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In brief

Valentine's Day messages

The *Gulf Defender* will publish Valentine's Day messages in the Feb. 14 issue. Readers interested in sending a brief message to their loved ones can e-mail their message to editor@tyndall.af.mil. Messages will be edited for content and printed on a space-available basis.

Honor guard open house

The Tyndall Air Force Base Honor Guard will have an open house at 10 a.m. Feb. 20 in Building 1015, the base honor guard building. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Adam Sparks at 283-4405.

Heart Link class

The first Heart Link session at Tyndall is scheduled for 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Feb. 21 at the base enlisted club.

Thirty spouses are needed to attend the first Heart Link program, which will be offered quarterly. Spouses of permanent-party members or students of all ranks, with less than five years in the military environment, are invited to register for the free program.

For more information, call the family support center at 283-4204.

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Two airmen lost in shuttle disaster

SAN ANTONIO (AFPN) — Two Air Force officers were among the seven astronauts lost when the space shuttle Columbia apparently broke apart at 9 a.m. EST Saturday in the area over north central Texas. Col. Rick Husband was the mission commander and Lt. Col. Michael Anderson was the payload commander.

The shuttle was preparing to land at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida when NASA's Mission Control in Houston lost contact with the crew. The space vehicle was at an altitude of about 203,000 feet and was traveling at approximately 12,500 miles per hour, or Mach 18, when contact was lost.

Other members of the crew included Cmdr. William McCool, pilot for STS-107; Navy Capt. David Brown, mission specialist; Dr. Kalpana Chawla, flight engineer and mission specialist; Cmdr. Laurel Clark, mission specialist; and



NASA photo

The STS-107 crew included, from the left, mission specialist David Brown, commander Rick Husband, mission specialists Laurel Clark, Kalpana Chawla and Michael Anderson, pilot William McCool and payload specialist Ilan Ramon.

Israeli air force Col. Ilan Ramon, payload specialist.

NASA has put out an urgent request to the public to not pick

up or disturb any debris that might be found. Also, a call has been made for any amateur video or film that might be help-

ful in the investigation. For either situation, the public is asked to contact their local law enforcement agency.

AF announces officer promotion-board results

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER — The colonel, biomedical sciences corps selected 14 lieutenant colonels for promotion to colonel.

The lieutenant colonel line of the Air Force, judge advocate general, chaplain, biomedical sciences corps, and nurse corps boards selected 1,708 majors for promotion to lieutenant colonel.

The captain, judge advocate general selected 20 first lieutenants to captain.

The entire list is posted on the Air Force Personnel Center World Wide Web home page, www.afpc.randolph.af.mil.

The boards convened Nov. 12 and Dec. 3.

The colonel's board considered 167 officers, the lieutenant colonel's board considered 8,632 officers and the captain's board considered 20.

The results of the 2002 boards can be viewed on the AFPC Web site.

(Courtesy AFPN)

Team Tyndall selects

The following Team Tyndall majors were selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel:

- Scott Enold, 325th Security Forces Squadron
- Cynthia Jeffrey, 325th Medical Operations Squadron
- David Kennedy, 325th Contracting Squadron
- Shannon Meade, Detachment 1 (325th Fighter Wing), Pensacola
- Robert Coleman, Air Force Element Joint Flying Operating Location (Pensacola)
- Michael Hady, AFELM (Pensacola)
- Eric Nelson, AFELM (Pensacola)
- Jani McCreary, 823rd RED HORSE Squadron
- William Fisher, 83rd Fighter Weapons Squadron
- Michael Prazak, Air Force Civil Engineer Agency

Total force key ingredient to mission success

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW

325th Fighter Wing commander



This week, I am pleased to begin with congratulations for many Team Tyndall accomplishments.

It's gratifying to be associated with such a great team of achievers.

Congratulations to the 325th Maintenance Group and the 325th Operations Group for winning the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for 2002! What an achievement. This could only be accomplished by a total team effort, and by excellence in leadership. To all the members of both groups, I pass both my congratulations and my thanks for your continued job well done.

Congratulations also to the following quarterly award winners. **Staff Sgt. Darrell Gary**, the honor guard member of the quarter; **Airman Paul Szymanski**, Airman of the Quarter; **Staff Sgt. Charles Hargett**, NCO of the Quarter; **Master Sgt. Michael Hopton**, SNCO of the Quarter; and **1st Lt. John Dingeman**, Company Grade Officer of the Quarter. Civilian of the Quarter, Category 1 GS/WG-03 thru GS/WG-08 honors went to **Audrey Shumaker**, 325th Medical Group and **Mathew Morgan**, 53rd Weapons Evaluation Group earned Civilian of the Quarter, Category 2, GS/WG-09 thru GS/WG-13 recognition. Also, Volunteer of the Quarter honors went to **Andrea Schoepner**. Congratulations to all of you for standing out and being recognized as Tyndall's best.

Also, congratulations are in order for our newly selected lieutenant colonels. Congratulations to **Majs. Scott Enold**, 325th Security Forces Squadron; **Cynthia Jeffrey**, 325th Medical Operations Squadron; **David Kennedy**, 325th Contracting Squadron and **Shan-**



"Our people are the heart of combat capability and America's military superiority. We need to do everything possible to make sure our folks are prepared for any challenge, to include that our families are taken care of in the event of deployment."

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non Meade, Detachment 1 (325th Fighter Wing), Pensacola. Team Tyndall tenant units were also fortunate. Selected to pin on lieutenant colonel are **Majs. Robert Coleman, Michael Hady, Eric Nelson**, each assigned to the Air Force Element Joint Flying Operating Location at Pensacola and **Majs. Jani McCreary**, 823rd RED HORSE Squadron; **William Fisher**, 83rd Fighter Weapons Squadron and **Michael Prazak**, Air Force Civil Engineer Agency. Congratulations to each of you on achieving this milestone in your Air Force careers.

We'll have another opportunity to recognize Tyndall's top performers at our Team Tyndall Annual Awards Banquet, which takes place Feb. 15 at the Tyndall Pelican Reef Enlisted Club. The uniform is mess dress or semi-formal, and the evening gets under way at 6 p.m. with a social, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. This will be a great opportunity to honor our outstanding performers for 2002. I hope you will be able to join us.

Speaking of great performance, all reports I have received thus far indicate you did a great job in last week's Exercise Crown Royal. Use these exercises as an opportunity to identify improvement areas and put lessons learned on

paper and make the appropriate fixes. The official dates for the Operational Readiness Inspection are July 20-29, and now is the time to make appropriate adjustments and get your units ready to show the inspector general what a great team we have.

Our people are the heart of combat capability and America's military superiority. We need to do everything possible to make sure our folks are prepared for any challenge, to include that our families are taken care of in the event of deployment.

Part of being ready is making sure we communicate with one another at all levels, including family members. It is important our families are kept in the loop on various issues ranging from force-protection conditions and their meaning to support agencies and the services they offer.

Let families know about Tyndall and community events as well as issues that may impact all of our lives. Taking care of our families gives us the peace of mind to focus our attention on our Air Force missions and do them more effectively.

I'd like to thank each of you for the great job you are doing in support of our nation. In these changing times, it is critical that we are prepared and ready to

accomplish either our training mission or our Air Expeditionary Force provider mission. Together, we'll conquer all our coming challenges, fulfill our responsibility as a force provider, and train the world's best air superiority team for our expeditionary air force. Thank you for all you do for our Air Force and nation. Be safe and have a great week!

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.

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Leadership Line



Gardiner Pearson

“There is no longer an excuse for Iraqi denial of its obligation. We must have Iraq participate in the disarmament or be disarmed. The United States believes that time is running out. We will not shrink from war if that is the only way to rid Iraq of its weapons of mass destruction.”

SECRETARY OF STATE COLIN POWELL
Remarks at the World Economic Forum

This week in history

Feb. 1, 1961 — The Ballistic Missile Early Warning System site at Thule, Greenland, becomes operational.

Feb. 2, 1974 The YF-16 makes its first official flight.

Feb. 3, 1961 — Strategic Air Command initiates the Looking Glass airborne command post. Maintaining continuous 24-hour coverage in shifts, Looking Glass aircraft are equipped to communicate with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, any Strategic Air Command base or any SAC aircraft.

Feb. 6, 1967 — The North American Aerospace Defense Command's Space Defense Center moves into Cheyenne Mountain, Colo., completing the movement of all units into the hardened, underground facility.

Feb. 6, 1991 — Reserve Capt. Robert Swain of the 706th Tactical Fighter Squadron scores the first-ever A-10 Warthog air-to-air kill by shooting down an Iraqi helicopter.

Feb. 3, 1995 — Lt. Col. Eileen Collins becomes the first woman space shuttle pilot.

Team Tyndall puts mission to test during Crown Royal exercise

SENIOR MASTER SGT. ROB FULLER
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

The 325th Fighter Wing exercise evaluation team put Team Tyndall through its paces Jan. 27-31 during Exercise Crown Royal 03-01. The exercise tested the base's capability to respond to terrorist threats, deploy people and equipment, and react to major accidents.

"The primary objective of this exercise, like all of our exercises, was to practice our response to various contingency situations," said Lt. Col. Robert Weesner, chief of wing plans. "We had three primary elements in this exercise. The first element tested was force protection and base security. The second element was deployment processing of our personnel for (Air Expeditionary Force) support. And the final element involved our response to a major aircraft accident with mass casualties."

During the antiterrorism portion, evaluators tested the wing's ability to detect unauthorized personnel on the flightline and other suspicious activity around the base. A major element evaluated was the commander's battle staff, how it

reacted to intelligence inputs and how the information flowed to unit control centers.

By mid-week, the base was well into the deployment phase generating the mobility machine that processed more than 200 people and several tons of cargo. This is a critical role in Tyndall's mission and the exercise scenario is designed to test the wing's ability to be a force supplier in the air expeditionary force construct.

The week's scenarios culminated with an aircraft accident and mass casualty exercise that tested critical first responders such as firefighters, medical and security forces teams. Also evaluated were the commander's battle staff and Disaster Control Group; both key components to command and control of any crisis situation.

"The most important thing any of us can do during an exercise is react with the same urgency we would if the event were real," said Colonel Weesner. "The time to learn what to do and how to react is not during an actual emergency, but during an exercise."

Reactions during exercises are aided significantly by the degree of realism in a scenario, and this week's events had plenty. The major accident response portion focused on a scenario where a simulated KC-10 crashed just off the runway on landing. EET members set the fire department's practice-aircraft burn pit ablaze, simulating the crash site. Immediately, first responders went into action to extinguish the flames, secure the site, search for survivors and care for injured people. Injuries were simulated with moulage, giving medical responders realistic wounds to triage and treat.

"The exercise this past week was a success on many levels," said Col. Douglas Cochran, 325th Fighter Wing vice commander. "First, it gave us an opportunity to test our ability to respond to diverse scenarios and it also served as a valuable training opportunity for many people who are new to Team Tyndall. It also provided a better sight picture on areas to improve upon to ensure we are ready to meet any challenge that may come our way."

Quarterly Awards

The following individuals were awarded quarterly honors during a luncheon Jan. 30.

Honor Guard Award of the Quarter

Red Flight: Staff Sgt. Patricia Reese, 325th Maintenance Squadron

Blue Flight: Staff Sgt. Darrell Gary, 325th Communications Squadron

325th Fighter Wing recipient

Staff Sgt. Darrell Gary, 325th CS

Team Tyndall Volunteer of the Quarter

Andrea Schoeppner

Airman of the Quarter

325th Fighter Wing

Airman Paul Szymanski, 325th Mission Support Group

Team Tyndall associate unit recipient

Staff Sgt. Timothy Whitfield, 53rd Weapons Evaluation Group

NCO of the Quarter

325th Fighter Wing

Staff Sgt. Charles Hargett, 325th MSG

Team Tyndall associate unit recipient

Staff Sgt. Robert Zickefoose, 53rd WEG

SNCO of the Quarter

325th Fighter Wing

Master Sgt. Michael Hopton, 325th Maintenance Group

Team Tyndall associate unit recipient

Master Sgt. Michael Husava, 53rd WEG

CGO of the Quarter

325th Fighter Wing

1st Lt. John Dingeman, 325th Mission Support Group

Team Tyndall associate unit recipient

Capt. John Howard, 53rd WEG

Civilian of the Quarter (GS-03 - GS-08)

325th Fighter Wing

Audrey Shumaker, 325th Medical Group

Team Tyndall associate unit recipient

David Bouthot, Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency

Civilian of the Quarter (GS-09 - GS-13)

325th Fighter Wing

Tad Stout, 325th MDG

Team Tyndall associate unit recipient

Mathew Morgan, 53rd WEG

For the complete results of the Team Tyndall competition, see Brig. Gen. Larry New's commentary on Page 2.

Re-enlistments

The following Team Tyndall members re-enlisted in January:

Tech. Sgt. Anthony Antekeier, 325th Air Control Squadron

Staff Sgt. Napoleon Bain, 325th Fighter Wing

Tech. Sgt. Michael Baumgartner, 81st Test Support Squadron

Senior Airman Jason Borrero, 325th Contracting Squadron

Staff Sgt. Jennifer Bragg, 325th Operations Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Galen Brown, 325th Communications Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Shane Correia, 325th Mission Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Victor Diaz, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. James Folsom, 325th Services Squadron

Senior Airman Natalia Forrester, Det. 2, 28th Test Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Bryan Gerlt, 325th Maintenance Group

Senior Airman Daniel Gomez, 325th CS

Staff Sgt. Gloria Gutierrez, 325th MXG

Tech. Sgt. Douglas Imel, 325th OSS

Master Sgt. Rigoberto Luna, 325th MSG

Chief Master Sgt. George Mason Jr., 325th CONS

Senior Master Sgt. Donnie Outlaw, Det. 2, 28th Test Squadron

Staff Sgt. Scott Presnell, 325th CS

Master Sgt. Jessie Reynolds Jr., 325th MXS

Senior Airman Christopher Richards, 81st TSS

Tech. Sgt. Stanley Rudzewicz, 325th FW/MO

Staff Sgt. Ernesto Ruiz Jr., 325th OSS

Tech. Sgt. Bruce Sentelle, HQ AFCESA

Master Sgt. Benny St. John, HQ AFCESA

Staff Sgt. Damian Taylor, Det. 1, 823rd RHS

Senior Airman Billie Tuck, 325th CONS

Staff Sgt. Rahmann Whitley, OL-A, 362nd TRS

Staff Sgt. Ronald Wilson, 325th CONS

Master Sgt. Moses Woodard Jr., 325th OSS

Senior Airman Chad Yeager, 325th SVS

Caption contest



Submit an entry for this month's Safety Caption Contest and win a free lunch from the 325th Services Squadron! Send your caption to 2nd Lt. Brian Smart at 283-4231 or e-mail him at brian.smart@tyndall.af.mil.

Meyers becomes AETC's new command chief master sergeant

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS) — A 25-year Air Force veteran who has served as a command chief master sergeant at a wing and numbered air force assumed the position of command chief master sergeant of Air Education and Training Command recently.

Chief Master Sgt. Karl Meyers replaced Chief Master Sgt. William Milligan, who retired Jan. 31 after serving as AETC command chief master sergeant since February 2000.

The command chief master sergeant, as the top enlisted person in the command, advises the AETC commander and senior staff on the morale, welfare and effective use of more than 34,000 enlisted people who conduct the recruiting, training and education missions worldwide. He also serves as command chief master sergeant for more than 350,000 enlisted students trained per year in AETC.

Prior to assuming his current position, Chief Meyers was 2nd Air Force command chief master sergeant at Keesler AFB, Miss., from June 2001 to January of this year. Second Air Force conducts the basic military and technical training missions for AETC.

Before that assignment, he was command chief master sergeant for the 325th Fighter Wing at Tyndall AFB, Fla., from March 1999 to June 2001.

The chief brings a simple approach to his new position that has served him well since his initial duty assignment in early 1978 as an aerospace control and warning system operator.

"When I go into any job, my initial goal is to do the best I can," said the native of Utica, N.Y. "I hope that our airmen are thinking the same way. I don't go into the job thinking about the next job or



Chief Master Sgt. Karl Meyers

the next assignment. I always think about what I can do today to make my job and the Air Force better for the people who follow."

In following that philosophy, the chief said his primary focus would be to help ensure the command's mission runs as smoothly as possible so that AETC can provide professional airmen to sustain the combat capability of America's Air Force.

"My initial focus is to help make AETC, as the First Command, the best experience it can be in our mission of recruiting, training and educating young men and women from the hometowns of America who choose to 'Cross Into The Blue,'" he said.

In his first few months on the job, the chief said he will be getting more familiar with the command's education and flying training missions.

This month, for example, he will travel to Maxwell AFB, Ala., to learn more about the education programs conducted by Air University, such as the Community College of the Air Force and College for Enlisted Professional Military Education. He will also visit Luke AFB, Ariz., to get more familiar with the F-16 training mission there.

"These base visits, along with

others being worked, will help me get a better feel for the command's flying training and education missions and the issues affecting them," Chief Meyers said. "Having come from 2nd Air Force, I don't have any immediate plans to visit our technical training bases in the first few months, but I'll make it around to them again as a little time passes."

His message to the enlisted members of the command is to make the Air Force core values — integrity, service before self, excellence in all we do — the foundation of their everyday lives.

"I've tried to live by the core values my whole career even though we didn't have them labeled as such when I was coming up through the ranks," he said. "If everybody adheres to our core values, little can go wrong with our entire Air Force mission."

The chief entered the Air Force through the U.S. Air Force Basic Military Training School in November 1977. He graduated from the aerospace control and warning system operator course at Keesler AFB, Miss., in March 1978 and completed satellite orbital analysis training at Peterson AFB, Colo., a month later.

He has held positions in the Southern, European and North Atlantic theaters of operation.

His operational background includes working with ballistic missile early warning and satellite tracking systems; ground tactical air control systems; modular control equipment; and semi-automatic ground environment systems. Chief Meyers has held positions at a regional operational control center, NATO command and control center and on the training staff at a numbered air force.

The chief has also served as an Air Force adviser to the Air National Guard.



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

Did you know?

In 2002, Air Education and Training Command ...

- Flew more than 560,000 training hours, graduating 1,463 pilots and 359 navigators.
- Graduated more than 43,000 airmen from basic training.
- Graduated 156,551 technical training students.
- Educated more than 200,000 students from U.S. and foreign military services and Department of Defense civilians in various advanced academic and professional military education programs.

Checkertail Salute

Senior Airman Philip Riggs

Duty title: Circuit card repair technician

Unit: 325th Maintenance Squadron

Time on station: 4 years

Time in service: 5 years

Hometown: Clarksburg, W.V.

Hobbies: Computer games, golf and racquetball

Goals: Finish Community College of the Air Force degree.

Favorite thing about Tyndall: The ocean

Pet peeves: Timeliness

Favorite book: "Lord of the Rings"

Favorite movie: "Goodfellas"



Lisa Carroll

Airman Riggs is awarded the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award by Col. Douglas Cochran, 325th Fighter Wing vice commander.

The Checkertail Clan salutes Airman Riggs for his outstanding technical knowledge, skills and personal aspiration that resulted in completion of nearly three times as many repair actions and twice the dollar savings as the rest of the four-person circuit card repair element combined, personally completing 494 repairs and saving \$555,000.

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.

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Housing speed limit changes

Base housing residents and visitors are reminded to observe the newly-posted speed limits in and around Wood Manor housing. The speed limit is 15 mph throughout the housing area.

Family readiness program

Center offers tools to those managing homefront

MELISSA HARTLE

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Your spouse has deployed to an overseas location and before you know it, your car begins to act up, the kids are misbehaving, your computer at home crashes – it seems anything that could go wrong does. To top it off, the person who helps you deal with these life stresses is in another country, and long-distance phone charges make communication almost nonexistent. Seem a bit much to deal with on your own? The Tyndall Family Support Center wants you to know you don't have to go it alone. Through the Family Readiness Program, the FSC assists families before, during and after temporary duties, deployments and remote tours.

"Don't suffer in silence," offers Tech. Sgt. Aundra Christon, Tyndall Family Readiness Program manager. "Many times, spouses of remote or deployed members are having a rough time and want to tough it out."

Instead, Sergeant Christon encourages spouses to call or stop by the center and take advantage of the free programs and services they offer.

During deployments, the FSC Hearts Apart Program provides myriad opportunities to communicate with your distant loved one to include: video teleconferencing, video and regular e-mail, free morale calls and free phone cards.

Located in Building 745, next to the housing office, the FSC has the equipment needed to keep the lines of communication open. Family members can send e-mail or experience real-time chat with their deployed spouses through video teleconferencing at the FSC during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays. A second video teleconferencing center, located in the Sand Dollar Inn, provides 24-hour access to the technology.

For those who'd rather communicate with their deployed spouses from the comfort of their own home, morale calls can be placed through the base operator. Registered families are authorized three 15-minute calls per week. Calls can be made between 6 p.m.-6 a.m. weekdays and anytime on weekends and holidays. Families must register through the FSC to access this service.

The FSC also has free phone cards, which are provided by the Air Force Aid Society and given to each member deploying for more than 30 days. The phone cards, valued at \$20, can be picked up at the pre-deployment briefing at the FSC.

Misty, whose husband is serving a one-year remote



Jette Saladin, a family member volunteer, demonstrates the video-teleconference capability available at the family support center.

Melissa Hartle

tour at Osan Air Base, South Korea, has taken advantage of the Hearts Apart Program, as well as other Family Readiness Program services and says the family support center is a great resource for spouses of deployed members.

"They want to help," said Misty. "In the beginning, I was real hesitant to visit the family support center, but now I go several times a week."

Misty said she mostly takes advantage of the morale calls, which she says are a saving grace.

"We talk plenty during the week," said Misty, "and that helps out a lot."

The FSC assists with more than just communication needs during these family separations, they also try to help out with everyday tasks, such as routine car maintenance, that might normally be handled by the deployed spouse.

"Many don't know that while their spouse is away, they can get a free safety check and oil change for their primary vehicle through our Car Care Because We Care program," said Sergeant Christon. "All they have to do is come in to the family support center and request a voucher for this free service."

Any married active-duty member going TDY for 30 days or more, or spouse of a member who is deployed or on a remote assignment, can receive this free safety check. The safety check includes routine vehicle preventive maintenance consisting of oil/filter change and lubrication. If needed, repairs are identified during this inspection, the customer is notified and an interest-free loan can be provided.

Sergeant Christon said such routine car maintenance could reduce the chance of car problems and give the deployed member peace of mind that their loved ones are taken care of.

"The less the deployed member has to worry about while away, the better they will be able to focus on the

mission," said Sergeant Christon.

For the spouse back home, their mission might include taking on both parental roles while mommy or daddy is away.

The FSC helps provide temporary relief from the stress of parenting through the Give Parents A Break program. Eligible spouses can receive free childcare for their children once a month on weekends. Space is limited for this program and the spouse must meet certain criteria to apply.

Misty, who has an eight-year-old daughter, says the benefit of the Give Parents A Break is two-fold. "It has given me the time to take care of the things I need to without bringing my daughter along, and puts my daughter in contact with other kids who are going through the same thing she is," said Misty. "That is comforting."

Comfort is the desired result of the Family Support Center Family Readiness Program.

"Even if it's just to have someone to talk to," said Sergeant Christon, "we want them to know we are here to assist them in whatever way possible."

"When your spouse leaves, you feel like there's nobody else around," said Misty, "but now I know there is somebody I can turn to."

For more information on these and other family support center programs, call 283-4204.

Air Force extends deployments

MASTER SGT. RICK BURNHAM

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Currently and soon-to-be deployed airmen will remain deployed longer than the previously targeted three-month rotation, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper announced Jan. 28 in a message to all airmen. The change was made to meet the needs of combatant commanders.

Specifically, active-duty and mobilized Reserve component airmen deployed with Air and Space Expeditionary Forces 7 and 8 and those deploying as part of new taskings ordered by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld on Dec. 24 should anticipate remaining in place until further notice, General Jumper said.

Airmen in some “stressed” career fields have already been extended beyond three months.

The need for additional forces is part of a buildup of air power in Southwest Asia, ready to achieve national security objectives if directed by the president.

“We must interrupt our normal three-month AEF rotation cycle because the resources in a single AEF pair can no longer satisfy the needs of our combatant commands,” General Jumper said.

The general said that the change would likely increase the amount of time many airmen are forward deployed. But, he added, it is a necessary move and

one he feels will be taken in stride by airmen everywhere.

“I know this is a lot to ask, and I am confident that every airman understands we have been called upon once again by our nation,” he said. “Our success as an Air Force depends on how we prepare for and execute operations.”

General Jumper’s words echoed those in a message sent by Secretary Rumsfeld the same day to people in the Department of Defense.

“In recent weeks and months, the president has called the world’s attention to Saddam Hussein’s regime in Iraq,” Secretary Rumsfeld said. “He has rallied the United Nations to enforce its resolutions calling for the regime’s disarmament.”

In light of these developments, DOD leaders recognize the uncertainty longer deployments may create for those in uniform, the civilians who work beside them, and their families, Secretary Rumsfeld said.

“Be assured that the president will not decide to commit forces unless conditions require it, and only as a last resort,” he said. “Should action be necessary, you will have what you need to carry out the missions assigned.”

General Jumper said every effort will be made to relieve those deployed while accommodating mission requirements.

“I assure you that we will continue to assess the evolving situation and develop rotation plans which seek to relieve our forces in the most equitable fashion while still meeting combatant commanders’ warfighting requirements,” he said. “Although AEF rotation timing will change, we will make every effort to preserve the AEF sequence which will give us the ability to sustain our operations over the long term.

“When able, we will return to a more normalized three-month AEF battle rhythm.”

Although that rhythm is intended to provide airmen and their families with a predictable schedule for deployments, resulting in a more normal lifestyle, an implicit understanding is that increased operations tempo changes everything, General Jumper said.

“Sustaining ongoing requirements with three-month rotations has become part of our Air Force culture,” General Jumper said. “But we need to remember that the AEF structure also allows us to posture for a full range of combat operations, including major theater contingencies that require more forces than can be provided by one AEF pair on a three-month rotation.”

It is a national security matter, he said, one in which the efforts of the entire Air Force team will be needed.

Got deployment orders? You’re not alone

2ND LT. RYAN FITZGERALD

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

You’ve been tasked for a deployment and you have a million things to do.

Think you’re alone in the process? You’re not.

In fact, the 325th Mission Support Group’s logistics readiness shop exists solely to coordinate movements of people and cargo in support of every exercise, Air and Space Expeditionary Force movement and other deployments Tyndall is tasked with.

When a member of Team Tyndall is tasked with a deployment, logistics readiness troops ensure the member gets all the required shots, training and equipment needed for the assignment.

“Deploying even one person from Tyndall takes a massive team effort,” said 1st Lt. Christine Sakaniwa, chief of logistics readiness. “We coordinate the effort to make sure everyone gets to their final destination with everything they need to have.”

In addition to fighter wing and many tenant unit mobility requirements, the logistics readiness office also takes care of beddown responsibilities when visitors fly into Tyndall. “We

make sure they’ve got everything from a place to park and maintain their jets, to a place to sleep at night,” Lieutenant Sakaniwa said.

When Tyndall’s jets are scheduled to deploy to other bases for exercises such as Elmendorf Air Force Base’s “Cope Thunder,” in June, logistics readiness not only coordinates all the details to get the deploying personnel, cargo and jets to the Cope Thunder exercise site, but all the details to get them back. It’s called “redeployment,” and it occurs when there are large-scale, long-term deployments.

“We go out to the site and when it’s time to go home, we coordinate everything from vehicle turn-in to joint [cargo safety] inspections,” said 2nd Lt. Anna Crowe, officer-in-charge of deployments.

The readiness troops have a stellar record, says Lieutenant Sakaniwa. “We haven’t had any real-world discrepancies [a situation in which a servicemember deploys and something is wrong] in more than two years.”

“It’s a testament to the great team we have here,” she said, “both log readiness and Tyndall as a whole.”

So if you have been selected to deploy, rest assured that logistics readiness is doing its job to make your job easier.

Officials unveil 2004 budget proposals

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The president's Fiscal 2004 budget proposal authorizes \$380 billion for the Department of Defense to win the global war on terrorism and continue the transformation of the military, senior defense officials announced Jan. 31.

The budget also addresses several quality-of-life initiatives, including a military pay raise ranging from 2 percent to 6.25 percent, targeted by rank and years of service. It continues the effort to eliminate out-of-pocket housing expenses by Fiscal 2005, reducing overall cost from 7.5 percent to 3.5 percent this year.

The Air Force's portion of the budget, \$93.5 billion, continues the service's investment in its people and readiness while accelerating the service's transformation and integration efforts, according to a senior military budget official.

The budget is divided into four categories: people, readiness, infrastructure and modernization.

The largest portion of the Air Force budget, 34 percent, is focused on people and quality-of-life initiatives because it is a retention-based force.

"We recruit airmen but retain families," the senior military budget official said.

The Air Force set aside \$29.4 billion for pay and compensation, almost \$1 billion for recruiting and retention initiatives and \$1.5 billion to replace 2,081 military family housing units, renovate another 1,524 units and fund seven new projects that will privatize and upgrade another 6,950 units.

"The Air Force goal is to eliminate inadequate housing units in (the continental United States) by 2007 and overseas by 2009," the official said.

The Air Force has dedicated 28 percent of its budget, \$25.8 billion, to readiness. This includes \$14.1 billion for flying operations, \$1.8 billion for space operations and \$9.6 billion for mission-support functions.

The Air Force's aging infrastructure led the service to set aside \$4.6 billion of its Fiscal 2004 budget to address this problem.

Nearly \$1.4 billion will go toward the sustainment, restoration and modernization of the Air Force's current facilities. Almost \$1 billion will fund military construction projects that address new mission requirements and force-structure changes.

Also included in the infrastructure request is \$2.3 billion in funding for new base and community support projects such as construction of 12

dormitories, four fitness centers, one child development center and one family support center.

Modernization, at \$31.2 billion, is the second largest portion of the Air Force's budget. It includes \$12.5 billion for research, development, testing and evaluation, and \$2.2 billion for science and technology.

Also included is \$16.5 billion for the procurement of new aircraft, unmanned aerial vehicles and space systems including:

22 F/A-22 Raptors; 11 C-17 Globemaster IIIs; five C-130J Hercules; 52 T-6A Texan IIs; four RQ-4A Global Hawks; 16 RQ-1 Predators; two CV-22 Osprey; four Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicles.

"We think this is a good budget that accelerates our transformation and integration efforts to adapt to the changing world environment while still maintaining the gains in our readiness and people programs," the senior military budget official said.

The Air Force was the premier air force in the world at the end of the first century of flight and this budget keeps the service on track to remain the world's best air force throughout the second century of flight, the official said.

Stateside space-A travel soon tested

TECH. SGT. SCOTT LEAS

Air Mobility Command public affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AFPN) — Defense transportation officials recently announced a one-year test to expand space-available travel privileges to family members traveling within the continental United States. The test will begin April 1.

Dependents of active-duty and retired military people will soon be able to travel "Space A" aboard military flights when accompanied by their sponsors, according to John Lundeby from the Air Mobility Command passenger policy branch.

The only change is that family members can now fly on flights within the United States under the same eligibility category as their sponsor, he said.

"Current regulations prohibit dependents from flying space available within the CONUS," said Mr. Lundeby. Retirees may sign up for this program 60 days in advance but not before the test officially begins April 1. To register for space-available travel, active-duty sponsors must be on leave or a pass and remain in the status while awaiting travel and through the entire travel period.

Additional Space-A travel and sign-up information is available through AMC's public Web site at <http://public.scott.af.mil/index.html>.

(Courtesy of AMC News Service)

Officials caution APO address use

STAFF SGT. C. TODD LOPEZ

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — World events have Air Force postal officials re-emphasizing the need for security when using the military mail system.

In particular, postal officials are concerned that airmen might not use an appropriate amount of discretion when distributing their overseas mailing addresses.

To reduce the vulnerability of using the mail system as a means to attack military people abroad, the Department of Defense officially suspended all "any servicemember"-type mail programs in late 2000. Those programs allowed the general public to address letters and care packages to "any servicemember," and those items would in turn be delivered to military people serving overseas.

Those programs, according to DOD officials, were eliminated because they created an avenue to introduce biological, chemical or explosive materials into the military mail system, putting people in danger. At the same time, the programs left the sources of such material virtually untraceable.

Air Force officials have identified other potential vulnerabilities in the system. Those include Web sites that ask for overseas mailing addresses, publicly available sign-up sheets

for phone cards or other goods to be sent overseas, said Bob Eichholz, the director of Air Force postal policy. It also includes local community efforts to gather up homemade goods and materials that can be sent from anonymous individuals to an APO address provided by a well-meaning servicemember.

"These are all well-intended programs to support the military," Mr. Eichholz said. "In the past those programs worked well, but today the same programs open us up to attacks from unknown sources. We have to take as many safeguards as we can to protect our mail system."

Postal officials recommend that people be as prudent with their APO addresses as possible — limiting where they post their address and to whom they hand it out.

"We recommend ... that members not just give out and advertise their APO addresses," Mr. Eichholz said. "Keep it for your business purposes and for your correspondence, but don't advertise it on a Web site."

He said there are some Web sites asking for people's addresses to get a pen pal.

"We recommend people don't do that," Mr. Eichholz said. "You don't know where that mail is coming from or who has access to that address."

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TriWest answers questions on stolen computers

SGT. 1ST CLASS DOUG SAMPLE

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Officials at TRICARE contractor TriWest say they're working with Pentagon security experts to ensure the medical records and personal information of millions of beneficiaries remain safe.

Computers stolen from TriWest's corporate office in Phoenix, Ariz., last Dec. 14 had hard drives containing the medical records of its TRICARE beneficiaries. Records included patient medical histories, Social Security and other personal information.

"You can be assured that TriWest is coordinating with the Department of Defense to reinforce our existing security system, both physical and electronic," a TriWest official said. "We are working diligently to ensure the integrity of the data we

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TRIWEST OFFICIAL

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In recent months, the company has been working to calm the fears that beneficiaries have had about identity theft. There have been no verified cases of any misuse of the stolen data thus far, the official said.

TriWest officials have set up a Web site at www.triwest.com to answer questions beneficiaries may have about the possibility of their personal information being misused. They recommended interested persons read "ID Theft: When Bad Things Happen to Your Good Name," a Federal Trade Commission publication

available in text and Adobe Acrobat.pdf formats at www.consumer.gov/idtheft/index.html.

The FTC operates an ID theft Web site at www.consumer.gov/idtheft/. Also on the site is a links page at www.consumer.gov/idtheft/info.htm that leads to a host of consumer-oriented sites and references.

There is also a toll free number (888) 399-9378, where beneficiaries can call to find out if their Social Security Number was part of the computer database that was stolen.

TriWest mailed letters to all affected beneficiaries in December that informed them about the in-

cident and what to do to help protect against the unauthorized use of their information.

Company officials also said beneficiaries and their service branches will not be affected by the theft and that TRICARE benefits, services, enrollment and claims will continue uninterrupted.

Because all patient information stolen in the break-in was stored on backup drives, beneficiaries need not contact DEERS or the Social Security Administration about the incident, neither will beneficiaries need to fill out another enrollment form to retain benefits or continue to use TRICARE Prime.

TriWest is offering a \$100,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of those responsible for the theft. Investigators are asking anyone with information to contact "Silent Witness" at (800) 343-8477.

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While the Air Force is emphasizing that people keep a short leash on their APO addresses, officials recognize that the American public wants to show support for its troops. Fortunately, said Mr. Eichholz, there are avenues where people can do just that without jeopardizing their security.

"First, they've got the electronic 'any servicemember' programs," Mr. Eichholz said. "Also, you can support the United Services Organization and the Red Cross. Both organizations go overseas to help and support the troops. You can also help by supporting the various aid societies."

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Awards banquet tickets

Today is the last day to purchase tickets for the Tyndall Annual Awards Banquet. The banquet will begin 6 p.m.

Feb. 15 with a social, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and will be held in the enlisted club. The menu choices are grouper or London broil and ticket prices are \$18 for members and \$20 for nonmembers. Limited seating is available. Tickets can be obtained from any first sergeant.

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Chapel religious education

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

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Anger-control workshop

The four-session anger-control workshop will continue 10:30 a.m.-noon Monday and Feb. 24 in the family advocacy conference room in Building 1305. For more information or to register, call family advocacy, 283-7511.

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Transition-assistance workshop

A three-day transition-assistance workshop for anyone leaving the military within the next 12 months will be 7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday. The workshop topics will include analyzing skills, setting personal goals, starting the job search, resume writing, interview skills, veterans benefits and much more. Spouses and Department of Defense civilians are welcome. For more information or reservations, call the family support center, 283-4204.

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.

Boating skills course

The Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 16 boating skills and seamanship course will continue 7-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday evenings in Gulf Coast Community College's Student Union East building, Gibson lecture hall, Room

231. The core portion of the course ends Tuesday, and the entire course ends March 4. The cost is \$40 for the new text and workbook. The course completion certificate reduces boating insurance rates with most insurance companies and meets Florida requirements for those born after Sept. 30, 1986 to operate a vessel with 10 or more horsepower, including personal watercraft. For more information, call John Clark, 271-3828, or visit the Flotilla Web site at: <http://klik.to/USCGAUXFlotilla16>

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Parenting workshop

An effective parenting workshop will be 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19 and 26 in Room 127 in Building 1305. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7511.

Protestant youth group

The Tyndall Chapel's Protestant Youth Group meets 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays in the spiritual fitness center. For more information, call the Chapel 2 office, 283-2925.

'Moms, Pops and Tots'

The "Powerful Parenting for Moms and Pops of Tots," group will meet from 9-10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays at the community activities center, Building 1027. Parents are asked to bring a snack for their child and a toy that he or she can share with another child. For more information and cost, call Ms. Bonnie Fuller, 283-5812, or Ms. Karen Blood, 874-0292.

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WalkAmerica 2003

The March of Dimes' WalkAmerica 2003 walking event is scheduled for April 26 at McKenzie Park. A kick-off event will be 6-8 p.m. Feb. 13. For more information, call the March of Dimes, 785-6460, or visit www.modimes.org.

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Change of command

The 325th Air Control Squadron's change of command ceremony will be 12:55 p.m. Feb. 14 in Hangar 4. Lt. Col. Charles Still will

relinquish command to Lt. Col. John Cote'. All base personnel are invited.

NOTES

Visit the Vets volunteers needed

The Tyndall Active Airman's Association is seeking volunteers to visit nursing homes during this year's Valentine's Day Visit the Vets event Feb. 14. At least 10

volunteers are needed to visit each of eight nursing homes in Bay County. The uniform will be full service dress. Anyone interested in sponsoring or volunteering to visit a nursing home can call Airman 1st Class Chrys Davenport, 283-3390, by Thursday.

ADC Web page

The Tyndall Area Defense Counsel now has an informative Web page at www.tyndall.af.mil/ADC/index.html. It can also be accessed through the Tyndall home page under tenant units or legal office Web page. Handouts ranging from the rights of military suspects to denial of re-enlistment can be downloaded. For more information, call the ADC office, 283-2911, or visit the ADC Web page.

RETIREE NEWS

Health-care privacy information

As a beneficiary of the Department of Defense Military Health System and TRICARE, one of the basic rights that you have is the right to keep private your health-care information. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 established privacy rules that all U.S. military and civilian health-care providers, hospitals and organizations are required to follow to protect the privacy of health-care information from unauthorized disclosure or use. TRICARE will implement the new privacy rules on April 14, 2003.

Under HIPAA privacy rules, the MHS is required to inform you about how your personal health-care information is used, provide guidance on your privacy rights and limit use and disclosure of your personal health-care information to the minimum required. To increase beneficiary awareness regarding these new privacy rules, a copy of the MHS Notice of Privacy Practices will be sent to each TRICARE sponsor listed as eligible in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System. Beneficiaries will be asked to acknowledge receipt of this privacy notice during their first scheduled appointment after April 14 at their local military treatment facility.

Beneficiaries who have questions or concerns regarding their privacy rights may contact their local MTF privacy officer for assistance. A copy of the MHS Notice of Privacy Practices is available on the TRICARE Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil/hipaa.

American Veteran Awards

All servicemembers and their families are reminded to tune in to the premiere of the 8th Annual American Veteran Awards scheduled to air 7 p.m. Sunday on The History Channel.

YARD SALES

The following yard sale is scheduled for Saturday: 3542-B Andrews Loop. All yard sales are held between 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

BASE THEATER

The base theater is closed until further notice.

Tyndall Tigers lose to Commandos, relinquish first place

The Tyndall Tigers men's varsity basketball team suffered their first back-to-back defeats of the season as they fell to the host Commandos of Hurlburt Field in Southeastern Military Athletic Conference action this past weekend.

Hurlburt-86, Tyndall-73

In Saturday's game, Hurlburt Field took an early lead in the opening stanza and extended it to a seven-point cushion, 25-18, only to see the Tigers close strongly to take a 38-37 lead at the intermission. In the second half, the two squads battled back and forth and then it appeared Tyndall was on the verge of taking control of the contest as the Tigers took an eight-point lead, 56-48, with 13 minutes remaining in the contest. After a Commandos' timeout, Tyndall committed five consecutive turnovers and saw their lead evaporate as Hurlburt seized the momentum 67-62 lead with six minutes remaining. Down the stretch, the Commandos employed their delay game which forced Tyndall to foul. The Commandos precision foul shooting made the difference as they converted 14 out of 17 free throws to seal the victory.

Marcus Baucom led the Tigers in scor-



Courtesy photo

Israel Figueroa, 15, takes to the air in an effort to carry the Tigers to a victory.

ing with 17 points, followed by Israel Figueroa and Tarrance Garner with 15 points each. Marvin Gamble added 12 points. Gamble also led in rebounding with 10 boards. Omar Johnson had six assists. George Hines led Hurlburt in scoring with a game-high 29 points.

Hurlburt-73, Tyndall-72

In the second contest, Tyndall again

started slow as Hurlburt built a 10-point lead, 43-33, at the half. In the second half, the Tigers battled back to take a 58-52 lead only to see the Commandos once again chip away with clutch free-throw shooting and several Tyndall miscues in crunch time to trim the Tigers' lead to one point, 72-71, with 58 seconds remaining in the game. After an errant Tigers shot attempt, the Comman-

dos took the lead for good, 73-72, with 21 seconds remaining. With the two losses, the two teams switched positions atop the conference leader board with Hurlburt Fld (18-4) in first place and Tyndall (17-5) in second — a game back with two games remaining in the regular season.

Baucom again paced the Tigers in scoring with a game-high 19 points, followed by Figueroa with 17. Omar Johnson added 12 points and Marvin Gamble contributed 10. Gamble again led the Tigers in rebounding with 12 and Figueroa led in assists with six. Scott Moore keyed the defensive effort as he blocked seven Commando shots. Hines led the Commandos in scoring with 18 points.

The Tigers host the third-place Eglin Eagles (14-8) this weekend as the two squads close out their SEMAC regular season and prepare for the SEMAC men's post season tournament that will be held here Saturday and Sunday. The games are scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday and noon Sunday at the fitness center.

(Courtesy Tyndall Tigers)

Sports standings

Over-30 basketball

The following standings for the over-30 basketball league are current as of Tuesday.

Team	W	L
1 AMU	6	3
MSS	6	3
CONR	5	3
SEADS	5	4
MOS	4	4
COMM	3	6
ACS	1	7

Regular basketball

The following standings for the regular basketball league are current as of Monday.

Team	W	L
COMM	11	0
WEG	9	2
MXS	8	3
CES	7	4
ACS	6	4
SVS	5	5
95 AMU	5	5
MDG	4	7
83 FWS	4	7
RHS	3	7
1 AMU	3	8
MSS	2	8
CONS	1	8
OSS	0	0
SFS	0	0

Sports shorts

Competition schedule

The Air Education and Training Command tournament schedule has been released. A portion of the list is below. People interested in competing can call the respective center responsible for the event. For more information on command-sponsored tournaments, call Lou South at 283-2543 or 283-2631.

Timeframe	Event	Contact
April	Golf 101	Golf course
April	Chess tournament	13CAC
May	Muscle Mania	Fitness center
June-Aug.	Kids golf	Golf course

Coach needed

A men's varsity softball coach is needed for the upcoming season. For more information or to volunteer, call Lou South at 283-2543 or 283-2631.

Tyndall Running Club events

The Tyndall Running Club is looking for individuals interested in joining the club as it competes at the following races: Navy Blue Angels Marathon and Half-Marathon – Feb. 22, Boston Marathon – April 21. For more information, call Capt. William McTernan, 286-1562, or Mr. Martin Littlefield, 283-2631.

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325th Service Squadron
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283-4506

Fitness Center

☎ 283-2631

2003 SEMAC Men's Post Season Basketball Tournament, Feb. 15-16

Tyndall Air Force Base will host the 2003 Southeastern Military Athletic Conference (SEMAC) Men's Post Season Basketball Tournament. Call for more details.

Sponsored in part by King Aerospace. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

Baseball/Softball Registration

Deadline for sign up is Feb. 8. Open to all youth ages 5-14 yrs. Skills evaluation and team selection for all registered youth ages 9 and up, is Sat., Feb. 8 on Field 1 at 1 p.m. Call for more info.

Operation Nite Hoops

Teens only! Nite Hoops basketball league forming. Game days and times will be determined as soon as teams are chosen. Call Bruce Mason at 283-4366.

Start Smart Golf

Is your 5-7 year old ready to play start smart golf? This exciting program teaches children and parents the basics of golf in a one-on-one environment. Program runs March 1, 8, 29 and April 5 & 12 at 9 a.m. Cost is \$35. Call Andy at 283-4366 for details.

Teen Center

☎ 283-0295

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for teen volunteers to help with the Heart Link Program. Please contact Ms. Pierce for details.

Teen Council Meeting

Feb. 15, 6 p.m. Announcing Youth of the Month and Quarter.

Base Honor Guard

☎ 283-4405

NCOIC Needed

NCOIC needed for highly visible Base Honor Guard program. Call SSgt Sparks for details.

On Base Food Delivery

■ **Lunch Menu:** Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Limited to office deliveries (i.e. squadron addresses)
■ **Evening Menu:** Fri. & Sat. 5:30-9 p.m.
Subs & Pizzas

286-2900

Base Library

☎ 283-4287

\$2 Bag Book Sale

Feb. 6-9. Stop by and fill a bag for \$2.

Marina Club

☎ 283-3059

All-You-Can-Eat Pancakes

All-you-can-eat pancake breakfast every Sunday 7:30-10:30 a.m.

Members: \$2.50, Nonmembers: \$3.50

12" Bar Pizzas

After 2 p.m. Starting at \$5!

Information, Tickets & Travel

☎ 283-2499

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

A Cruise for 2 on the Riviera

A Cruise for 2 on the New England Coast

To get your passport and information on how to play call or stop by ITT.

Community Activity Center

☎ 283-2495

Gourmet Coffee Cart

Tues.-Fri.: 7-10 a.m.

Conference Coffee Service. 4 different flavors rotated daily. Donuts and Tazo Teas also available.

Skills Development Center

will be closed Feb. 12 for employee training.
283-4511

Gulf Coast Salute

Concessionaire booth applications are available at the CAC - Bldg. 1027. **Don't miss out! Apply today!** Call Rudy:283-2495

Here is a chance for your squadron, booster club or private organization to earn extra income. Official military units assigned to Tyndall AFB will have priority. All applications must be received by close of business on Feb. 21, 2003.

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Tickets will be available Feb. 21 at 11 a.m. at the CAC and Marina Civic Center. Due to limited seating, a maximum of 4 tickets per person. I.D. card is required.

Sponsored in part by: AT&T, First Command Financial Planning, Tyndall Federal Credit Union.

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Tyndall's All Ranks Seafood Extravaganza

At the Tyndall O' Club

Friday, February 7

5:30-8:30 p.m.

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.

Call for more information

283-4357

WIN!

AF Club Members

who eat at the Club or the Sports Page Pizza Pub & Grill during February and March could win a **Premier Vacation Package.** Come by for details.

All Ranks Lunch at the O' Club

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*

Mondays	Chef's Choice
Tuesdays	Italian
Wednesdays	Oriental
Thursdays	All American
Fridays	Seafood

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

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Something fine for your Valentine



283-4357

All Ranks • Members only
Valentine's Dinner Special
Feb. 14, \$34.95 per couple
At the O' Club Dining Room
Reservations recommended



283-3059

2 for 1 Lunch Special
Feb. 14
Members only



283-2495

Valentine Balloons Available

Valentine Balloon Bouquet Give-Away
Register to win!
Drawing will be held Feb. 13
One entry per person.



283-2499

Silver Sands Shopping Tour
Feb. 14, Sign-up by Feb 12
Leave at 9 a.m. Return at 5 p.m.
Cost is \$5.



286-2565

Valentine Couples Tournament
Feb. 16, Sign-up by Feb 14
Best ball, full handicap
Noon Shotgun



283-2380

Couples Month Bowling
For the month of February
Two play for the price of one
Daytime only, Mon.-Fri.



283-0295

Valentine's Day Party
Feb. 14
Especially for our Sweethearts!
Make a special valentine at the
Teen Center and join us for
Valentine treats.



283-4366

Valentine's Day Party
Feb. 14, 7-9 p.m.
Get dressed up and bring your
special friend to the party. There
will be snacks, door prizes,
games, music and lots of fun
in store for everyone.
Members \$1, Non-members \$3
Couples \$2



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