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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 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.'

2003 Air Force Ball

The "Crossing Into A Blue Tie Affair" celebrates the Air Force's 56th birthday with a celebration at 6 p.m. Sept. 20 at the Edgewater Beach Resort.

Live music will be performed by "Reserve Generation," an Air Force Reserve band from Robins Air Force Base, Ga. A separate ballroom will feature a disc jockey. Childcare will be available for an additional charge.

Attire for the evening is mess dress for all officers, and mess dress or modified mess dress for enlisted and formal wear for civilians.

Representatives will be in the base exchange lobby from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3-5 p.m. Fridays for sign up. The cost of the event is \$25 per person.

For more information, contact your unit representative or Capt. Benita Arceneaux at 283-2739.

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Tech. Sgt. Roel Utley

Back to school

Children board a school bus on their way to their first day of school. Motorists are reminded to slow down in school zones and stop for buses loading and unloading passengers. For more on school-time safety, see Page 11.

AF unveils plan to test new utility uniform

TECH. SGT. DAVID JABLONSKI
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – Air Force officials announced plans Aug. 6 for the wear-test of a new utility uniform that could replace the current battle dress uniform.

The blue, gray and green tiger-stripe camouflage ensemble is a departure from the current woodland-pattern uniform and includes many new features that are intended to increase functionality and provide a distinctive look for airmen of the 21st century, officials said.

Three hundred uniforms will undergo wear-testing from January to July at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; Hurlburt Field, Fla.; Langley AFB, Va.; Luke

AFB, Ariz.; McChord AFB, Wash.; Ramstein Air Base, Germany; Robins AFB, Ga.; Vandenberg AFB, Calif.; and Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. The test will generate feedback about fit, durability and functionality.

"Our intent is to create a uniform that will be distinctive, practical, easy to maintain, comfortable and, most important, a uniform you will be proud to wear," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper.

"We have become a more expeditionary force, with less time at home to spend caring for the uniform," General Jumper said. "In the last 20 years, material technology has improved greatly.

As a result, we have designed one uniform that can satisfy our various climates and utility needs, while eliminating the need for professional ironing to provide a polished appearance."

General Jumper said the distinctive Air Force uniform is designed to fit well, look sharp and require much less maintenance than the current uniform.

"We (also) need to ensure our airmen have a uniform that fulfills our unique air and space missions," he added.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray said great care is being taken to ensure the best possible uniform is created to meet future needs.

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Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

Second Lt. Arcelia Miller of the Air Force's special security office puts the Air Force test utility uniform through its paces at an entry control point.

New leaders arrive, school starts

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW

325th Fighter Wing commander



I want to start out by thanking all of those who made the post-ORI party a success. We had a lot of fun and it was good

to see folks out there enjoying themselves for a well-deserved break after a successful inspection. Luckily the weather held up and we were able to have the Eagles vs. Chiefs softball game. Sadly, however, the Eagles succumbed and had to give the trophy back to the Chiefs. Congratulations to the Chiefs, a well-deserved and hard-fought victory earned.

The ORI is now behind us, but as always, changes continue at Tyndall as we have another group change of command at 8 a.m. this morning in Hangar 1. Col. Mark "Grinnin'" Barrett, 325th Operations Group commander, will relinquish command to Col. Timothy "Tex" Merrell. Mark has done many wonderful things with the group in the two years he has commanded, ensuring Tyndall remains the



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home of air superiority by turning out hundreds of quality F-15C pilots and air battle managers each year. Grinnin', thank you for a job well done! Best of luck to you, Karen, and the rest of your family as you encounter new challenges and adventures in your new job at the Pentagon.

Please join me in welcoming Colonel Merrell and his wife Lynn to Team Tyndall. Colonel Merrell joins us from Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., where he recently completed Air War College. Prior to attending Air War College, he served as deputy commander for the 39th Operations Group, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, and later the deputy commander of the

33rd Operations Group, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. Tex, I am confident you will continue to build on the 325th Operations Group's legacy of excellence and keep producing world-class warriors to include the pilots of the next generation of air dominance in the F/A-22 Raptor.

Earlier this week, the 2nd Fighter Squadron had a change of command. Lt. Col. Mark "Elwood" Amidon relinquished command to Lt. Col. Danny "Ug" Lee. Colonel Amidon is staying with Team Tyndall as he assumes the role of 325th Operations Group deputy commander. Prior to assuming the role of 2nd FS com-

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Action Line

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

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

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

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

Larry D. New

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW

325th Fighter Wing commander

Motorcycles don't kill people - people kill people

MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER

21st Space Wing public affairs

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. (AFPN) — Last year, I wrote an article about motorcycle safety titled, "What were they thinking?" I should have called it, "Why weren't they thinking?"

For as many years as I have been a rider, even longer, I have been concerned about motorcycle safety.

Two months before I bought my first bike, a motorcycle passed me on the right as I was turning right. As his bike crashed into the side of my parents' 1970 Chevy pickup, everything began moving in slow motion. He flew 30 feet through the air right over the hood of the truck. Two other motorcyclists waiting to turn at the intersection watched in dismay as this human projectile hurled toward them and his mangled bike careened their way.

He landed face-up and unconscious underneath the nearest bike and his right leg had a gash so severe I

thought it had been severed. Pulling the bike off of him, I looked at his helmetless head. His face, cut by my rear-view mirror, was lacerated from the top of his forehead to the tip of his nose. Blood pooled over his closed eyes.

His motorcycle ended up in the ditch 10 feet away. The beer that had been between his legs as he began his impatient pass was in the grass near my parents' truck.

I met him, under better circumstances, about a year later. It had taken about 300 stitches to fix his wounds and he almost did lose his leg. He told me it wasn't my fault. He was drunk and had done a stupid thing. Why wasn't he thinking?

I was 18 years old. I am 42 now, and I can remember that wreck like it happened yesterday.

Between then and now, I have logged tens of thousands of miles on motorcycles. I have taught motorcycle safety at eight sites in two states to more than 650 people.

I have written countless articles, conducted workshops, inspections and demonstrations in an effort to stem the red tide of Air Force motorcycle deaths and injuries.

But it hasn't worked.

On April 10, two riders were on a divided highway with a posted speed limit of 50 kilometers per hour — that is about 31 mph. Rider No. 1 zipped between two cars at a high rate of speed. As he entered a gradual curve, his motorcycle began to lose control. He skidded for 198 feet, hit the median, was ejected from the bike and collided with an oncoming vehicle. He was dragged 30 feet and tumbled another 103 feet. Rider No. 2 watched his friend die.

Rider No. 1 had just picked his bike up from the shop where it had been in for brake problems resulting from a previous mishap. He had attended motorcycle safety training about 18 months earlier.

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What do you think of returning to the 1.5 mile run for the fitness test?


“Re-instituting the 1.5 mile run means people have to train to meet the standards. I think it will improve our physical fitness and add a sense of competition to the tests.”

2ND LT. PAUL DENDER
325th Air Control Squadron



“I think it will increase fitness, readiness and overall good health of Air Force people.”

MASTER SGT. THOMAS PRADO
2nd Fighter Squadron



“This is the way the system was when I first came in. I think returning to the run is good. I am pleased to see it happening, it forces people to get into shape.”

MAJ. AL ERICKSON
Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency



“The run test is setting higher standards for performance. It is easier to train for, rather than not knowing how to train for the bike.”

SENIOR AIRMAN CHARLES HERNDON
43rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit

**Thrift shop
opens**

The Tyndall Thrift Shop re-opens 9:30 a.m. Wednesday. The store's regular hours are 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays and 9 a.m. - noon the first Saturday of each month. For more information, call 286-5888.

Consignments for the thrift shop are processed from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays. Government identification card holders can consign up to 20 items each day and up to 10 of the items can be in-season clothing. When an item sells, people receive 75 percent of their asking price with the remainder going toward scholarships and local charities.

The thrift shop is located at 743 Suwannee Road, across from the post office.

ARTICLE 15s

The following adverse actions took place at Tyndall in July.

Article 15s:

→ An airman first class from the 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$645 per month for two months, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand for assault and battery and damaging government property.

→ An airman first class from the 325th AMXS received a suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$50 per month for two months and 30 days extra duty for dereliction of duty and signing a false official statement.

→ An airman first class from the 325th Security Forces Squadron received a reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$301, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand for misbehavior of sentinel — sleeping on post.

→ An airman first class from the 325th SFS received a reduction to air-

man, forfeiture of \$301, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand for misbehavior of sentinel — sleeping on post.

→ A senior airman from the 325th SFS received a reduction to airman first class and a reprimand for wrongful use of marijuana.

→ A staff sergeant from Det. 2, 28th Test Squadron received a suspended reduction to senior airman and a reprimand for drunken driving.

Administrative discharges:

→ In May, an airman from the 325th Air Control Squadron received a court-martial conviction for communicating a threat and two counts of solicitation to commit arson. The airman was subsequently discharged with a general service characterization for commission of a serious offense after his term of punishment was completed.

→ An airman first class from the 325th Maintenance Operations Squadron received a general dis-

charge for a series of minor disciplinary infractions.

→ An airman first class from the 325th SFS received a general discharge for fraudulent enlistment.

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→ A senior airman from the 83rd Fighter Weapons Squadron received a general discharge for a series of minor disciplinary infractions.

→ An airman first class from the 325th SFS received a general discharge for a series of minor disciplinary infractions.

→ An airman from the 325th Medical Operations Squadron received an under other than honorable conditions discharge in lieu of court-martial for wrongfully storing, processing or displaying pornography on a government computer, larceny and sodomy.

● FROM MOTORCYCLE PAGE 2

Why wasn't he thinking?

Another Air Force rider and his buddy were out for a ride May 24 on a new road. There were no street lights, minimal street markings and neither rider had driven it before. At a speed in excess of 60 mph — posted 45 mph — an unannounced curve sneaked up on them. Rider No. 1 applied his brakes hard. Rider No. 2 swerved around rider No. 1 who then struck the curb and went airborne. Two hundred twenty two feet later the dust began to settle on the mangled bike. This rider No. 2 also watched his friend die. Neither rider was wearing the required protective gear.

Why weren't they thinking?

On June 1, an Air Force motorcyclist with a passenger was doing about 120 mph in a 60-mph zone down a divided four-lane highway. Approaching a curve, the front tire left the pavement edge. They crashed in the grass median and were launched about 500 feet. The operator lived but the passenger suffered traumatic head injuries and later died. They had been at a party, then went on a beer run while the designated drivers were taking people home. Neither wore the required protective gear.

Why didn't they think?

I would recount more of these tragic losses, but it makes me sick to read them, to envision their final realities. Last year, we lost 16 airmen in fatal motorcycle crashes — Class A mishaps — Air Force wide. This year, we have already lost 19.

Unfortunately, more will die.

I have realized there is no panacea, no cure-all to eliminate the deaths of Air Force motorcyclists. As involved in their rider's lives as supervisors and commanders can be, they can't make the decisions. It is on the rider. For when riders decide to straddle their bikes, start them, shift into gear and roll onto the road, they have accepted the risk and the responsibility for whatever may occur. Their split-second decision to speed up, slow down, swerve or not to ride after a drink of alcohol is in their hands — or, rather it is in their heads.

Some people think we motorcyclists have an attitude. I think they are right. I just wish the attitude every one of us had was the same as that of Gen. Lance Lord, commander of Air Force Space Command, "Safety is an attitude — get one!"

If they did, they would probably live to ride a lot longer.



Lisa Carroll

Change of command

Col. Gus Elliott Jr. (right) receives the unit flag from Maj. Gen. L. Dean Fox, the Air Force civil engineer, during a change of command ceremony for the Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency, Aug. 1 in the NCO Academy. Colonel Elliott assumed command from Col. Bruce Barthold, who retired after 30 years of active-duty service.



**Think
before
you
drink.**

Medical unit welcomes leader

AIRMAN SARAH MCDOWELL

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

A change of command ceremony Aug. 1 welcomed the new 325th Medical Group commander, Col. Sean Murphy. "We always have mixed emotions at ceremonies like this, as we shift commanders," said Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander.

"(Colonel Murphy) is the world's best person that we could put in this job as Colonel Wyman's replacement," General New said. "He most recently comes to us from the National War College which most of us know is very selective. I believe this speaks for his capability and potential. Welcome aboard."

Colonel Murphy arrived to Team Tyndall directly from the National War College at Fort McNair, Washington, D.C. Before that he was the Division Chief of the Air Force Clinical Optimization and Integration in Washington, D.C. Colonel Murphy has a strong background in pediatrics and has previously served as a com-

mander at the squadron level.

"Thank you Colonel Wyman for turning over a great group to me," Colonel Murphy said. "I will try to take this group to the next level."

Colonel Murphy has arrived with the "one team, one mission" mind-set that has also been set before him.

His vision for the group revolves around this idea. "One team means a team within the wing, being fully involved with a wing and its mission," Colonel Murphy said. "In the medical group we will be a team, we will succeed or fail together.

"We will team with our patients in delivering preventative health care and peace of mind," the colonel said.

"Our mission is diverse but simple: serve the wing's diverse needs," Colonel Murphy said. "Everyone has a significant role."

"Will we be perfect? No. Will we strive for constant improvement? Yes," Colonel Murphy said. "I am very proud to serve with all of you. One team, one mission."

Change of command for 325th OG

A change of command ceremony for the 325th Operations Group will take place today at 8 a.m. in Hangar 1. Team Tyndall is invited to attend.

Col. Mark Barrett will relinquish command to Col. Timothy Merrell.

Colonel Merrell joins Team Tyndall from Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. where he recently completed Air War College. Prior to attending Air War College, the colonel served as deputy commander for the 39th Operations Group, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey and later the 33rd Operations Group, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

The colonel is a 1981 graduate of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Baylor University, Waco, Texas where he received his commission and a Bachelor of Science Degree in mathematical science. He is a command pilot with more than 2,800 flying hours in the F-15. Colonel Merrell's major awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster and the Air Force Achievement Medal.

(Compiled by 325th Fighter Wing public affairs)

Volunteer of the Quarter



Lisa Carroll

Mrs. Snyder is awarded the Volunteer of the Quarter award by Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander.

Team Tyndall salutes Mrs. Snyder for her contributions as chair for the scholarship position of the Tyndall Officers' Spouses Club. While managing all aspects of the scholarship selection process, she managed to increase distribution of scholarships by 75 percent, awarding \$10,500 to Tyndall family members.

Paula Snyder

Office: Tyndall Officers' Spouses Club scholarship chairman

Years in the Panama City area:

Two years this time. I was also here from 1982-1985.

Hometown: Pittsburgh, Penn.

Favorite assignment: I've loved all of them.

Greatest aspect of your job: I like making a difference by helping people who need to sell, buy and give away scholarships.

Long-term goals: To get both kids through college and find a place to retire.

Favorite book: Decorating magazines such as "Country Home" and "Country Living."

Hobbies and activities: Shopping, antiquing, cooking, going out for lunch and going to the beach.

Volunteers are critical to the success of the Team Tyndall mission and this column recognizes Team Tyndall's volunteer of the quarter.

Re-enlistments

The following individuals re-enlisted here in July:

Master Sgt. Lorna Banks, 325th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Thomas Bonifay, 325th Communications Squadron

Senior Airman Michael Bookhardt, 325th CS

Staff Sgt. Langel Brown, 325th CS

Tech. Sgt. Scott Carpenter, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. John Charleston, 325th Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Tammy Clere, 325th Air Control Squadron

Staff Sgt. Kenneth Collier, 325th Security Forces Squadron

Senior Airman Glenn Corbitt, 325th MXS

Tech. Sgt. Michael Crow, Det. 1, 823rd REDHORSE Squadron

Staff Sgt. Kevin Cummings, 325th AMXS

Staff Sgt. Tabitha Davis, 325th AMXS

Staff Sgt. Larry Dice, 325th Maintenance Group

Staff Sgt. Robert Dickey, 325th Operations Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Douglas Dunson, 325th Services Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Durrence, 325th MXS

Staff Sgt. Julia Farmer, 43rd Fighter Squadron

Tech. Sgt. John Fields, 325th AMXS

Master Sgt. John Finch, 325th MXG

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Findley, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Michael Fowler, Det. 1, 823rd RHS

Staff Sgt. Janel Ginn, 325th Comptroller Squadron

Staff Sgt. Timothy Graham, 325th AMXS

Senior Airman Christopher Hillard, 325th ADS

Staff Sgt. Christopher Holsing, 325th Medical Support Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Cory Irby, 325th AMXS

Senior Airman Joshua Jamison, 325th CES

Staff Sgt. Nick Kurpier, 1st Fighter Squadron

Master Sgt. Connie Lantz, 325th SFS

Staff Sgt. Darrell Lee, 325th OSS

Staff Sgt. Scott Linza, 325th SVS

Senior Airman Brent Mackinder, 83rd Fighter Weapons Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Michele Mazzaferro, 325th Mission Support Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Lois Methlie, 325th Maintenance Operations Squadron

Senior Airman Angela McKnight, 325th MDSS

Master Sgt. John Minaker, 372nd Training Squadron

Staff Sgt. Victoria Morgan, 82nd Aerial Targets Squadron

Tech. Sgt. James Nelson, 325th ACS

Staff Sgt. Terrence Packey, 325th MXS

Master Sgt. Andre Pare, Det. 1, 823rd RHS

Master Sgt. Lewis Pelau NCO Academy

Senior Master Sgt. Jose Perez, 325th AMXS

Staff Sgt. Ryan Phipps, 325th MOS

Master Sgt. Walter Raymundo, 325th MDSS

Tech. Sgt. Troy Robey, Det. 1, 823rd RHS

Staff Sgt. Matthew Rodrigues, 325th AMXS

Tech. Sgt. Pedro Rossello, 325th MDOS

Tech. Sgt. Donald Rouse, 16th EWS

Staff Sgt. Michael Samsel, 325th AMXS

Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Sanders, 325th MOS

Master Sgt. Anthony Simmons, 325th CS

Senior Airman Joseph Taylor, 325th AMXS

Staff Sgt. Shane Ward, 95th AMU

Senior Airman Debvon Walker, 325th MDSS

Master Sgt. Delroy Whittaker, 325th SVS

Staff Sgt. Alihondroe Wiley, 325th SFS

Save for Your Future **U.S. SAVINGS BONDS**

● FROM AWARDS PAGE 2

mander, Colonel Lee served as the squadron's director of operations. Congratulations, Elwood and Ug on your new positions.

One of the rewarding aspects of my job is the opportunity to recognize folks for a job-well-done. That said, I want to extend my sincere appreciation to those who were selected as 325th Fighter Wing Quarterly Award winners. This quarter's winners are **Airman Matthew Ritchie**, 325th Mission Support Group, Airman of the Quarter; **Tech. Sgt. Terrence White**, 325th Mission Support Group, NCO of the Quarter; **Master Sgt. Albert Lewis**, 325th Mission Support Group, Senior NCO of the Quarter; **2nd Lt. Roy Vice**, 325th Mission Support Group, Company Grade Officer of the Quarter; **Bernice Milton**, 325th Mission Support Group, Civilian of the Quarter, Category I and **Amy Foster**, 325th Mission Support Group, Civilian of the Quarter, Category II. See the story on Page 9 for a full review of Team Tyndall winners.

Finally, as summer begins to wind down,

everyone is getting ready for that big end-of-summer event. You guessed it – back-to-school. School started yesterday and I want to take a moment to talk about safety, particularly while driving.

During the school year, there are children crossing streets and standing on corners waiting for buses. As you drive around the base, be particularly aware of your surroundings. Children don't always exercise proper judgment before entering the roadway.

Also, be aware of the posted speed limits. The speed limit in the housing areas is 15 miles per hour and along Highway 98, it is 45 miles per hour. I realize we all tend to get in a hurry occasionally, trying to get to or from work or various events, but we need to exercise caution for the sake of our children. Additionally, make sure you are aware of cross walks, school zones and flashing lights on school buses. Remember, if a school bus is stopped and its lights are flashing, you must also stop. Let's do everything we can to ensure the safety of our children and others.

Be safe, have a great weekend and I'll see you next week.

Checkertail Salute



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

The Checkertail Clan salutes Airman Ballard for rapidly disseminating force protection changes to the base populace, providing for Tyndall's physical security. She also mastered operational reporting and created 150 report templates for the Defense Messaging System which significantly increased reporting accuracy and timeliness for Air Education and Training Command, Air Force Materiel Command, Air Combat Command and others.

Airman 1st Class Jacqueline Ballard

Duty title: Assistant wing SORTS manager

Unit: 325th Fighter Wing

Time on station: 2.5 years

Time in service: Almost 3 years

Hometown: Chico, Calif.

Hobbies: Swimming, watching movies and cooking

Goals: Achieve my Community College of the Air Force degree and make staff sergeant.

Proudest moment in the military: When I graduated from basic training.

Favorite thing about Tyndall: It's not North Dakota.

Pet peeves: My desk has to be clean

Favorite book: Air Force Instruction 10-206

Favorite movie: "We Were Soldiers"

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.



**Learn not to burn.
Apply sunscreen frequently.**

Airmen get sneak peek at new uniform

TECH. SGT. DAVID A. JABLONSKI
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – A prototype of the new Air Force utility uniform was unveiled July 9 in various duty sections at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., and Bolling AFB, D.C.

Senior Master Sgt. Jacqueline Dean, from the Air Force uniform board, enlisted the aid of eight airmen to demonstrate both the men's and women's version of the blue, gray and green tiger-stripe camouflage uniform for photographers.

Opinions varied, but were largely positive.

Second Lt. Arcelia Miller, from the Air Force's special security office, tested the uniform in an entry-control-point environment at Andrews.

"I like (the blouse) tucked in," she said. "It looks super."

Lieutenant Miller said she also liked the uniform's look and fit.

"The color is different," she said. "I like it; it's comfortable and it's low-maintenance. It has a bunch of Air Force logos, and I like the rigger belt, and I love the black T-shirt – it's very professional looking."

Senior Master Sgt. Vicky Jones, from Bolling AFB's 11th Security Forces Squadron, observed other security forces members in the uniform.

"I like it; the material reminds me of the old fatigues," Sergeant Jones said. "It's lightweight (and) it looks like it conforms better to the body. And it's Air Force blue, ooh-rah! It's good to be back in the Air Force."

Capt. Rachel Sullivan of the 89th



Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

Capt. Rachel Sullivan and Tech. Sgt. Thomas Stone, both with the 89th Maintenance Group at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., give the optional Henley-style T-shirt a try while putting the test utility uniform through its paces on the flightline. The uniforms will undergo wear-testing beginning in January. Airmen from a cross section of Air Force career fields will provide feedback on the fit, durability and functionality of the proposed ensemble that will come in men's and women's cuts.

Maintenance Group at Andrews was surprised.

"They're ... blue!" she exclaimed.

Captain Sullivan and Tech. Sgt. Thomas Stone, also from the 89th MXG, wore the uniform while reviewing maintenance checklists for a C-9 Nightingale.

"The pants seem to fit better and the belt's nice and big," Captain Sullivan said.

Captain Sullivan also noted that, while many maintainers use the lower shirt pockets, the new uniform has only breast pockets on the blouse.

"I don't care for the (Navy) Seabee-style hat or the embroidered T-shirt," Captain Sullivan added, but

she said she was otherwise pleased with the women's cut.

Performance-wise, Sergeant Stone felt that "the cuffs got in the way a bit" while he was going through his maintenance routine. Unlike Captain Sullivan, he did not like the belt.

In another flightline environment, Staff Sgt. Crystal Cardinale tried out the uniform while working on a District of Columbia Air National Guard F-16 Fighting Falcon.

"I like the T-shirt," the 113th Fighter Wing crew chief said. The T-shirt is a black, three-button Henley-style shirt with the Air Force logo on left breast and the wearer's name embroidered on the right.

Inside Bolling's 11th Communication Squadron server room, Senior Airman Brandi Wyatt recognized the new uniform's low-maintenance appeal.

"It's wash and wear, and that's my kind of uniform," Airman Wyatt said.

The wear-test period officially begins in January, when 300 uniforms will endure the rigors of Air Force life, indoors and out. Wearers and observers alike will be able to record their comments and observations on an Air Force Web site, noting the good, the bad and the ugly.

Officials say production, if approved, could begin as soon as 2005, with a phase-in date to be determined.

● FROM UNIFORM

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"I believe that one of the great strengths of our Air Force and its airmen is the ability to adapt to new missions, new technologies and an ever-changing world landscape," he said. "This new utility uniform is another example of seeing a need for improvement and moving forward."

A key step in bringing any new uniform item into service is feedback from airmen in the field, Chief Murray said.

"I believe it's a uniform fitting of the world's greatest expeditionary Air Force and one that we will be proud to wear," he said. "We want your feedback as well – not shoot-from-the-hip feedback, but feedback that comes from seeing the uniform in action and thinking about how it will meet your needs based on your work environment."

"It's important to remember that this is a wear-test, and the decision about whether or not to adopt some, all or none of this uniform will be made after considering the results of the test and feedback about how it meets airmen's needs," Chief Murray said.

According to officials, the wash and wear uniform will be easier to maintain and will not require professional laundering or starching. Officials estimate that home laundering can save up to \$240 in annual laundry costs.

Unlike the current BDU, the new version comes in men's and women's cuts. The separate women's uniform reflects the growth in the number of women in the service. In the late 1980s, women comprised less than 13 percent of the total force; today nearly one in five airmen are women.

Officials said other possible advantages to the uniform include:

- Using the same fabric identified by the Marines as the optimum material for wash and wear characteristics;
- A camouflage pattern that corresponds to the jobs airmen do in most situations that require a utility uniform;
- Recalling the "tiger stripe" camouflage pattern used during the Vietnam War, but with the distinctive Air Force logo embedded into a color scheme that preliminary testing indicates may provide better camouflage.

Officials are also considering maintenance-free boots and alternative T-shirts.

The uniform patterns are being cut, with production to begin in November. Data collection and analysis, and any potential adjustments, will occur from August through October 2004. A final decision on the uniform is expected in December 2004. If approved, production could begin as soon as 2005, with a phase-in date to be determined.



Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

Staff Sgt. Daryl Alford dons the test Air Force utility uniform in the Pentagon's courtyard. The blue, gray and green tiger-stripe camouflage ensemble includes many new features intended to increase functionality while providing a distinctive look for the 21st century airmen.



Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

The Air Force logo is interspersed throughout the new Air Force test utility uniform.

Team Tyndall announces top performers for second quarter

Team Tyndall celebrated the “best of the best” at the second quarterly awards luncheon held at the officers’ club last week. The nominees in each category competed at several levels to reach the Team Tyndall competition and include members from the 325th Fighter Wing and associate units. The competition was fierce at each level with the 325th Mission Support Group garnering the majority of awards this quarter. One winner was named in each category and received a plaque of appreciation. The Team Tyndall winners are:

Airman Matthew Ritchie, 325th Mission Support Group, Team Tyndall Airman of the Quarter. Airman Ritchie is a contracting apprentice who manages the unit’s contract award operating system and oversaw 432 awards valued at \$13 million without errors. He also authored the supply ordering instructions, developed a tracking system and streamlined the process by seven days. He participated in a Panama City Beach roadway cleanup day, cleaning six miles of roadway and collecting more than 360 pounds of trash.

Staff Sgt. Rachel Gentile, 53rd Weapons Evaluations Group, Team Tyndall NCO of the Quarter. Sergeant Gentile is a weapons director and current operations scheduler who was recognized for superlative coordination with wing, group and squadron level scheduling offices. She supported more than 25 fighter squadrons and ensured more than 50 op-

erations personnel met higher headquarters-directed currency requirements. She has also successfully completed requirements for a Community College of the Air Force Applied Science degree in Space Operations Technology and is an active member of Tyndall’s child development center parent advisory board.

Master Sgt. Albert Lewis Jr., 325th Mission Support Group, Team Tyndall Senior NCO of the Quarter. Sergeant Lewis is the flight chief for the First Term Airmen Center where he has graduated 152 new airmen. He also developed Tyndall’s first flight commanders and flight chiefs course, saving the 325th Fighter Wing \$57,000 in training costs to date. He graduated from senior NCO correspondence course, level 12, with an 89 percent average, completing the course seven months early. He is the vice president of the Air Force Sergeant’s Association, chairman of the budget committee and the chapter’s top recruiter.

2nd Lt. Roy Vice, 325th Mission Support Group, Team Tyndall Company Grade Officer of the Quarter. Lieutenant Vice is the deputy flight commander for information systems within the 325th Communications Squadron. He led the unit in the information assurance and assessment program inspection now recognized as the “best seen” in Air Education and Training Command. He authored an innovative graduated INFOCON response checklist and

improved network security throughout the wing. Lieutenant Vice completed three computer-based training courses and increased the knowledge of network control center operations. He also led the exercise evaluation team for the unit and evaluated personnel in three wing exercises, ensuring operational readiness inspection readiness.

Bernice Milton, 325th Mission Support Group, Civilian of the Quarter (Category I). Ms. Milton works in the family support flight office and provided exceptional assistance to more than 125 customers in the resource center. Her campaign to disseminate information about services available resulted in a 200 percent increase in customers. Ms. Milton is also the secretary for Tyndall’s Black Heritage Committee, hosting a highly successful taster’s choice and ethnic food demonstration.

Robert Dinan, Air Force Research Laboratory, Civilian of the Quarter (Category II). Mr. Dinan is the engineering mechanics research group leader, executing a \$3.2 million research program and leading a team of more than 30 engineers and technicians. He led the elastomeric polymer retrofit research that was selected and used in the Pentagon renovation program. Mr. Dinan also participated in the Coastal Systems Station-sponsored science fair, judging high school civil engineering projects.

(Compiled by 325th Fighter Wing public affairs)



Lisa Carroll

Distributing donations

Michael Stephens sorts through more than 300 used and 130 new items he collected as part of a community service project through “Rutherford High School’s Ivy Program.” According to Catherine Tarrant, volunteer coordinator in the family support center, Stephens’ efforts as well as the donations by the Team Tyndall community made this drive successful.

Shoplifting measures in place, deter theft

CHRISTINE SULLIVAN
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Shoplifting in military exchanges around the world costs servicemembers millions of dollars, but the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) at Tyndall AFB is doing everything in its power to reduce the number of thefts in its facilities here.

Throughout the world, AAFES catches an average of 11,211 shoplifters each year, and security measures implemented at Tyndall facilities are aimed at deterring them. "They think they can beat the camera system by going to areas where they don't see cameras," said Enrique Zayas-Berdecia, AAFES security manager. "They don't know this camera system can zoom in from one side of the store to the other."

AAFES' mission is to give 100 percent of earnings back to their customers through quality-of-life programs and modern conveniences in their stores. When monies are compromised by theft, the subsequent costs of replacing items and administrative costs cause all AAFES customers and programs to eventually suffer.

One of the most important and effective theft deterrents is the use of surveillance systems in all AAFES facilities. Those systems are currently being upgraded over the next several months.

"The upgrades will enhance our capabilities of detection," said Dave Ingram, general manager of Tyndall AAFES exchange. "We employ surveillance cameras



Christine Sullivan

Army and Air Force Exchange Service detective Enrique Zayas-Berdecia monitors his "Tyndall Eye In The Sky" surveillance system that scans the interior and exterior areas of the exchange. The system utilizes high resolution cameras set up throughout the facility to include the mall area.

throughout the interior and exterior of the facility.

"We also utilize another theft deterrent in the form of an entry sensor system that detects coded merchandise that has not been deactivated by our cash registers," Mr. Ingram added.

"Some shoplifters feel that by removing the electronic tags from the merchandise that they can get over on the system," said Mr. Zayas-Berdecia. "They tend to also forget the sales associates on the sales floor that have been trained to detect and report suspicious persons."

"Well-trained associates have proven to

be a tremendous deterrent," Mr. Ingram said. "Our associates have all received training on shoplifting detection and often provide valuable information."

The art of preventing shoplifting at AAFES is also gathering strength through a program implemented last year called "civil recovery." In partnership with the Department of Defense, AAFES has asked for and received legislation that grants the right to create such measures by redefining debt as it relates to non-appropriated funds.

"Shoplifting statistics have declined approximately 45 percent since civil recovery

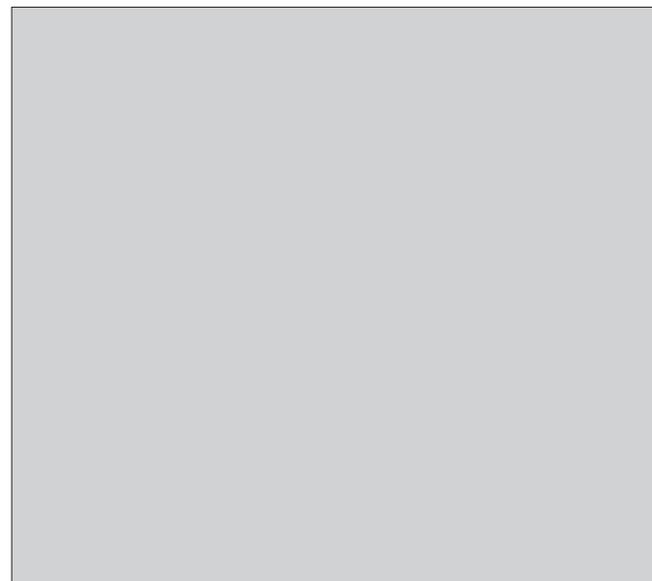
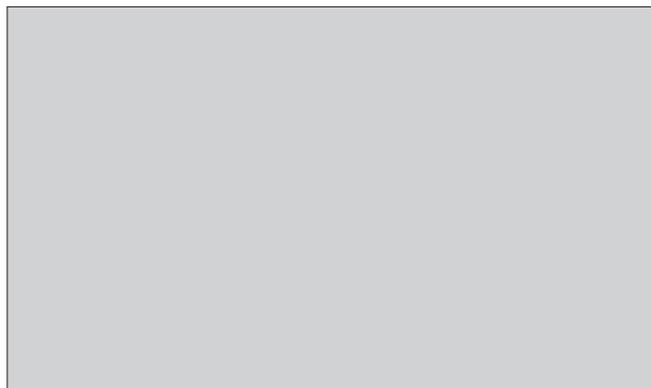
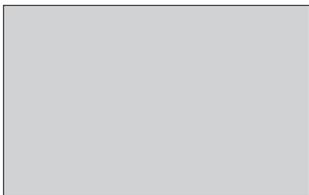
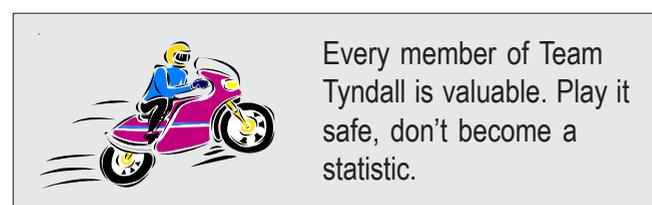
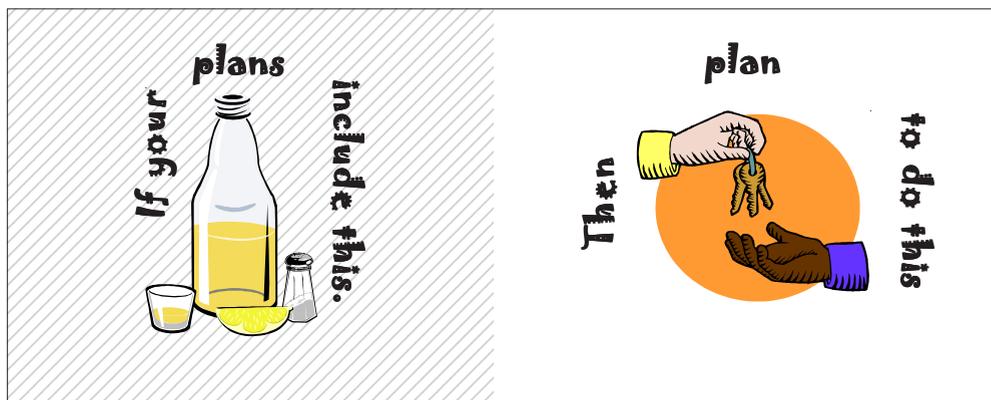
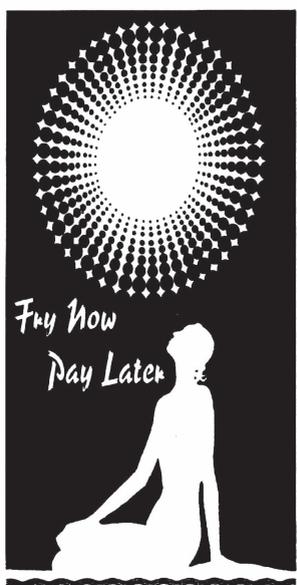
was implemented by the National Defense Authorization Act," Mr. Ingram said.

Under the civil recovery program, military sponsors are responsible for their own actions as well as their family members. Any person having legal custody of a minor who commits theft will be liable to AAFES for the specified damages and costs.

"Even though the majority of theft at Tyndall can be attributed to juvenile dependents, the parents or guardians are the ones who have to pay a large civil payment and will most likely get their check-cashing and military star card privileges suspended," Mr. Zayas-Berdecia said. "Those even considering theft need to think of the consequences for themselves and their family members."

Not only will the AAFES store manager send letters demanding money for damages, he will notify the shoplifter's or sponsor's unit commander of the debt if it's not repaid within 30 days' time. The military sponsor will also be liable for an administrative cost of \$200. The civil recovery program is in addition to any criminal or disciplinary action.

"Shoplifters have to remember that once they exit the store without paying for merchandise there is no turning back," Mr. Zayas-Berdecia said. "They will be reported to the security police and some of them might also get the feel of handcuffs and a ride in a patrol car."



Safety key as school starts, children near roads

TECH. SGT. CHRISTOPHER HAISTEN

325th Fighter Wing safety office

It's that time of the year again when parents rejoice and children weep. It's back to school time! Look out teachers here they come. I know my kids will be the first one's at the bus stop! The following information comes from various sources including the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Safety Council and covers a wide variety of safety issues both parents and children should be aware of as a new school year kicks into high gear.

The following are some health and safety questions from the American Academy of Pediatrics parents may want to ask themselves.

How is your child going to get to school? If your child is riding a bicycle to school, does he or she know the school rules for bicycles? Have you reviewed safety precautions with your child regarding traffic and strangers? Have you filled out all the health forms and emergency contact forms that have been sent home? Have any new health problems developed in your child over the summer that will affect his or her school day? Does the school nurse know about this condition, or is an appointment set up to discuss it? If your child will need to take medication at school, have arrangements been made for this? Do your youngsters know where they're going after school (e.g., home, babysitter)? Do they know how

they will get there? If you will not be there when they arrive, do they know who will be responsible for them, what the rules are and how to get help in an emergency? Run through this checklist and then do it again to make sure you didn't miss anything.

Another area requiring careful consideration is school bus safety. For some 22 million students nationwide, the school day begins and ends with a trip on a school bus. Unfortunately, each year many youngsters are injured and several are killed in school bus incidents.

According to the National Safety Council, school bus crashes killed 26 people and injured an estimated 9,000 others nationwide last year. Over the past six years, about 70 percent of the deaths in fatal school bus related crashes were occupants of vehicles other than the school bus and 20 percent were pedestrians. About 4 percent were school bus passengers and 2 percent were school bus drivers. Of the pedestrians killed in school bus related crashes over this period, approximately 77 percent were struck by the school bus.

Although drivers of all vehicles are required to stop for a school bus when it is stopped to load or unload passengers, children should not rely on them to stop. The National Safety Council encourages parents to teach their children these rules for getting on and off the school bus:

When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic and avoid roughhousing or other behavior that can lead to carelessness. Do not stray onto streets, alleys or pri-

vate property.

Line up away from the street or road as the school bus approaches. Wait until the bus has stopped and the door opens before stepping onto the roadway.

Use the handrail when stepping onto the bus.

When on the bus, find a seat and sit down. Loud talking or other noise can distract the bus driver and is not allowed. Never put head, arms or hands out of the window.

Keep aisles clear of book bags or other tripping hazards.

At your stop, wait for the bus to stop completely before getting up from your seat. Walk to the front and exit using the handrail.

If you have to cross the street, cross only in front of the bus, never go behind the bus. Walk at least 10 feet ahead of the bus along the side of the road, until you can turn and see the bus driver. Wait for a signal from the

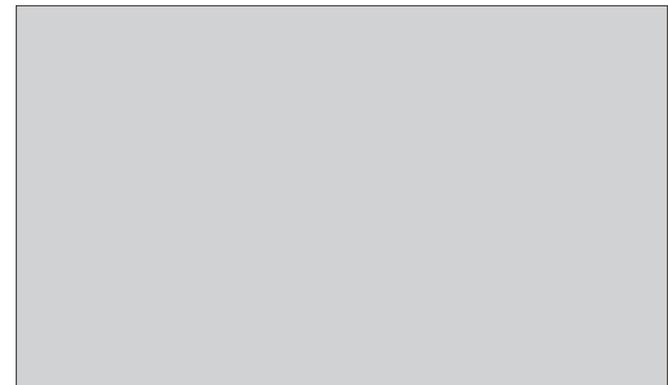
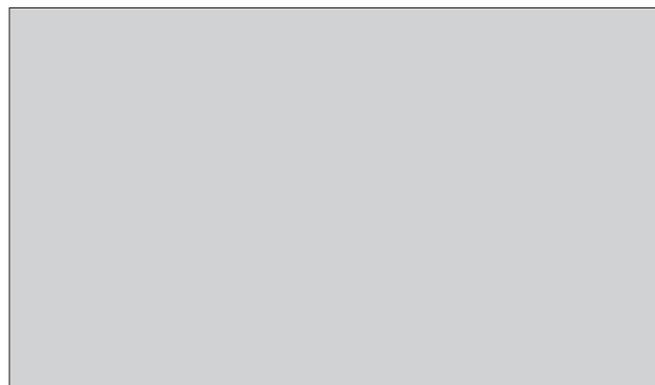
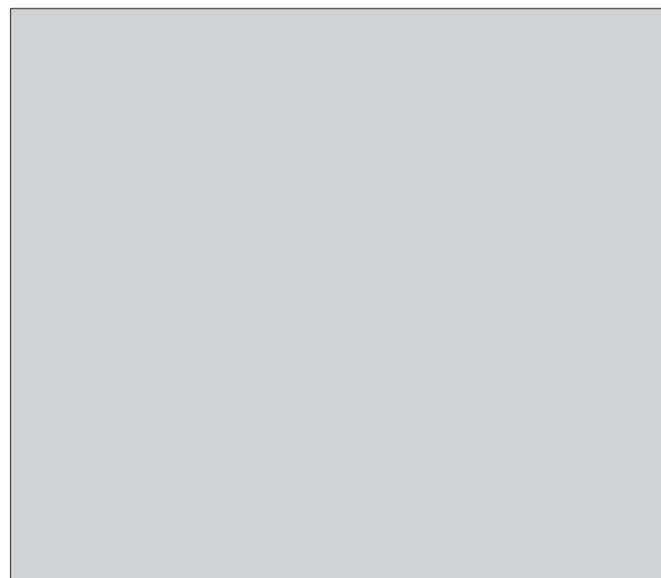
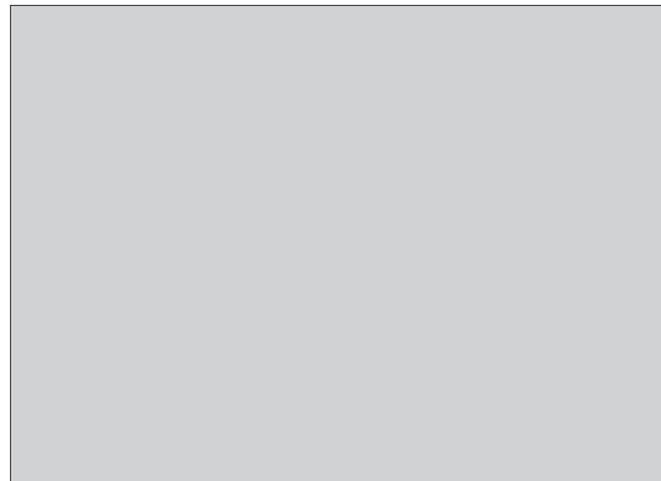
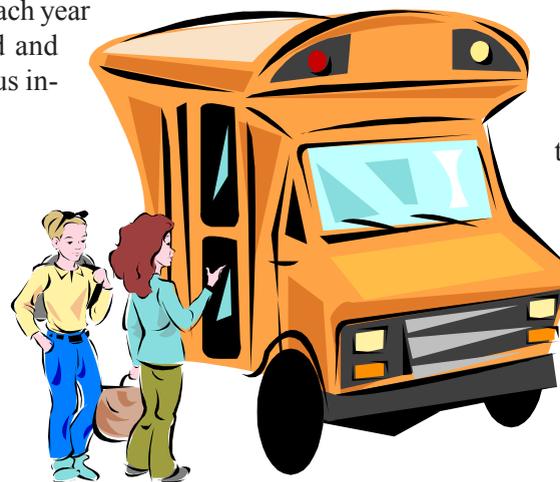
driver before crossing the street and keep an eye out for sudden traffic changes.

Do not cross the centerline of the road until the driver has signaled that it is safe for you to begin walking.

Stay away from the rear wheels of the bus at all times.

When crossing the street, always look left-right-left again before crossing the street.

With a little coaching from parents and a combination of common sense and awareness by other motorists, hopefully this school year will see a decline in the number of mishaps involving school buses. Best of luck with the upcoming school year. Be aware, be safe and be here tomorrow.



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Embry-Riddle registration

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

Gulf Coast Community College office closed

The Gulf Coast office will be closed today and Monday for training.

Fall term registration is 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Wednesday. Fees are due Aug. 15 and tuition assistance is now available.

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Protestant social

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will hold a fall kickoff program at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Chapel 2 Annex. Women of all ages and stages are welcome. Call the chapel at 283-2925 for more information.

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FSU software seminars

Dr. Sara Stoecklin, director of software engineering at Florida State University's Panama City Campus, will be offering free, one-hour state-of-the-art software engineering lectures 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in Room 58 of the Tyndall Education Center. Future topics will include Unified Modeling Language, Extensible Markup Language, Pair Programming, Agent-Oriented Programming and Software Patterns.

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. The current topic is a study of Leviticus. Watchcare is available on an as-needed basis. For more information, call the base chapel, 283-2925.

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Parenting workshop

A three-session effective parenting workshop will be 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20 and 27 in Room 127 in Building 1305. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7511.

Black heritage committee meeting

The Tyndall Black Heritage Committee will meet 11 a.m.

Wednesday in the community activities center. The committee meets the second Tuesday of every month. New members and participants are always welcome.

Bible study group

Our Lady of the Skies Catholic Community is currently studying a scripture study authored by Dr. Scott Hahn and Jeff Calvin. This 28-week course meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays in various parishioners' homes. Contact Roxanne Tabo at Chapel 2, 283-2925 for more information.

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School and sports physicals

School and sports physicals will be offered by the 325th Medical Group 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. Thursday and Aug. 21 at the pediatric clinic. To make an appointment, call central appointments, 238-2778.

Marriage workshop

A five-session "Married and Loving It" workshop will be 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21 and 28 and Sept. 4 and 11 in the family advocacy conference room. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7511.

NOTES

Legal office services

The legal office provides a one-day will process. The legal staff can draft, print, execute and notarize will documents in the same day, usually in about an hour. Will appointments are scheduled from 1-2:40 p.m. Tuesdays and 9-10:40 a.m. Thursdays. Members needing complex estate planning should seek a civilian attorney; otherwise the legal office offers the service for free. 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

myPay improves DFAS electronic pay services:

As more members of the military retiree community, including both retirees and annuitants, become more computer oriented, Defense Finance and Accounting Service officials are increasing emphasis on its "myPay" system.

myPay is DFAS's way of allowing customers to manage their pay account information more easily and securely than ever before. A secure Web site and a PIN number make myPay secure and the system has been designed to be customer friendly.

Officials point out that retired members and SBP annuitants will find:

- * myPay delivers the Retiree Account Statement (RAS) or Annuitant Account Statement before print mail;
- * Changes made on myPay are effective the current pay period;
- * With myPay, you have the confidence of knowing your pay information is accurate because you're in charge;

Access to myPay is available at <https://myPay.dfas.mil>

Features of myPay for both retirees and annuitants:

- * View and print the Retiree or Annuitant Account Statement.
- * View and print tax statements
- * Update bank account and electronic fund transfer information;
- * Edit personal address information.

In addition, retirees can change both federal and state tax withholdings while annuitants can change federal withholdings; and retirees can manage financial allotments and U.S. savings bonds.

To use myPay, retirees and annuitants must have a Personal Identification Number (PIN). DFAS customers without a PIN may obtain one by accessing myPay and clicking on "New Pin" or by calling (877) 363-3677 and follow the prompts.

A new random temporary PIN for your account will be mailed to your address of record. You should allow 10 business days for delivery.

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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Wood-frame futon, tan cover, \$100. Call 286-8642.

Chiefs pluck Eagles' feathers for headdress

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

The Chiefs added a few more feathers to their headdresses at the expense of the Eagles after winning the post-operational readiness inspection celebration's Chiefs vs. Eagles softball game at Heritage Park, 9-5, respectively.

After suffering a crushing defeat at the talons of the Eagles during their last game on May 23, the Chiefs were hoping for something big, but not expecting a whole lot.

"We knew we had to do something to get the trophy back," commented Chief Master Sgt. Richard Cargill, 325th Fighter Wing command chief.

The game started off on a somewhat dismal note as rain and gusting winds swept the field and threatened to cancel the match up. It didn't last long, though, and as soon as the weather broke, both teams were ready to take the field.

The game seemed to move rather quickly as both pitchers



Lisa Carroll

Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander, connects for a base hit during the Chiefs vs. Eagles game.

retired the opposition's lineup one by one. A few lucky hits were made and by the bottom of the fourth inning, the Eagles seemed to be in control with a 5-2 lead.

The Chiefs, however, were not going down without a fight. Chiefs Tim McClean and Mark Charles led the rally by scoring after Colonel Sean Murphy, 325th Medical Group commander, slipped and fell in the

wet grass while attempting to catch a fly ball to left field by Chief Bill Stamper. The Chiefs' rally continued with runs by Chiefs Billy Melvin and Dennis Kirby and by the end of the fourth inning, the Chiefs led the Eagles 7-5.

The Eagles made every attempt to recover, but a two-run homerun by the Chiefs Jug Wilkerson allowed the Chiefs to continue pulling away from the

Eagles' reach.

After seven innings, the game was called with a final score of 9-5 and the Eagles realized their defeat. When asked about the Chiefs' performance, Chief Ron Georgia said, "We knew what we had to do and we went out there and played our best."

Additionally, Chief Cargill commented on the team's strategy. "Everyone thinks we went out every day and practiced. The

chiefs talked about it a lot and practiced a few times, but in the end, they just showed up to play," he said.

When asked about the Eagles' performance during the game, Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander said, "The Chiefs played well today. They improved their batting, got some great hits and had less errors."

Having ended the Eagles' three-game winning streak, General New presented the coveted trophy over to Chief Cargill for the Chiefs' victory engraving. They've lost the last three games.

When asked to comment on the Eagles' strategy for the next game, the general jokingly replied, "I think the Chiefs have too much leisure time, so we might have to cut that back a bit."

Following the game, spirits on both teams remained high as both groups ventured to the picnic area of the park to celebrate the wing's excellent rating for the recent ORI, to enjoy food, festivities and camaraderie.

Base-wide contest calls on all artists, photographers

STEVE RIDDLE
325th Services Squadron publicist

Two contests this month at the Tyndall Skills Development Center are giving aspiring artists and photographers the chance to show off their skills, earn base recognition, and possibly go on to compete at the AETC level.

Entries for the Air Force Annual Artist - Craftsman Contest and the Air Force Annual Photography Contest are now being accepted, according to Ray Mergil, skills development center director.

"What we're doing now is taking entries until Aug. 30," he explained. "We've gone ahead and set up a display in the lobby here, and we'll start displaying entries now."

Mr. Mergil said the judging will be done Sept. 11, and the judges he has lined up should do justice to the contest. A total of five judges, three for the Artist - Craftsman contest and two for the Photography Contest, will be used.

"We have three judges (for the Artist - Craftsman Contest), and they're from the Bay

Visual Arts Council," he said. The two Photography Contest judges will be from a local photography business.

According to Mr. Mergil, first- and second-place winners in each Artist - Craftsman category will receive a certificate recognizing their award and will compete in the Air Education and Training Command level competition. Winners at the AETC level will receive \$200 for first place and \$100 for second place for adult categories, and \$100 for first and \$75 for second in all youth categories.

The Photography Contest will also choose a first and second place to receive certificates and move on to compete at the AETC level. There, contestants will receive \$150 for first place and \$100 for second in adult categories, and \$100 for first place and \$50 for second in youth categories.

According to Mr. Mergil, all first- and second-place winners in command-level events will be displayed at the Air Force Gallery at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

Both contests have youth categories for ages 17 and under. Each contest has several different classes of competition to choose from in adult and youth categories.

The Artist - Craftsman Contest will accept entries in fine art, textile art, industrial art and multicrafts/pattern art. The Photography Contest groups include monochrome print, color print, color transparencies and digital photos.

For people who want to enter but can't decide on a project, the staff at the skills development center said they have seen a huge variety of projects entered in the contests, which began in the early 1980s.

"There's a lot of creativity in these contests," said Karen Dyer, frame shop manager. "People are realizing they can bring any kind of artwork."

Ms. Dyer said a person doesn't necessarily have to be an artist to enter. Greg Guidry manages the skills development center's wood shop, and actually had a person who knew

very little about woodworking enter and win the industrial art group of the Artist - Craftsman Contest two years ago.

"We showed her how to build tables, and how to do inlaid wood work," Mr. Guidry said. "After that she made a coffee table and two end tables, entered, and won first place."

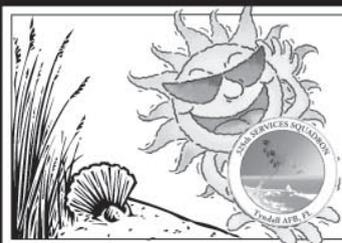
Ms. Dyer wanted to make sure the children of Tyndall were well represented in the contests as well.

"We want parents and kids to know that it is open to kids too," she said. "Sometimes the kids are even more talented," she added with a laugh.

Mr. Mergil said the intent of the contest isn't only about winning, however.

"It's not just about participation," he stated. "It encourages families to work on projects together and enhances hobby skills. It's just a good Air Force program."

For more information on these contests or on how to enter, contact the skills development center at 283-4511.



Funshine NEWS



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Officers' Club

All Ranks Lunch

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

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Includes Fresh Hot Carved Meat Sandwiches on Kaiser Roll

Monday	Chef's Choice
Tuesday	Italian
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■ **Lunch Menu:** Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
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Subs & Pizzas
286-2900

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9 a.m.-3 p.m., Mon. - Fri.

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

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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.

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Family Child Care

☎ 283-2266

License Requirement

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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.

Community Activity Ctr.

☎ 283-2495

Surf Classes

Aug. 16, 23, 30; 8:30-10:30 a.m. Cost is \$35 per person per class. Learn the basic skills needed to start surfing the safe, fun and easy way. We'll teach all the right do's and don'ts and get you surfing during your first class.

Bogha-Baisti School of Irish Dance

A fun-loving spirit and atmosphere make learning comfortable for children and adults of all ages and ability. Students begin with a foundation of soft-shoe and progress to hard-shoe. Cost is \$40 per person for a 4 week session. Classes start Sept. 6. Signup by Aug. 29.

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.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

2002 Photo Contest & Artist Craftsman

I. MONOCHROME PRINTS

All must be 8"x10", dry mounted on mat or illustration board and cropped with no border showing.

II. COLOR PRINTS

All must be 8"x10", dry mounted on mat or illustration board and cropped with no border showing.

III. COLOR TRANSPARENCIES

Standard 2"x2" in commercial or comparable mounts for use in carousel-type projector.

IV. DIGITAL PHOTOS

Min. size 5"x7", Max. size 8"x10" on photo stock or computer paper, dry mounted on mat or illustration board and cropped with no border or mat showing.

This contest has both an adult and youth category (Adult: over 18 yrs., Youth 17, and under.)

All Entries for both contests due by Sept. 1

Contact the Skills Development Center at 283-4511 for more information and entry form.

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Categories

I. Fine Art

painting, drawing, sculpting, etching and graphic design

II. Textile Art

weaving, needlework, quilting, knitting and crochet.

III. Industrial Art

woodworking, woodcarving, cabinetry, furniture building, plastic, fiberglass and metal works.

IV. Multicrafts & Pattern Art

home decor items, arts and crafts kits, basketry, leather tooling, ceramics (poured molds), stained glass and jewelry

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

Aug. 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 Aug. 25.

Lodging NAF Sale

Aug. 26 & 27: 8-11 a.m.

Building 1137

Assorted Furnishings

Cash or Check only

283-4211 ext. 3329

Tyndall's *All Ranks*

Seafood Extravaganza

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.

Tyndall AF Clubs presents:

Travel the World

A membership recruitment & recognition program designed to "take you away".

August 18 - Oct 31

More than 140 people Air Force wide will win travel related prizes valued from \$500 to \$5,000 for just signing up. The drive is open to all eligible non-members. (active duty, reserve, civilians and retirees)

A set of prizes will also be offered to current club members, who are automatically entered to win.

Membership applications are available at the club and at Services Marketing in building 1311.



Tyndall youth learn life-saving techniques at pool

STEVE RIDDLE

325th Services Squadron publicist

A new course offered at the base pool has not only taught some children how to be safe in the water, it's taught them how to save others too.

Guard Start is a Red Cross junior lifeguard course aimed at giving children ages 11-15 the preparation they need to become lifeguards by doing everything from treading water to designing their own emergency response plan. The course was offered here last week.

"The Guard Start class does not actually certify the students to become lifeguards," explained Tiffany Vollmer, a lifeguard at the base pool. "But it does build a foundation for the knowledge, skills and procedures (taught in the Red Cross Lifeguard Course)."

To begin, the students had to demonstrate that they already possess some swimming skills.

"In order to be in the class, each person has to swim 25 yards," she said. "They have to be able to tread water for one minute and swim underwater for 10 feet."

Once their basic skills were established,

Ms. Vollmer took them through a 20-hour course that had them learning a variety of lifeguard responsibilities. During the week-long, four-hour-a-day classes, the students gained needed experience, knowledge and confidence in handling potential life-threatening issues.

"We start with things as simple as pool rules and the common causes of accidents," Ms. Vollmer explained. "But they'll also be learning cardiopulmonary resuscitation, practicing CPR, and learning first aid – how to deal with hypothermia or bleeding, for example."

Water skills are an important part of lifeguard training, and the Guard Start course required plenty of swimming from the students.

"In class, the students will do the front stroke, crawl, elementary back stroke, the breast stroke and the side stroke," Ms. Vollmer said. "They also are taught feet-first surface dives, for rescuing submerged victims."

Although it may sound like a lot of work, Ms. Vollmer said there was some fun to the class as well.

"We have teamwork stuff, relays and



Steve Riddle

Tiffany Vollmer, lifeguard at the base pool, demonstrates a rescue technique to students during last week's Guard Start life-saving class where 11-15 year olds learned the basics of being a lifeguard.

races," Ms. Vollmer stated. The purpose was to show students that a lifeguard crew must be a team instead of individuals, she explained.

"It helps to build unity. You have to be able to trust who you're working with."

The class wasn't just contained to the pool. Students had homework and were actually required to do a little architectural design too.

"They each designed their own pools and decided where the lifeguards would be," Ms. Vollmer said. "They have to do it so there are no blind areas for the lifeguards."

Since preparing lifeguards for the unexpected means rescue efforts have a better chance of being successful, emergency procedures get their share of attention during the course too.

"We cover procedures – what steps to take if there's an emergency," Ms. Vollmer said. "They'll make up their own emergency action plan, and say who would do what if something happened."

"It also teaches what to do if you're saving somebody and they panic. It teaches how to get out of a dangerous situation. It covers just about everything the Red Cross Lifeguard class covers."

According to outdoor recreation director Cindy Workman, the class is a great idea, and worth doing again.

"We had this class because it teaches any youth interested in becoming a future lifeguard the skills they'll need," Ms. Workman said. "We plan on offering it again next season."

