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## In brief

### Vehicle parking

All vehicles in the Tyndall military housing area will be parked in authorized spaces – carports, garages or paved parking areas. On-street parking is permitted only on the side of the street opposite the fire hydrants, with four exceptions.

On Eagle Drive between Beacon Beach Road and Phantom Street, parking will be on the side with even house numbers; on Dart Avenue, parking will be on the odd side; on Falcon Street the even side; and where parking spaces are designated.

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Staff Sgt. Roel Utley

## We can build it

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## F/A-22 to provide technological leap forward

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

**WASHINGTON** — One cannot view the F/A-22 Raptor as only a replacement for current Air Force fighters, the service's top acquisition official told lawmakers April 11.

"(The F/A-22) is basically a technological leap forward to counter the threats we perceive (we will face) in the future," said Dr. Marvin Sambur, assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition, during testimony to the House Committee on government reform subcommittee on national security.

Responding to the subcommittee's concerns over the cost and progress of the Rap-

tor, Doctor Sambur explained that the Air Force recently presented the Department of Defense with a comprehensive business plan that outlined the need for and viability of the F/A-22.

"We're not here to give you excuses for problems of (past F/A-22 program) performance," he said. "We're trying to make improvements now and in the future."

Air Force officials have taken a comprehensive look at the need for the F/A-22, balanced that with other service needs, and determined that the Raptor is the way to go, Doctor Sambur said.

Under the program's imposed

cost cap, the Air Force will only be able to procure 224 Raptors. However, the Air Force needs at least 381 aircraft to fully meet air expeditionary force, training and maintenance requirements, and to avoid making the F/A-22 another high-demand, low-density asset, Doctor Sambur said.

The F/A-22 is developing and implementing state-of-the-art technology, giving leading edge capabilities and pioneering manufacturing techniques that will ultimately yield not only the world's greatest aircraft but will also establish an invaluable set of lessons learned to developing future complex weapons systems, he said. The unique combination of capabilities increases

the effectiveness of the entire joint force and makes any fight unfair.

"The Raptor is the pathfinder and we have to do it right," Doctor Sambur said.

Doctor Sambur said he was given a mandate from the Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper to improve the way the Air Force does business in delivering capability such as the F/A-22 to the warfighter.

Over the past year, he and the acquisition community have been working to determine the root causes of programs not meeting established baselines

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**F/A-22 counters threats from air-to-air and surface-to-air missiles**

## Tyndall at forefront of global contingencies

**BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW**

325th Fighter Wing commander



In our military culture and as our nation wages war and remains involved in contingencies across the globe, service before self and Air

Force training have really come to the forefront.

On a given day, the Air Force maintains and operates hundreds of aircraft engaged in Operation Iraqi Freedom combat and combat support missions. Combined air force aircraft typically average more than 1,000 sorties per day. As of mid-week, the U.S. Air Force has flown more than 24,000 Operation Iraqi Freedom sorties, more than half the coalition total.

In Operation Iraqi Freedom, Tyndall-trained air battle managers have been at the heart of this combat capability, relaying critical real-time information, situational awareness and directing assets toward the enemy. The air battle manager eyes in the sky are keeping close 24-hour, seven-day-a-week situational awareness over enemy forces and hot spots,



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providing critical information to warriors, when needed, so they can do their jobs.

In the global war on terrorism, 1st Air Force and the Continental U.S. NORAD Region continue to protect American interests and keep our nation safe by leading the homeland defense or Operation Noble Eagle efforts by guarding and keeping American skies safe. Tyndall’s Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency helped evaluate airfields in theater to ensure coalition aircraft could land safely. They also manage the Air Force Contract Augmentation Program, ensuring Air Force civil engineers have the equipment, material and expertise required to accomplish the mission, responding to more than 100 task orders,

totaling \$446 million. Another Tyndall associate unit, the Air Force Research Lab, continues to develop technology to protect, support and augment warfighters.

The 325th Fighter Wing’s and Air Education and Training Command’s role in the global war on terrorism has been absolutely critical. Not only did we train many of the air and ground crews protecting American interests in various military operations across the globe but we also continue to support the war effort as a force provider. Tyndall-produced pilots, air battle managers, intelligence officers and air traffic controllers and others are performing admirably. The success we have achieved

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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. LARRY NEW**

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## Stewards of the Air Force — Investing in our future force

**GEN. JOHN JUMPER**

Air Force Chief of Staff

One of the basic leadership principles of any successful organization is the investment of time and energy in properly preparing successive generations.

To adapt to our transforming world and develop airmen prepared to operate in this dynamic environment, we recently announced our new personnel concept of force development. As stewards of the future Air Force, we all have a stake in preparing those who follow to lead this Total Force team. As such, we will follow this time-honored principle and make instructor opportunities a valued part of officer development for leaders of our Air Force.

In the past, many have been skeptical about the effect of leaving one’s primary career field, however temporary, for a tour in training or education. I confess to having been one of those. Yet it’s hard to deny

the positive effect outstanding teachers and instructors have had on our proficiency and our professional development.

We know that those involved in education or training are invariably rewarded by the impact they have on successive generations. They also come away from their experience with a renewed appreciation for their profession, both in terms of the skills required to be an expert in a chosen field and, more so, with respect for the airmen who are following in their footsteps.

We’re currently developing appropriate criteria for tours in education and training in order to be specific about how it will impact your career.

Many officers already perform duties as instructors or educators sometime during their very successful careers. These include duty in various levels of training, professional education and commissioning sources. Although not all line officers will have this opportunity,

we should all expect at least one tour as a trainer or educator during our career.

Apart from your personal investment in our future success, there are many benefits of these career-broadening tours. In recent years, we have seen few opportunities to expose operators to other parts of our Air Force. An operational presence in Officer Training School, ROTC, the Air Force Academy, our Air University PME courses and our functional training courses provide role models for our cadets and officers to emulate, and offer an opportunity for operators to expand their knowledge and professional abilities.

As we develop criteria for tours in training and education, we will be mindful of legitimate concerns about professional progression and proficiency in one’s selected career field and balance those with the desire to expose our officers to a broader cross-section of

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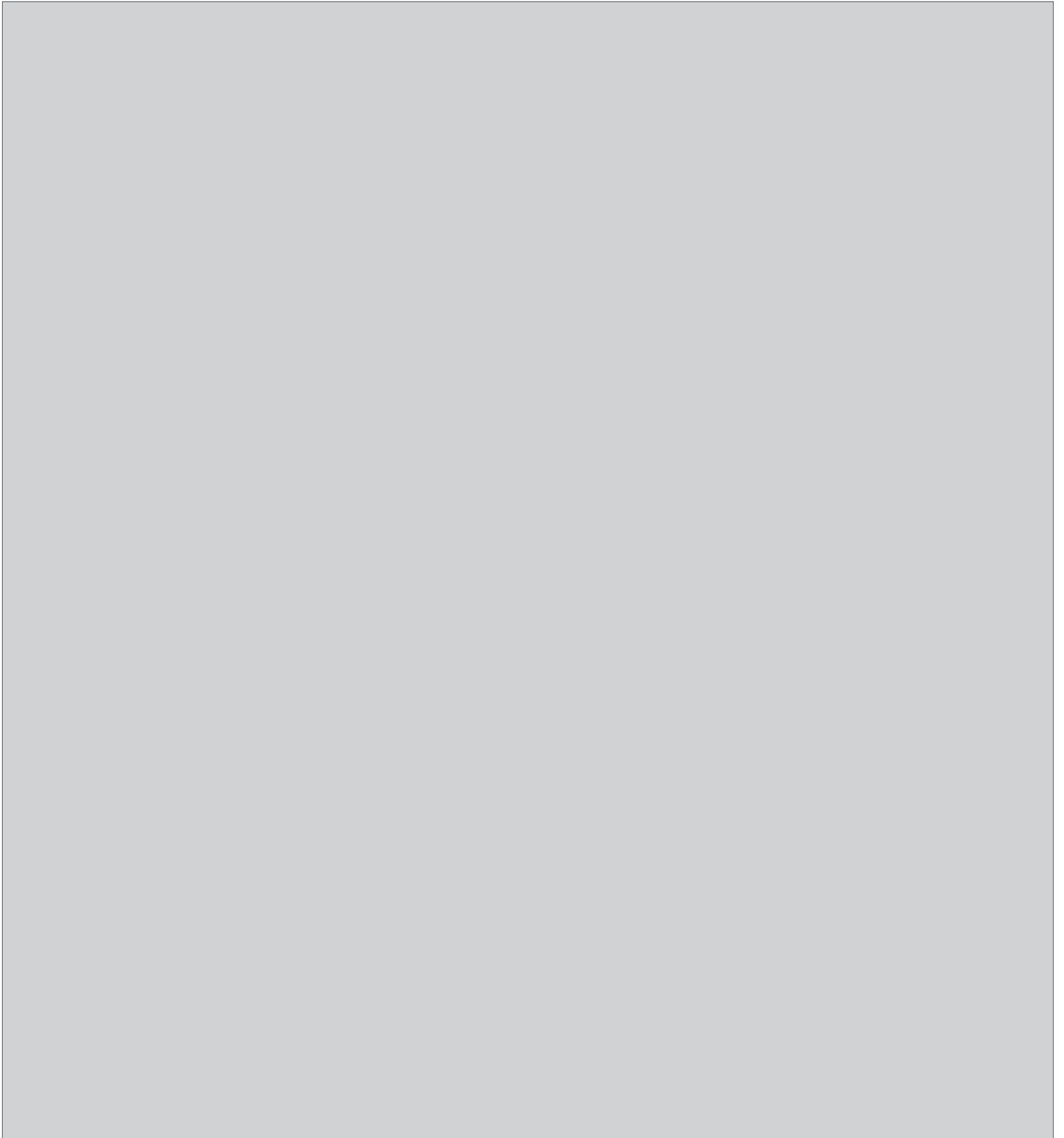
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## Team Tyndall readies for inspection

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325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Activity is increasing throughout the 325th Fighter Wing in preparation for the arrival of Air Education and Training Command inspectors who will visit Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. July 20-29.

The AETC Inspector General team uses an extensive validation process to ensure objectivity and consistency in measuring the wing's mission readiness, ability to support wartime requirements and response to crisis situations.

With the Operational Readiness Inspection rapidly approaching, senior leaders are encouraging members of the wing to take a hard look at their operations, focusing on any improvement areas that have been identified through preparation efforts in order to make appropriate changes where necessary.

Squadrons, units and programs on

base have been, and will continue to be tested on mission readiness via wing exercises and assistance visits to help them improve in specific areas of identified strengths and weaknesses, said Lt. Col. Steve Kotan, 325th Fighter Wing ORI chief.

"We're doing basically all types of exercises on the installation to include anti-terrorism, installation security, deployment and employment exercises," said Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth Townsend, 325th Fighter Wing exercise plans superintendent. The exercises are geared toward preparing the base to handle any situation successfully during the inspection.

According to Colonel Kotan, when the AETC inspection team arrives in late July, they'll spend approximately two weeks here to answer three basic questions:

❑ How well do we do our primary jobs?

❑ How well can we respond to a crisis?

❑ Are we proud of who we are and what we do?

"The inspectors will focus on compliance with Air Force Instructions, the ability to respond to various contingencies and rating the overall appearance of the base, its people and its workspaces," Colonel Kotan said.

Frequently asked questions regarding inspection focus can be found on the AETC Web site at [https://www.aetc.af.mil/ig/ig\\_hottopic.htm](https://www.aetc.af.mil/ig/ig_hottopic.htm). The ORI intranet Web site can also be accessed at <http://oriprep.tyndall.af.mil>. People are encouraged to access the Web site to gain greater insight into the inspection process, Colonel Kotan said. He also encouraged people to review previous inspection results and learn from the after-action reports of those who have recently experienced an inspection.

## Cocaine use results in federal conviction

A special court-martial held March 5-6 resulted in a finding of guilty by three officer members for wrongful use of cocaine.

Airman 1st Class Ryan McCauley, 325th Maintenance Squadron, pleaded not guilty to using cocaine in violation of Article 112a of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Airman McCauley tested positive for cocaine after a random urinalysis in October 2002. The only proof for his use of cocaine was the positive urinalysis.

The government presented evidence about how well Tyndall's drug testing personnel performed collection, testing and processing up to completion at Brooks Air Force Base Laboratory in Texas.

After hearing the evidence presented by both sides, the members returned a verdict of guilty. In the sentencing portion of the court-martial, the members returned a sentence for Airman McCauley of reduction to E-1, forfeiture of \$500 per month for three months and 90 days of hard labor without confinement.

"Hopefully, this federal conviction will send the message that drug testing should be taken seriously and will ferret out drug use," said Capt. Jon Stanley, lead trial counsel in the case.

Military members convicted under court-martial have a federal conviction. Airman McCauley's federal drug conviction will remain on his record for the rest of his life and may reduce the chances of gainful employment.

(Courtesy 325th Fighter Wing legal office)

## Spouses' club awards scholarships

The Tyndall Officers' Spouses' Club, a charitable and social organization, recently awarded 10 graduating high school seniors and two spouses of active-duty members \$10,500 in college scholarships. The scholarships were funded entirely through proceeds from Tyndall Thrift Shop sales. Additionally, First Command Financial Planning of Panama City awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to the top-scoring candidate.

Scholarship winners were selected based on grade point average, Scholastic Aptitude Test or American College Test scores, academic honors and awards, extracurricular activities, community service involvement and employment. Candidates submitted essays and teacher and mentor evaluations that were scored by an independent panel of judges.

The following were the high school scholarship recipients:

Katherine Schnell, daughter of retired Lt. Col. and Mrs. Kenneth Schnell, was the top-scoring candidate, receiving a \$1,000 OSC scholarship as well as the \$1,000 scholarship for being ranked as the top candidate. She plans to attend Baylor University to study biology and pre-medicine.

Ashley Hablitzel, daughter of retired Col. and Mrs. Matthew Hablitzel, received a \$1,000 scholarship. She plans to attend the University of Florida and study pre-medicine and pediatrics.

Caitlin Barnhold received a \$1,000 scholarship. She plans to attend the University of Tampa to study international business.

Andrea Smith, daughter of retired Tech. Sgt. Charles Smith,

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the Air Force. In fact, as long as we suffer shortages in rated career fields it's reasonable to expect that most rated officers will be required for rated-type training. However, it is necessary to have a broad cross-section of officers, including those with operational experience, in our commissioning and professional development courses to represent the wide range of missions and capabilities our diverse force brings to the fight.

Assignments in education and training positions benefit the entire Air Force. By embracing the training of future generations as a key principle of leadership, we ensure our successors are trained by professionals who pass on their knowledge and experience.

Instructor duty benefits not only the students who learn from practitioners steeped in the traditions and the latest tactics, techniques and procedures of their specialty, but also those instructors who revisit the fundamentals of their profession. Instructor duty enables

each of you to view the world through the eyes of your students, absorb your students' enthusiasm at what lies ahead and make a valuable contribution to our most fundamental competency of *Developing Airmen*.

Our force's capabilities are based on the collective abilities of our personnel and a dedicated career-long focus on the development of professionals. We are the best Air Force in the world because our people are the best at what they do. Our combat capability as an Air and Space Expeditionary Force depends on each of us passing knowledge gained through years of education, training and real-world experience to those who follow.

We must all recognize the importance and value of instructor duty. Service as an instructor is part of a full career and I challenge each and every one of you to take advantage of these opportunities. As an institution, we must also acknowledge its value and reward those who take on the responsibility to perform instructor duty.

I am extremely proud of all that you do each and every day to make our Air Force the best trained and educated Air and Space Force in the world.

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

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# April observed as Child Abuse Prevention Month

## Blue ribbon highlights Child Abuse Prevention Month

SHERI WARD

Family Advocacy Outreach manager

The movement to observe Child Abuse Prevention Month began in the spring of 1989, when a concerned grandmother, Bonney Finney, of Norfolk, Va., took a stand against child abuse after experiencing the death of her grandson.

She tied a symbolic blue ribbon to her

car antenna as a signal to her community of her personal commitment to involve everyone in the battle to stop child abuse. Ms. Finney's own grandson was a young victim, and his tragic death gave her the strength to encourage others to help in the fight against child abuse and neglect. The spirit of her blue ribbon grew, and it inspired a nationwide effort to join forces in this ongoing battle.

Some may be asking ... "Why the color blue?" She chose the color blue so she would never forget the bruised body of her grandchild.

We must protect our most precious gift of all, our children. Please pick up and wear a blue ribbon, put one on your car, give one to friends and tell them what it means. You may be saving a child's life.

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in theater can be directly tied to the quality of training we provide here and at other AETC bases. Training is at the foundation of everything the Air Force is involved in and it is validating to see the A+ results being achieved in Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle because it shows the world we're training our people right. The lessons learned from these operations will only improve our training capabilities and better prepare future generations of airmen.

Clearly, the evidence shows 325th Fighter Wing people are doing a fantastic job of preparing airmen and providing the combat air force with trained warriors. Not only are we contributing to the war by producing a world-class air

superiority team, today about 100 Tyndall airmen and countless others from AETC are deployed in support of various contingencies. It takes a total team effort to accomplish the mission – active duty, Guard, Reserve, civilians, family members and our community friends. I'd like to thank each of you for the role you play in protecting American interests and the freedoms of all people.

After more than 12 years of Operation Northern Watch, almost 11 years of Operation Southern Watch and 550-plus days of Operation Enduring Freedom, Team Tyndall remains postured to continue providing world-class training, homeland security and providing forces to ensure our nation is prepared to handle any conflict, at any time and anywhere.

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received a \$1,000 scholarship. She plans to attend the University of Florida.

Deena Williams, daughter of retired Lt. Col. and Mrs. Ron Williams, received a \$1,000 scholarship. She plans to attend the University of Florida, where she has been accepted into the university's honors program.

Kelly Corbett, daughter of Col. and Mrs. Michael Corbett, received a \$750 scholarship. She plans to attend the University of Tampa to study biology and pre-veterinary medicine.

Christopher Shortt, son of Maj. and Mrs. Roy Shortt, received a \$750 scholarship. He plans to attend the Florida State University and pursue a degree in civil engineering.

Amanda Dickerhoof, daughter of Tech. Sgt. and Mrs. David

Dickerhoof, received a \$750 scholarship. She plans to attend the University of Central Florida to study business and marketing.

Chris Kovach, son of Maj. and Mrs. Kelly Kovach, received a \$750 scholarship. He plans to attend the University of Western Ontario, Canada, to study physiology.

Carl Averion, son of Tech. Sgt. Edwin Averion, received a \$750 scholarship. He plans to attend the Florida State University and study chemistry.

The two spouses who received \$1,000 and \$750 scholarships, respectively, are Tiffany Castille, spouse of Staff Sgt. Keith Castille, and Nicole Little, spouse of Senior Airman George Little. Both plan to obtain a degree in elementary education from the Florida State University, Panama City.

## Responding to a child's disclosure of abuse

*Here are some points to remember should a child ever confide in you about abuse.*

**Listen to what the child is telling you.** Don't make assumptions. Don't push the child to share more than he or she is willing to reveal. The child needs warmth and acceptance, not curiosity.

**Assess the child's immediate safety.** Is it safe for the child to return home? Is medical attention needed? Are other children in the home safe?

**Try to be objective.** Remain calm as you talk with the child. Be careful not to express your shock, embarrassment, anger or disgust. Don't criticize the child's family or make threats toward the abuser(s).

**Reassure the child that telling is the right thing to do.** Acknowledge the strength necessary for the child to tell you. Reassure the child the abuse is not their fault.

**Use the child's own vocabulary.** The child may describe an experience in familiar terms used at home. Don't try to substitute more polite or correct words.

**Do not agree "not to tell."** Know your legal, professional and ethical responsibilities for reporting suspected child abuse and neglect. This is not a situation you can keep to yourself. Tell the child you are going to report the abuse to the Department of Children and Families. Explain what steps you are taking and what will likely happen next.

**Be honest.** It does not protect the child to hide anything. If the child discloses sexual abuse, explain there is a possibility the child or abuser may be removed from the home. Help prepare the child for what lies ahead given the information available to you.

**Don't make promises you can't keep.** This applies particularly to secrecy, court involvement, foster care placement and caseworker decisions. Reassure the child you will do the best you can to get them help and keep them safe.

For more information concerning child abuse prevention contact the family advocacy office at 283-7511.

*(Courtesy health and wellness center)*

# DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE

## Checkertail Salute



Steve Wallace

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

The Checkertail Clan salutes Sergeant Kinney for leading the tactical aircraft maintenance section and anchoring an Air Education and Training Command Maintenance Effectiveness Award and the AETC Daedalian Award for the 2nd Fighter Squadron. He also developed a unit upgrade training tracking program and ensured three personnel were upgraded, increasing the section's capabilities by 11 percent. He also mentored airmen and NCOs to join Team Tyndall's Focus 56 and Active Airmen's Association.

*The Checkertail Salute is a 325th Fighter Wing commander program designed to recognize Tyndall's Warrior of the Week. Supervisors can nominate individuals via their squadron and group commanders. Award recipients receive a certificate, letter from the commander and a one-day pass.*

**Master Sgt. Patrick Kinney**

**Duty title:** Tactical aircraft maintenance section chief  
**Unit:** 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

**Time on station:** 3 years  
**Time in service:** 21 years and 7 months

**Hometown:** Seattle

**Hobbies:** Diving and fishing

**Goals:** That's simple. I made a promise to myself 22 years ago that I would strive to do the best job I could as a member of the military. When my time comes to separate from active duty, I want to feel that I've met that commitment.

**Favorite thing about Tyndall:**

The fishing is the best I've ever seen.

**Pet peeves:** Dishonesty

**Favorite book:** "Sailing Around the World" by Joshua Slocum

**Favorite movie:** "Enemy at the Gate"

**Proudest moment in the military:**

As a crew chief, I've always felt proud when my aircraft completed a sortie. I would have to say the proudest moment I've had was when my aircraft was selected from 12 other jets to perform a live bomb drop for multi-national dignitaries while deployed to Thailand in 1988.

# Youth center offers place where kids can be kids

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325th Fighter Wing public affairs

*(Editor's note: This is the third in a three-part series on Tyndall AFB youth programs; the child development center, youth center and teen center.)*

When children are looking for a place to be themselves, don't send them to the pizzeria that claims it's a place where a kid can be a kid. The Tyndall Youth Center has so many options, it truly is the place where a kid can be a kid.

The youth center offers a school-age program for before- and after-school care, a youth recreational sports program and it is a military affiliate of the Boys and Girls Club of America. But the youth center has also found ways to get families involved in their program.

The school-age program offers parents professional care of their children both before and after the school day, according to Alma Hooks, youth center director. "We have a program that is accredited by the National School Age Care Alliance. We provide the youth here a safe, comfortable, age-appropriate and fun

alternative to being a latch-key kid," Ms. Hooks said.

Children who attend the before-school program are offered activities as well as time to finish homework. After school, children are divided up into homerooms by grade for about 15 minutes before continuing with other activities. With about 100 kids in the program, the youth center staff is constantly looking for ideas to keep the kids interested.

"We look through resource books, we ask the kids for feedback and we observe their interests to plan our events," said Amy Forro, school-age program coordinator. "One time, we had several kids who were interested in going on a field trip to Burger King, so we did it and they had a great time. Another time, some kids really showed an interest in hair, so we started a hair club. We had a beautician from downtown come in and talk about curling irons and rollers. It was so popular we had to extend it."

Other activities available to them are arts and crafts, computer play, science projects and board games to name a few. Children attending the program aren't limited to indoor

activities. Some choose to go outside for their activities. Outside, children can jump rope, play basketball or tennis. "The activities offered are flexible and designed to meet the needs and interests of the children," Ms. Hooks said.

With facilities available for almost every sport, the youth center offers several recreational sports programs to members of the Tyndall community. Boasting tennis courts, four baseball fields, a ¼-mile track and soccer fields, the youth center organizes recreation leagues in baseball, soccer and basketball for children age 5-18.

According to Bruce Mason, youth sports director, the sports programs are designed to create a foundation that the children will build on. "We want to keep the games fun and interesting for the kids." The recreational sports program boasts about 300 participants annually. "We try to instill sportsmanship and let every child play so they will like the sport and develop an interest in the sport," Ms. Hooks said.

In addition to the structured sports programs, the youth center also offers a variety of "Smart Start" programs geared toward children age 3-5. These programs, in such sports as golf, tennis and soccer, teach the children, as well as the parents, the basics of a particular sport.

As part of the sports program, the youth center has managed in past years to bring the National Football League's Punt, Pass and Kick program here, according to Ms. Hooks. This year, the Major League Baseball's Pitch, Hit and Run competition will be held May 3. The youth center also sponsors a summer Major League Soccer camp that shows children some of the techniques used in soccer as well as a volleyball clinic.

But participation in either of these programs isn't necessary for children who just want a place to hang out. As an affiliate of the Boys



Photos by Staff Sgt. Roel Utley

**Brittani Flanders reads a book.**

and Girls Club of America, the youth center offers a "power hour" where children can receive help with their homework and can gain points by reading, writing essays and completing worksheets to earn prizes, Ms. Hooks said. The youth center also hosts a photography and fine arts contest where youth can compete at local, regional and national levels against other Boys and Girls Club members. In an effort to keep kids off the street, the youth center will be setting up a portable skate park next month.

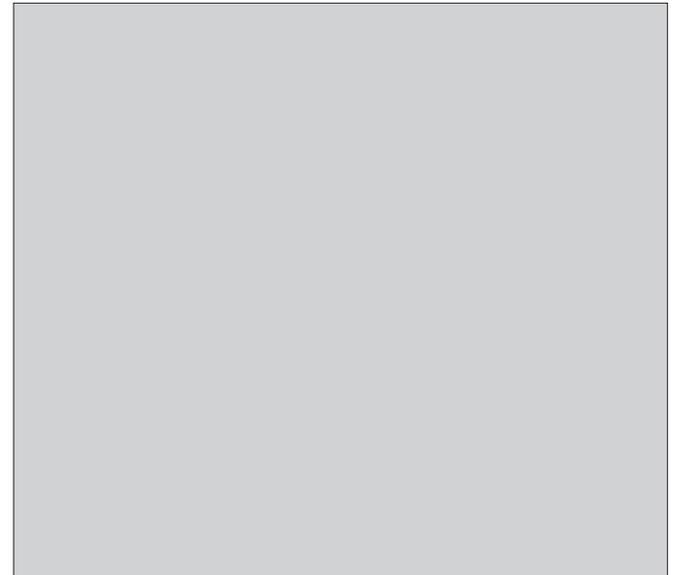
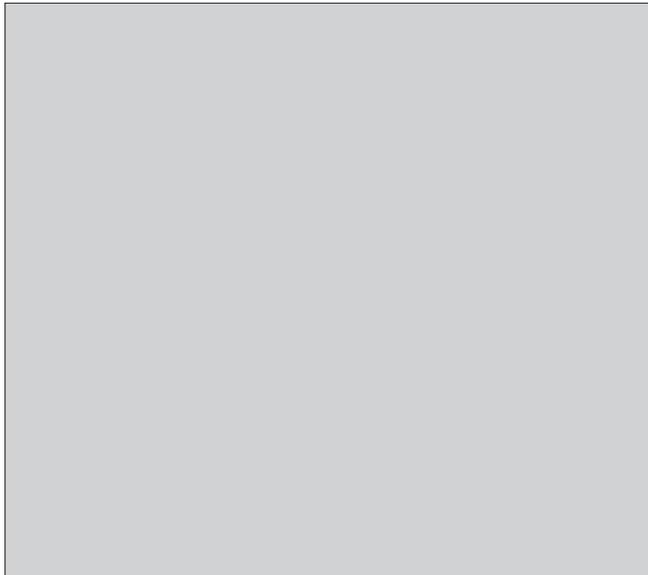
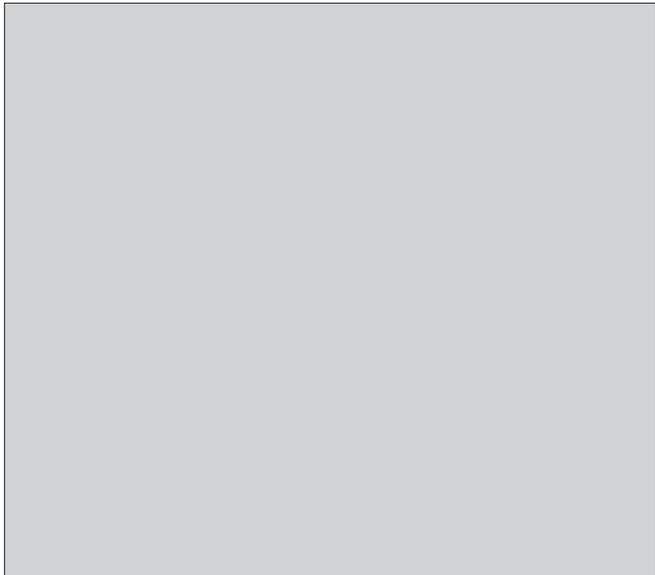
Since many of these programs focus on the children, the youth center has also found a way to allow parents a chance to do things with their children. The youth center sponsors the annual Easter egg hunt, scheduled for Saturday, and an end-of-school party. Other events the youth center regularly schedules is the back-to-school block party, family pool party, fall festival and breakfast with Santa.

The programs offered at the Tyndall Youth Center are as varied as the children who find fun there. Youth center membership is \$25 annually and offers discounts on some events and provides free admission to others.

For more information on the various programs available to children, call 283-4366.



**From left, Dina Lang (school-age program assistant), Kryah Dinham and Shania Banks play jump rope outside in the after-school program.**



# Learn to survive, catch a safe ride with AADD

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

How much would you be willing to pay for a drink? \$3, \$5, maybe more? How about \$3,700? Well, that's how much a drink can end up costing you if you get pulled over for driving under the influence of alcohol in Panama City. But that's just the beginning. In addition to the cost, which includes attorney fees, court fines and DUI and victim awareness programs, there's the matter of your driver's license. It will be suspended. Your automobile insurance will increase by 15 to 30 percent for three years. And your career will at least suffer an Article 15, not to mention any reparation for damage and loss of life if involved in an accident.

Each year, thousands of people are either injured or killed as a result of a DUI incident. In 2000, there were 16,653 fatal alcohol-re-

lated crashes according to the National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration. That averages to one fatal crash every 32 minutes.

Last year at Tyndall, 16 military members were pulled over for DUI and there have been

**“As a member of the Air Force team, you are always accountable for your behavior and are trusted to make responsible decisions.”**

**BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW**  
325th Fighter Wing commander

six so far this year. DUI continues to be a problem that affects all social classes, races and walks of life, even members of the United States armed forces.

“Alcohol impairs judgment and there are definitely dangers and consequences associated with operating a motor vehicle under the influence,” said Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander. “As a member of the Air Force team, you are always accountable for your behavior and are trusted to make responsible decisions.”

There is a group of individuals at Tyndall, who have stepped up to prevent base military members from driving under the influence of alcohol.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving is a volunteer program that began in 1998, and has spread to nearly every Air Force base in the world. The purpose of the program is to provide safe transport to individuals of any rank, anonymously, who have had too much to drink without the worry of having to explain a 2 a.m. phone call to their supervisors.

and we provide a free ride for airmen of any rank who have had too much to drink.”

Tyndall's AADD program is connected with the Active Airman's Association and is headed up by Airman Loman. Each week, she sends an e-mail to Tyndall's 60 to 80 airmen with the rank of airman basic through senior airman, asking for volunteers.

Airmen volunteer to be “on call” for the Mexico Beach, Panama City and Panama City Beach areas on Friday and Saturday nights from 5 p.m. until 5 a.m. If someone calls the main telephone number, which is 867-AADD (2233), Airman Loman will call the

volunteer with the pickup information. “I had a friend who was killed by a drunk driver,” Airman Loman said. “It's important to me that I am part of this program.”

On a typical weekend, the program averages six calls and 10 volunteers, but Airman Loman was quick to point out that with summer rapidly approaching, she expects the number of calls to increase.

Realizing those under the influence of alco-

hol sometimes misbehave, the program has implemented various safety measures to ensure the safety of the volunteer as well as the caller.

For instance, when someone calls, the operator will ask where the person is, what they are wearing, how will the volunteer recognize them, how many people are with them and whether they live on or off base.

Additionally, the caller is required to show his or her valid military identification card for verification of military status purposes only. Also, AADD tries to pair females with females and males with males, and in some cases, there may be a “ride-along” volunteer.

According to Airman Loman, people volunteer for various reasons. While some volunteer to be more competitive for awards and early promotion, some volunteer because they realize driving under the influence is a serious problem and they want to be part of the solution.

Since AADD is a volunteer program, there is no source of funds to offset the expenses incurred by the volunteers, yet they are willing to help each weekend. Airman Loman said that AADD is trying to expand the program to allow lieutenants to volunteer and they

are exploring outside sponsorship as a potential avenue. “We would like to get gas coupons or car wash coupons to give to the

volunteers who spend their own money,” Airman Loman said.

The program is successful. In fact, Airman Loman defines success as getting at least one fellow airman home safely.

“This program is designed to help others

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**SAFE RIDE HOME**

Free to all ranks with Mil I.D.

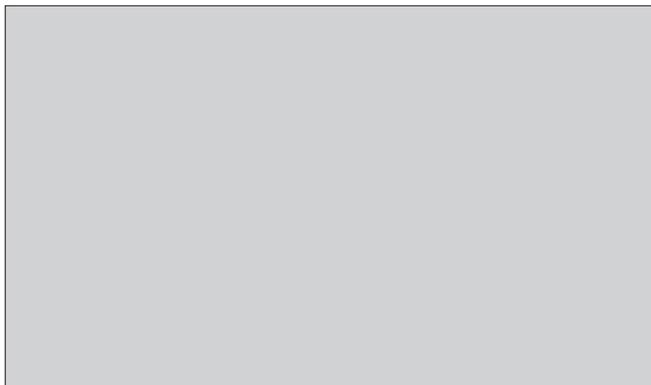
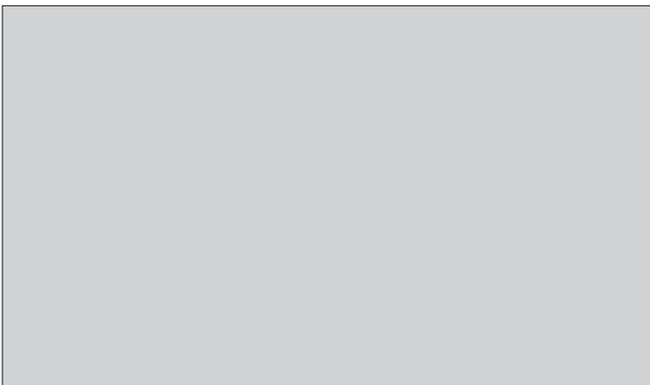
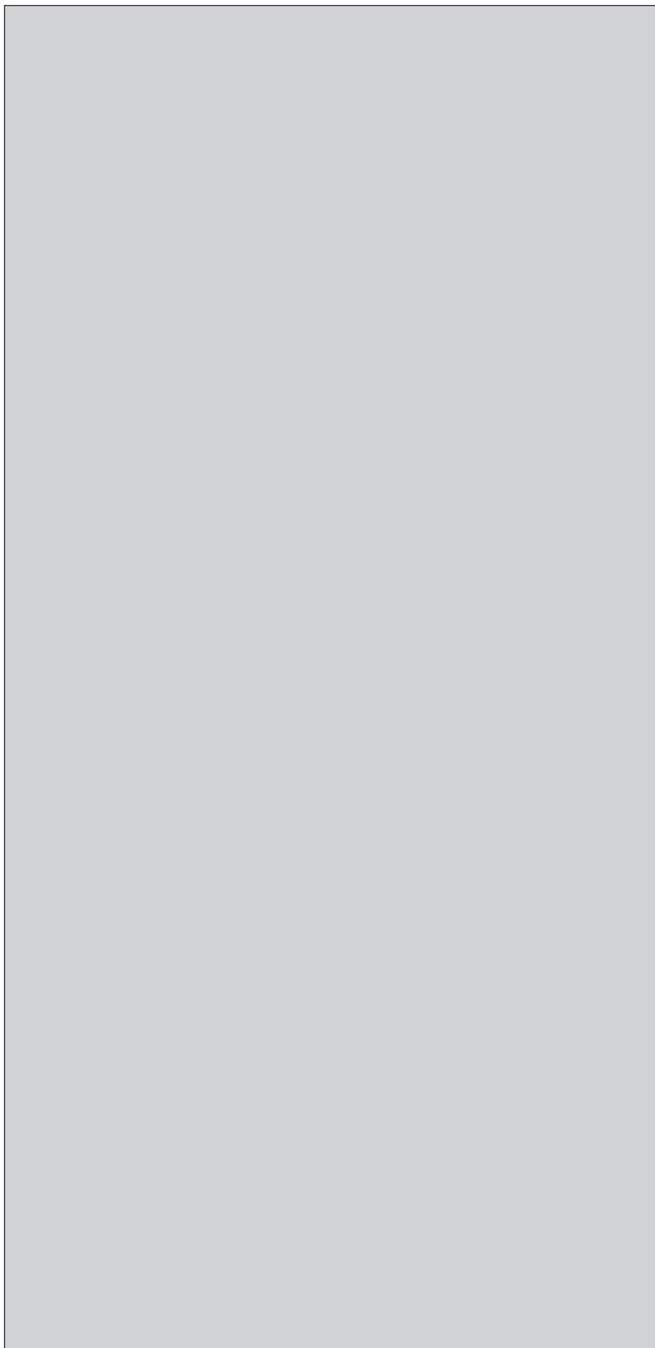
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**867-AADD (2233)**



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and goals resulting in slipped development times, reductions in deliveries and increased costs.

“Our findings indicate that unstable requirements, faulty cost estimates, lack of test community buy-in, inadequate systems engineering and unstable funding have led to these problems,” Doctor Sambur said.

Therefore, he said he instituted a series of measures to address these underlying causes.

The first is a more agile acquisition policy that emphasizes collaboration between the warfighters, the acquisition community, the engineers and the testers to foster a team mentality.

“This team continues working together throughout the requirements and development process, providing a stable foundation for the overall program,” he said.

The second measure addresses test community buy-in by developing a seamless verification process to ensure that both the development and operational tests occur in a single process.

“By getting the operational testers involved early in the process, they can assess the operational value of developmental testing and reduce the duplication of effort,” Doctor Sambur explained.

Instilling a strong systems engineering foundation in the acquisition process is the



Courtesy photo

**The Air Force recently presented the Department of Defense with a comprehensive business plan that outlined the need for and viability of the F/A-22 Raptor. Dr. Marvin Sambur, assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition, told the House Committee on government reform subcommittee on national security that the F/A-22 is basically a technological leap forward to counter threats the United States may face in the future.**

third step. Future acquisition strategy plans that lack the necessary attention to systems engineering will not be signed by future milestone decision authorities, he said.

“I am also demanding that systems en-

gineering performance be linked to contract award fees and to the incentive construction,” Doctor Sambur said.

The final measure, the implementation of a more disciplined program priority pro-

cess, will help reduce problems from unstable funding, he said.

“We will also insist on the use of spiral development methods for (future programs),” he told the subcommittee.

Spiral development is the Air Force’s preferred approach to acquiring new systems, Doctor Sambur said in written remarks. It allows the Air Force to incrementally deliver weapons system capability quickly — providing the warfighter technology as it matures within acceptable program risk.

It will counter funding instability by allowing the Air Force to fund each spiral so potential cuts in funding do not compromise a capability that is complete and ready to be fielded today, he said. Another benefit of spiral development is the flexibility to insert the latest technology into the development and production lines.

“We remain focused on providing the necessary capabilities to the warfighter, and this can only be achieved through effective and efficient management during the development, production and fielding of systems,” Doctor Sambur said.

“Only by incorporating a strong collaborative process, reestablishing our credibility, infusing systems engineering in our acquisition process, prioritizing programs and implementing spiral development can we overcome the tough challenges ahead.”

## Volunteer appreciation week events scheduled

The following events are scheduled for Volunteer Appreciation Week set for April 27-May 2.

**Sunday** - The Tyndall Chapel will include special recognition for volunteers during their services.

**Monday** - Volunteer display all week at the library

**Tuesday** - The Tyndall Credit Union will have an open house at the base branch from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Door prizes will be given throughout the day.

**Wednesday** - The Tyndall Base Exchange will offer a special 10 percent discount on any one item priced \$500 or less.

**Thursday** - Volunteer Recognition Luncheon be-

ginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Pelican Reef Enlisted Club. For reservations contact your volunteer organization/agency or the family support center at 283-4204/4205.

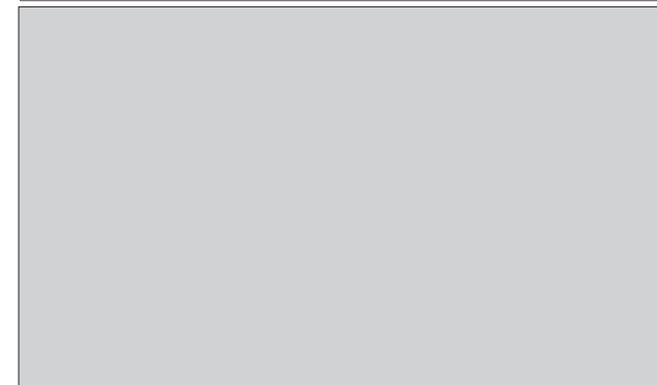
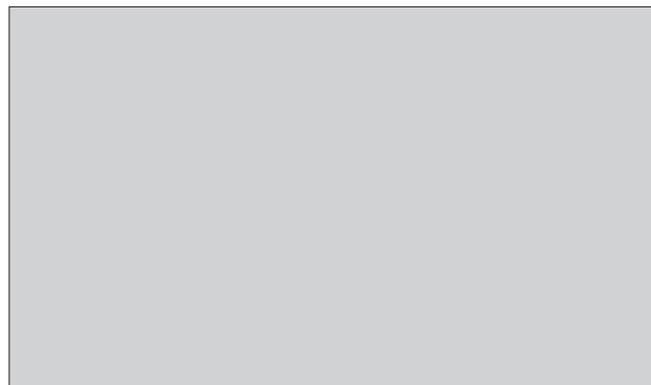
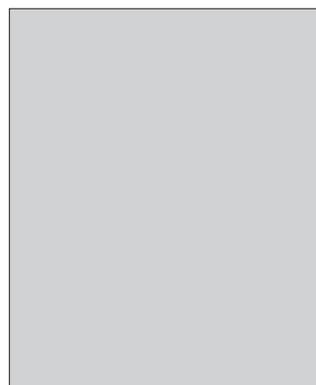
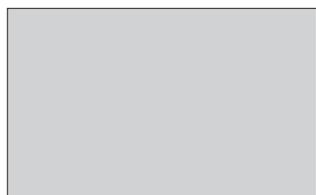
**Friday** - Free coffee and cake in the commissary bakery beginning at 9 a.m. Tours of the commissary at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. (Volunteers who would like to sign up need to call 283-4825 and speak to either Jo Smith or Steve Paros to schedule a time.) Registration for volunteers for giveaways and gift cards will be at the commissary customer service office next to register 12. (Note: Gift cards can only be won by authorized patrons of the commissary)

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and potentially save lives,” General New said. “If people are in a bind and find that they are too impaired to drive, there are programs and people available to get them home safe.”

So, if you end up drinking more than you should have, don’t reach for your car keys. Instead, reach for a telephone and call AADD at 867-2233. At least then you know you’ll wake up the next day.

“If you are with others and you notice somebody is too impaired to drive, look out for that person,” General New said. “Don’t allow somebody who has had too much to drink to get behind the wheel of a car. Life is full of choices and we need to make sure our folks make the right ones.”



# SGLI premiums go down

ARMY SGT. 1ST CLASS DOUG SAMPLE

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The Department of Veterans Affairs has announced that premiums for the Servicemembers Group Life Insurance will be reduced, handing military members a few extra dollars in their pockets each month.

Beginning in July, the cost for a \$250,000 policy — the maximum coverage — will drop from \$20 to \$16.25 monthly, a \$3.75 savings. The Department of Veterans Affairs reports that rates for Veterans Group Life Insurance will not change.

Tom Tower, the Department of Defense's assistant director for military compensation, welcomed the reduced premiums, adding that anytime you put "more money in the pockets of military members, it's always a good result."

Premiums will also be reduced for SGLI family coverage, with rates varying among age groups.

The largest saving will go to spouses 35 to 39 years old, whose premiums will be nearly cut in half. Servicemembers currently

pay \$13 for a \$100,000 family policy. That policy will cost \$7.50 beginning in July — a \$5.50 savings.

Mr. Tower said the reduced premiums are a result of an ongoing process to keep costs down for military members.

"The VA regularly checks to see how much is paid out versus how much is collected in premiums, and whenever it seems like they have built up premium reserves, they like to reduce premiums to keep the cost to a minimum for the member," Mr. Tower said. "It's part of the objective of the program: to provide the lowest cost possible."

SGLI began in 1965 to meet the insurance needs of Vietnam-era servicemembers. Before SGLI, the military provided \$10,000 policies to servicemembers, and policies were available to active-duty military only.

Information about the change in SGLI premiums can be found at [www.insurance.va.gov](http://www.insurance.va.gov), or call the office of Servicemembers Group Life Insurance toll free at (800) 419-1473.

## SGLI provides war-related coverage

TECH. SGT. MICONNA BOALDIN

Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO — Military members covered by the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance are covered in the event of death in a military conflict. But surviving family members of those who choose commercial life-insurance policies instead of SGLI coverage may not be so lucky.

Many commercial life-insurance policies carry a "war clause" or "military service exclusion," a provision that excludes cov-

erage for death or injury caused by acts of war, according to the National Guard Bureau staff judge advocate. If the policy has a "war clause" or "exclusion," the life insurance company is not required to pay the full face value of the policy to beneficiaries.

SGLI does not have a war clause. Servicemembers maintaining SGLI and their families are covered in these cases. The NGB noted that some commercial life-insurance companies do not have war clauses.

The important thing, according to the judge advocate is for military members — active, Guard or Reserve — to read their policies carefully and maintain insurance to ensure coverage during times of conflict.

## Refreshments at government-sponsored events

In January, the General Services Administration issued a rule on paying for light refreshments or "break food" at government-sponsored conferences.

The rule was amended last year to allow the use of appropriated funds to pay for light refreshments at conferences when at least a majority of the conference attendees are in a travel status.

Last month, the comptroller general issued an opinion stating that notwithstand-

ing the new FTR provision, appropriated funds may not be used to pay for food, including light refreshments, of conference attendees who are not in a travel status, that is, conference attendees whose permanent duty station includes the location of the conference. The GSA travel advisory states the comptroller general's ruling should be followed while GSA discusses this issue with the comptroller general.

(Courtesy 325th Fighter Wing legal office)

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

# Gulf Guide

**in the  
Tyndall community**

## APRIL

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19**

### Boating safely class

The Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 16 one-day boating safely class will be 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday in Gulf Coast Community College's Student Union East building, Gibson lecture hall, Room 231. An exam will be held at the end of the course. The cost is \$25 for materials. The course satisfies the requirement for those born after Sept. 30, 1980 to operate personal watercraft with 10 horsepower or greater engines. For more information, call John Clark, 271-3828, or visit the flotilla Web site at: <http://klik.to.USCGAUXFlotilla16>.

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### AAFES holiday hours

The following Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities will be open at the following times on Easter Sunday: Main exchange, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Class Six, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Felix Lake Shoppette, 6 a.m.-9 p.m.; Shoal Point Shoppette, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. All other AAFES facilities will be closed.

### Commissary holiday hours

The Tyndall Commissary will be closed Easter Sunday. The store will re-open Tuesday.

**MON  
21**

### Anger-management workshop

The four-session anger-management workshop will continue 10:30 a.m.-noon Monday and April 28 in the family advocacy conference room in Building 1305. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7511.

### Lifeguard training

The Central Panhandle Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer a lifeguard training course Monday-April 26. For more information and times, call the Red Cross, 763-6587.

**TUE  
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### Transition-assistance workshop

A three-day transition-assistance workshop for anyone leaving the military within the next 12 months will be 7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday. The workshop topics will include analyzing skills, setting personal goals, starting the job search, resume writing, interview skills, veterans benefits and much more. Spouses and

Department of Defense civilians are welcome. For more information or reservations, call the family support center, 283-4204.

**WED  
23**

### Parenting workshop

The last meeting of the effective parenting workshop will be 1-3 p.m. Wednesday in Room 127 in Building 1305. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7511.

## NOTES

### New ATM

A new automatic teller machine has been installed by Tyndall Federal Credit Union on the flightline side of the base. The ATM is located on Texas Avenue behind the Robin Hood Sandwich Shoppe.

### AFIT opportunities

The Enlisted-to-Air Force Institute of Technology program recognizes enlisted professional development in conjunction with other professional training and education programs. Resident AFIT science, engineering and management graduate degree opportunities can further develop members' technical education and skills. Classes will begin in October. For information and procedures supporting this year's Enlisted-to-AFIT opportunities, contact the education center or link to the official Web site at: [www.afil.edu](http://www.afil.edu).

### CLEP Exams to be retired

The following CLEP Exams will be retired effective June 30: 04910/04928-Humanities; 26107-General Chemistry; 75027-College Level German; 18074-General Biology; 65048-Western Civilization I; and 66052-Western Civilization II. The last date to schedule these exams is June 26. As the testing room is set up to handle only 15 students and the schedule fills up quickly, anyone interested is advised to plan and schedule for these exams accordingly.

### Housing referral specialist

The housing flight has a dedicated housing referral specialist to meet off-base needs involving property and community issues. Anyone interested in renting, selling or purchasing property may call John Rana, 283-8105.

### ADC Web page

The Tyndall Area Defense Counsel now has an informative Web page at [www.tyndall.af.mil/ADC/](http://www.tyndall.af.mil/ADC/)

[index.html](#). It can also be accessed through the Tyndall home page under Tenant Units or through the legal office Web page. Handouts ranging from the rights of military suspects to denial of re-enlistment can be downloaded. For more information, call the ADC office, 283-2911, or visit the ADC Web page.

### Claims briefings

The Legal Office Household Goods Claims Briefings will now be held 10 a.m. every Wednesday in the claims office instead of on Thursdays.

### Housing office hours

The 325th Civil Engineer Squadron's Housing Flight office hours are now 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and Friday; and 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Thursday. The housing office will be closed Thursday mornings for training.

## RETIREE NEWS

### Tram Road veterans' nursing home

Construction of the Clifford Sims veterans' nursing home located at 4419 Tram Road in Springfield is scheduled to be complete by June. The first residents of the new home are expected to be admitted by August. The home is named for Army Staff Sgt. Clifford Sims, a native of Port St. Joe, who was awarded the Medal of Honor for extraordinary heroism when he gave his life while serving in Vietnam. The \$11 million facility will accommodate 120 veterans – 60 in skilled nursing care and 60 Alzheimer's patients. Two-thirds of the funding will come from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and one third from the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs.

To be eligible for admittance to the home, the person must be a veteran and in need of nursing home care; have been a resident of the state for one year immediately preceding - and at the time of application for - admission to the home; not owe money to the department for services rendered during any previous stay at a department facility; and should have applied for all financial assistance reasonably available through governmental sources. Admittance priority must be afforded in the following order of priority to an eligible veteran who is in need of nursing home care and who:

- Has a service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, or was discharged or released from military service for disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty, and the disability is the condition for which nursing home care is needed.
- Has a non-service-connected disability and is unable to defray the expense of nursing home care and so states under oath before a notary public or other officer authorized to administer an oath.

For more information, call nursing home administrator Walley Warren in the Springfield Community Center, Suite 1, 785-1678. The community center is located on Highway 22 near City Hall. Updates on construction progress may be obtained by accessing [www.floridavets.org](http://www.floridavets.org) and clicking on "nursing homes."

Yard Sales

## YARD SALES

There are no yard sales scheduled for Saturday.

# Supplements promise fast results, deliver hype

**MASTER SGT. RONALD HAGEN**  
325th Medical Group diet therapist

In today's society, time is a valuable commodity. Often in the health and wellness center, we hear folks say that they don't have time to eat right or exercise properly.

Based on our busy schedules and the appeal of better bodies through products marketed in television and magazine ads, dietary supplements have become increasingly popular. According to the Natural Marketing Institute, demands for dietary supplements correspond with a shift in how we view health and wellness.

A survey by the Dietary Supplement Information Bureau revealed that 59 percent of all Americans take supplements on a regular basis. Annual supplement sales exceeded \$16.8 billion in 2000. Of these figures, dietary supplements accounted for 25 percent of sales.

Specific reasons for the use



of supplements include: to feel better, to prevent illness, to feel better after illness, to live longer, to build muscle and to lose weight.

Despite widespread use, many consumers are unaware of how specific supplements work, leading to misconceptions about safe and responsible use. While 92 percent of adults consult their doctors about prescrip-

tion medications, only 49 percent discuss supplements with their physicians. It is important to be armed with all the facts before buying and using any supplement.

Dietary supplements are any product intended for ingestion as a supplement to the diet. Products include vitamins, minerals, herbs, botanicals, protein builders and metabolites.

Supplements are available in tablets, capsules, powders, gel-caps and liquids. They are advertised and sold in stores, magazines, the Internet and television shows. The Food and Drug Administration oversees safety, manufacturing and product information.

Consumers need to scrutinize products for false claims and potential side effects. Anything that promises "fast results" or "miracle cure," needs to be closely examined. A consultation with a provider is necessary for individuals with medical conditions or who are taking medications.

Consumers who use dietary supplements should always read the label, follow instructions and heed all warnings. Two excellent resources for additional information on dietary supplements are the Food and Drug Administration ([www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/supplmnt.html](http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/supplmnt.html)) and the American Dietetic Association

([www.eatright.org](http://www.eatright.org)).

Recently, dietary supplements containing ephedra have come under fire. Ephedra is the main ingredient in many weight-loss products. Ephedra can cause many side effects, including increased blood pressure and heart rate, insomnia, anxiety, tremors, strokes and sudden death. At least 20 states have banned or restricted use of this product. In policy letters dated Oct. 28, 1999, and Sept. 5, 2002, the Air Force Surgeon "strongly discouraged the use of nutritional supplements containing ephedra by all (Air Force) personnel as an operational risk management measure."

By incorporating a sensible nutrition and exercise program, consumers can improve health, wellness and appearance.

The Tyndall Health and Wellness Center offers numerous programs designed to encourage a healthy lifestyle. Stop in and see us or call 283-3826.

## Resale lot finds greener parking lot on other side

**STEVE RIDDLE**  
325th Services Squadron marketing

Tyndall Air Force Base's resale lot has gotten bigger thanks to a recent move. The old, smaller lot sat on the north side of the intersection of Beacon Beach Road and Suwannee Avenue. The new lot is near the old site, just a few hundred yards down Beacon Beach Road, sitting between the education center and the 325th Air Control Squadron building.

The resale lot is managed by the community activities center, and according to CAC director Jean Cole, the reason for the move was a simple one.

"We moved because we needed a bigger area," she said. "Previously, we have had a waiting list, and now we can get people on immediately."

There are a few people on base who have already benefited from the elimination of the waiting list, and at least one who wishes the move would have come earlier.

"I know when I was selling my truck here, there was a two-week waiting list," said Staff Sgt. Orin Bertrand, an F-15 avionics instruc-

tor assigned to the 372nd Training Squadron, Detachment Four. "Now they have more slots in here, so it's great."

The lot sits directly in front of the old veterinary clinic building. The education center and the 325th Air Control Squadron each have adequate-sized parking lots, so the location appeared to be a good choice, said Ms. Cole.

The move took place April 8, and Ms. Cole said it wasn't too difficult because she was able to get the help of everyone who had a vehicle at the old lot.

"We called everybody up, and they just came over and moved their vehicles," she explained. "We started putting new customers on the lot and moving old customers over there the same day. Now they're all over at our new location."

As of April 11, there were more than 20 cars and trucks sitting on the resale lot, but they weren't the only vehicles there. Two motorboats, motorcycles and jet skis were also on display.

For more information about the resale lot, contact the community activities center at 283-2495.



Staff Sgt. Orin Bertrand takes a look at a jet ski on the resale lot.

Steve Riddle



# Funshine NEWS

April 18, 2003

325th Services Website: [www.325thservices.com](http://www.325thservices.com)

## Here's What's Happening at the Tyndall Officers' Club

### All Ranks Lunch

Mon.-Thurs.: \$6.95 ■ Friday: \$7.95  
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Unlimited access to the daily buffet, salad bar,  
fountain soda, tea & coffee!

Includes: Fresh Hot Carved Meat  
Sandwiches on Kaiser Roll

<b>Mondays</b>	Chef's Choice
<b>Tuesdays</b>	Italian
<b>Wednesdays</b>	Oriental
<b>Thursdays</b>	All American
<b>Fridays</b>	Seafood

\*Members, show your club card to receive a \$1 discount!

### On Base Food Delivery

■ **Lunch Menu:** Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
*Limited to office deliveries (i.e. squadron addresses)*

■ **Evening Menu:** Fri. & Sat. 5:30-9 p.m.

**Subs & Pizzas**  
**286-2900**

### AF Club Scholarship

Six scholarships will be awarded to AF Club  
members or their eligible family members.

**First place is \$6,000**

Applicants must be accepted by, or enrolled in,  
an accredited college or university graduate or  
undergraduate program by fall of 2003.  
Information packages with complete instruc-  
tions and requirements are available from the  
Tyndall Officers' Club business office.

Entry deadline is July 15.

**283-4357**  
for more information.



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### Base Library

☎ 283-4287

#### Spring Book Sale

Thursday April 24 through Saturday April  
26. The library needs your donations of  
hardcover and paperback books to  
make this book sale a success.

### Bowling Center

☎ 283-2380

#### End of Season Pro Shop Sale

Thru May 31 all stock balls, bags and  
shoes 15% off. (No other discounts apply.)

#### Summer Play & Save

On sale now: 40 games for \$30, 20  
games for \$15. Not valid during Cosmic Bowling.

### Information, Tickets & Travel

☎ 283-2499

#### Leisure Travel Cruise Specials

The cruise lines are offering some of  
their best deals to date. Call to make  
those honeymoon or anniversary travel  
plans. Call 283-2864 for details.

### INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TRAVEL



FRIDAY, MAY 2  
10 A.M.-1 P.M.  
AT THE O' CLUB

- Door Prizes!
- Over 50 Vendors!
- Freebies!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:  
283-2499

### Skills Development Center

☎ 283-4511

#### Engraving

We can engrave a variety of items,  
including: pen and pencil sets, mugs,  
coins, medals, and more.

#### Mat Cutter

Our new computerized cutter can cut  
hundreds of different shapes on mats.

#### Large Format Printing

We can print large posters for your next  
squadron function or retirement gift.

### Community Activity Ctr.

☎ 283-2495

#### CAC Beginners Yoga Class

Tues. & Thurs. at 4:30 p.m. in the  
ballroom. Call for details.

#### Children Art Contest

For youth ages 5-12. Stop by for a  
copy of the rules and registration.

### Fitness & Sports Center

☎ 283-2631

#### April Group Fitness Schedule

Pick up your copy at the Fitness Center  
or visit: [www.325thServices.com](http://www.325thServices.com) and go  
to the Fitness Center page.

### Bonita Bay

☎ 283-3199

#### Sailing Lessons

April 26 & 27, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$40 per  
person. Bring lunch and plenty of fluids.  
Water shoes are highly recommended.

#### Youth Environmental Club

For children ages 6-10. Starts April 26.  
Participation limited, please come by to  
register.

#### Base Pool Opens in May

Call for further details.

### Marina Club

☎ 283-3059

#### Seafood Buffet

All-you-can-eat only \$6.50! Fri. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

#### Tyndall Dive Club

Meetings held the 4th Thurs. each month.

### Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

#### Cartoon Network Tennis

Hey kids, join the club and learn basics  
of Tennis and get Cartoon Network  
tennis gear. May 3, 10, 17, 31 and  
June 7, 14. Ages 5-7 at 8 a.m. and  
ages 8-11 at 9 a.m. Cost is \$60.

## 7th Annual Big Bunny Egg Hunt Saturday, April 19



at the Youth Center, Bldg. 3223 on Sabre Drive.

BYOB (bring your own basket)

**11 a.m. age categories 1-2 & 3-4**

**1 p.m. age categories: 5-6 & 7-8**

**3 p.m. age categories: 9-10 & 11-12**

Prize-filled eggs will contain candy, toys,  
or coupons for a variety of prizes.

## Glow in the Dark Egg Hunt (For Teens only)

BYOFL (bring your own flash light) • BYOB (bring your own basket)

7:30 p.m. for ages 13-18. • I.D. may be requested to check age.

**For more information call: 283-4366**

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## Easter Extravaganza



Sunday, April 20  
All Ranks @ O' Club  
10:30 a.m.- 2 p.m.  
Reservations  
Strongly Recommended

For more information call:  
**283-4357**

## Admin Assistants' Day Luncheon

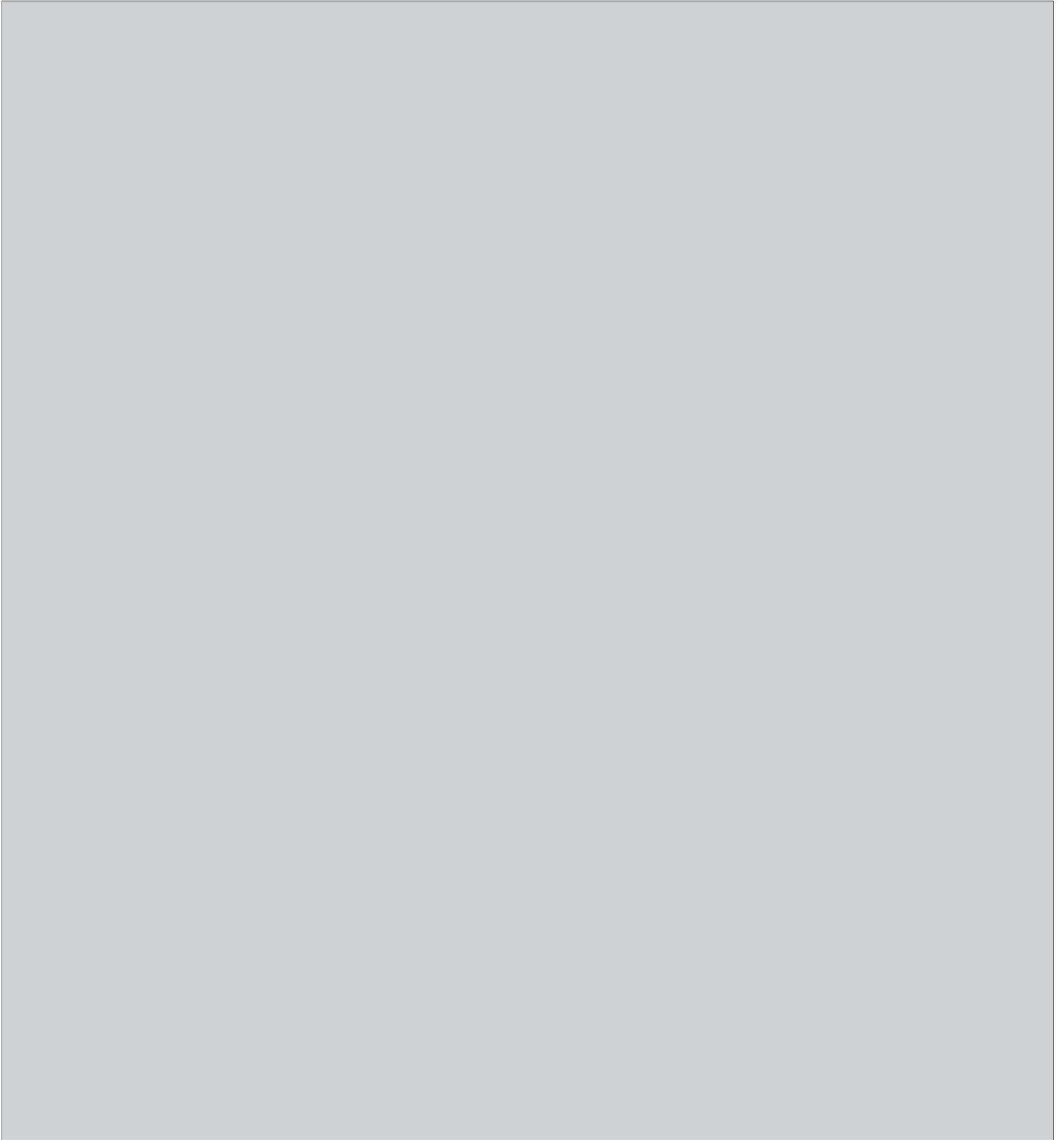
April 23, 11:15 a.m.  
RSVP by April 20!

\$8 per person

Treat your assistant to a  
special lunch at the O' Club!



Stuffed Chicken Breast, Buttered  
Parsley Potatoes, Rolls & Butter,  
Vegetable Medley, Iced Tea & Water



## Officials cancel 2003 sports, training camps

SAN ANTONIO (AFPN) — In view of world events, operations tempo and stop-loss measures, Air Force officials are canceling the 2003 Air Force sports and training camps program.

Officials will re-evaluate this decision in 90 days, depending on world events.

This difficult decision was made by the Air Force fitness and sports staff as well as Air Force senior leadership, according to officials at the Air Force Services Agency headquarters.

The following 2003 events are canceled: Armed Forces Women's Soccer Championship, Armed Forces Men's Soccer Championship, Armed Forces Triathlon Championship, Armed Forces

Tae Kwon Do Invitational and U.S. Racquetball Association's National Championship.

Wrestling and women's basketball training camps and events currently in session will continue through final competition.

The Air Force fitness and sports staff will not accept applications for specialized training for sports listed on the 2003 Air Force Sports Calendar.

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## Tyndall Air Force Base Chapel Holy Week schedule

<i>Catholic Masses</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>
Good Friday	Today	3 p.m.	Chapel Two
Easter Vigil	Saturday	8 p.m.	Chapel Two
<i>(Saturday's regular 5 p.m. Mass will not be held)</i>			
Easter Sunday	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Chapel Two
<i>Protestant Services</i>			
Good Friday	Today	7 p.m.	Chapel One
Easter Sunrise	Sunday	6 a.m.	Bonita Bay
<i>(Sunrise service followed by fellowship &amp; continental breakfast— In case of inclement weather, the service will be held at Chapel 1)</i>			
Liturgical Protestant	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Chapel One
General Protestant	Sunday	11 a.m.	Chapel Two