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In brief

Air Force News

News and information from around the Air Force will air on the base cable network's Channel 12. Air times are at 8 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

Current stories include 'Keeping the troops supplied in Iraq,' 'Air Force contributes to SARS fight' and 'Civilian worker pays a high price for a bomb threat.'

MPF closure

The 325th Mission Support Squadron's military personnel flight will close at noon today for an official function.

In case of emergency or for those who have driven from outside the Panama City area can call 774-6022 or 774-6023 for assistance.

Lost and found

The 325th Security Forces Investigation's Lost and Found has jewelry, watches, keys, wallets, pagers, bikes, glasses and automatic teller machine cards in their inventory. Anyone wishing to claim lost property can call security forces, 283-2497, between 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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Congratulations

325th FW excels during inspection



Lisa Carroll

Col. Worth Carter, Air Education and Training Command inspector general, addresses members of the 325th Fighter Wing during the outbrief at the 325th Air Control Squadron auditorium.

TECH. SGT. ROEL UTLEY
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

"This inspection confirms what I already knew," said Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander, "we have the best team here at Tyndall."

The 325th Fighter Wing was awarded an excellent overall rating after a nine-day inspection and presented six "best practices." More than 150 inspectors checked every facet of Tyndall's ability to conduct its mission of training the world's best air su-

periority team and being a force supplier for the air and space expeditionary forces.

"The men and women of the 325th Fighter Wing can be very proud. You have clearly excelled at accomplishing your mission of training men and women for our Air Force, Department of Defense and allies" was the message that boomed through the speakers at the outbrief and across the base at several satellite locations.

In addition to inspecting every

unit, the inspection tested the wing's ability to respond to a major accident and a deployment tasking.

"When you go excellent overall, and in so many areas with so many best practices and so many outstanding, that means exactly what I knew before the IG team ever showed up, that (rating) is the quality of your work day in and day out," said Maj. Gen. James Sandstrom, 19th Air Force commander. "You don't just take three months prior to that inspection,

start from square zero and bring it up to that level. That's pretty much where you are all the time."

General Sandstrom continued to commend the men and women of the 325th FW for maintaining high standards in light of the base's deployment requirements. "In a lot of these functional areas that were inspected, I will bet you were one person deep because of the folks you have deployed around the world. I recognize that, the IG team recog-

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Training the best air superiority team for America

Tyndall earns 'Excellent' ORI rating

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW

325th Fighter Wing commander



Congratulations and a job well done to everyone in the 325th Fighter Wing and Team Tyndall for a superb performance and overall "Excellent" rating earned during the Air Education and Training Command Operational Readiness Inspection last week.

Teamwork was the key to success and it validated what I already knew to be true, we have world-class people performing a critical mission, making a difference and playing a key role in national defense. The inspectors walked away knowing we are able to produce on average a combined total of 300-plus fighter pilots and air battle managers annually for the combat air forces, but we also excel in supporting the chief of staff of the Air Force's number one mission, of being a force provider by sending hundreds of warriors to support contingencies worldwide. Our people and training have made a huge difference in the war and in ensuring air dominance.

In addition to our excellent rating, we had several best practices highlighted. The supe-



"I want to start out by thanking each and every one of you for making the AETC ORI a success."

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW

325th Fighter Wing commander

rior rating the base earned is one I expected, as each of you make my job as a commander easy and enjoyable. My sincere thanks go to each and every one of you for making the AETC ORI a success. I was impressed by your commitment to excellence and you left a positive impression on Gen. Donald Cook, AETC commander, Maj. Gen. James Sandstrom, 19th Air Force commander and the 150-member AETC inspection team.

The wing showed up for game day and was ready to perform, excelling during all phases of the inspection exhibiting superb crisis response skills and rock-solid programs to the inspection team.

The AETC IG provided a critical look at how we accomplish our mission, highlighting what we do well and areas where improve-

ment can be made. I'd challenge each of you to continue programs and initiatives highlighted as strengths and work on those areas where improvement can be made. In light of all the deployments and increased operations tempo, the "excellent" rating is a great testament to the team we have in place.

I hope everyone comes out to Heritage Park at 2 p.m. today for the post-ORI celebration. You earned it! There will be hotdogs, hamburgers and refreshments at the event as well as entertainment.

While the ORI is over, the PCS season is still in full swing. As many of you may know, the 325th Medical Group change of command is happening today. Please join me in bidding farewell to Col. Daniel Wyman as he departs

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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.

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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.

Larry D. New

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW

325th Fighter Wing commander

Fit to fight: Change in AF fitness policy on the horizon

GEN. JOHN JUMPER

Air Force Chief of Staff

Our superb Total Force performance in Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM secured our reputation as the greatest Air Force in the world. We should all take great pride in that. Our execution of the war plan was also consistent with our core values. Integrity, in that we upheld the highest standards of performance, learned from the things we could have done better, and will make ourselves better as a result; service before self, in that 40,000 warriors deployed forward, supported by thousands more back home, to do the right thing for the people of Iraq and to play our part in the joint air, land, and sea effort; and excellence, in that we demonstrated the ability to plan and execute air and space missions with a degree of precision never before achieved. When looking at our Air Force overall, I am very pleased. One aspect of our Total Force that does need improvement, however, is

our physical fitness.

About ten years ago, we transitioned to fitness testing based on the cycle ergometry test. This was done to preclude injuries experienced in the previous 1.5-mile run format. It was also deemed a more precise and high-tech way to measure aerobic performance. My belief is that we are a much different Air Force today. We deploy to all regions of the world, living in tent cities and working on flight lines in extremes of temperatures. Some of our airmen today are operating from inside Iraq, subject to attack, and could be called upon to help defend the base, a trend that will surely increase in the growing expeditionary nature of our business. The amount of energy we devote to our fitness programs is not consistent with the growing demands of our warrior culture. It's time to change that.

We will soon release a new fitness program that gets back to the basics of running, sit-ups, and pushups. There will be accommodations made for those who aren't able

to run for legitimate reasons. The cycle ergometry test may still be used for those not medically cleared to run. We are planning to issue physical training (PT) gear as part of the program and to put responsibility for PT in the chain of command, not with the medical community or the commander's support staff. I expect this effort to be led from the top, starting with commanders and senior NCOs, and I expect those who have trouble meeting the standards to be helped by others in their unit until they do meet the standard.

Physical fitness should also be an area of concern for the Air Force civil servants. I encourage the civilian members of our Air Force organizations to join with their uniformed peers in participating in this program.

While we have weight and body fat standards that we must meet, there will be some, weightlifters in particular, who may be perfectly fit but not meet these standards.

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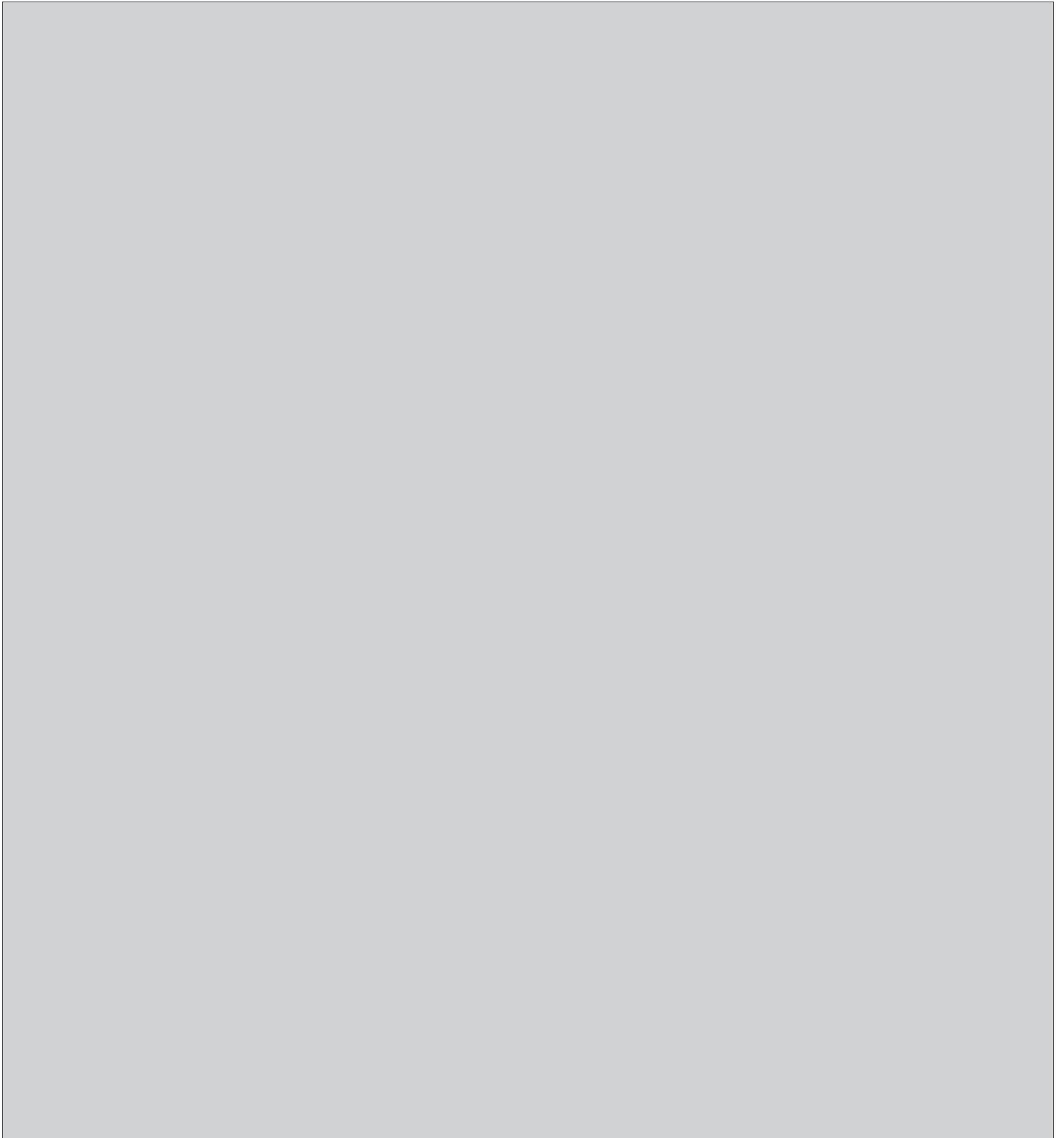
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New 19th AF command chief named

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas — Chief Master Sgt. Timmothy Dickens, 12th Flying Training Wing command chief, will become the new 19th Air Force command chief Aug. 1, succeeding Chief Master Sgt. Herbert Williams.

In announcing the selection of the new command chief, Maj. Gen. James Sandstrom, 19th Air Force commander said, "We are extremely fortunate to have someone the caliber of Chief Dickens coming in to continue the positive impact Chief Williams has had on all of our enlisted programs."

The 19th AF command chief is responsible for advising the commander on matters relating to morale, welfare, quality of life and force structure for the enlisted members assigned to 10 active-duty wings, two active-duty groups, five Air National Guard wings, two Air Force Reserve wings and one Air Force Reserve group at 25 training locations throughout the continental United States and Alaska.

"Chief Williams is a hard act to follow," said Chief Dickens, speaking from first-hand experience. "I became command chief at the 12th FW when Chief Williams moved to 19th Air Force in 2001. I am very proud to be given the opportunity to maintain and advance the many programs he championed."

Chief Dickens enlisted in the Air Force in 1976 and completed basic military training as an honor graduate. His first duty assignment was at Randolph AFB, working as a ma-



Chief Master Sgt. Timmothy Dickens, 19th Air Force command chief

teriel facilities specialist at the 12th Supply Squadron. He also served as a member of the base honor guard and, although an airman 1st class, he was selected to serve as the NCO in charge.

In 1979, he applied and was accepted for his first assignment with the Air Force Honor Guard. During his tenure in the honor guard he served in a variety of positions, including NCOIC and drill instructor of the famed Silent Drill Team.

The chief's career crossed through civil engineering and supply, but he always maintained close ties with each unit's honor guard. This continued with his 1989 assignment as the Second Group Sergeant Major for the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs; one of only five sergeant major positions in the Air Force.

During this assignment he also

served as the assistant superintendent and training instructor for the Air Force Academy Command Honor Guard and as the advisor for the cadet honor guard. He became the superintendent of the Air Force Honor Guard in 1991.

Chief Dickens served as the command chief, 3rd Wing, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska before assuming duties as the 12th FTW command chief.

The chief graduated from the Military Airlift Command NCO Academy, McGuire AFB, N. J. in 1982, receiving the distinguished graduate and speech awards. He completed the Senior NCO Academy correspondence course in 1986, and graduated from the Senior NCO Academy, Gunter AFB, Ala., in 1992.

Chief Williams is returning to his primary career field in the civil engineer arena and will be assigned to the 37th Training Wing, Lackland AFB, Texas.

"Chief Williams has been a tireless advocate for the enlisted force," said General Sandstrom. "There is no question that the enlisted corps in 19th Air Force is better today than when Chief Williams became command chief. That's the mark of a great leader."

Chief Dickens will be succeeded at the 12th FTW by Chief Master Sgt. Jeffery Sargent, currently the command chief at the Air Force Flight Test Center, Edwards AFB, Calif.

(Courtesy Air Education and Training Command public affairs)



MDG changes leadership

A change of command ceremony for the 325th Medical Group will take place at 8 a.m. today in the dental clinic parking lot. Team Tyndall is invited.

Col. Daniel Wyman will relinquish command to Col. Sean Murphy.

Colonel Murphy joins Team Tyndall from Fort McNair, Washington D.C., where he recently completed National War College. Prior to attending National War College, the colonel served as the Air Force Clinical Optimiza-

tion and Integration division chief in Washington D.C.

The colonel is a 1981 distinguished graduate of the Air Force Academy where he received his commission and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. He holds a Doctor of Medicine Degree from the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences, Bethesda, Md., and is a board certified pediatrician. Colonel Murphy is additionally qualified in aerospace

medicine. His major awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one device, the Joint Meritorious Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal and the Civilian Commendable Service Medal.

(Compiled by 325th Fighter Wing public affairs)

AFCESA under new command

Col. Gus Elliott Jr. will replace Col. Bruce Barthold as commander of the Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency in a ceremony 9 a.m. today in the NCO Academy auditorium.

The change of command will also mark Colonel Barthold's retirement after 30 years of active-duty service, all within the civil engineer career field. Colonel Barthold has been the commander of the agency since June 1999.

Colonel Elliott, a career civil engineer, was most recently the chief of the Mission Support Inspection Division of the Headquarters Pacific Air Forces Inspector General Team, Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

He was commissioned in the Air Force in 1974 after graduating from the Virginia Military Institute. During his career, he has

been the commander of a support group and four civil engineer squadrons. His awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with seven oak leaf clusters and the Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster. He becomes the 14th commander in the agency's 31-year history.

The officiating officer for the ceremony is Maj. Gen. L. Dean Fox, the Air Force civil engineer.

AFCESA is one of Tyndall's tenant units. It is a field operating agency that provides civil engineer support to Air Force civil engineers world wide.

(Courtesy Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency public affairs)

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Inspectors highlight key performers

The following 325th Fighter Wing members' individual performance was highlighted by the Air Education and Training Command inspector general team as being critical to mission success.

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What did you learn from the operational readiness inspection?



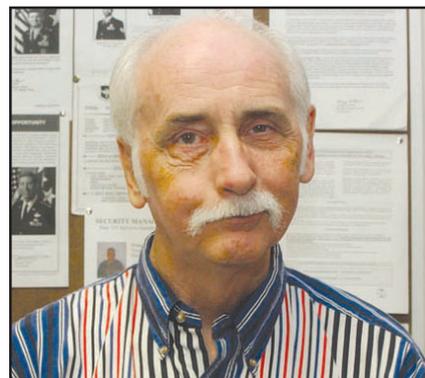
“It takes a total team effort to pass.”

CAPT. ALLEN MARTIN
325th Contracting Squadron



“If you stay on top of your job, there is no need to ping for an inspection.”

TECH. SGT. ALPHONSO OVERTON
325th Fighter Wing legal office



“I learned that the inspection is a good discipline lesson that encourages you to straighten things up.”

BOB WATSON
Library technician



“I learned that things go smooth if you are prepared.”

AIRMAN LAUREN SPURLIN
325th Comptroller Squadron

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for Hurlburt Field, Fla., to become the Special Operations Command's command surgeon I want to thank Colonel Wyman and his family for their support of Team Tyndall and providing our airmen, retirees and family members with top-notch medical care. Dan, best of luck on your next assignment.

Taking over for Colonel Wyman is Col. Sean Murphy, joining us after graduating from the National War College, Washington, D.C. Please join me in extending a warm Team Tyndall welcome to Colonel Murphy and his family.

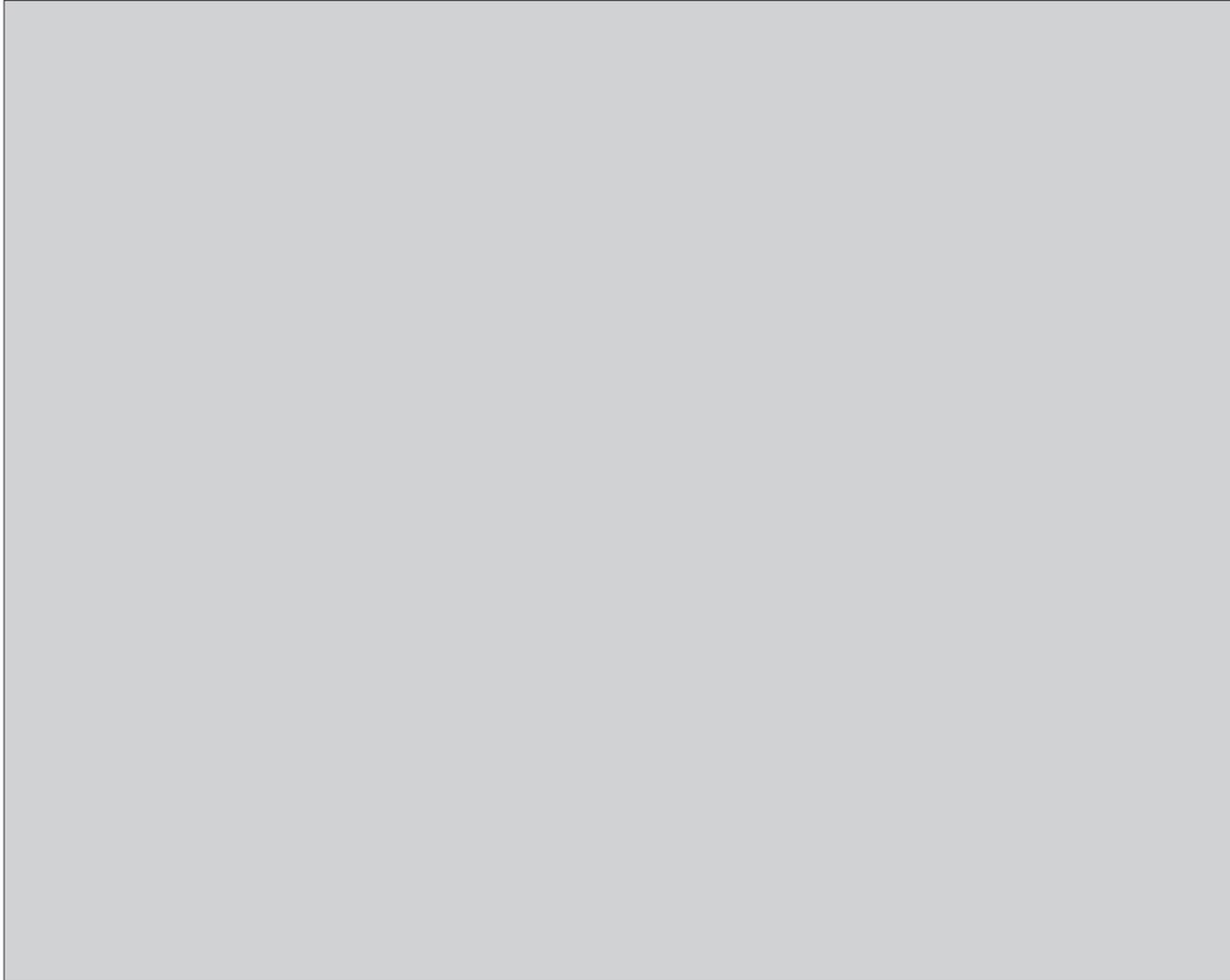
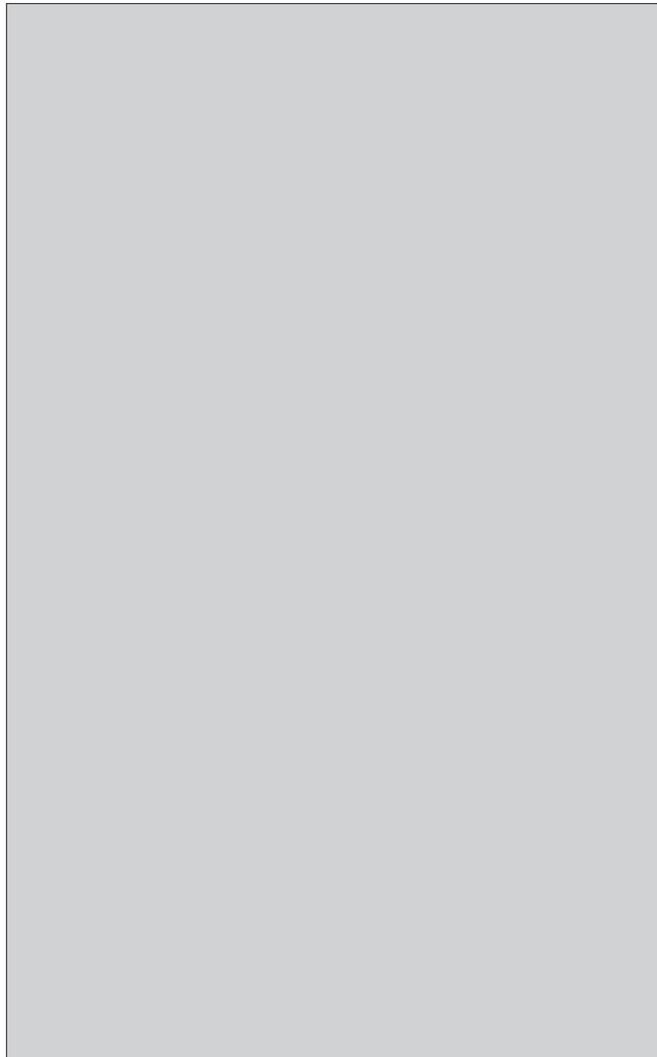
Lt. Col. William “Jack” Paulk and Lt Col. Deanna Paulk will also bid farewell to Team Tyndall today during their respective changes of command. Jack commanded the award-winning

325th Comptroller Squadron. Dee served as the 325th Mission Support Squadron commander and provided first-class personnel support to the wing and to 1st Air Force/U.S. Continental NORAD region immediately following the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on America. Dee will continue to serve at Tyndall for a few months before retiring. I want to extend my gratitude for a job well done during a critical couple of years in the wing's history and I wish them well in their future endeavors. I'd like to extend a Team Tyndall welcome to the new comptroller squadron commander, Maj. Lester Weilacher, and the new 325th MSS commander, Lt. Col. Harold Huguley III.

Also departing Team Tyndall and retiring is Col. Bruce Barthold, Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency commander.

Bruce and his people did a magnificent job supporting the war-time mission as they helped evaluate airfields in theater ensuring coalition aircraft are able to land safely. They also continue to ensure Air Force civil engineers have the equipment, material and expertise required to accomplish the mission. He will be replaced by Col. Gus Elliott Jr. Let's extend a warm welcome to Colonel Elliott.

A special welcome to all our new Team Tyndall warriors, you have joined a world-class team of professionals and community partners during a very exciting time as we ready ourselves to accept the world's premiere fighter aircraft, the F/A-22 Raptor, later this summer. Again, thank you for a job well done and I hope to see you at Heritage Park.



Topping off the tank for Tyndall training missions

CHRISTINE SULLIVAN

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Do you ever wonder what kind of fuel an F-15 needs to streak across the skies of Tyndall AFB? Where does that QF-4 fuel come from and how is it stored? What on earth is liquid nitrogen used for? The members of the fuels management division that support the 325th Fighter Wing Logistics Readiness Division can proudly tell you everything you ever wanted to know about fuels and how they take measures to ensure Team Tyndall's mission readiness.

Trend Western Technical Corporation provides 24-hour fuels support needed by three active F-15 squadrons, full-scale and sub-scale drones and transient aircraft. The management team consists of 32 members who also support the 1st, 2nd, and 95th Fighter Squadrons.

"The fuels management division, better known as petroleum, oils, and lubricants (POL), provides a vital piece of the pie for team Tyndall as nothing moves without fuel," said Master Sgt. Christian Vasquez, in charge of contract quality assurance for the 325th Mission Support Group's Logistics Readiness Division. "Mission readiness, along with safety, is the primary focus for the POL folks."

The fuels management division is responsible for the receipt, storage, quality control, accountability and issue of JP-8, unleaded gasoline, diesel, liquid oxygen and liquid nitrogen. These fuels are designated for aircraft that also includes the F-16, E-9, and MU-2, all transient vehicles and military water vessels, and base-assigned organizations such as the 475th Weapons Evaluation Group.

"We are responsible for over 40 million gallons of fuel, liquid oxygen and liquid nitrogen



Photos by Christine Sullivan

Airman 1st Class Daniel Reaves, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, loads JP-8 fuel onto a 2nd Fighter Squadron F-15.

delivered each year," said Timothy Nelson, Trend Western fuels accountant. "The cost topped \$32-million this year."

"The team issues and receives over 3 million gallons of fuel and cryogenic products for the wing monthly," Sergeant Vasquez said. "They service over 2,000 aircraft supporting homeland defense missions, home station aircraft and TDY units from around the globe for valuable training here at Tyndall."

There are several elements of the fuels

management division, all of which work together to ensure Tyndall's mission readiness. The operation element manages the resource control center, distribution, storage and maintenance areas in storing and issuing the 40 million-plus gallons of petroleum products. This is the largest element in fuels management and operates 24 hours a day, year-round.

The compliance and environmental element is responsible for the flight's compliance with Air Force technical, safety and environmental directives by performing daily spot checks, safety evaluations and semi-annual internal inspections. A laboratory technician routinely analyzes more than 350 samples per month to ensure its quality.

"The fuels team plays an important role in the wing because without clean dry fuel, the wing doesn't fly," Sergeant Vasquez said. "Any possible contamination could ground the wing in an instant."

The bulk storage element is responsible for the safe handling, storage and distribution of bulk jet and ground fuel and cryogenic products. The facility has 400,000-gallon tanks to hold JP-8 fuel and 50,000-gallon tanks used to store ground fuel. The transfer of fuel can take anywhere from 6 to 12 hours to complete, with an average transfer of 200,000

gallons.

"Our fuel is delivered weekly, by barge," said Jerry Brown, tank farm manager. "The barges have anywhere from 20,000 to 40,000 barrels and can off-load approximately 2,000 barrels an hour."

Fuels management also operates liquid oxygen and liquid nitrogen tanks. The liquid fuel supports the fighter squadrons, weapons system evaluation program and alert facilities.

Ground fuels support is provided to organizational tanks, special purpose vehicles and support equipment located at the fire department, clinic, golf course, drone areas, and throughout the base. The resource control center is the focal point of all fuel operations for the 325th Fighter Wing and its various support agencies. They coordinate with the maintenance operations center for base aircraft fuel requests as well as numerous transient aircraft and work closely with the 83rd Fighter Weapons Squadron and National Guard units deployed as air defense alert stand-by.

"We strive to ensure the fighter wing and all associate units receive the best fuel support in the Air Force," said John Wyatt, program manager for Trend Western's fuels management division.



Refueling unit operator Steve Jordan offloads JP-8 fuel with an additive used for thermal stability into a refueling unit at the fuels management fill station.

Don't become a buffet for mosquitoes

AIRMAN SARAH McDOWELL

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

It's that time of year again. Yes, the time when outdoor evening conversations with neighbors must be cut short for fear of being eaten alive, by mosquitoes that is. Though as popular as it seems, smacking yourself in vain effort to keep the bugs off is not the prominent way to protect yourself from these annoying pests.

Although annoying insects may be more a pest than a disease carrier, the possibility that they might carry a virus is always there, and will increase with the number of mosquitoes that breed.

Research shows, most mosquitoes will be found in warm regions. Typical house mosquitoes found in the United States are carriers of encephalitis. Other species are carriers of yellow fever and dengue. Also, several other species of a related group can transmit malaria, according to United States Air Force Public Health.

Fortunately, there have been no instances of disease on Tyndall this year, but there are 69 of the 2,500 known species in Florida, all of which can potentially transmit diseases.

"In Florida we have both the viruses and



Airman Sarah McDowell

Senior Airman Melissa Lawson collects mosquito samples during a recent outing.

the mosquitoes, which can pass the virus to humans," said 1st Lt. Tyler Watson, 325th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron public health flight commander. "They are both here, we want to make sure we don't put the two together."

"There is not a huge threat this year, mosquitoes are mostly a nuisance. So far we have not caught any viruses on base, but we want to reduce or eliminate that chance," Lieutenant Watson said. "We should do everything we can to eliminate the opportunity for them to lay their eggs. It will do more for

the whole problem, the nuisance and the illness."

There are many preventative things that people can do to reduce their itching this summer, especially during the rainy season. Wear protective clothing such as long pants, long-sleeve shirts, shoes and socks during times and in locations of high mosquito incidence. Keep in mind that mosquitoes can poke through T-shirts and other

lightweight, tight-fitting clothing.

An alternative to extra clothes, especially on those hot and humid summer nights, is insect repellent. "You want to wear mosquito spray when you are out in the early morning and at dusk and should apply it 30 minutes prior to going out," Lieutenant Watson said.

Repellents that contain 20 to 30 percent diethyltoluamide, or DEET, are most effective. Though you should apply it to all exposed areas to include clothing, do not over apply or get in your eyes, ears or nose.

Another preventative measure that can benefit not only you, but also your surrounding neighbors is getting rid of standing water. "The breeding areas are a concern because

we get so much rain," said Senior Airman Melissa Lawson, 235th ADS public health journeyman, entomology section. "The females lay their eggs only in water."

There are many ways to stop your home from becoming a breeding ground. First, make sure there is no standing water in old tires or flowerpots. Also, kiddie pools should be emptied out at least every other day to ensure the water is larvae-free.

Adding minnows to outside water fountains may help downsize breeding because they will destroy the eggs.

Another unnoticed spot for breeding is pet dishes, which should be emptied everyday to eliminate eggs.

Water-filled tree holes are also a common breeding site. The holes can be filled with sand or cement.

Flat roofs that have lots of wet leaf debris can also harbor mosquito eggs. Remove the debris often to stop breeding.

Boats on trailers that are dry docked or stored will collect water and breed mosquitoes. These should be covered or turned upside down to prevent breeding.

Taking preventative action to stop the spread of disease is key. These are ways to keep your home from becoming a breeding ground, and may allow you to have conversations without "ouch!" as every other word.

Accident shows need for risk management

TECH. SGT. CARL NORMAN
Air Force Materiel Command public affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFPN) — A Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., airman in critical condition following a recent automobile accident brings home the seriousness behind the Air Force's 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign, officials said.

Currently, 18 people Air Force-wide have died as the service's annual safety campaign reached its halfway point. That number is up one from the 17 logged at this point in 2002, according to experts from the Air Force Safety Center at Kirtland AFB.

During the 2002 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign, 30 Air Force people died. According to John Sheehan, Air Force Materiel Command ground safety chief, "If the current trend continues, the Air Force could experience as many or more fatalities this year as they did last year, and one is too many."

Mr. Sheehan said the injured Kirtland airman fits into the category of 18-25 year olds who statistically are more prone to accidents.

"They think nothing will happen to them because it hasn't happened yet," he said.

Speed, alcohol, darkness and poor judgment are primary contributors to the two- and four-wheeled vehicle accidents responsible for most of the deaths this year, Mr. Sheehan said. In fact, motorcycles account for more than half of the deaths Air Force officials have recorded so far during this campaign.

"People simply aren't taking the time to think of the risks involved in the things they're doing," Mr. Sheehan said. "We've

had cars and motorcycles in this country for a long time, and people have been running into things for that same amount of time. Seems like we haven't learned much over the years, and we're paying a high price to learn the same old lessons."

To help wrestle this problem and see fewer people die in preventable accidents, Mr. Sheehan encourages people to use risk-management techniques and think about what might happen in any given situation.

"Exercising risk management in everything we do, on- and off-duty, is the key to enjoying safe activities," Mr. Sheehan said. "We do a pretty good job with on-duty mishaps and fatalities because we have more control over how people conduct business. But people need to put those same techniques into practice with off-duty activities because the off-duty stuff can kill you just as dead as the on-duty things can."

Mr. Sheehan said if people apply the six steps of risk management, they can be reasonably assured there will be no surprises.

- The six steps he referred to are:
 - Identifying hazards associated with a particular activity.
 - Assessing the impact each hazard has in relation to potential loss and severity.
 - Determining controls necessary to reduce or eliminate the hazards.
 - Making decisions as to accepting, avoiding or controlling the risk.
 - Following through to make sure appropriate controls are used.
 - Monitoring the situation and adjusting as necessary to keep things under control.

Take driving a vehicle for example, he said, citing that two- and four-wheeled vehicles account for nearly 90 percent of this year's 101 Critical Days deaths. Using risk-management techniques, an individual would first con-

sider hazards such as road conditions, traffic, impaired drivers, wildlife in the area and any unseen situations. People should also take into consideration their experience in driving in a particular kind of vehicle and conditions.

After assessing the risk and analyzing the control measures, they might want to check the weather and drive accordingly, listen to local radio stations for road conditions and travel outside peak-travel times, he said.

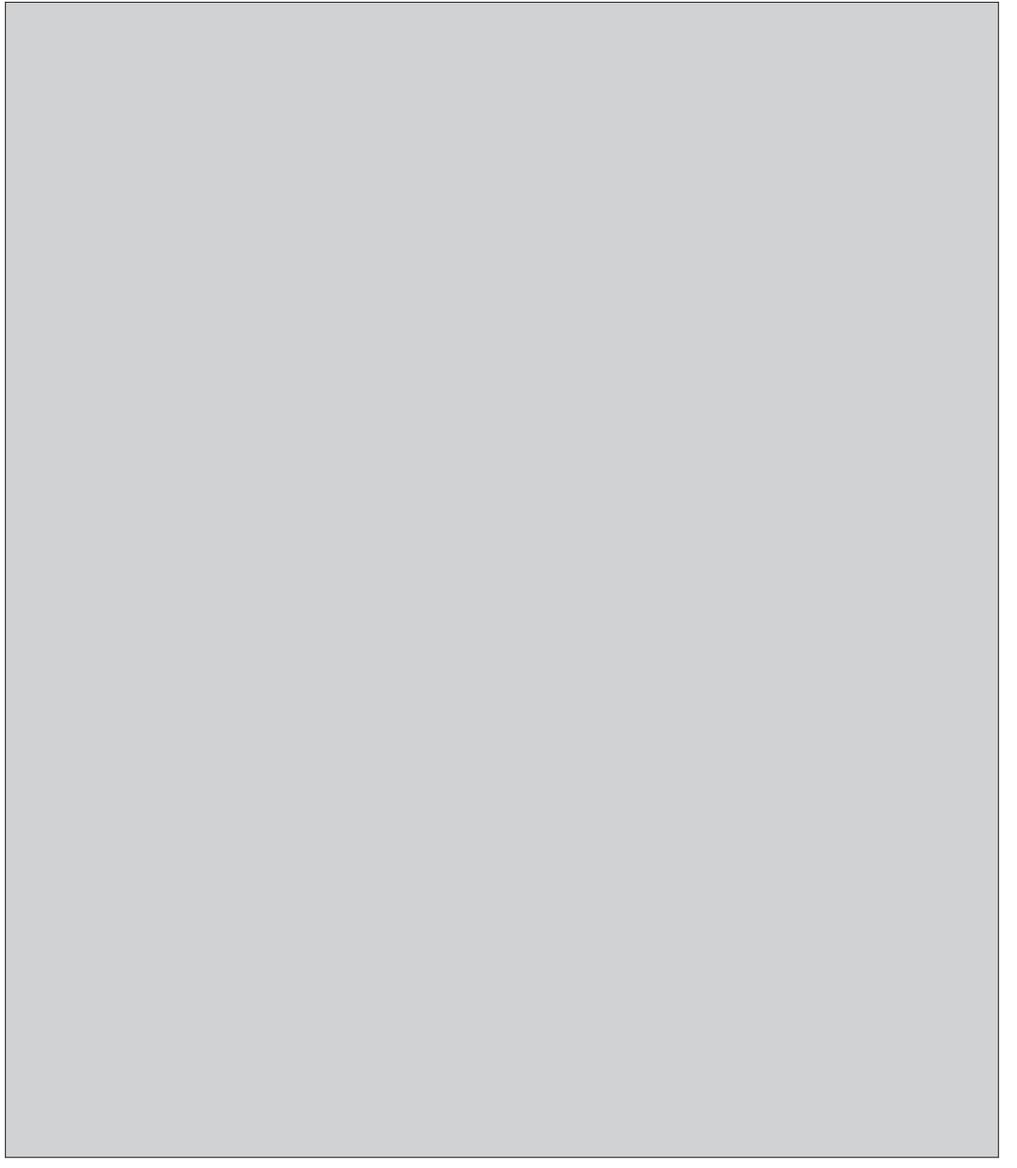
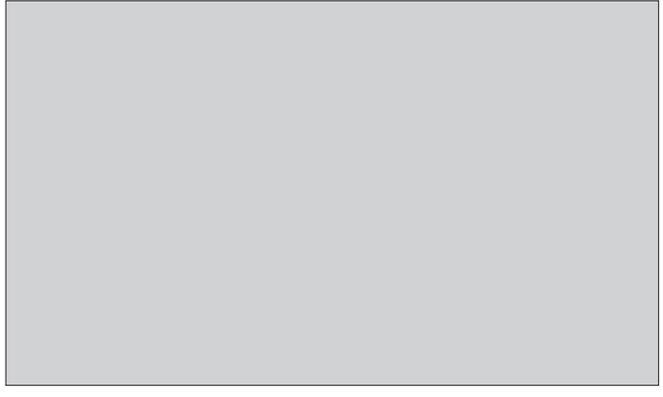
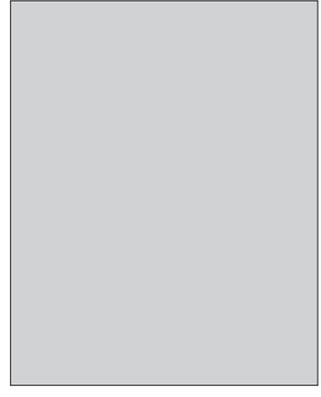
"Taking your time in unfamiliar areas and on gravel, slick roads and curves never hurts, either," he said.

Mr. Sheehan also suggests keeping road rage caged, not drinking and driving, being ready for wildlife since animals can dart in front of a vehicle at any time, driving defensively and being cautious on unfamiliar roads. Checking into alternate methods of traveling and taking spare parts and tools on extended trips can help travelers be prepared for the unexpected.

Everyone, including supervisors and managers, needs to continue strong interaction with their co-workers and encourage each other to emphasize safety through the remaining 101 Critical Days of Summer, in both on- and off-duty activities, Mr. Sheehan said.

"This is the time of year where more activities are happening and therefore the risk of mishaps (increases)," he said. "With increased awareness and people taking the time to think about what might happen in any given situation, we can continue minimizing our mishaps and fatalities and bring our people back home safely."

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



Air Force seeks female military training instructors

SENIOR AIRMAN AMANDA CURRIER

37th Training Wing public affairs

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFP) — Staff Sgt. Lynn Barron came to Air Force basic military training in 1995 carrying one bag and one mental image of a basic military training instructor: a big, loud, gruff man with a “Smokey the Bear” hat.

When Sergeant Barron first encountered her MTI, the person she met was not quite who she was expecting.

He turned out to be a she.

“My image of a TI was very similar to what most people envision, just like in the movies, an enormous, loud, machine-like man with a bad temper and a big hat, someone to be scared of,” said Sergeant Barron, now a military training instructor herself. “When I saw that my TI was a female, I thought, ‘Wow, what a strong woman.’ She quickly taught me to have pride in my country and myself. She is definitely one of the reasons that I was inspired to pursue MTI duty.”

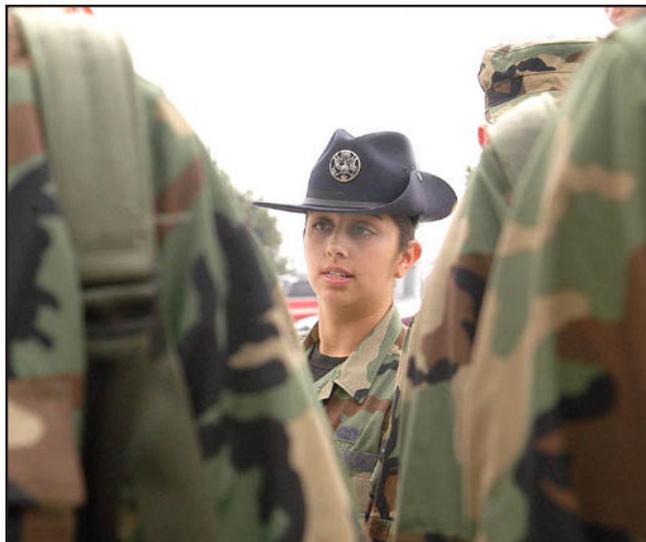
Today, more and more women are crossing into the blue, and as the number of female airmen grows, so does the Air Force’s need for female MTIs.

Military training instructors teach basic trainees how to become airmen, and the Air Force would like basic trainees to have more female instructors to look up to.

“It is important for female trainees to have female role models around,” said Staff Sgt. Lila Gaitan, an MTI and a single mom. “Once I saw my TI, I felt that I could do anything. Just seeing her, a female in an MTI position, made me have so much respect for her. I wanted to emulate her.”

Today, 25 percent of Air Force basic trainees are female, yet women make up only 13 percent of the MTI corps.

“We’re working to increase our percentage of female MTIs from 13 to 19 percent by October,” said Col. Sharon



Robbin Cresswell

Staff Sgt. Angelique Hall inspects a flight of airmen as part of her military training instructor duties. Hall is an MTI for the 320th Training Squadron.

Dunbar, commander of Air Force basic military training. “We’d like top performers to return to their roots to help cultivate the future combat capability of our Air Force.”

All enlisted airmen attend basic training at Lackland. Consequently, basic military training instructors also get their training at Lackland. Once airmen are selected as MTI candidates, they travel to the MTI School at Lackland to attend a 14-week training course.

During the first seven weeks of training, MTI candidates learn techniques for teaching trainees how to live basic-training-style. They learn how to do everything that they will expect their trainees to do: make a bed the military way, polish combat boots and execute drill movements.

“We also have to be able to complete the tasks as quickly as we expect our trainees to, if not faster,” Sergeant Barron said.

In the second half of MTI training, students are assigned to a basic training squadron where they work alongside a seasoned instructor and guide a basic military training flight of 40 to 60 trainees through their six-and-a-half weeks of basic training.

Every Friday morning at Lackland, airmen who have completed basic training march in a graduation parade in front of thousands of their parents, relatives and friends.

MTI school students receive their campaign hats the morning their flights graduate from basic training, just before the parade ceremony begins. Then the students take their final steps toward becoming MTIs by marching their flights through the parade.

“Every time you march your troops through parade, the hairs on the back of your neck stand up, and the pride inside of you is unbelievable,” Sergeant Gaitan said. “Seeing how far they have come in six short weeks, and knowing that I had something to do with it, is one of the greatest feelings.”

MTIs train as many as 500 basic trainees annually and supervise up to 60 airmen at a time.

“Being an MTI is a demanding job that sometimes means working long hours, but is a duty that is well worth its rewards,” said Chief Master Sgt. Billy Blackburn, an MTI and superintendent of Air Force basic military training.

MTIs serve a three-year controlled tour here. They also receive \$350 per month of special-duty pay, \$375 beginning in October, and an annual supplemental clothing allowance. However, some MTIs say the most rewarding thing about their job is watching their troops make the transformation from civilian to airman.

“The true benefit of the job is the job,” Sergeant Gaitan said. “I can honestly say that I can’t think of any Air Force job that’s better than this one.”

Razor-sharp senior airmen and above who are interested in MTI duty can find information on how to apply by visiting www.lackland.af.mil/737web/org.cfm?content=MTI_duty. Those interested may call for information at DSN 473-1016 or commercial (210) 671-1016.

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Comptroller change of command

Maj. Lester Weilacher assumes command of the 325th Comptroller Squadron from Lt. Col. William Paulk in a change of command and retirement ceremony 10 a.m. today at the Tyndall Officers' Club in the Daedalion Room.

Mission support change of command

Lt. Col. Deanna Paulk will relinquish command of the 325th Mission Support Squadron to Lt. Col. Harold Huguley III at 1 p.m. today in the Tyndall Officers' Club. Everyone is invited to attend.

Airman's Attic donation drive

The Airman's Attic is conducting a donation drive for new and used household items. There will be a collection point set up from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. today at the Tyndall Chapel 2 fellowship hall. Items specifically needed are dishes, silverware, glasses, sheets, blankets, microwaves and small furniture items. All items donated will be available for any E-4 and below and their families. For more information, call Mike Stephens, 286-8061.

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Anger-management workshop

A four-session anger-management workshop will be 10:30 a.m.-noon Monday, Aug. 11, 18 and 25 in the family advocacy conference room in Building 1305. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7511.

Embry-Riddle registration

Registration for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Fall term will be 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Aug. 8 in Room 48 of the education center. Class dates are Aug. 11-Oct. 11. For more information, call the education center, 283-4557.

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Fighter squadron change of command

A 2nd Fighter Squadron change of command ceremony will be 3:02 p.m. Tuesday in Hangar 2. The public is invited to attend.

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.

Bible study group

The Protestant Women of the Chapel's Bible study group meets 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Chapel 2 Annex. Watchcare is available on an as-needed basis. For more information, call the base chapel, 283-2925.

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.

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Palace Chase briefing

Palace Chase briefings for first-term airmen with half of their enlistment completed, officers with at least half of their active duty service commitment completed, or career airmen who are interested in separating early in exchange for an Air Force Reserve assignment will be 2 p.m. every Wednesday in Room 222 of Building 662. For more information, call Master Sgt. Brian Zinner, 283-8384.

Medical group closures

All medical facilities, to include pharmacies and clinics, will close at noon the first Wednesday of every month for mandatory training. All clinics and pharmacies will re-open 4:30-6 p.m. for late clinic appointments. The medical group apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.

NOTES

Pre-separation and retirement counseling

All transitioning personnel are reminded of the requirement to schedule a one-on-one pre-separation counseling session at the family support center's transition office. This is a mandatory requirement established by public law. Personnel should schedule appointments at least 90 days prior to their separation or retirement. For more information or to make an appointment, call the family support center, 283-4205.

Legal office services

The Tyndall Legal Office offers legal assistance on a walk-in basis 8-9 a.m. Mondays and 2-3 p.m. Wednesdays. Legal assistance, wills and powers of attorney are available to all active duty, reservists and guardsmen on Title 10 orders, their spouses and to retiree members and their spouses. All relevant documents that pertain to legal questions should be brought to the office. The legal office is precluded from offering assistance if a matter involves the Air Force or is criminal or commercial in nature. For more information, call the legal office, 283-4681.

GCCC registration

The Tyndall Education Center's Gulf Coast Community College office is continuing to register students for fall classes. The fall term dates are Aug. 20-Dec. 19. For more information, call the education center, 283-4332.

Basketball try-outs

Try-outs and practice for the Tyndall Tigers Men's Varsity Basketball team, the defending champions of the Southeastern Military Athletic Conference, will begin 6:30 p.m. Aug. 18 at the fitness center. Try-outs are open to all active-duty military members. For more information, call the fitness center, 283-2631.

RETIREE NEWS

TRICARE fact sheets

Fact sheets about TRICARE benefits and services are available at www.tricare.osd.mil/factsheets/. Click on Browse A-Z to access individual subject areas. The TRICARE fact sheets are designed for use by anyone who needs detailed information on particular TRICARE topics. Beneficiaries, beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinators, customer service representatives and others responsible for explaining or understanding TRICARE are encouraged to print out and save all the fact sheets to assist with questions or issues at hand, or to use for future reference. The fact sheets reflect the most current information available.

The Department of Defense Worldwide TRICARE Information Center can be reached by calling (888) 363-5433 or (888) 363-6337. Anyone with questions or concerns regarding the fact sheets may also contact TRICARE Management Activity at media@tma.osd.mil.

YARD SALES

There are no yard sales scheduled for Saturday.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

The following Catholic services will be held at Chapel 2: Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; Reconciliation, after Saturday Mass or by appointment; Saturday Mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m.; religious education, 11 a.m. Sunday. Protestant services will be as follows: Communion service, 9:30 a.m., Chapel 1; religious education classes, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Building 1476; general Protestant service, 11 a.m., Chapel 2.

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Weekend warriors can take to paintball field

STEVE RIDDLE

325th Services Squadron publicist

Thanks to a lot of hard work and a little outside help, one services squadron facility's program is quickly gaining a lot of interest.

The paintball field, run by the outdoor recreation office, recently acquired a vendor for weekend play that will supply markers (paintball guns), safety gear and everything else needed to enjoy a day of paintball activities.

According to Cindy Workman, outdoor recreation director, a local paintball company has started to bring their paintball supplies to the field on Saturdays and Sundays.

"(A local paintball company) has begun to operate an on-site equipment rental facility," she said. "They will have markers, safety gear, paintballs and a CO2 air supply."

The markers the company has for rent at the field are quality weapons, according to a co-owner of the company.

"We're bringing out Tippmann 98 Custom Paintball Markers," she said. "They're pretty good markers." She added that the retail price for a Tippmann 98 is around \$145.

With the addition of a rental vendor, Workman said she expects even more of an increase in interest for the paintball field.

"By having rentals on site, it will make it easier for people to utilize and enjoy the facility," she said, adding that it should also attract family interest and personnel looking for a different type of squadron function.



Steve Riddle

From left, Jeremy Follis, Christopher Young and Jacob Scharron take aim during a recent outing on the paintball field.

"I think the field can lead to an increase in squadron camaraderie and family cohesion," Workman said.

The paintball field is the result of a dedicated effort by several individuals who have donated their own time to make this idea a reality.

"We've had a core group come out here on a regular basis since around the time the field opened," explained John Horgan, assigned to the 325th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron.

Horgan also heads up the Tyndall Paintball Committee. This group of volunteers and paintball enthusiasts has spent long hours to improve the field, and have

also sponsored tournaments between different teams that have formed since the field opened.

"I'd like to see the program be more popular on base," Horgan said. "We need more volunteers and more muscle."

They are looking for more volunteers because the paintball field is actually three different courses, and the third one is not completed yet. The committee hopes to someday have several simulated buildings to provide a city environment.

"Field Three is the least developed field," Horgan explained. "We hope to make it look like a small village to give us an urban scenario."

Horgan said the work completed so far by his group has been mostly clearing brush, but the group has actually transformed Field One from a small clearing into a very challenging "Speedball" field.

Speedball is played on a small field about the size of a football field. Teams line up at each far end and rush to any of the different barriers that dot the play area. Then the fight is on.

"Speedball is played on an open field with some barriers," Horgan said. "You know where the opposing team is at all times, and games don't usually last more than five minutes."

Another regular who has devoted a lot of time to the paintball field is Jason Swabb, 325th Communications Squadron. According to Swabb, Field Two is a natural terrain field. Just a few paths and a couple of barriers have been added to allow some opportunities to seek cover and plan an ambush.

"Field Two is more strategic, and the games last longer," Swabb explained. "We've mostly left it alone. There are just a few paths to let people crawl through the grass."

Both Horgan and Swabb said they plan to continue working on the field itself, and Workman said she plans to work with the paintball committee to get more people interested.

"Between the Paintball committee and outdoor recreation, we hope to hold multiple base tournaments in the future," she said.

For more information on the paintball field, contact outdoor recreation at 283-3199.

Team Tyndall Pride



Take pride in Team Tyndall and its beauty. Pick up trash if you see it or do a self-help project — we all reap the benefits of a clean environment.

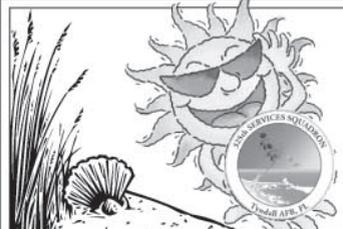
● FROM FIT PAGE 2

This is where I expect commanders to step in and make a decision. Everyone will have to pass the commander's eyeball test about how fit we are to wear the uniform. Every year we muster out about 400 people from our Air Force because of fitness issues. We should ask ourselves how many of those people were really trying to meet the standard and how many leaders and supervisors took an active part — getting out and running with them, etc. — in helping them meet the standard.

We will start this program on 1 January 2004 so there is plenty of time for us to get ready. You can use me as a benchmark. I am currently recovering from abdominal surgery and am not allowed to run for another two weeks. I won't be able to do any situps for another month. During the first week in January I plan to lead all Air Force Gen-

eral Officers in the Pentagon and the Washington, D.C., area in the PT test. During the same week, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Murray will do the same thing with our Command Chiefs in the area. We will follow that with the colonels, the remaining chief master sergeants, etc. We will ask the MAJCOM commanders to lead similar efforts as their operational situations allow.

I think all of us can agree that we were disappointed with the fitness standards we found when we came into the operational Air Force. We expected to be required to sustain the standards required in basic training, the Air Force Academy, ROTC, or Officer Training School. Let's not disappoint ourselves any longer. The message is simple: if you are out of shape, fix it. If you have people in your squadron who need help, help them. January 2004 is the date. Be ready.



Funshine NEWS



August 1, 2003

325th Services Website: www.325thservices.com

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

Monday	Chef's Choice
Tuesday	Italian
Wednesday	Oriental
Thursday	All American
Friday	Seafood

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

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- 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

All Member Services

are provided at the Officers' Club Business Office
9 a.m.-3 p.m., Mon. - Fri.

- Membership Inquiries
- Account Maintenance
- Club Card Payments
- Birthday Voucher
- Monthly Advantage Coupon Books
- Catering Arrangements
- Transfers
- Sign-ups
- Check Cashing

283-4357



Tyndall's **Seafood Extravaganza** *All Ranks*

At the O' Club
Friday, August 8
5:30-8:30 p.m.

Snow Crab Station, Peel & Eat Shrimp Station, Oysters on the 1/2 Shell Station, Beef Carving Station, a Variety of Prepared Fish, Breaded Shrimp, Scallops, Seafood Newberg, Clam Chowder, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Steamed Rice, Hush Puppies, Vegetables, Assorted Desserts, Tea, Water, Coffee

Market Price: \$18.95*
Children ages 6-11: \$9.95*
5 & Under: \$4.95*
*Members First!

Show your club card to receive a \$3 discount.

Raptor Lanes Bowling Center Fast Lanes

May 22 - Aug. 14

Purchase a large fountain drink and receive a game piece. Participants may win instant prizes. Participants who fill out the attached entry form are also entered to win the NASCAR racing hood replica on display at the bowling center, and could win the grand prize NASCAR VIP trip. Sponsored in part by Coca-Cola. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

283-2380

Family Child Care

☎ 283-2266

License Requirement

The Air Force requires persons caring for children of other families more than ten hours be licensed. Call for more information.

Providers Needed

We are looking for a "few great people" who are willing to become Family Child Care Providers to provide infant care or care for children with special needs. Please contact the FCC office if you are interested in exploring this possibility.

Vet Clinic

☎ 283-2434

Veterinary Special

Free puppy or kitten pack with 1st vaccination visit. To schedule an appointment please call.

Marina Club

☎ 283-3059

Friday Seafood Buffet

All-you-can-eat, \$6.50, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Best Salad Bar on Base

Tues.-Thurs., 11 a.m.-1 p.m., \$4.25

Cook Your Own Steak

Tues., 5-7:30 p.m., includes salad bar.

Surfing Classes For Youth & Adults

Adult Beginners Classes

Call Rudy for more info. 283-2495

Youth Beginners Class

Call Andy for more info. 283-4366

All Ranks Barber Shop

286-4111



Hours:

Mon. - Fri.: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
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Hot Lather Neck Shave

Free with haircut!

Members receive \$1.25 discount.
Walk-ins welcome.

Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

Start Smart

Is your 3-5 yr. old ready for sports? Sign up for Start Smart and work one-on-one with your child developing basic skills. Program runs Aug. 9, 16, 23, 30 at 9 a.m. Cost is \$30. Call Andy at 283-4366.

Piano

Mrs. King will begin piano lessons for the fall on August 19. Individual sessions are held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Limited spaces are available. Fee is \$70 per month per child. To sign up contact the Youth Center 283-4366.

Tyndall Youth Center Back to School

Block Party!

August 1, 6-9 p.m.

Bring the whole family and enjoy hamburgers and hot dogs with us. Families from even numbered homes are asked to bring vegetables or salads. Families from odd numbered homes are asked to bring desserts. Drawings for back to school door prizes will be held for students K-12. DJ Clyde Rolfe will be playing your favorite tunes while you enjoy a variety of fun filled activities. Sponsored in part by Runnin' Wild Entertainment, AAFES, & First Command Financial Planning. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

Call 283-4366
for more information.

SPORTS PAGE PIZZA PUB & GRILL



Pizza Pub 283-3222

Lunch Mon.-Fri.: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Evening Mon.-Fri.: 5 p.m.-8 p.m.

Snack Bar 283-2814

Monday-Friday: 6:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday: 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

Mon., Wed. & Fri.: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
All-You-Can-Eat

Pizza Buffet

\$5.95* includes drink, salad bar, and a variety of hot, fresh pizza

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

Information, Tickets & Tours

☎ 283-2499

Leisure Travel

Check out tours to Europe, Asia and other exotic destinations. Call Nancy at 283-2864.

Riviera Centre Outlet Mall Shopping in Foley, AL

August 30. Cost per person is \$15 and trip will depart at 6:30 a.m. and return at 8 p.m. Deadline for signup is August 25.

Base Pool



Hours through Aug. 16

■ Open Swim, Wed - Sun. 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

■ Lap Swim: Mon. 10-11 a.m., Tues., 12-1 p.m., Tues.-Fri.: 6-7:30 a.m.
Wed.-Fri.: 11-11:30 a.m., 5-6 p.m.

Hours after Aug. 16

■ Open Swim, Aug. 23, 30, 31, & Sept. 1, 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Water Aerobics

A revised lap swim and water aerobics schedule will be announced by Aug. 4.

Pool Prices

Entry fee is \$1 per person.

■ Seasonal Pass: \$35 per person or maximum of \$50 per family.

■ Punch Pass: \$20 for 30 punches

All guests must be accompanied by ID holder.

Youth center holds back-to-school bash

STEVE RIDDLE

325th Services Squadron publicist

It's the last weekend of summer and the Tyndall Youth Center is holding one final party for kids before it's "back to the books."

The 5th Annual Back-to-School Block Party will be 6 p.m. today at the youth center. According to Alma Hooks, Tyndall Youth Center director, there will be plenty of activities to keep kids — and their parents — busy.

"We're going to have a disc jockey, a dunk booth, a Tiger Bounce House and a climbing wall," Hooks said. "We want to have something to do for kids, for teenagers and for parents because this event is for families."

Although it was no trouble to locate a disc jockey for the event, finding personnel to man the dunk booth proved more challenging.



"We still don't know who is going to be in the dunk booth," Hooks stated Wednesday. She said the possibilities included base personnel and a principal from a local school.

"I haven't had any volunteers yet," she said.

"We're having the games to get kids in the swing of going back to school," Hooks stated. "There are school supplies that will be given

away for each age group." Trivia questions is just one game planned, she added. Free hot dogs and hamburgers will also be available.

Hooks said the idea for the first Back-to-School Party was to get children excited about going back to school. Now, with Monday being National Kids Day, the emphasis has grown to include quality time with family members.

"We hope to encourage parents to spend time with their children," Hooks explained. With a large crowd expected, tonight's event should provide plenty of time well spent.

"Last year we had 300 people, at least 120 of them kids," Hooks said. "This year we expect even more."

For more information on tonight's event, contact the Tyndall Youth Center at 283-4366.

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nizes that and so does Gen. Cook. I think that is a tribute to you that you are maintaining the exceptionally high standards that we have in this command. I want to thank you all for what you do day in and day out," General Sandstrom said.

"I will tell you, from my perspective, this was no surprise. I would have been very surprised had this turned out any different. I knew the quality of work that you folks do day in and day out," General Sandstrom said.

"Those superior ratings we have are fantastic for me, as a commander, to see, but I'm with General Sandstrom, I expected that because I know I have superior individuals working in this great team," General New said. "It makes my job as commander easy and it's nice to see that kind of result."

A post-ORI celebration is set for 2 p.m. today at Heritage Park. Food will be provided while a disc jockey plays music. An Eagles vs. Chiefs game is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. General New will address the wing at about 3:30 p.m. followed by a live band performance.



