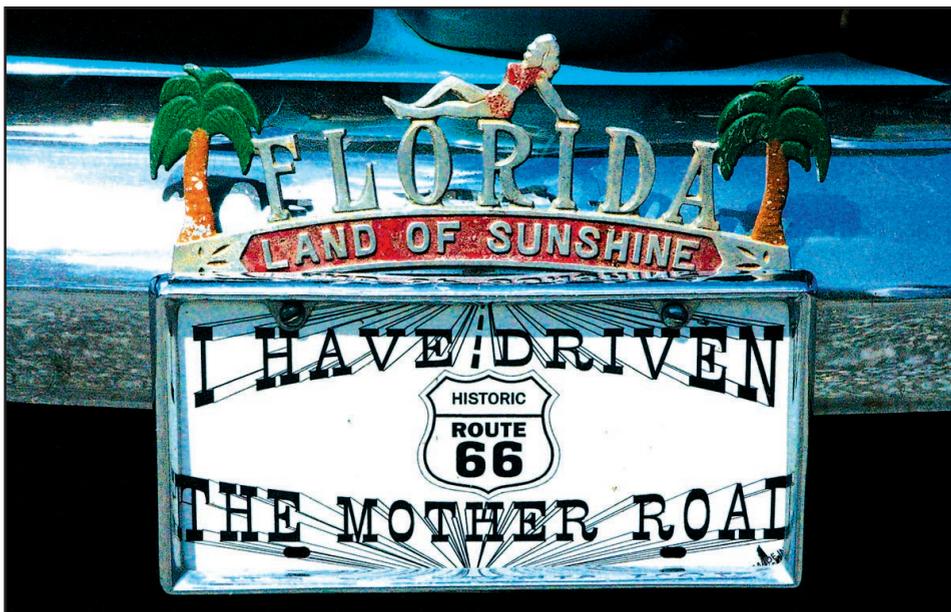


Tech. Sgt. Lewis Peluau, Tyndall NCO Academy, puts finishing touches on his black 2000 Chevrolet Corvette prior to the judging.

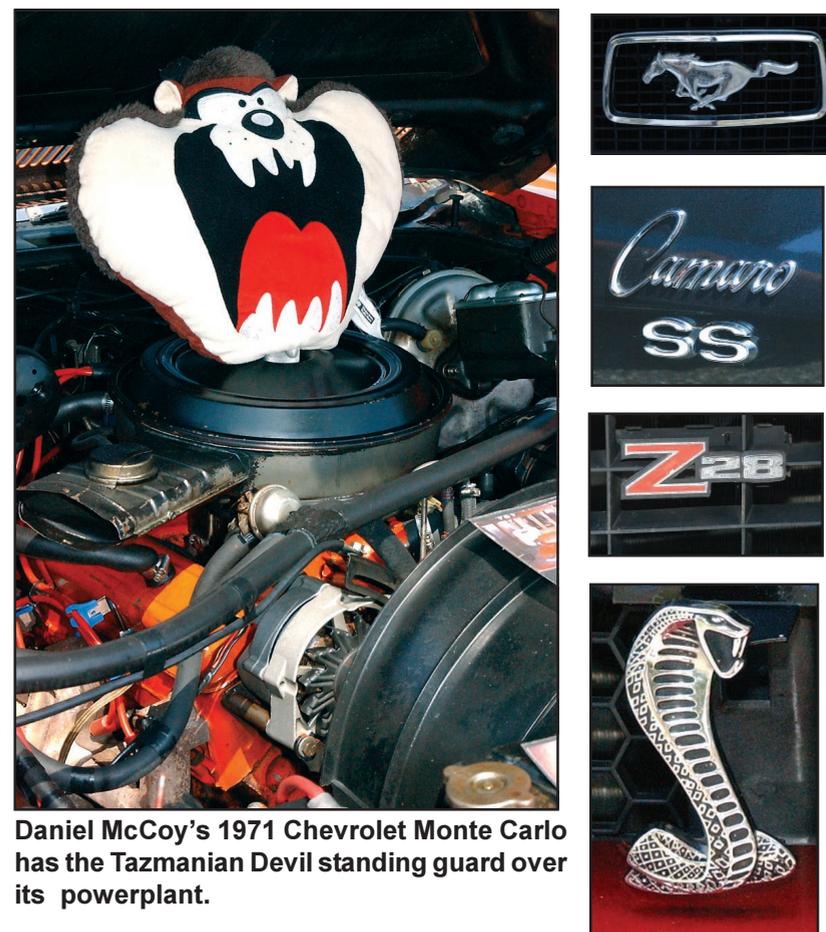


Roy Fansler dusts the hood of his sparkling 1940 Chevy Coupe.

Photos by  
Tech. Sgt. Dan  
Neely



A license plate boasts this vehicle's classic travels.



Daniel McCoy's 1971 Chevrolet Monte Carlo has the Tazmanian Devil standing guard over its powerplant.

# Funshine NEWS

October 11, 2002

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



Through  
December 20

One new member & one current member per command will win:

#### Grand Prize

Sony 32TS1 Plasma TV  
Bose Lifestyle 28 Home Ent. System  
Monster Cable M1000i  
Monster Power MPB2100

Just pick up an application from your club and sign up now through December 20 to be eligible for the random drawings.

Sponsored in part by: **First USA & Ted's Jewelers**  
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Current members  
are already entered  
to win!

## All Ranks at the O Club Seafood Extravaganza

Friday, October 11

5:30-8:30 p.m.

Market price \$18.95

members receive a \$3.00 discount

283-4357

## GOLF 101

Golf Lessons  
for the Beginner

Call for dates and times

Fee: \$10: (Includes Cap, Balls, Towel, Booklets)

Each lesson will be a 2 hour session and will include short irons, long irons, woods, chipping/pitching & putting.



283-4389

By Air Force Directive  
all Services Facilities will  
become non-smoking December 7.

## Passport to Adventure

Validate Your Passport NOW  
for a Chance to  
Win These Great Prizes:

A Cruise for 2 on the Riviera  
A Cruise for 2 on the New England Coast  
To get your passport and  
information on how to play  
stop by Information, Tickets and Travel  
or call: 283-2499.

## Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

### Tennis Anyone?

Open to ages 6 and up. Program runs Oct. 26 & Nov. 2, 9, 16 & 30 at 10 a.m. Cost is \$30. Call Andy at 283-4366.

## Basketball Registration

Basketball registration begins Oct. 15 and ends Nov. 15th 2002. A valid birth certificate on file or brought in at registration is required, and a current physical with a copy of shot records is required on file or before practice is allowed. Costs are \$25 for 5-8 yr. olds, \$30 for 9-10 yr. olds and \$45 for 11 & 13 under leagues. Call for more info.

## FREE Basic Baseball Instruction

Sign ups are now being taken. Learn to properly play the game. Free to all 9-14 yr. olds every Sat. at 2 p.m., begins Oct. 12.

## Bonita Bay Outdoor Rec.

☎ 283-3199

### Fall Flea Market

Oct. 26, 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m., \$7 per space; \$10 space and 1 table; \$12 space and 2 tables; small pavilion \$25; inside large pavilion (electric available) \$20. Reserve your space early! No refunds for cancellations for no shows.

## Information, Tickets & Travel

☎ 283-2499

### Leisure Travel - 283-2864

Leisure Travel has specials for cruises and European trips.

## Maclay Gardens

Tour to Tallahassee, Florida. November 2. Cost per person is \$10. Depart at 8 a.m. and return at 6 p.m.

Want to keep up with  
"What's Happening" at Tyndall?  
Send us your email and we will  
add you to our weekly mailing.  
whats.happening@tyndall.af.mil  
or call us at 283-4565  
Check us out  
on the world wide web:  
www.325thservices.com

## Win a Trip to Colorado Springs, Colorado with: AF Football Quest

No purchase necessary.  
Enter at these facilities:

Bowling Center	Fam Camp
Marina Club	Pizza Pub
Golf Course	Lodging
Library	Fitness Center

This program is made possible in part by sponsorship support from USAA, the 3M Corporation, Dollar Rent A Car, and the Hilton Garden Inn in Colorado Springs.

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## Teen Ctr.

☎ 283-0295

### Teen Center Make a Difference Project

Oct. 19, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. We are looking for volunteers to assist in painting the center. If you have artistic ability, give us a call.

## Red Ribbon Week Speaker

Oct. 24, 6-7 p.m. Speaker: David Taylor with C.A.R.E. speaks on the effects of alcohol and drug abuse. Parents are encouraged to attend. RSVP by Oct. 21.

## Have a Birthday Party at Raptor Lanes

Economy Party - \$22  
Custom Party - \$39  
Deluxe Party - \$59



Birthday child must be 16 years old or younger. Your child will love the Bowland 3-D Animated Graphics. They're awesome!

283-2380

## Vet Clinic

☎ 283-2434

### Holiday Hours

The vet clinic will be closed on Fri., Oct. 11 and Mon. Oct. 14.

## Tyndall Youth Center Sixth Annual

## Fall Festival

October 25 6-8 p.m.

Games, food & lots of fun  
for the entire family!

For more information call  
283-4366

## All Ranks Every Wednesday at the O Club Family Night Buffet

Especially for Kids!

5-7:30 p.m. \$8.95

Children 6-11 \$5.95 5 and under eat free  
Members First pricing is in effect.  
Show your club card and receive  
your \$2 member discount.

283-4357

## Tyndall Clubs Hosts



The CAC will be open  
Sundays, 12-7 p.m.  
during football season  
(Through January 26)

## Watch the multi-game action at the CAC Pizza Pub!



### Win a trip to:

49ers vs. Cowboys game

Super Bowl

Pro Bowl

San Francisco to

meet 49ers Terrell Owens

For more information call 283-3222

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Tech. Sgt. Ken Wright

### Falcon fury

Air Force quarterback Chance Harridge (No. 11) rushes for one of his four touchdowns against Navy during the Oct. 5 interservice match-up. After a shaky first quarter, the Falcons never looked back as they sank the midshipmen 48-7. The Falcons advanced from No. 25 to No. 19 in the USA Today/ESPN college football poll, and cracked the Associated Press Top 25 poll at No. 21.

### Sports standings

The following standings are current as of Tuesday.

#### Soccer

Team	Win	Loss
CONR	1	1
1 FS	2	1
MXS	1	3
OSS	3	0
AMXS	2	1
CS	3	0
MDG	1	1
ACS 1	1	1
ACS 2	0	3
WEG	1	3
MOS	1	2

#### Flag football

National League		
Team	Win	Loss
83 FWS	1	5
SFS	4	1
SEADS	1	5
ACS 1	5	1
28 TS	2	4
CES	5	0
OSS	2	5
2 AMF	1	5
CS	5	0

#### American League

Team	Win	Loss
SVS	0	4
WEG	4	1
MSS	4	1
MXS	4	0
MDG	2	2
1 AMF	2	3
CONS	0	4
ACS 2	2	3

#### Golf

Team	Total points
ACS	64.5
AFCESA	63
MSS 1	55.5
MXS	55.5
SVS	54.5
CES	52.5
SEADS	52.5
TS 1	49.5
CONR 1	43.5
COMM	43
LSS	42
WEG	42
OSS	37
95 FS	34.5
CONR 2	23.5
CONR 3	16
TS 2	12.5
RHS	9.5



Every member of Team Tyndall is valuable. Play it safe, don't become a statistic.

There's only one way to come out ahead of the pack.

# QUIT



