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In brief

Musical event

The base chapel invites Team Tyndall to attend a musical presentation given by the Levite Choir, a Christian praise team from South Korea. The Levite Choir will perform at 6 p.m. Thursday in Chapel Two.

Volunteer program

The Tyndall Volunteer Resource Program serves as the central base resource for volunteer requirements, placement and recognition by assisting individuals seeking volunteer opportunities, as well as authorized organizations seeking volunteers to fill their staffing needs. Anyone interested in volunteering can call the family support center, 283-4204.

TRICARE information

Up-to-date TRICARE information is available on the TRICARE Web site at: <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/nda>. For those beneficiaries whose questions cannot be answered on the Web site, new toll-free telephone numbers include TRICARE For Life, (888) 363-5433 and the TRICARE Senior Pharmacy Program, (877) 363-6337.

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Staff Sgt. Roel Utley

Demolition man

Bob Obar of First American Construction removes the shingles from a section of the firing range roof. The construction is part of an ongoing effort to update the range. During this phase of construction, the overhead baffles and the roof over the firing line will be replaced.

Myers discusses possibility of war

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INCIRLIK AIR BASE, Turkey (AFPN) — The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff stopped here Jan. 19 en route to meet with Turkish leaders in Ankara.

Although here for just a few hours, Gen. Richard Myers took time to talk to troops about the volatile situation in the gulf.

"There is nobody in their right mind that wants to go to war," General Myers said. "But if you want to change a regime, you have to put the pressure on so they do the right thing."

In this case, that pressure has taken the form of deployed servicemembers.

"The way to pressure a re-

gime is to build up forces, and that's what we're doing," the general said. "We've steadily built up the rest of the region, and we'll do the same (in Turkey) if we get permission."

"We'll continue to build up forces until the regime sees no choice (but to change)," he said. "It's our only hope of avoiding conflict."

General Myers was quick to add that everything is reversible.

"But in the meantime, we have to be ready," he said. "Our (leadership's) job is to make sure our military plans are sound so we present President Bush with ultimate flexibility. We have to convince Iraq with all means available to do the right thing."

The chairman stressed war is

not inevitable.

"In my mind, there isn't a trigger event we're looking at," the chairman said.

General Myers said there are several factors that can determine future events.

"I'll personally be paying attention to the interim report by the inspectors to the (United Nations) on (Monday)," he said. "While it will be important, that alone won't trigger war. But (there are) other things in the news, like finding artillery shells and documents on a nuclear program ... we'll have to wait and see."

But how long can the military wait at such a high state of readiness?

"If it's important enough, a heck of a long time," General

Myers said.

It seems as if military people agree, he said.

"People are fired up, charged up, whether airmen, soldiers, sailors, Marines, civilians or Turkish nationals," he said. "They're ready to do whatever called on to do."

While most of the world remains focused on Iraq, the chairman said U.S. leaders have not forgotten about the situation in North Korea.

"We're trying to work through diplomatic channels," he said. "Since we haven't seen any major preparation for war, we have no intent to move forces around."

General Myers said government officials will continue to watch the

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Tyndall prepares for any contingency

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW

325th Fighter Wing commander



In today's ever-changing, fast-paced environment, I cannot stress enough the need for preparation.

In the event our people are required for a deployment or are assigned new responsibilities, it is important we ensure they receive the required training and support needed to succeed.

It is critical for everyone to understand his or her assigned responsibilities and the role each of us plays in overall mission accomplishment. One area where the wing has a huge responsibility is being a force provider. Deployments provide Air Education and Training Command airmen an operational link to those we are training and it is the Air Force's number one priority. It is critical that we support these requirements and ensure our people are trained, equipped and ready to handle any challenge. Part of this



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preparation and training involves maintaining a physical fitness program. An effective fitness program will lead to better health and will go a long way toward overcoming challenges and handling daily stressors. It is a proven fact that exercise helps people manage and handle stress more effectively.

No doubt about it, we're busy. During the Cold War, our active-duty service was about 600,000 strong; today we have about 350,000 servicemembers. We're a smaller force that is required

to do much more with fewer resources. That is why we must take the time to let our people and family members know how much we appreciate them as well as keep them actively involved in our community by making them aware of support agencies and various programs available on base to meet their needs and interests.

More often than not, it takes a total Department of Defense joint service team, strong community support and a strong family support network working to-

gether to accomplish our various missions. As people deploy in support of possible contingencies across the globe, the home station mission and families will be impacted in various ways. However, our Total Force team will ensure mission accomplishment. In an effort to ensure our long-term base security needs are met, and in the event security forces personnel are deployed, we have made arrangements with the Army National Guard to assist in making sure we maintain a robust security capability. Upon their arrival at Tyndall in mid-February, the soldiers will be fully integrated into our base security operation and will receive the additional security training required to successfully execute the mission they have been tasked to perform.

There's no doubt, we have a busy schedule ahead of us as we will host the Gulf Coast Salute open house and air show, prepare for the arrival of the F/A-22 and shortly thereafter, show our capabilities during the operational readi-

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Leaders should be fit, be fair, be firm to be successful

CHIEF MASTER SGT. CHRIS DOBBINS

11th Air Force command chief master sergeant

ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska — "Chief, I've got a question..."

These five words have become a very common introductory remark as I traverse the many shops, offices and flightlines of our great aerospace force.

While many of the questions concern deployments, pay, assignments and quality-of-life issues, more and more I'm getting, "Do you have any advice for today's young supervisors?"

I must admit that I didn't blow away the recruiting office with my ASVAB scores, MIT never offered me a scholarship, and I'm fairly confident the Air Force Academy will never select me for a permanent professor position. But this, to me, is one of the easier questions I've ever had to answer.

I simply call it the "3-F" approach: be fit, be fair and be firm.

Be fit! It's called a "profession of arms" for a reason. At anytime, we could be called upon to do our nation's will. Granted, some jobs require greater levels of fitness than others, but everybody who serves in our Air Force has a responsibility to maintain his or her personal fitness so we may answer that call.

News flash! Some of the locations we are asked to serve don't have rental cars, a Holiday Inn Express or McDonald's. In fact, the number one method of transportation in many of these areas is shoe leather; number one living accommodation, tents; number one eating establishment ... Well, you get the point.

What do you suppose is the common denominator for successful mission accomplishment in these austere areas? It is a fit force.

It is one thing to carry one of our wounded warriors off the battlefield. We shouldn't have to carry them to the region because of their poor fitness. Unfortunately, we have some who don't understand this

important personal responsibility.

Supervisors, here are a couple of things to remember. The gym doesn't require an "open area #7" on your restricted area badge for access — use it! There are 24 hours in the day. Spend one of them improving your fitness. Twenty-three hours should be plenty to accomplish most everything else.

If you are not maintaining your own fitness, how can you expect it of your troops? Lead by example. Be fit.

Be fair! There is nothing more divisive to a shop, office, flight or organization than double standards and preferential treatment, perceived or otherwise. As a supervisor, you simply cannot afford to allow an unfair environment to exist.

So why has this become the Achilles heel of so many supervisors? Human nature, personal likes and dislikes, prejudices, age differences, cultural barriers

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This week in history

1910 — Three two-pound sandbags are dropped in the first simulated bomb drop experiment.

1911 — The Army made the first radio-telephonic transmission from an aircraft.

1918 — The first American military balloon ascension is made by the Allied Expeditionary Force.

1946 — Gen. Carl Spaatz is named the first Chief of Staff of the Army Air Forces.

1949 — The U.S. Air Force adopted a slate-blue uniform.

1968 — United States relations with North Korea are strained after North Korean gunboats seize the crew of the U.S. Navy intelligence ship *Pueblo* after it had allegedly strayed into North Korean waters.

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— it could even be something as simple as sports or music interests. The list is endless.

To some degree, we've all experienced the work environment where "the boss" has his favorites, and gives the great shifts to "Airman Do No Wrong" while giving "Airman What's His Name" weekend duty so "the gang" can go skiing, camping or the like.

This is not a successful formula for unit harmony or mission accomplishment.

Call me crazy, but I don't subscribe to the belief that everyone is created equal. If that were the case, you would see the name "Dobbins" next to "Woods" every week at the top of the PGA leader board. However, I do believe that everyone should be treated equally, and that is where you, the supervisor, come in. Be fair.

Be firm! Everyone has his or her own

personal comfort level when it comes to implementing and enforcing standards, but being firm can sometimes be the most difficult for supervisors, both new and experienced, to practice.

Being firm equates to being honest in many instances, and sometimes we as supervisors have to step up and make the tough calls.

Contrary to popular belief, not everybody is a "5" on his or her Enlisted Performance Report. Not everybody is "my #1." Not everybody is a "definite promote" and not everybody deserves a permanent change of station decoration.

Even in our great Air Force, we have people who need to improve, who need to put forth a little more effort, who need to know their jobs a little better, who don't deserve a "firewall 5" EPR, and who don't deserve a decoration for every 90-day deployment or 24-month PCS move.

I cannot tell you the number of times

I have heard, "Sorry Smitty, I put you in for a Meritorious Service Medal, but 'they' disapproved it at headquarters ... something about level of responsibility of a staff sergeant not being commensurate with the level of the decoration."

Ever since I became a pronoun — they — I've gotten a chuckle out of these comments, especially since I know if the supervisor would have been honest in the first place, the submission would have never left the organization.

One of the most difficult tasks you will ever have as a supervisor is being honest with subordinates who are not meeting standards. The answer is simple, but many times the action is not. Be firm.

That is the 3-F approach. By applying these practices across your supervisory spectrum you will be promoting a profession of arms environment that your people will understand, appreciate and ultimately, with time, emulate.

Tax center opens for business soon

The Tyndall Tax Center opens Feb. 3 and will remain open until April 15. The tax center has a variety of free services like electronic filing, which assists active-duty, retirees, Reservists on active duty and military family members with an identification card.

The tax center is located in the community activities center's Marsh Room, Building 1027. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for walk-ins and appointments and from 1-3 p.m. for walk-ins only.

The center is staffed with legal personnel and volunteer income tax assistance representatives from units on base. Each individual attends an IRS-sponsored course and can answer some specific tax return questions.

When using the tax center, people need to bring the following items:

- Questionnaire
- Military identification card
- All W-2 forms
- All 1099-INT and -DIV forms
- Form 1098
- HUD-1 Forms
- Proof of a bank account (a voided check) if direct deposit is desired
- Power of attorney if necessary
- Receipts for deductible expenses if itemizing deductions
- Proof of child-care expenses

Social Security Numbers and cards of your spouse and/or dependents

Any other tax-related documents that you may have

The tax center is limited to individual income tax assistance. The staff is unable to provide advice or assistance to anyone filing taxes on their private business. However, taxpayers may fill out a Schedule C and bring it in with the rest of

their individual tax documents for electronic filing.

Electronic filing is one of the quickest ways to get your income tax refund. Specifically, electronic filing can provide a refund to a person in as little as seven days using direct deposit. For more information, call the Tyndall Tax Center at 283-8911.

(Courtesy 325th Fighter Wing legal office)

Lost W-2s available online

Tax season is here. The Defense Finance and Accounting Service will soon be mailing the W-2 forms to Air Force members. Each year, some of those W-2s get lost in the delivery process. This year, instead of waiting for the W-2s to arrive in the mail, members (active duty, Department of Defense civilians, military retirees) will be able to access their W-2s on the MyPay Web site (<https://mypay.DFAS.mil>).

The DFAS plans to have the 2002 tax statements posted to MyPay approximately on the following dates:

- Dec. 21 Annuitants — 1099R
- Dec. 31 DOD Civilian — W-2s
- Jan. 1 Military retirees — 1099R
- Jan. 2 Reserve (Air Force, Army and Navy) and National Guard—W-2s
- Jan. 8 Marine Corps active and reserve—W-2s
- Jan. 31 Air Force, Army, and Navy active duty—W-2s

It is now easier than ever to obtain a MyPay PIN. Simply visit the MyPay Web site (<https://mypay.DFAS.mil>) and follow the instructions. The PIN will be mailed to the address stated on your last LES. If you need to correct your mailing address, visit Finance Customer Service. **Note: Do not file taxes prior to receiving an official W-2 to ensure the information you use is correct.**

Airmen can file taxes online for free

ST. LOUIS (AFP) — The Treasury Department, Office of Management and Budget and the Internal Revenue Service in Washington launched a new Web site Jan. 17 featuring private-sector partners who will allow eligible taxpayers to prepare and file their taxes online for free. A substantial number of citizens will be able to use this service.

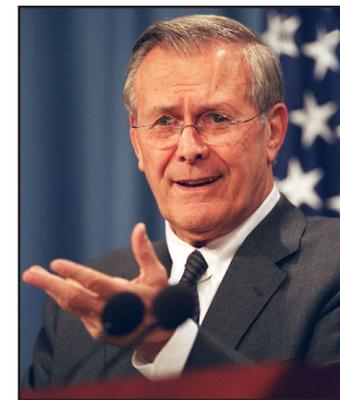
President Bush proposed free online tax filing last February as one of his e-government initiatives. Less than one year later, millions of Americans will benefit from free online tax filing services if they are eligible. Treasury, OMB and IRS officials have made this possible through a public-private partnership with some tax software companies known as the Free File Alliance.



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Leadership line

“No living dictator has shown the deadly combination of capability and intent — of aggression against his neighbors; pursuit of weapons of mass destruction; the use of weapons of mass destruction; oppression of his own people; support of terrorism; and the most threatening hostility to its neighbors and to the United States — than Saddam Hussein.”



DONALD RUMSFELD

Secretary of Defense, in remarks to the Reserve Officers Association.



Army Guard members augment security forces

MELISSA HARTLE

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Don't be surprised if you hear "hoah" echoed throughout the base over the next year. No, the Air Force hasn't adopted the Army's distinctive battle cry. Instead, Tyndall Air Force Base has adopted a few Army National Guard members.

More than 60 Florida Army National Guard members will arrive at Tyndall mid-February to augment the 325th Security Forces Squadron and provide additional installation security support.

The move is part of a nationwide mobilization of approximately 8,000 Army Guard members to augment security at 163 Air Force bases throughout the United States.

"This is just another example of the total Department of Defense joint service team working together to win the war on terrorism," said Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander. "We train and fight in a joint environment and working as a joint U.S. military team is the norm."

General New said the Guard members will play a vital role in mission success, at Tyndall and throughout the Air Force.

"In the event Tyndall people deploy, the Army National Guard soldiers will enable us to handle all challenges and perform various missions at home and abroad while maintaining a robust security posture," General New said.

The soldiers arriving at Tyndall in February will be on active-duty status for up to one year, performing security duties such as installation entry control and flightline security. The Departments of the Army and the Air Force memorandum of agreement signed in December, calls for continued installation security support from the Army National Guard for up to two years.

In the past, Tyndall has relied on READY Augmentees, select airmen from other career fields, to perform force enhancement duties in support of an increased security posture or increased security forces operations.

"The addition of the soldiers will also allow us to return airmen who have been tasked to

augment security forces as needed, to their primary job specialty, and hopefully provide more stable working hours for our security forces professionals," General New said. "While our READY augmentees have performed admirably, their services are needed in their primary profession."

To ensure their transition to active-duty Air Force life is a smooth one, the soldiers, who are assigned to the 146th Signal Battalion, headquartered in Jacksonville, will train in Fort Stewart, Ga., before heading for Tyndall.

"We are going to Fort Stewart to conduct the mobilization process, which entails in-processing and validation of our unit readiness status," said 1st Sgt. Richard Campbell, from

A Company, 146th Signal Battalion. "We'll also conduct basic soldier training, such as weapons qualification on the M-16 rifle and requalifying with protective (gas) masks, as well as common-task training to include first aid and survival training. Basically the same things soldiers encounter in basic training."

Their training doesn't stop in Fort Stewart. Once the soldiers arrive at Tyndall, they'll go through

additional training required to successfully execute the mission they have been tasked to perform and will become fully integrated into Team Tyndall.

"The Army Guard members will complement our team well, enabling us to interweave each other's core skills to add a new dimension to the fight against global terrorism," said Senior Master Sgt. Dan Barber, 325th Security Forces Squadron operations superintendent. "New perspectives and experience will be incorporated in to our installation defense plan, resulting in more efficient coverage of Tyndall's resources, community and people."

First Sergeant Campbell said the soldiers of A Company train for the probability of mobilization, and even though it's difficult when mobilization becomes reality, they are eager to take on this role.

"We're ready for the challenge," said 1st Sgt. Campbell. "Our soldiers are willing to do what they have to do to accomplish their mission."

Can somebody say "Hooah?"

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BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW
325th Fighter Wing commander

Leaders debut new core competencies

MASTER SGT. SCOTT ELLIOTT

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force's senior leaders debuted the service's new approach to describing its core competencies last week.

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper made this announcement in two separate messages to all airmen. Secretary Roche released his first "The Secretary's Vector" Jan. 14, while General Jumper's latest "Chief's Sight Picture" was published Jan.

15. Both messages are available at www.af.mil.

The competencies are developing airmen, technology-to-warfighting and integrating operations. According to Secretary Roche, these three elements are fundamental to how the Air Force views itself, how it is viewed by leaders and colleagues, and how the service develops its capabilities for joint warfighting.

"These unique institutional qualities set the Air Force apart from the other services and every other military force in the world," Secretary Roche said in The Secretary's Vector. "By identifying and keeping these competencies foremost in our vision, we can more effectively advance these unique capabilities, as well as the ultimate effects we provide to the nation."

These core competencies are not new, General Jumper said in the Chief's Sight Picture.

"Rather, they are the unique institutional qualities inherent in everything we've done and continue to do," he said.

Core competencies form the foundation upon which the Air Force organizes, trains and equips, and form the cornerstones of the service's strength as a military service, Secretary Roche said.

Previously, the service had distilled

its areas of expertise into the following six distinct capabilities and labeled them core competencies: air and space superiority, global attack, rapid global mobility, precision engagement, information superiority and agile combat support.

According to the secretary and chief of staff, the Air Force's very nature of developing and delivering air and space power are at the root of the need to recognize these core competencies.

"Our systems may change, our

ply various technologies in unison so effectively that allows us to translate our air and space power vision into decisive operational capability."

They believe integrating operations means maximizing combat capabilities.

"Innovative operational concepts and the efficient integration of all military systems — air, land, maritime, space and information — ensures maximum flexibility in the delivery of desired effects across the spectrum of conflict," Secretary Roche said.

According to General Jumper, victory in the 21st century belongs to those who can most quickly collect intelligence, communicate that information and bring all capabilities available to bear against targets around the globe.

"This is precisely what our Joint and Combined Air

Operations Centers achieve," he said. "The result, integrated operations, is our unique ability to ... bring effects on the enemy at times and places of our choosing."

By continually striving toward the air and space core competencies, they said, the Air Force will realize the potential of its capabilities.

"We can achieve success in these six distinctive capabilities only if we're first successful in our three (air and space) core competencies," General Jumper said. "Only then do we bring the decisive effects of air and space power into joint warfighting."

"Collectively, the air and space core competencies reflect the visions of the founders of airpower ... and serve to realize the potential of air and space forces," Secretary Roche said.

"Our continued focus on and nurturing of these core competencies will enable us to remain the world's greatest air and space force," he said.

"The ultimate source of combat capability resides in the men and women of the Air Force. The values of strategy, technology and organization are diminished without professional airmen to leverage their attributes."

DR. JAMES ROCHE
Secretary of the Air Force

threats may vary, our tactics may evolve and our people may come and go, but these three core competencies remain the constants that define our Air Force and enable us to fight and win America's wars," General Jumper said.

Of the three air and space core competencies, the secretary and chief of staff said developing airmen is the heart of combat capability.

"The ultimate source of combat capability resides in the men and women of the Air Force," Secretary Roche said. "The values of strategy, technology and organization are diminished without professional airmen to leverage their attributes."

Technology-to-warfighting involves the tools of combat capability.

"We combine the tremendous technological advancements of stealth, global communications connectivity, global positioning, and more, to put cursors on targets and steel on the enemy," General Jumper said. "It is our unique ability to ap-

Caption contest



The monthly Safety Caption Contest will resume in February. Winners of the caption contest can win a free lunch from the 325th Services Squadron! The caption contest is sponsored by the 325th Fighter Wing safety office.

Last month's winner

"OK, OK, OK!!! ... I'll tell you what I got you for Christmas. I got you those diamond earrings you wanted!! Now put that ladder back, honey, please???"

BOB SHINHOLT
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Short-term enlistments coming to expand opportunities

JIM GARAMONE

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFP) — A new military short-term enlistment program will begin Oct. 1 aimed at expanding the opportunities for all Americans to serve the country.

Congress authorized the National Call to Service enlistment option as part of the Fiscal 2003 National Defense Authorization Act.

The program allows the military services a new option to reach a group of young

Americans who otherwise might not serve because of the length of traditional enlistment options, said Bob Clark, assistant director in the Department of Defense's accession policy directorate.

The program will work like this: A recruit enlists for the option and incurs a 15-month active-duty service obligation following completion of initial-entry training, for a total active-duty commitment of about 19 months.

Following successful completion of active duty, servicemembers may re-enlist

for further active duty or transfer to the selected Reserve for a 24-month obligation.

Once this is completed, servicemembers may stay in the selected Reserve or transfer to individual ready Reserve for the remainder of an eight-year commitment.

"The unique piece of this legislation is that while in the individual ready Reserve, these young people will be given the opportunity to move into one of the other national service programs, such as AmeriCorps or the Peace Corps, and time in those will count toward their eight-year obligation," Mr. Clark said.

While the Army and Navy already have a limited two-year enlistment program, this is the first time the Air Force and Marine Corps will offer the option.

Mr. Clark said that the option would be limited to high-quality recruits — those with a high school diploma and scores in the top half on aptitude tests. Officials hope this will make the military more attractive to college-bound youth who might volunteer to take a short period out between high school and college, but would not take off that three- or four-year period.

He said he feels the option may also attract college graduates interested in serving their country before attending graduate school. But perhaps the largest potential pool for the option is with community college graduates who might serve the country for a short time and use available incentives to enter a four-year school, Mr. Clark said.

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Checkertail Salute



Steve Wallace

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

The Checkertail Clan salutes Lieutenant Robbins who developed a model for a two-hour intelligence course for all F-15 basic course pilots which resulted in a powerful improvement to their understanding of current adversary tactics.

1st Lt. Matthew Robbins

Duty title: Chief of intelligence

Unit: 1st Fighter Squadron

Time on station: 2 years

Time in service: 3 years

Hometown: Fayetteville, Ark.

Hobbies: Working out, listening to live bands, beach volleyball, reading and computer games

Goals: I'd like to eventually become program director of a large Air Force acquisition program.

Favorite thing about Tyndall:

Good coworkers, weather and the beach

Pet peeves: Poor tipplers

Favorite book: "Red Storm Rising"

Favorite movie: "Rudy"

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.

Smallpox Q&A: The information you need to know

Team Tyndall administered its first smallpox vaccination to a sergeant deploying to a forward location Tuesday. The sergeant was the first of many Team Tyndall members who will receive the vaccine. Below, readers will find information to know and share with family about smallpox and the vaccine.

Smallpox, caused by the pox virus variola, is a very serious disease; it is contagious and sometimes fatal. The virus spreads slowly, usually by face-to-face contact with a contagious person, however the virus is robust: dispersed into the air via a weapon, the virus could remain hazardous for up to two days. Smallpox can be spread by contact with objects such as clothing, towels, linens, but this would be uncommon.

Smallpox can cause:

- A severe rash covering the whole body that can leave permanent scars
- High fever
- Severe headache or body ache
- Death (in about 30 percent of infected people)
- Blindness in some survivors

After exposure, it takes between 7 and 17 days for symptoms of smallpox to appear. Average incubation time is 12 to 14 days. During the incubation time, the infected person feels normal and is not contagious. The symptoms of smallpox begin with high fever, head and body aches, and sometimes vomiting. A rash follows that spreads and progresses to raised bumps and pus-filled blisters that crust, scab, and fall off after about three weeks, leaving a pitted scar.

A person with smallpox is sometimes

contagious with onset of fever, but the person becomes most contagious with the onset of rash. The infected person is contagious until the last smallpox scab falls off.

Natural cases of smallpox have been eradicated from the Earth. The last natural case of smallpox was recorded in 1977. In 1980, the World Health Organization declared the disease eradicated following worldwide vaccination programs. However, tons of the virus were produced in the Soviet Union after the virus was declared dead, according to Audrey Kunin, M.D. on her website. It is thought that a small amount of this virus may have gone unaccounted for.

Why get vaccinated?

Smallpox vaccination is the best way to prevent smallpox. Up to the 1970's, millions of people around the globe received smallpox vaccine. Smallpox vaccine is still used to protect a small number of people who work with vaccinia virus or similar viruses.

Terrorists or governments hostile to the United States may have, or could obtain, some of the variola virus that causes smallpox disease. If so, these adversaries could use it as a biological weapon. This potential, along with an appreciation for the potentially devastating consequences of a smallpox attack, suggests that the military should take prudent steps to prepare.

There is no proven treatment for the smallpox disease, but research to evaluate new antiviral medications is ongoing. Patients with smallpox can benefit from supportive therapy (intravenous fluids, medicine to control fever or pain, etc.) and antibiotics for bacterial infections that result from the skin problems caused by

smallpox.

Is smallpox contagious? How does smallpox spread?

Yes, smallpox is contagious. Smallpox normally spreads from contact with infected persons.

Generally, direct and fairly prolonged face-to-face contact is required to spread smallpox from one person to another. People infected with smallpox exhale small droplets that carry the virus to the nose or mouth of close contacts. The greatest risk comes from prolonged close contact exposure (within 7 feet) to an infected person.

Indirect contact is less likely to transmit the virus, but infection still can occur via fine-particle aerosols or inanimate objects carrying the virus. For example, contaminated clothing or bed linen could spread the virus.

People are most infectious during the first week of the rash, but a person with smallpox is sometimes contagious with the onset of fever. The infected person is contagious until the last smallpox scab falls off.

What is the smallpox vaccine?

The smallpox vaccine is the best way to prevent smallpox. The vaccine is made from a virus called vaccinia, which is another "pox"-type virus related to smallpox. Smallpox vaccine cannot cause smallpox.

The vaccine helps the body develop immunity to smallpox. Vaccine recipients become immune to both vaccinia virus and variola virus.

Getting smallpox vaccine before exposure will protect about 95 percent of people from getting smallpox. Getting the vaccine within 3 days of exposure will prevent or significantly reduce the severity of small-

pox in the vast majority of people. Vaccination 4 to 7 days after exposure likely offers some protection from the disease or may modify the severity of disease.

Solid protection lasts 3 to 5 years after vaccination. Partial protection lasts longer, but people need to be revaccinated if too much time has passed.

Who should not get the smallpox vaccine ?

People whose immune system is not working fully (due to disease, medication, radiation). Examples: HIV/AIDS, cancer, organ transplant and immune deficient patients.

People diagnosed with eczema or atopic dermatitis now or earlier in life.

Some people with other current skin conditions such as burns, impetigo, contact dermatitis, chickenpox, shingles, psoriasis, or uncontrolled acne, until the condition clears up.

Pregnant women.

People with a household contact who meets any of the criteria above.

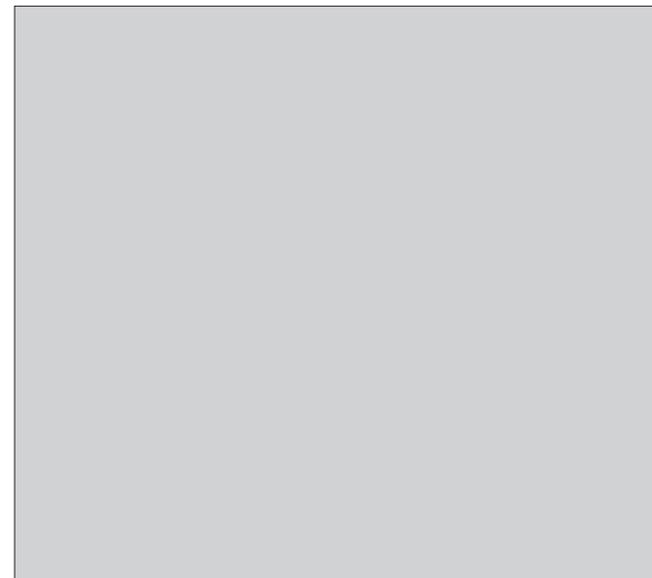
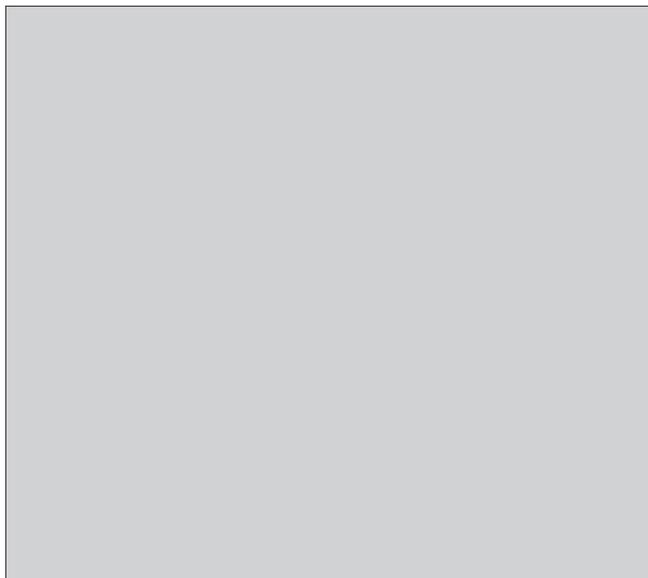
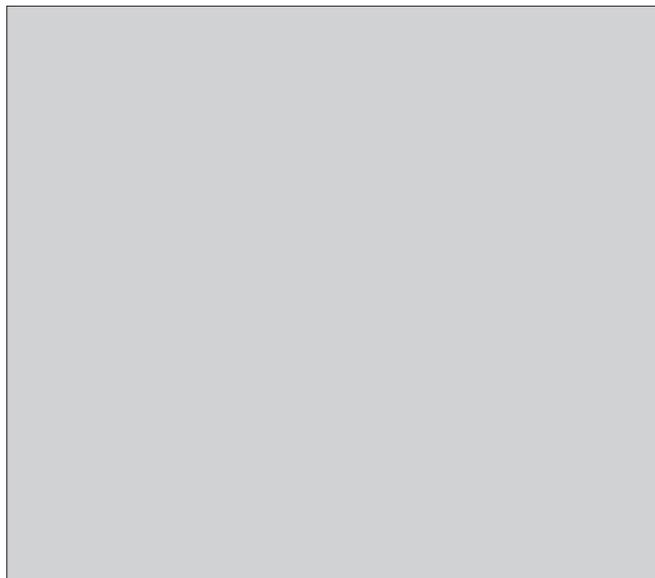
Breastfeeding mothers.

Anyone who had problems after previous doses or is allergic to the vaccine or any of its components.

We will actively look for and exempt people who should not get smallpox vaccine. The physicians and health-care providers administering the vaccine will decide if people should be medically exempted from smallpox vaccination, according to CDC, FDA and other expert recommendations.

However, people who have been directly exposed to the smallpox virus should get the vaccine, regardless of their health status.

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Women should avoid getting pregnant for 4 weeks after smallpox vaccination.

What should servicemembers expect at the vaccination site?

If the vaccination is successful, a red and itchy bump develops at the vaccine site in three or four days. Then, in the first week, the bump becomes a large blister and fills with pus. During the second week, the blister begins to dry up and a scab forms. The scab falls off in the third week, leaving a small scar. People who are being vaccinated for the first time may have a stronger "take" (a successful reaction) than those who are being revaccinated.

If someone does not get the expected vaccination site reaction, they need to be revaccinated. If someone has a question or concern about the smallpox vaccination site they should contact their primary-care manager, medical department repre-

sentative or their healthcare provider.

Virus is present on the skin at the vaccination site until the scab falls off. Be careful not to touch it, so you don't spread the virus elsewhere, especially to the eyes, nose, mouth, or genitalia.

Can smallpox vaccine cause serious side effects?

In the past, about 1,000 out of every 1 million people vaccinated for the first time experienced reactions that, while not life-threatening, were serious. Most involved spread of vaccine virus elsewhere on the body.

In the past, between 14 and 52 people out of 1 million people vaccinated for the first time experienced potentially life-threatening reactions. These reactions included serious skin reactions and inflammation of the brain (encephalitis). From past experience, one or two people in 1 million who receive smallpox vaccine may

die as a result.

Serious side effects generally are rarer after revaccination, compared to first vaccinations. Medical experts believe that with careful screening, monitoring and early intervention the number of serious adverse reactions can be minimized.

What will happen to a servicemember who refuses a vaccine?

Begin with the assumption that any servicemember covered by DoD policy who refuses vaccination may be uninformed about the facts related to the deadly effects of the smallpox virus and the protection afforded by the vaccine. The first action with those who might refuse the vaccine will be to determine their concern and provide additional factual information.

If a servicemember continues to refuse the vaccine, then the commander will manage the situation as he or she would for any failure to obey a lawful order, including educating the member about the smallpox vaccine as appropriate.

Military and civilian judges uniformly have found orders for members to be vaccinated to be lawful orders.

Will servicemembers still be deployable if they have not received the smallpox vaccine?

Yes, if they are in one of the groups that should not receive the smallpox vaccine, they will still be deployable. In the event of an actual smallpox attack, their vaccination status will be reevaluated.

How should a servicemember care for the smallpox vaccination site?

Yes! There are three key points to remember:

Don't touch anyone else's smallpox vaccination site.

Wash your hands frequently.

Don't let other people touch your site or materials that touched it.

Vaccine virus is present at the vaccination site for about 14 to 21 days, until the scab falls off. This means other people can get infected if they come into contact with virus from your arm. You can spread the virus if you touch your blister and then touch another person.

Caring for your vaccination site

Most vaccination sites can be left unbandaged, especially when not in close contact with other persons. When in close contact with others, wear sleeves covering the site and/or use an absorbent bandage to make a touch-resistant barrier. Dispose of bandages in sealed or double plastic bags. You may carefully add a little bleach to the plastic bag, if desired, to kill the virus.

Keep the site dry. Airing will speed healing. Do not use creams or ointments because they will delay healing. Long-sleeved clothing worn during the day and at night can protect the site from dirt. Launder clothing and linens that touch the site in hot water with soap or bleach.

Normal bathing can continue. Dry the vaccination site last, so the towel does not rub or spread virus elsewhere. Don't allow others to use that towel until laundered. Don't use public towels unless laundry workers are alerted that you were vaccinated. Use a waterproof adhesive bandage if you exercise enough to cause sweat to drip. Avoid swimming and hot tubs.

For more information, contact public health at 283-7138.

(Courtesy www.smallpox.army.mil)



Examples of a smallpox vaccination site, day four to day eight. If the site does not look similar to the picture, the recipient should see a healthcare provider.



Staff Sgt. Roel Utley

Pharmacy closure

Tech. Sgt. Rodney Carter, 325th Medical Group, quality controls prescriptions filled by the ScriptPro Pharmacy Automation System. The main clinic pharmacy in Building 1465 will close Monday for a five-month renovation project. All pharmacy services will be provided at the satellite pharmacy in the BX/Commissary complex. The satellite pharmacy is open 7:15 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:15 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fridays. The pharmacy is closed weekends and holidays.

Airman finds out crime doesn't pay

One airman found out the hard way that crime committed on Tyndall Air Force Base does not pay.

On Jan. 13, a special court-martial hearing against Airman Gregory Roberts Jr. convened involving violations of Article 121 (larceny), Article 130 (housebreaking) and Article 86 (absent without leave) under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Because this case was presented to a special court-martial, the maximum sentence that could be administered was 12 months confinement, forfeiture of two-thirds pay per month for 12 months, a bad conduct discharge and reduction to E-1.

The facts of the case as proven at trial revealed that the accused, Airman Roberts, stole a dormitory room key belonging to a fellow airman in his squadron. Airman Roberts then used the key to gain entry into the airman's dorm room without authorization and stole the airman's computer, monitor and speakers.



In addition to the housebreaking and larceny charges, the accused also went AWOL for a period of more than three days.

In accordance with his pleas, the military judge found Airman Roberts guilty of all three charges and specifications and sentenced him to eight months confinement, forfeiture of \$767 pay per month for eight months, a bad conduct discharge and reduction to airman basic.

During the sentencing phase of the court-martial, trial counsel stressed how Airman Roberts had violated the safety and sanctity of the home by unlawfully entering the victim's room and stealing his possessions. Trial counsel also pointed

out that the crimes committed by Airman Roberts threatened the atmosphere of trust between airmen and the right for residents to feel safe in their homes.

"Tyndall Air Force Base is a closed community and this type of thing should not happen here," said Capt. Bryon Gleisner, assistant trial counsel for the case, "but if it does, offenders will face prosecution."

Airman Roberts learned the hard way that crime does not pay, and he now has eight months to spend in confinement to think about it. Airman Roberts will always carry a federal conviction on his record and because his sentence included a bad conduct discharge, he may have difficulty gaining employment in the civilian world upon his release from confinement.

"Our office is dedicated to justice," said Capt. Jon Stanley, trial counsel for the case, "and those who break the law will be held accountable."

(Courtesy 325th Fighter Wing legal office)



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There are four incentives under the option. The first is a \$5,000 bonus payable upon completion of active-duty service.

The second is a loan-repayment option also paid at the end of the active-duty portion. The legislation allows for repayment of up to \$18,000 of qualifying student loans.

The final two incentives are tied to, but not part of, the Montgomery G.I. Bill. One gives 12 months of a full Montgomery G.I. Bill stipend — currently about \$900 a month.

“This should attract college graduates looking to go to grad school,” Mr. Clark said.

The other incentive offers 36 monthly payments at one-half of the current Montgomery G.I. Bill stipend.

“We look at this as being an incentive to both high school graduates or maybe college students who are financially strapped who may need to sit out for a period, serve the country, learn, see the world and then go to school,” he said.

The services will set the enlistment criteria. Military specialties that involve long-term training will not be offered.

Basic medical specialties, some engineer skills, and personnel, administration and combat specialties will be part of the mix. The first people who opt for this program will go into the delayed-entry program beginning Oct. 1.

Mr. Clark was adamant that servicemembers in this program would not be “second-class citizens.” He said although they will serve shorter periods of time, they would be treated the same way as those with longer-term enlistments.

Traditional enlistment terms are three, four, five and six years, he said. The program will start with a small number of inductees, but there is no set number. As the program begins, the DOD will work with national service organizations to ensure recruits under this program understand all their options.

Mr. Clark said the department is coming off its most successful recruiting year ever.

“The department does not need this program to fill the ranks,” he said. “But we are excited about offering the chance to serve the country to young men and women who ordinarily might not.”

ACC begins F/A-22 operations

MASTER SGT. CHARLES RAMEY

Air Warfare Center public affairs

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. (AFP) — Air Combat Command entered a new era Jan. 14 as America’s newest fighter-attack aircraft touched down.

Raptor 00-012, the first F/A-22 to be delivered directly to the command, was flown from Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., to Nellis by Lt. Col. David Rose, chief of Nellis’ F/A-22 integration office and ACC’s first F/A-22 pilot.

The command formally entered the F/A-22 operations realm Jan. 4 when maintainers from the 57th Wing’s 57th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and operators from the 53rd Wing’s 422nd Test and Evaluation Squadron completed the command’s first F/A-22 sortie at Edwards. Colonel Rose flew his first F/A-22 sortie in Raptor 00-012 and was launched out for the mission by Tech. Sgt. Greg Auzenne, the dedicated crew chief for the aircraft.

“All objectives were met during the initial 1.3-hour flight,” Colonel Rose said. “They included aircraft generation by members of Nellis’ 57th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, an in-flight performance evaluation of flying qualities, integrated avionics evaluations, flying at super cruise (flying faster than the speed of sound without afterburner), and simulated air-to-air combat maneuvers by the 422nd Test and Evaluation Squadron.”

Besides the Jan. 14 and Jan. 4 flights, the Nellis F/A-22 team also generated a third sortie with Raptor 00-012 on Jan. 8 where Colonel Rose performed more flight evaluations and conducted an in-flight refueling.

“The aircraft has performed outstanding through all our flights and marks a turning point in the effort to integrate the F/A-22 weapons system into the combat force,” Colonel Rose said.

The Raptor’s arrival at Nellis marks another major milestone in the F/A-22 program. Numerous improvements have been made around the base to prepare for the aircraft’s arrival including a new operations area within the 422nd Test and Evaluation Squadron, an F/A-22 parts store, and the addition of a \$7.8 million maintenance hangar and a \$7.5 million corrosion control/composite repair facility. A new munitions maintenance facility will also be built.

Nellis is also the home of Air Education and Training Command’s first F/A-22 maintenance training facility. Detachment 13 of the 372nd Training Squadron will conduct



Courtesy photo

F/A-22

the initial F/A-22 maintenance training for Nellis maintainers as well as training for maintenance training detachment instructors at Tyndall AFB, Fla. Formal training of the Air Force’s first F/A-22 flightline maintainers began Jan. 14 and instructors will use Raptor 00-012 to enhance classroom instruction.

To prepare for the new mission, Det. 13 completed an \$800,000, 5,000-square-foot expansion of its facility, which includes five fully automated classrooms, an F-119 engine bay and a fiber optics lab. A full-size F/A-22 forward fuselage seat and canopy trainer will be delivered to the facility next year.

Designed and built by Lockheed Martin, Boeing, and Pratt and Whitney, 17 of the next-generation stealth fighters will eventually be assigned to Nellis. Besides the first F/A-22 delivered Jan. 14, seven more will arrive through 2004. Airmen from the 422nd Test and Evaluation Squadron will fly the aircraft, and assist in operational testing and the development of the tactics future F/A-22 pilots will use in combat.

Between 2008 and 2009, another nine F/A-22s are scheduled for delivery to Nellis’ 57th Wing and will be flown by pilots and instructors at the U.S. Air Force Weapons School. Members of the 57th Wing will maintain all Nellis F/A-22s.

Over the next year, the Air Force’s initial cadre of F/A-22 pilots, maintainers and support personnel will also receive their training at Nellis and in the sky over southern Nevada.

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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.

**MON
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Anger-control workshop

A four-session anger-control workshop will be 10:30 a.m.-noon Monday, Feb. 3, 10 and 24 in the family advocacy conference room in Building 1305. For more information or to register, call family advocacy, 283-7272.

Breastfeeding class

A "breastfeeding basics" class will be 3-5 p.m. Monday in the family advocacy conference room. For more information or to register, call family advocacy, 283-7272.

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Parenthood preparation class

The four-session preparation for parenthood course will continue 3-5 p.m. Tuesday and Feb. 4 in the life skills support center, Building 1305. The course covers basic infant care, feeding options, stress management, medical care of the newborn and the development of the older infant. For more information or to sign up, call family advocacy, 283-7272.

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 Feb. 11, 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://clik.to/USCGAUXFlotilla16>.

First aid training

The American Red Cross will provide classes in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid and automatic

external defibrillator training every fourth Tuesday and Wednesday of each month at Tyndall. For more information and to register, call the Red Cross, 763-6587.

Children's weight class

The health and wellness center's sensible weigh 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.

Protestant youth group

The Tyndall Chapel's Protestant Youth Group meets 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays in the spiritual fitness center. For more information, call the Chapel 2 office, 283-2925.

'Moms, Pops & 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.

Bible study

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

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Tyndall Running Club events

The Tyndall Running Club is looking for individuals interested in joining the club as it competes at the following races:

Mardi Gras or Tallahassee Marathon – Feb. 15, 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.

FEEA scholarships

The Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund is taking applications for 2003-2004 scholarships. To be eligible, applicants must have been a federal or postal worker for three years. Dependents of federal employees must be full-time students and have a grade point average

of 3.0 or higher. Scholarships are open to workers and their dependents. For information and an application, go to: www.feea.org. Applications must be postmarked by March 28, and awards will be announced in August in time for the start of the academic year. Last year, 20 FEEA scholarships were awarded to Air Force applicants.

Claims briefings

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

Project officer needed

A project officer is needed for planning a Women's History Month celebration or event to be held in March. The military or civilian employee who volunteers will be appointed by the 325th Military Equal Opportunity office by Feb. 1. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Darryll Woodson, 283-2739, or Staff Sgt. Tonisha Layne, 283-2751.

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; general Protestant service, 11 a.m., Chapel 2.

RETIREE NEWS

Retiree news e-mail service

This service is to inform members of the Air Force retiree community – including family members – about legislation, policies and other matters affecting their rights, benefits and obligations. To subscribe: Address a new e-mail. In the "to" line put (exactly as shown) list.manager@listserv.afpc.randolph.af.mil. Your e-mail address will automatically appear in the "from" field. On the subject line, type in exactly as shown: SubscribeAFRetire. There is no need to write anything in the body of the message. Hit send. You will get a return message indicating that you have been subscribed as a non-digest member.

RAO Internet site

The Tyndall Air Force Base Retiree Activities Office has a Web site containing valuable information and links of interest to retirees. Just log on to the site at: www.tyndall.af.mil and click on "Retiree."

Officers' group changes name

Effective Jan. 1, The Retired Officers Association merged with and became the Military Officers Association of America. MOAA, founded in 1929, historically has pursued legislative and policy actions on a variety of active-duty, Reserve and National Guard issues, in addition to its focus on lobbying for military retiree programs. The local chapter, MOAA – Bay County Chapter, can be reached by calling 785-8204 or at texpot@juno.com.

YARD SALES

There are no yard sales scheduled for Saturday.

Obese kids, teens ... is there an easy solution?

CAPT. CARMA PAULI

325th Medical Group

One child in four is now classified as overweight or at risk for becoming overweight, more than double the rate of a generation ago. As a registered dietitian serving in the military, I along with my peers, have seen the rate of pediatric referrals for overweight conditions or obesity skyrocket over the past couple of years.

The solution is simple, yet complex. The concept of weight management for children, or anyone for that matter, is as simple as limiting high calorie foods and increasing caloric expenditure through physical activity. The difficult part is implementing the simple, health-promoting behaviors in a world that reinforces poor health choices.

Limiting high calorie foods. If you eat a lot of burgers and fries or pizza loaded with toppings, your diet is probably not balanced. There's nothing wrong with eating these foods some of the time, but you need to eat smaller amounts. Same thing with regular sodas — if you get the small cans and have them only once in a while, that's fine, but if you drink the biggest size you can find and that's your main source of fluid, that's a problem. Drinking more water, 1 percent or skim milk, and lower carbohydrate drinks will help lower the calories. If you have been taught the concept of "getting your money's worth," making the healthier choices at fat food (oops, *fast* food) places becomes even more difficult. Choosing healthy snacks such as baked potato chips, pretzels, bagels, low fat yogurt, fruit, low fat popcorn, veggies with low fat dip, string cheese or fruit juice bars can help cut back on calories too.

Increasing physical activity. Being active means moving more every day and cutting down on the television, computer and Internet use. It is important to choose a variety of activities that are fun and do them with friends, family or by yourself. Kids don't want to participate in a sport or go to a fitness class just because it is "good for them," they'll want to do it because it is fun! The key to an active lifestyle is enjoyment.

Between 8 and 12 years of age is sometimes called the role/rule stage. This is the time when children explore possible adult roles and the rules that will guide them through life. In terms of fitness, this is the time to try activities and set habits. It is extremely important that parents be good role models for nutrition and fitness because children will do as they see you do, no matter what you say!

The health and wellness center has a program specially designed for kids, "The Sensible Weigh for Kids." The class meets every Tuesday from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in Room 111, and it incorporates 30 minutes of physical activity along with a 30-minute nutrition lesson. Call 283-7552 for more information.

Tigers SEMAC MLK tourney champs

The Tyndall Tigers Men's Varsity basketball team took home the gold for the second consecutive tournament as they added the Annual Southeastern Military Athletic Conference Men's Martin Luther King Jr. Basketball Tournament title, held at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., this past weekend, to their SEMAC Thanksgiving title.

Tyndall-97, Robins-54

In their first game versus the Falcons, Chris Jackson's game-high 22 and Tarrance Garner's 20 points paced the Tigers in the 43-point win against the overmatched Robins squad. The Tigers led 43-23 at the intermission and despite substituting liberally in the second half continued to pour it on to take the easy victory.

Israel Figueroa, KeJuan Bostick and Marvin Gamble all scored 10 points. Marcus Baucom led the Tigers in assists with 10 and Chris Jackson led in rebounding with 12 boards.

Tyndall-114, DTT-101 (OT)

In their second game of the tournament, the Tigers faced DTT, a local team from the Fort Walton Beach area, in a shootout. The two squads duelled to a 50-50 tie at the half and in the second half continued to battle back and forth, as regulation play ended with the score knotted 99-99, forcing overtime. In overtime, the Tigers outscored DTT 15-2 to take the win.

Israel Figueroa, with a game-high 29 points, and Tarrance Garner, with 27 points, led the Tigers in scoring followed by Scott Moore with 18, Marcus Baucom added 17 and Marvin Gamble scored 10. Figueroa and Moore tied for team rebounding honors with 15 each and Baucom had 10 assists.

Tyndall-82, Patrick-72

In Sunday's third game of the tourney, the last two unbeaten teams squared off with the winner advancing to the championship game Monday. The Tigers jumped out to an early lead which they extended to a 48-28 halftime advantage. Patrick battled back in the second half, but could never get within the 10-point final margin.

Omar Johnson and Israel Figueroa



Courtesy photo

Tyndall's Israel Figueroa goes for the layup during Martin Luther King Tournament action last weekend.

led the Tigers in scoring with 17 points each, followed by Keith Castille with 11 and Marvin Gamble, Tarrance Garner and Scott Moore, all contributed with 10 points. Figueroa led the Tigers in rebounding with 14 and Johnson led in assists with 10.

Eglin-82, Tyndall-78

As in the earlier Thanksgiving Tourney, Tyndall met Eglin in the finals as the Eagles won four consecutive games to come out of the consolation bracket on Sunday to vie for the championship. Eglin took a 47-44 advantage into the intermission, but in the second half the Tigers appeared to take control of the contest as they built a 12-point advantage. Down the stretch, costly turnovers and poor free-throw shooting would prove to be the Tigers undoing as they missed eight out of 10 free throws in the last three minutes of the contest to enable Eglin to snatch the victory and force another game.

Marcus Baucom paced the Tigers in scoring with 22 points, followed by Tarrance Garner with 19, and Ronald Butler and Omar Johnson with 10 points each. Israel Figueroa led the Tigers in rebounding with 10 and Omar Johnson led in assists with

eight, along with five steals.

Tyndall-71, Eglin-62

After suffering their first loss in two tournaments this season, a determined Tigers squad behind Omar Johnson's 10 points seized the advantage early and led 38-31 at the intermission. In the second half, Eglin fought gamely, but the Tigers — with Omar Johnson's clutch free-throw shooting — down the stretch sealed the hard fought victory and earned the champion's crown.

Johnson led the Tigers in scoring with a game-high 22 points, including 15-16 from the charity stripe, followed by Ronald Butler and Tommy Nixon with 10 points each. Figueroa and Nixon led in rebounding with 14 and 13 rebounds, respectively, and Johnson led in assists with eight, along with five steals.

Tyndall's Figueroa was voted most valuable player of the tournament, he was joined on the All-Tournament team by Kalambay Jackson (Patrick), Ensign Willams and Cory Fletcher (Eglin), Tarrance Garner and Omar Johnson (Tyndall).

The Tigers travel to Hurlburt Field this weekend in pursuit of the SEMAC regular-season championship.

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Swim with the Manatees

Feb. 9-12, Cost per person is \$185 and includes 3 nights accommodations, transportation, 2 half day boat rentals, wet suit, dry bag, mask, fins, snorkel, admission to Homosassa State Wildlife Park and Tampa State Fair. \$25 non-refundable deposit now reserves your seat.

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Baseball/Softball Registration

Open to all youth ages 5-14 yrs. Deadline for sign up is Feb. 8. Early sign up is advised. Call for more information.

Free Baseball Clinic - Jan. 25

1-3 p.m. Open to all youth 9 yrs. and older. Coach Darren Mazerowski and his staff from GCCC will give a one-day baseball clinic. Call for details.

Operation Nite Hoops

For teens only! Nite Hoops basketball league forming. Game days and times will be determined as soon as teams are chosen. If interested please contact Bruce Mason at 283-4366.

On Base Food Delivery 286-2900

■ **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.

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☎ 283-0295

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for teen volunteers to help with the annual Heartlink Program. The program will be held Feb. 14th from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Please contact Ms. Pierce.

Teen Lock-In

Jan. 25, 7 p.m.-7 a.m.
Music, Prizes, Movies, Fun and more!

Members Birthday Celebration

Jan. 31, 7 p.m. Join us and enjoy cake!

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February 23, 7:30 p.m.
At the Marina Civic Center

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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All Ranks Lunch at the O' Club

Unlimited access to the daily buffet, salad bar, fountain soda, tea & coffee! 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Includes:
Fresh Hot
Carved Meat
Sandwiches
on Kaiser Roll

Featuring:
A creative blend of individualized buffets rotated each day
Soup of the Day
Dessert Bar



Mon.-Thurs.: \$6.95
Friday: \$7.95

Mondays Chef's Choice

Tuesdays Italian

Wednesdays Oriental

Thursdays All American

Fridays Seafood

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

283-4357

Marina Club

☎ 283-3059

All-You-Can-Eat Pancakes

All-you-can-eat pancake breakfast every Sunday 7:30-10:30 a.m.
Cost is \$2.50 for member and \$3.50 for nonmembers.

12" Bar Pizzas

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

Base Library

☎ 283-4287

\$2 Bag Book Sale

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

Look what's new...

CAC



★ Gourmet Coffee Cart ★

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

- **Conference Coffee Service** is available for meetings held at the CAC
- **4 Different Flavors** rotated daily from our inventory of Gourmet Coffees
- **Tazo Teas** also available

Call 283-2495 for more information.

Try our flavor of the day!

Community Activity Center

☎ 283-2495

Family Day

Jan. 25, 1-3 p.m. Tournaments, Prizes, Movies and Snacks!

Beginners Yoga Class

Begins Tuesday, Feb. 4. Cost is \$30 for each 6 week session. Two session times to choose from: 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Base Honor Guard

☎ 283-4405

NCOIC Needed

NCOIC needed for highly visible Base Honor Guard program. Minimum requirements:

- Must be a (T)Sgt or above and have completed 7-level upgrade training.
- Must possess 18 months retainability
- Must have experience with Microsoft Word, Power Point, and Excel.
- Must present a positive personal image and possess the ability to brief upper echelons of military and civic leaders alike.

■ Experience in Honor Guard preferred, but not required. Utilize the targeted resume format from the Tongue and Quill and turn into the NCOIC, SSgt Sparks, NLT Feb. 14.

A selection board will be held after all applications are submitted and results will follow soon after. Training/Start date for the position is tentative for 1 Mar 03.

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situation closely.

"When I was a captain stationed at Kadena (Air Base, Japan,) during the Vietnam War, I attended a big formal party," he said. "The wing commander stood up and told us there was good news, no deployments in the foreseeable future. The next day, we were heading out."

The lesson he learned was that the future is uncertain, and people have to be prepared for anything.

But this uncertainty can be stressful, particularly in forward-deployed locations like Incirlik, the general said.

"Don't underestimate what you do," he said. "While there are pluses and minuses of being forward deployed, what you do is so important ... you bring peace and stability."

The chairman said the Reserve components, especially the members with full-time civilian jobs, have it particu-

larly hard.

"We're continuing to work to ensure there's no undue burden on our guardsmen and reservists," he said. "As a former guardsman himself, the president understands reservists' situation in a personal way. He has expressed his appreciation on many occasions."

This appreciation extends to all military people, whether active duty or reserve.

"I sleep easy at night knowing you and your counterparts are ready to do what you need to do," he said. "There are people out there trying to plot against our way of life and are prepared to do so with chemical, biological, even nuclear weapons. The world is a lot safer because you're here."

"Your families back home may be worried, and they have a right to be," he said. "But they're a lot safer with you here than back home. In the end, the difference you make is huge."

● FROM ORI PAGE 2

ness inspection. Prior to the ORI, we'll have a series of exercises designed to test our readiness and ability to handle myriad challenges simultaneously. Use these exercises, like the one scheduled next week, to identify improvement areas and make necessary fixes. Later in the year, we'll have another opportunity to show the command just how good Team Tyndall is as we host the AETC Commander's conference.

When it is all said and done, I am convinced everyone will be impressed with the professionalism and skill of Team Tyndall as well as our first-rate community partners. I can think of no other community in the Air Force that supports its military as well as Bay County, especially its military affairs commit-

tee.

Recently the MAC named its new chairman, Karen Hanes. I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome Karen, as she will play a vital role in the Tyndall community. In her capacity as MAC chairman, Mrs. Hanes holds a critical position as a vital link in establishing and maintaining positive relations between Tyndall Air Force Base and the local community. I'm looking forward to the opportunity to work with Karen and I see great things on the horizon for the base and our community friends.

It's going to be a busy year, but together we'll be able to conquer any challenge that comes our way. Be safe, have a great week and thank you for all you and your families do for our Air Force!

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According to information found on the IRS Web site, Free File is an easier, faster and secure way for citizens to file taxes and will also allow Americans to get refunds in half the time, said officials.

"No one likes paying taxes," said Kenneth Dam, acting treasury secretary. "It's too confusing and time consuming. The launch of this new Web site is great news for millions of Americans. Free File makes it easy. Now they can save time, money and get their refunds in half the time by filing their taxes online for free."

Each FFA member company sets taxpayer eligibility requirements for its own program. These requirements will differ from company to company. Generally, eligibility will be based on factors such as age, adjusted gross income, state residency, military status or eligibility to file a Form 1040EZ or for the Earned Income Tax Credit. Taxpayers can review the list of companies, found on the Free File section of the IRS Web site, where eligibility requirements are shown company by company.

The primary candidates for Free File are those taxpayers who prepare their own taxes and still file paper returns. Last filing season, the IRS received nearly 85 million paper returns, while nearly 47 million e-filed returns.

"Free File puts e-file within reach of more taxpayers than ever," said acting IRS Commissioner Robert Wenzel. "They'll soon discover what the 47 million taxpayers who e-filed last year already know: e-file is quicker, e-file is more accurate, e-file is the best way to confirm the IRS received your return, and it's the fastest route to a refund."

E-government is an integral part of the president's management agenda to make it easier for citizens and businesses to interact with the government, save taxpayer dollars and streamline citizen-to-government transactions. A copy of the president's e-government strategy, which includes information on each of the e-government initiatives, is available on the OMB Web site.

A Free File initiative fact sheet, which includes a list of the FFA members and frequently asked questions, can be found on the IRS Web site.



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