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## In brief

### Air Force News

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

The show will feature the second part of a Town Hall meeting where the Secretary of the Air Force, chief of staff and chief master sergeant of the Air Force discuss various topics ranging from quality of life and lessons learned from the war against Iraq to making the Air and Space Expeditionary Force more workable.

### Hometown news

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The Air Force wants to showcase your accomplishments and activities with the Hometown News Release program. Talk to your unit first sergeant or visit the public affairs office in Building 662, Room 129 and pick up a DD Form 2266.

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Return the form to public affairs and it will be forwarded to Air Force News headquarters for distribution to your hometown newspaper. Share your achievements with the folks at home.

## Countdown to ORI Showtime



Christine Sullivan

## Where is it?

Airman 1st Class Ashley Shiver, 43rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit supply journeyman, conducts a weekly inventory of more than 750 bench stock items for the new F/A-22 Raptors. For more information on the 43rd AMU's preparation for the arrival of Tyndall's first F/A-22, see Page 8.

# Inspection team arrives Sunday

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

The Air Education and Training Command inspector general team arrives Sunday to conduct an operational readiness inspection of Tyndall's 325th Fighter Wing.

The inspection team will be looking at Tyndall's ability to accomplish the mission of training America's air superiority team and supporting and providing combat air force with quality people and programs.

They depart after the final wing outbrief tentatively scheduled for 1 p.m. July 29 at the 325th Air Control Squadron's auditorium. "The headquarters AETC IG team likes to make the outbrief available to as many people as possible, but due to the confined space, seating for the outbrief will be limited," said Lt. Col. Steve Wallender, operational readiness inspection project officer. "This wing has proven time and

again, it is outstanding in all it does," said Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander. "We have outstanding people, running world-class programs and this is our opportunity to show the inspectors exactly what we do so well each and every day. As our track record has proven, we are well prepared and ready for any challenge."

Since Team Tyndall's last inspection in 2001, numerous world events have created opportunities for Tyndall members to excel. For example, on March 12, 2001, President George Bush visited Tyndall to discuss housing and pay issues with Team Tyndall members. Also in 2001, the events around Sept. 11 drew Team Tyndall into the forefront of homeland security. Meanwhile, Tyndall continued its training mission as well as becoming a force provider supporting Operations Enduring Freedom, Noble Eagle and, recently, Iraqi Freedom



Airman Sarah McDowell

**Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander, addresses Team Tyndall airmen at a commander's call. Many of these airmen will be experiencing their first operational readiness inspection.**

among others. The face of Tyndall has changed dramatically in two years. All the while, Team Tyndall members have continued down the road to beddown the first permanent F/A-22 squadron.

"The IG team will be arriving by KC-135 at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday and will immediately begin

looking at how we take care of business training the world's best air superiority team," Colonel Wallender said.

"Everyone has put in a lot of effort, and they can show the IG team just how 'outstanding' their programs are. Be proud of everything you do," Colonel Wallender said.

*Training the best air superiority team for America*

## Tyndall heads into ORI, ready to earn high marks

**BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW**

325th Fighter Wing commander



We're down to the final hours before our operational readiness inspection and I want to start out by extending a warm Team

Tyndall welcome to the Air Education and Training Command inspector general team.

As you move around the wing and talk to the members of Team Tyndall, I am confident you will easily see what makes this wing great and how we are able to expertly accomplish our mission each and every day. Every member of Team Tyndall prides him or herself on excellence and is eager to show you we're prepared to handle any challenge. In addition, I'd like to extend a Team Tyndall welcome to Maj. Gen. James Sandstrom, 19th Air Force commander, who will be here for the ORI outbrief. I know all our guests will be impressed with Team Tyndall, our programs and most importantly, our people.

Since the last readiness inspection, this wing has accomplished some truly amaz-



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325th Fighter Wing commander

ing feats and won a multitude of command awards in the process and has been recognized as a tremendous community partner. When the events of Sept. 11, 2001 unfolded, the wing directly supported Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom in numerous capacities such as flying combat air patrols over eastern coastal U.S. cities. Also, we have accomplished the Chief of Staff of the Air Force's number one mission during every military operation, being a force provider. We have managed this while continuing to train the world's best air superiority team and building the template for the beddown of the world's premiere advanced fighter aircraft,

the F/A-22 Raptor. All the while, we have integrated members of our total force, to include Army soldiers, into our mission here and never skipped a beat. I am simply amazed and proud to serve with such a fine team of professionals. In all, we supported a combined total of 10 operations and exercises across the globe, to include Operation Iraqi Freedom, truly an amazing feat.

I know everyone has been working hard to ensure the wing is ready and I commend your effort. While the time for preparation has ended, now is the time to shine and know exactly what you will com-

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### Action Line

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

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

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

*Larry D. New*

**BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW**

325th Fighter Wing commander

## Don't let the 'details' slide; wear your pride for all to see

**MAJ. GEN. MICHAEL WOOLEY**

Third Air Force commander

**ROYAL AIR FORCE MILDENHALL, England (AFP)** — Ralph Waldo Emerson once noted: “What you are stands over you...and thunders so that I cannot hear what you say to the contrary.”

What does this mean in today's Air Force? I believe it means that I should be able to spot professional airmen from across a parking lot, before they render a sharp salute and a verbal greeting. I should be able to tell by the manner in which they carry themselves, with their heads held high and looking everyone in the eye, and by the crisply ironed uniforms bloused over freshly shined boots. It means that those of us who serve don't just throw on a uniform because we have to. We wear it with pride because we choose to.

The men and women of the U. S. Air Force comprise the finest fighting force in the world. With few

exceptions, they are honorable, brave warriors who have conducted themselves brilliantly in conflict. They embody the spirit of the heroes of the past and give us great hope for the future.

Given what many of us have been through during our days in the Air Force — the end of the Cold War; downsizing; the Gulf War; operations Allied Force, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and numerous others — focusing on military standards of dress and appearance may seem like getting “down in the weeds” with details. Experienced military men and women know, however, that it is often the details that mean the difference between mission accomplishment and failure.

I know how easy it is to let customs and courtesies slide when deployed, when trying to accomplish so much with so few people and resources, when we are all hyper-focused on life-or-death missions. But we are what the American people and our allies see and

equate to the U.S. military. No matter what the rank, how we look and conduct ourselves does matter. If we “let the details slide,” then who is to say what's next?

Everywhere I go I am consistently impressed by the sharp men and women I meet because I know why they behave that way. They take pride in their Air Force, and how they conduct themselves underscores that pride. Each of us who serves is a role model, an ambassador in blue.

For those who have gone before us, who have given their lives so that we could have this great Air Force, so that we could enjoy the wonders of freedom and liberty, we pledge our best. Remember each morning as you put on your uniform what it stands for. Then you will always look, act and be that ambassador.

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**What have you done to prepare for hurricane season?**



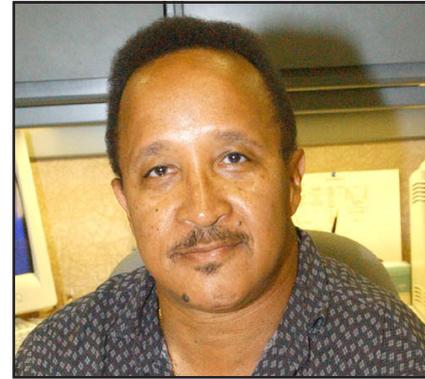
“I’ve updated my emergency data, a checklist of items to pack, a destination with a list of hotels, and a planned driving route.”

**SENIOR AIRMAN TIM MINKLER**  
325th Operations Support Squadron



“My wife and I have made billeting arrangements and prepared a kit that includes extra food, water and supplies for the kids.”

**STAFF SGT. LUTHER BROWN**  
325th Fighter Wing command section



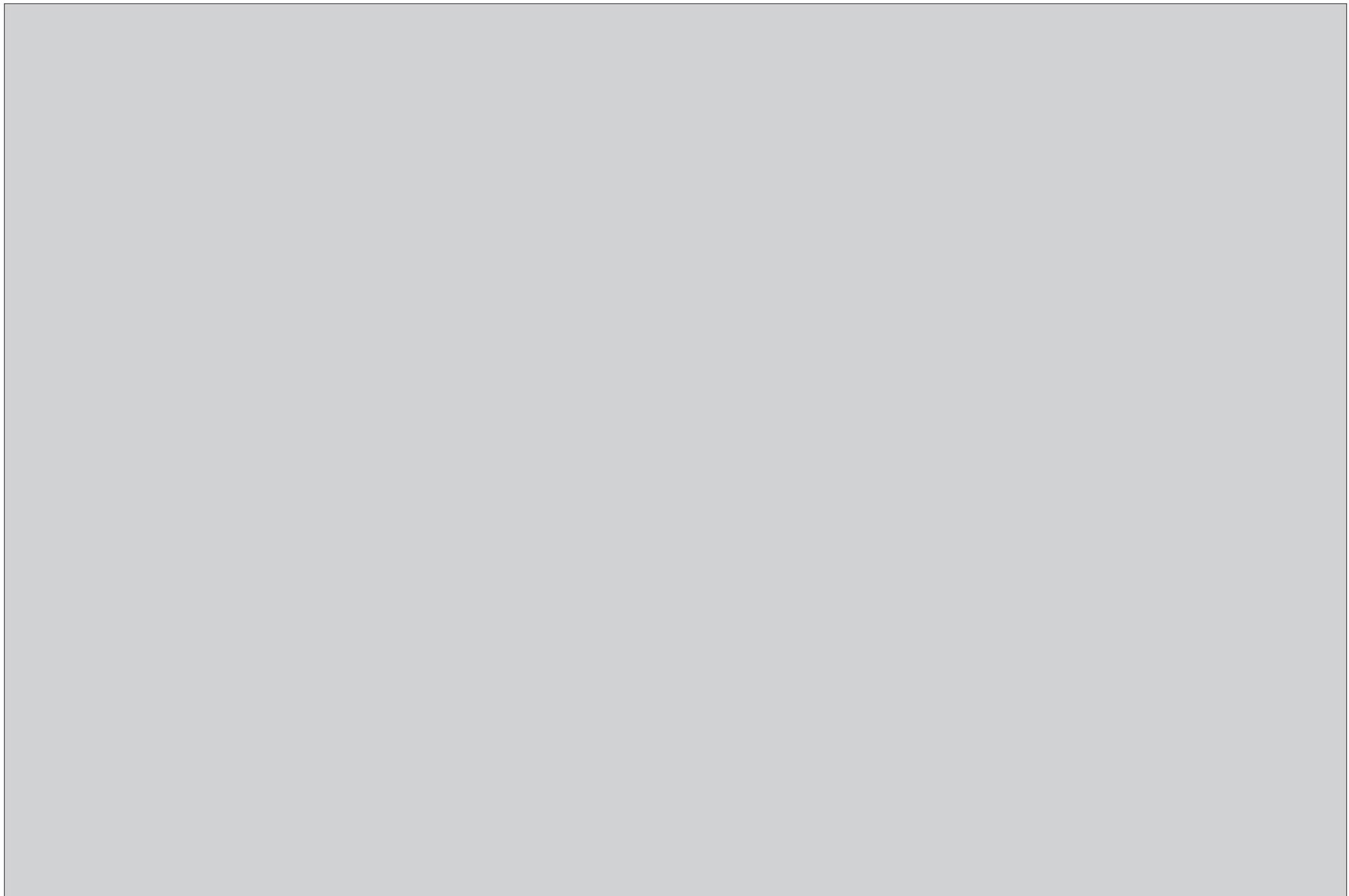
“Before Hurricane Opal hit, while I was assigned here, I was required to always have a kit ready — and I’ve maintained it.”

**LARRY TUCKER**  
Traffic management office



“We’ve planned an evacuation route and made sure we have a supply of water, food and extra medications in case of emergency.”

**AGNES LEWIS**  
Spouse of retired Air Force



# AF names 12 Outstanding Airmen of Year

**AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER** - The Air Force has selected the service's top enlisted members, naming the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 2003.

Forty-six nominees representing major commands, direct reporting units and air staff agencies were considered this year. These 12 were chosen by an Air Force selection board, which convened here in May, based on superior leadership, job performance and personal achievements.

The nominees are authorized to wear the Outstanding Airman of the Year ribbon, while the 12 winners will wear the bronze service star device on the ribbon. The winners will also wear the Outstanding Airman Badge for one year from the date of formal presentation.

The winners, and a brief look at their accomplishments, according to their nomination packages, are:

**Staff Sgt. Christopher Tuck**, received for actions while assigned to the 325th Contracting Squadron, Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. As a contracting specialist, Sergeant Tuck was the sole airman responsible for 40 rare research and development contracts, valued at around \$100 million, needed for the critical development of state-of-the-art robotics used in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Always focused on attention to detail, Sergeant Tuck uncovered several contract discrepancies, miscalculations and misappropriations that resulted in saving millions of dollars for the Air Force. Sergeant Tuck was awarded the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service

Medal after donating more than 500 community service hours to organizations like Habitat for Humanity, the Special Olympics, the Air Force Sergeants' Association and more.

**Tech. Sgt. Kevin Vance**, assigned to the 17th Air Support Operations Squadron, 1st Ranger Battalion, Hunter Army Airfield, Ga. As a tactical air controller, Sergeant Vance earned the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Army Commendation medal for gallantry and combat operations during Operation Anaconda/Mountain Lion.

**Staff Sgt. Jason Blodzinski**, assigned to the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla. As a combat control journeyman, Sergeant Blodzinski was awarded the Bronze Star with Valor for successfully synchronizing and directing multiple precision air

strikes in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. His decisive actions in combat delivered life-saving fire support to friendly forces.

**Tech. Sgt. James Coffey III**, assigned to the 50th Security Forces Squadron, Schriever AFB, Co. As a flight chief, Sergeant Coffey was appointed to be the chief of security forces operations for Operation Joint Forge, ensuring unwavering continuation of security for vital air refueling missions in support of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

**Senior Airman Nathan Summers**, assigned to the 317th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas. As a C-130H crew chief, Airman Summers completed more than 1,000 maintenance actions and recovered and turned 640 com-

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## BACK TO BASICS

**Q. Can military members wear a black shirt with any kind of emblem under their battle dress uniform blouse as long as the emblem doesn't show?**

**A. According to Air Force instructions, the installation commander may prescribe color, unit designation and cloth or silkscreen emblem to be worn on the left side of the chest not to exceed five inches in diameter. Also, only white T-shirts are authorized with food services and hospital white uniforms.**

*Back to basics is a column highlighting proper military customs and courtesies.*

● **FROM ORI PAGE 2** communicate to the inspectors. The results of these operations have shown what a fine job the command and Tyndall Air Force Base is doing training our nation's warriors and being a force provider.

Heading into the ORI, I want to take a moment to talk about safety. Next week during the inspection, and as always, safety will be a top priority. It is imperative everyone is thinking about safe procedures as well as practicing them. The weather next week will likely be hot so make sure you are drinking plenty of fluids, especially folks on the flightline. I know each of you is eager to show how well we conduct our mission of producing the

world's best air superiority team, but don't let your enthusiasm outrun good safety and operational risk management practices.

Before we enter our ORI, I'd like to thank Team Tyndall — military, civilians, volunteers, the community and family members for representing Tyndall AFB and our Air Force so well in everything you do.

We're in a very serious business — our nation's defense — and training the world's best air superiority team and being a force provider is no easy task. Show the inspectors what each of us knows to be true, nobody

conducts this business any better than we do. It's game time. Let's show the command what we've got and make Tyndall shine. We're

ready and the inspection results will prove it. Have a great week, and be ready to tell the Team Tyndall success story.



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

# Team Tyndall clinic continues major renovations

CHRISTINE SULLIVAN

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Quality of life and customer service were the top priorities when construction began late last year at Tyndall's medical clinic. This continues to be the primary focus of the 325th Medical Group for ongoing projects sched-

uled to last until the fall of 2004. Some even consider the 720-day ordeal as a labor of love.

"We are excited about the improvements these relocations allow us to make in customer convenience and our operating efficiency," said Capt. Ronald Greenaway, 325th Medical Support Squadron development di-

rectorate chief. "Our customers will be treated to one-stop shopping for almost all of their medical needs in the main clinic structure."

The two-year renovation began in November to improve patient convenience, consolidate services and update the pharmacy, physical therapy and optometry areas.

"Our staff and our patients have just been fantastic in dealing with our construction," said Col. Daniel Wyman, 325th MDG commander. "We have moved clinics, the pharmacy and other critical operations while continuing to

provide the outstanding medical care our patients are used to."

The 325th MDG is using a \$7.7 million fund allocation to provide more than 23,000 square feet of new space and more than 17,000 square feet of renovations to the existing clinic. To support the new addition, parking ca-

capacity will nearly double with a new west parking lot and access road.

"When the project is complete next year, flight medicine, family practice, pediatrics, women's health and internal medicine will be located on the first floor of Building 1465 and its addition," Captain Greenaway said. "The pharmacy will be expanded and the optometry and physical therapy clinics will move from Building 856 onto the second floor of the main clinic building."

The pharmacy, scheduled to open this fall, will expand to more than twice its original size. The additional space will allow for time-saving automated prescription filling systems to be installed. The new pharmacy will have four customer service windows opening onto the newly remodeled waiting room and will function as two pods.

"Patients picking up in-house prescriptions will be served from one pod with separate in and out windows, while new prescriptions

from off base providers will be handled at the other pod with the same configuration," Captain Greenaway said.

The alteration of Building 1465 is a two-phase project. In the first phase, the pharmacy and waiting room will be remodeled. The second phase starts after the addition is complete and renovations on the second floor will encompass both the physical therapy and optometry clinics.

The addition to the main building, expected to be complete in the spring of 2004 will house

the pediatrics and family practice clinics. By housing the pediatrics clinic in the same building as immunizations, the pharmacy and all other ancillary services, the 325th MDG expects to make visiting the doctor more convenient for parents. Families will benefit most from this qual-

ity-of-life project that consolidates services.

The existing hospital structure, originally built in 1965, was meant to serve as a composite medical facility, housing outpatient clinics, operating rooms, labor and delivery, the pharmacy, food services and a dining hall.

After becoming a clinic in October 1999, much of the space designed for inpatient care was put to use for administrative and clinical needs allowing the medical group to vacate several outlying buildings.

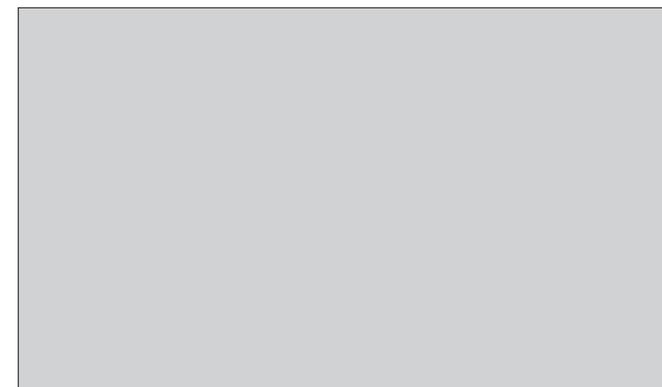
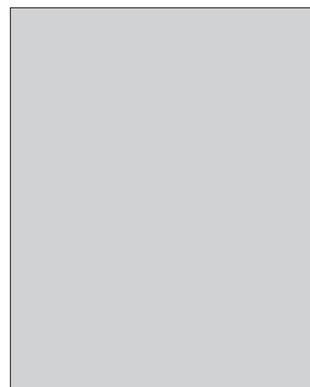
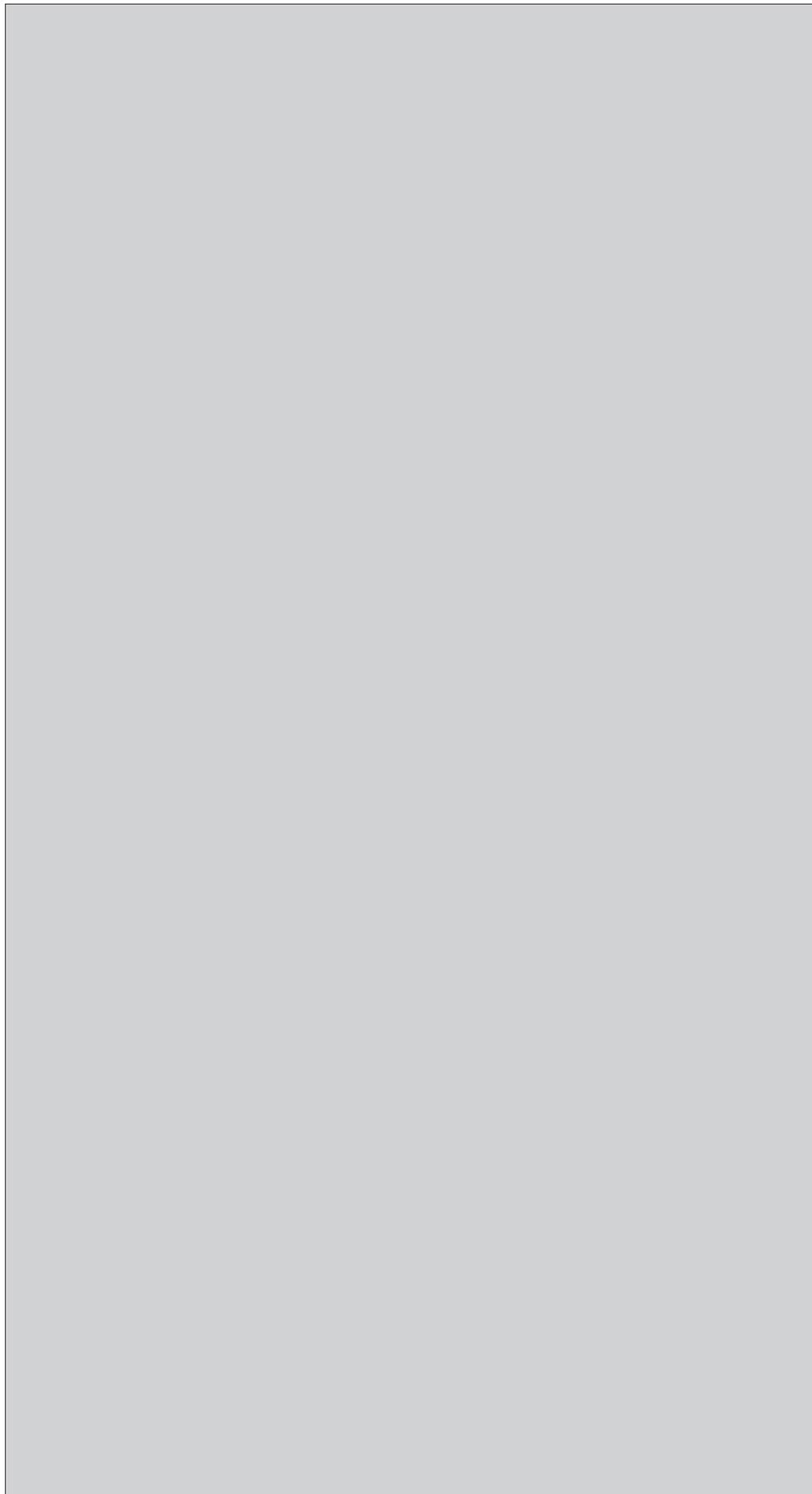
"We are very excited about the positive impact this project will have on our patients and appreciate the understanding and patience that everyone has shown while we undergo this transition," Captain Greenaway said. "I can assure you the improvements realized by this project will far outweigh the inconveniences."

"When it's all complete, it should look great and be very functional and convenient for staff and patients," Colonel Wyman said.

**"We are very excited about the positive impact this project will have on our patients and appreciate the understanding and patience that everyone has shown while we undergo this transition."**

**CAPT. RONALD GREENAWAY**

325th Medical Support Squadron development directorate chief



# Tyndall's flight safety record exemplifies preparation

AIRMAN SARAH McDOWELL

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

With all the bustling activity on base in preparation for the operational readiness inspection and the recent base exercises, one might pause to ponder why we do these things, and what kind of results we actually get from the preparation.

The result is mission accomplishment in a safe environment, and the impact is quality training we continually provide to people as they pass through the Checkertail Clan on their way to the combat Air Force.

Tyndall has not had a Class A mishap since 1994. A Class A mishap is a mishap resulting in more than \$1 million in damage, a fatality or permanent total disability or the destruction of an Air Force aircraft.

"This says that Tyndall has, especially as a flying training wing, done an outstanding job of preventing mishaps such as crashes from occurring," said Master Sgt. Mike Simons, 325th Fighter Wing flight safety NCO in charge. "An outsider looking in would assume that Tyndall would have a higher rate of crashes because we train student pilots, but the controls we have in place to prevent accidents seem to be doing such an outstanding job that we don't see mishaps like an outsider would expect."

"We take all of the steps we possibly can to limit the risks," said Maj. Joseph Beahm, 325th FW chief of flight safety. "The safety culture that is incorporated into the mindset of the operations directly affects the events."

"It is great to see that in the last five years the aircraft are getting older but the number of in-flight emergencies for each system are going down," Sergeant Simons said. "It is opposite what you would expect."

The reason for this safety success can be attributed to the preventative measures taken every day. "We try to be proactive instead of reactive by looking for things that may go wrong and looking for controls to prevent them from going wrong by using operational risk management," Sergeant Simons said. "Ideally, if we can create a control before a mishap occurs, it won't occur."

"What it comes down to is, safety is incorporated in everyone's way of doing business," Major Beahm said. "Airmen are always thinking safety first."

From the maintainers to the pilots, every airman has something to do with how safe the operation is. "Not only the flying

operations but the maintenance operations all have something to do with the safety. From the time you work on the jet until the time the pilot gets strapped in, takes off and then comes back, controls are built into all the procedures to keep the risk level at such a low rate that we don't see the mishaps that you might expect from our operations," Sergeant Simons said.

Also, all Air Force bases communicate to make each other aware of the mishaps that are possible or problems that have occurred. "We look at all the messages that we get and we send all the applicable ones to all our aircraft maintenance unit representatives so they can brief maintainers so mistakes are not repeated. There is a lot of interface back and forth," Sergeant Simons said.

"We pass lessons learned along," Major Beahm said. "We look at the lessons and pick the ones that are relevant for us."



Airman Sarah McDowell

**All airmen play a vital role in ensuring flight safety is not compromised.**

Safety investigates mishaps down to the root cause. They find out why the problem occurred and decide what should have been done to prevent it. The conclusion may change the way business is conducted or even the way parts for airplanes are designed, Sergeant Simons said.

The wing's stellar flight safety record is an indicator that preparation is key, and it does yield results. Fortunately for Team Tyndall, those results are ones that have resulted in no Class A mishaps since 1994.

## Meet the commander

### Col. Jim Pollard

*Det. 2, Air Force Research Laboratory commander*

**Your vision for the unit:** To maintain and strengthen our status as the Air Force leader in the development of airbase technologies.

**Goals:** To grow (right size) and stabilize our unit's core science and technology budget.

**Previous assignment:** Chief of integration and operations of the Air Force Research Laboratory Air Vehicles Directorate, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

**Best Air Force experience:** My current assignment; which almost always has been the case.

**Key to success in the Air Force:** Living our Air Force core values; do that and success should follow in any profession!

**Pet peeves:** Automated telephone answering systems, drivers who don't use turn signals and getting "burned" at the drive through window.

*This column is intended to introduce a unit's new commander and allow unit members to recognize and understand their new leader.*



● **FROM OUTSTANDING PAGE 4**  
bat sorties which totaled more than 1,641 flying hours.

**Senior Airman Harold Tolbert II**, assigned to the 9th Civil Engineer Squadron, Beale Air Force Base, Calif. As a civil engineer heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration apprentice, Airman Tolbert raised the quality of life for deployed members. Continually faced with 120-plus degree temperatures, Airman Tolbert maintained air conditioning for 1,400 Prince Sultan Air Base buildings.

**Tech. Sgt. Tara Marta**, for actions while assigned to the 932nd Air Control Squadron, Keflavik Naval Air Station, Iceland. As the noncommissioned officer in charge of the surveillance, standardization and evaluation flight, Sergeant Marta's expertise and attention to detail helped save six lives during two search and rescue missions.

**Master Sgt. Douglas Ackerman**, assigned to the 726th Air Mobility Squadron, Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany. As the superintendent of the passenger service, Sergeant Ackerman oversaw the loading and launch of 65 Operation Anaconda missions - that's more than 1,800 people put into Tora Bora.

**Senior Master Sgt. Thomas McConnell**, assigned to the 39th Wing, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey. As the munitions material superintendent, Sergeant McConnell manages three elements directly

responsible for serviceability of the wing's \$1 billion munitions stockpile, supervises flight functions and ensured the munitions operations for Operation Northern Watch went uninterrupted.

**Senior Master Sgt. Keith Finney**, assigned to the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron, Osan Air Base, Korea. As the chief of heavy repair, Sergeant Finney prevented more than \$500,000 of damage to the AMC terminal by leading damage control teams during the Osan floods that followed Typhoon Rusa.

**Staff Sgt. Omar Ali Abed**, assigned to the 37th Security Forces Squadron, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. As an installation entry controller, Sergeant Abed was requested to support presidential directives in the Afghan theater for Operation Fundamental Justice. He was a key team member in the move of more than 250 Afghan combat detainees to Camp X-Ray, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

**Senior Airman Hector Bauza**, assigned to the 18th Medical Group, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan. As a biomedical engineering journeyman, Airman Bauza calibrated critical medical assets bound for an East Timor humanitarian mission.

The winners will be honored during the Air Force Association National Convention in September, and will serve as members of the AFA's Enlisted Advisory Council for the next year.

## Checkertail Salute

Staff Sgt.  
Lynn Aiko Riffle



Lisa Carroll

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

The Checkertail Clan salutes Sergeant Riffle for detecting and correcting faulty test bench grounding, preventing equipment damage and personal injury. She also rapidly repaired a complex field phone switchboard critical to operations of deployed security forces. The sergeant is also credited with maintaining an exemplary safety program for four facilities without a work center mishap in more than two years.

**Duty title:** Ground radio maintenance journeyman  
**Unit:** 325th Communications Squadron

**Time on station:** 3 years

**Time in service:** 7 years

**Hometown:** Hilo, Hawaii

**Hobbies:** Softball, shopping and spending time with family.

**Goals:** Get promoted to technical sergeant.

**Favorite thing about Tyndall:**

Nice weather and good friends

**Pet peeves:** Waiting on people

**Favorite book:** "Prodigal Soldiers"

**Favorite movie:** "Shawshank Redemption"

*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.*

# F/A-22 maintainers continue preparations for F/A-22 arrival

CHRISTINE SULLIVAN  
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

If asked what their motto is, the 43rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit would likely say "busy as a bee," or in this case *Vespa Maculata*, the unit symbol for hornet. The saying has served them well while they continue to prepare for the F/A-22 Raptor arrival later this summer.

Members of the 43rd AMU are not sitting idly by, despite the projected late summer delivery date. "Even though aircraft delivery delays will impact training, we're flexible enough to incorporate target-of-opportunity training to make up for as much lost time as possible," said Master Sgt. Richard Street, 43rd AMU section chief. "The delay has afforded us additional time to get our flights and programs up and functioning."

The original eight-person unit expanded to 25 and has already established the template and standards by which combat air forces will maintain the Raptors. The 43rd AMU has divided its operations and maintenance functions and works closely with contractors in designing and building the new facilities to support the F/A-22.

Maintainers are currently involved in establishing maintenance flights and their related programs, forecasting future manning requirements, working with the local training detachment to define training needs, and traveling to future F/A-22 sites as part of a site activation task force to work through any potential issues or problems.

All this is aimed at effectively scheduling and maintaining a healthy fleet of new aircraft for sortie generation. Lessons are being learned from those already flying and maintaining the jet.

"Our biggest challenge will be to capture the lessons from Nellis Air Force Base and Edwards AFB and use them to improve our programs," said Lt. Col. Jeffrey Harrigian, 43rd Fighter Squadron commander.

"We've got world-class maintainers here, from the folks working on the F-15s to our F/A-22 maintainers," Colonel Harrigian said. "They've proven time and time again that they have what



Christine Sullivan

**Tech. Sgt. Jeff Simpson carefully checks the master listing of tools needed in the support section for the incoming F/A-22s. More than \$3 million in equipment is housed at the 43rd AMU's support section.**

it takes to deliver top-notch aircraft on time, and then if the aircraft has a problem, repair it in minimum time."

Maintaining the Raptor will be a departure from the F-15 in both operations and maintenance. "Every aspect will be different, from technical data to support equipment to maintainer and air vehicle interface," Sergeant Street said. "The F/A-22 was designed with ease of maintenance in mind coupled with enhanced system and sub-system component life, which means fewer repairs

and less time out of commission."

Because maintainers were included early on in the design process for the F/A-22, they quickly established a strong foothold. To improve turnaround, the maintainers insisted on extensive self-diagnostics for the various sub-systems. This means virtually every piece of hardware in the aircraft either does its own health checks or reports when it has failed. It is reasoned that if the airplane knows so much about itself, then that capability can be lever-

aged to help both the maintainer and the pilot.

The F/A-22 has a design aimed at gathering and processing information for the pilots' tactical purposes and fully utilizing its advanced airframe and avionics systems, most notably in the exponential increase in computer power. The aircraft's main mission computers operate at 10.5 billion instructions per second with 300 megabytes of memory. These numbers represent 100,000 times the computing speed and 8,000 times the memory of the Apollo moon lander. All this technology though, could not be sustained without the assistance of a top-notch maintenance unit.

"We, as pilots, could not fly a jet without our maintainers," Colonel Harrigian said. "With a brand new aircraft, it is imperative that we work hand-in-hand with them to learn about the aircraft and as the program matures, that we capture every lesson to improve both our training skills."

"I think we'll surprise a lot of people by what the aircraft can actually do," Sergeant Street said. "Then we'll be able to focus on the bottom line, pilot training and enhanced combat capability."

To enhance training capability for F/A-22 pilots, the 43rd AMU continues to help resolve reliability and maintainability issues with systems engineers and manufacturers at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics in Marietta, Ga. After the assembly of the first operational F/A-22s began and the assembly of the mid-fuselage was completed, the aircraft were delivered to Lockheed Martin.

This facility is responsible for attachment of the aircraft forward fuselage, wings, aft fuselage, and vertical and horizontal tails as well as its F-119 engines. When the aircraft are delivered to Tyndall, the 43rd AMU will take over the majority of the aircraft's maintenance requirements.

"I expect that we'll have new challenges with the F/A-22, but we've got highly knowledgeable and motivated folks," Colonel Harrigian said. "These are the right people to prepare, turn and repair Raptors."

# Seminar offers information to make wise life decisions

**AIRMAN SARAH McDOWELL**  
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Should I stay or should I go?

Sounds like an easy enough question to answer. But when you have so much riding on the outcome of that decision, some research needs to be done to determine what would best suit you and your future.

The "Informed Decision" seminar is held weekly and is where many speakers present information and answer questions airmen may have about their upcoming re-enlistment or separation decision.

This all-day brief gives airmen the information they need to make a decision about re-enlisting, and is required to be attended 15 to 18 months before the date of separation. "This course is not to convince people to stay in. It gives them the tools to make an educated decision," said Chief Master Sgt. Ron Georgia, 325th Fighter Wing career assistance adviser.

The key is making sure you have the right information. "Part of the problem we see is that people make a decision based on what they hear from the 'baracks lawyers,'" Chief Georgia said. These are opinions based on one's experiences - typically bad. To counteract this, people who have gotten out of the Air Force and decided to come back in describe their personal expe-

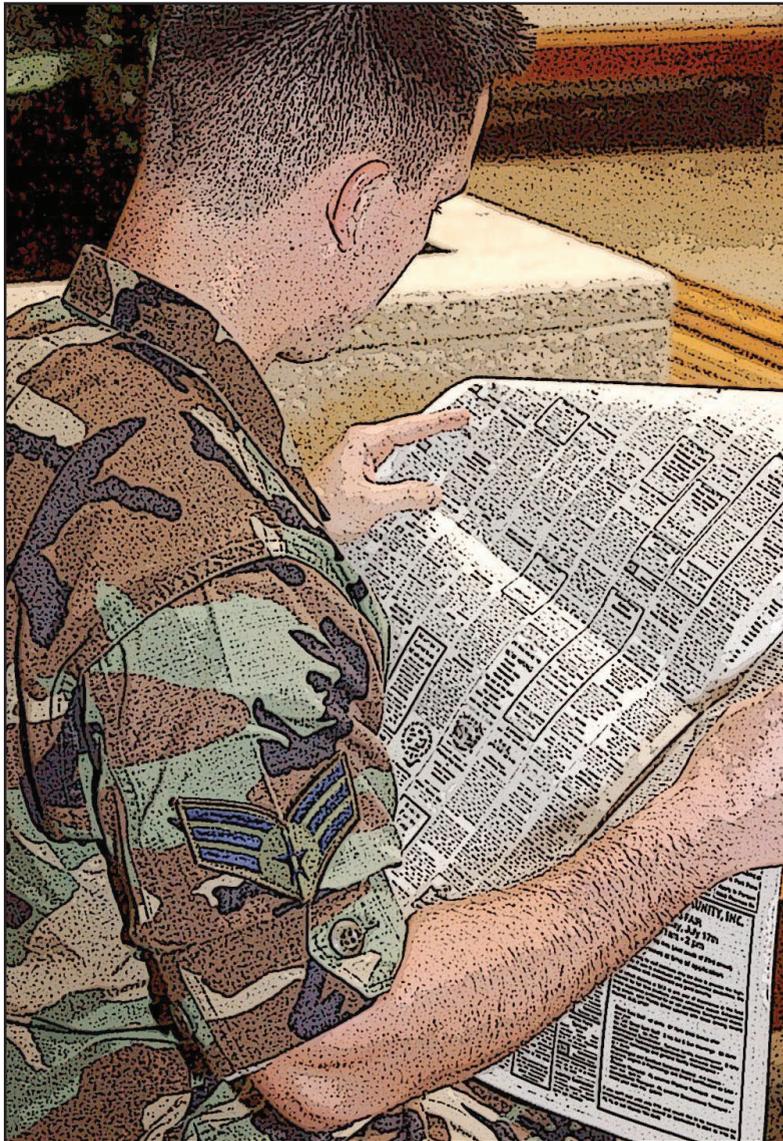


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riences during the seminar. "The people want to listen to someone who has seen the other side and said, well, I'd like to come back in," Chief Georgia said.

Along with the testimonials, there are other briefs that may influence an airman's view on his

re-enlistment or separation. The day starts off with a briefing about educational opportunities. Then representatives talk about retraining opportunities and intangible benefits. The family support center also presents a brief on making a smooth tran-

sition for those who want to separate. "One of the most exciting presentations is given by a person from the special operations command who talks about flying opportunities for enlisted airmen in the Air Force," Chief Georgia said.

"We show them the trends so they can decide whether it is the right time for them to get out or not," said Cary Kitto, 325th Mission Support Squadron's career consultant. "We point out what they are giving up versus what they would get with a different job."

The briefings are tailored to what airmen want and need to know, and because there is so much the Air Force can offer, the biggest topic in the briefing concerns the benefits. "There are a lot of benefits to staying in. If you want to make a career out of the Air Force, there are opportunities to be trained by the Air Force on almost anything you can think of in the civilian world," Chief Georgia said.

Determining what the "best benefits" are may depend in part on whether an airman is going to stay in four or six years - or 30 years. Some prominent ones are security, educational opportunities and health-care benefits.

"Number one, airmen need to realize that they are going to have the opportunity to supervise

very early. That is another benefit. In four or five years, airmen can be staff sergeants and get the opportunity to make the difference that they might get out for," Chief Georgia said. "I think it is one of the greatest benefits, we train you to be a supervisor and help you to be a good one."

"We also give airmen alternatives to getting out, such as permanent change of station or going Reserve or Guard," Mr. Kitto said.

"I meet a lot of people on a regular basis who say they wish they would have stayed in longer. Rarely do I hear one say 'I got out and I am happy,'" Chief Georgia said. "There are some, but the majority of people say 'if I only would have or could have, I should have.'"

It is a personal decision whether one will separate after four years or stay for longer. Most speakers at the briefing say they see nothing wrong with getting out early, as long as it is an educated decision. "It is not to twist their arm. It is to give them the right information," Chief Georgia said.

Overall, the "informed decision" class will give the airmen all the tools they need to learn whether or not separation or re-enlistment is right for them. For more information contact Chief Georgia at 283-2222.

# Tyndall youth rehearse, present 'Hansel and Gretel'

STEVE RIDDLE

325th Services Squadron marketing

A week's worth of hard work and rehearsals will pay off tonight when the Missoula Children's Theater presents "Hansel and Gretel" at the youth center. The show begins at 7 p.m., with an encore performance at 2 p.m. Saturday. The performances are free.

More than 40 Tyndall children make up the cast. The theater group arrived with lights, costumes, make-up and props early Monday, and held auditions for two hours. Rehearsals began shortly afterward and continued all week.

"The children learn costumes, make-up, lighting, and how to move the stage around," explained Amy Forro, school age program coordinator at the Youth Center.

"This is their third year here, and the kids really enjoy it."

The Missoula Children's Theater is made up of 28 tour teams of actor/directors that travel across the United States and abroad from week to week. In six days time they take a group of children, teach them their lines, rehearse and put on two live performances.



Steve Riddle

**From left, Ivy Ellis and Sascha Larrabee of the Missoula Children's Theater lead a rehearsal at the youth center Wednesday. More than 40 children signed up to take part in the production of "Hansel and Gretel" scheduled for 7 p.m. today and 2 p.m. Saturday.**

"It's just absolutely amazing what they can do with these kids in one week," said Jacqueline Schneider, whose 14-

year-old daughter Stephanie is playing the role of Gretel in this year's play. "It really is a great program."

But it isn't a program that is easy to make happen according to Ivy Ellis, one of the tour actor/directors who worked with the children this week.

"It's a lot of hard work," Ms. Ellis admitted. "And you have to live week to week, and be willing to not settle down. But the rewards of this job outweigh that."

Ms. Ellis's co-worker Sascha Larrabee agreed. She said getting a chance to play a part in the program is something she feels proud of.

"I love this job because I get to help these kids achieve something tremendous," she said.

Ms. Larrabee has actually seen this program from a participant's point of view too.

Back when she was 11 and living in Seattle, the Missoula Children's Theater made a stop there, and she was in their show, which also happened to be "Hansel and Gretel."

"I was actually in this show," she said. "It's changed a lot since then, but it's still the same music."

For more information, contact the youth center at 283-4366.

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## Airmen can carry over leave

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN)** — Some active-duty airmen will be allowed to accumulate more than 60 days of annual leave after the fiscal year ends, according to Air Force Personnel Center officials. The airmen must have been unable to take leave because they were supporting contingency operations.

Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve airmen who performed full-time training or other full-time duty for more than 29 days are also eligible for this special leave accrual.

Those affected can retain up to 90 days of leave until the end of fiscal 2004, according to personnel officials.

“This program is meant to enable

people to take (the) leave they’ve earned,” said Master Sgt. Don Taylor, the customer support operations superintendent at the center. “In order for the program to work as planned, though, those affected need to take not only the leave they are carrying over now, but also the leave they will earn during the next fiscal year, or they may lose leave next year.”

Those who meet the criteria for having excess leave should apply for special leave accrual through command channels. For more information, contact Tyndall’s customer service at the military personnel flight, 283-2276.

*(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)*

## Long-term care enrollment continues

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN)** — Initial enrollment for long-term-care insurance has ended, but people can still apply for care, according to Air Force Personnel Center officials. People eligible include Air Force active-duty, selected Reserve, appropriated-fund civilian employees, retirees and qualified family members.

The insurance does not have an annual open season like many other health-care programs, officials said. The initial open enrollment season was held during 2002 to introduce the program, and officials have not decided when there will be another open season.

The federal program is a benefit authorized by Congress in September 2000 to help federal employees, including military, defray the rising costs of long-term care. This can include home care, nursing home care or assisted-living facilities for people no longer able to perform normal daily activities because of chronic mental or physical conditions, officials said.

More information on the insurance program and how to enroll is available online at [www.ltcfeds.com](http://www.ltcfeds.com) — or by calling

(800) 582-3337 or TDD (800) 843-3557. Offices are open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. EDT weekdays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

Employees may enroll at any time under one of two application processes:

— Full-underwriting application. The majority of employees enrolling will use the full-underwriting application.

— Abbreviated-underwriting application. The abbreviated-application process is limited to new spouses of current employees within 60 days of marriage and newly hired and rehired employees within 60 days of date of hire. It can also be used by temporary employees converting to permanent appointments within 60 days of appointment.

Employees returning from a nonpay status (including reservists called to active duty) may also enroll using the abbreviated process within 60 days of return to duty. This applies as long as they were in a nonpay status more than three months of the initial open season. If these employees choose not to enroll during their 60-day window, they may still apply later through the full-underwriting process.

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### Senior NCO induction

Tyndall Air Force Base's Sixth Annual Senior NCO Induction Ceremony will be July 31 in the Pelican Reef Enlisted Club.

A 6 p.m. social will be followed by dinner at 7 p.m. The cost for the prime rib or baked grouper dinner is \$18.50 for club members and \$21.50 for non-members. Individuals interested in attending the ceremony may contact their unit POC no later than Tuesday to sign up.

### Bible study group

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

### Children's weight class

The health and wellness center's sensible weight class for children meets 3:30-4:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Room 111. For more information, call the health and wellness center, 283-3826.

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### Palace Chase briefing

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

### Stress-management class

Family advocacy's three-session stress-management class will continue 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday and July 30 in Room 127 in Building 1305. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7511.

## NOTES

### Defense Commissary Agency contest

DeCA's fourth annual produce merchandising contest, "Operation - Color Your Way to Health," will be July 26 in the Tyndall Commissary. Kids' prizes will be awarded to winners of the 10 a.m.-2 p.m. coloring contest and the "Mr. Potato Head" coloring contest, scheduled for 11

a.m.-noon. Prizes will also be awarded for guessing the number of pistachios in a jar. Free soft drinks will be available 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; free sundaes from noon-2 p.m.; and a clown will entertain from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

### Airman's Attic donation drive

The Airman's Attic is conducting a donation drive for new and used household items. There will be a collection point set up from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 1 at the Tyndall Chapel 2 fellowship hall. Items specifically needed are dishes, silverware, glasses, sheets, blankets, microwaves and small furniture items. All items donated will be available for any E4 and below and their families. For more information, call Mike Stephens, 286-8061.

### Donations of eyeglasses needed

The 325th Medical Group has been tasked for a humanitarian medical mission trip in August. The group will be providing eye examinations for approximately 400 patients and would like to be able to provide a pair of glasses to all in need. Donations of all types of glasses are needed: prescription, clear, sunglasses, non-prescription sunglasses and over-the-counter reading glasses. All donations need to be received no later than Wednesday in order to be prepared for shipment and can be dropped off at the optometry clinic between 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. or at the Eyes-Rite Vision Center near the base exchange. For more information, call Capt. Judy Manno or Master Sgt. Lorna Banks, 283-7005.

### Active-duty sick call hours

The family practice clinic offers a walk-in clinic for active-duty members from 7:15-7:45 a.m. and 1-1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The active-duty sick call is designed to provide care to active-duty members with acute illnesses that would potentially inhibit that day's duty performance. Individuals must be in their uniforms to be seen during active-duty sick call. For more information, call Maj. Deborah Gray, 283-7667.

### Area defense counsel office

The area defense counsel office has moved to a new location in Building 1287 next to the Tyndall Education Center. The telephone number, 283-2911, is unchanged.

### AEF scholarship

The Aerospace Education Foundation will award the \$1,000 Captain Jodi Callahan Memorial scholarship to an active full time Guard or Reserve (officer or enlisted) member who is pursuing a master's degree in a non-technical field. The deadline for application is July 31. The three-page application is available on the AEF Web site at [www.aef.org](http://www.aef.org).

For more information, call Jancy Bell, (800) 727-3337 extension 5801 or e-mail [AEFstaff@aef.org](mailto:AEFstaff@aef.org).

### AFA State Conference

The Air Force Association State Conference is today and Saturday at Tyndall Air Force Base. A golf tournament begins at noon today at the Pelican Point Golf Course. Saturday's conference events begin with registration at 7 a.m. The fee is \$8, which includes an 8 a.m. continental breakfast. The conference is expected to continue until approximately 5 p.m. Lunch will be served noon-1 p.m. and is \$15 per plate. A conference dinner will be 7 p.m. following a 6 p.m. cocktail hour. Dinner is \$25 per plate. For more details, call Lt. Col. Dave Webster, 283-5542 or 283-5532. For more information about the AFA Golf Tournament, call Master Sgt. Dan Rebstock, 283-5496. Additional information about the AFA can be found on the association's Web site, [www.afa355.org](http://www.afa355.org).

## RETIREE NEWS

### Telemarketing call elimination

Consumers nationwide can now register at [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov) to reduce the number of telemarketing calls they get. After doing this they must respond to an e-mail confirmation within 72 hours to complete the process. Consumers can also register by telephone by calling (888) 382-1222. The call must be made from the telephone being registered. The Federal Trade Commission, the Federal Communications Commission and many states will begin enforcing the do-not-call provisions of the Telemarketing Rules on Oct. 1 for those who have registered by Aug. 31. However, calls from political organizations, charities and surveyors are not covered by the National Registry requirements. In addition, companies with which consumers have established a business relationship or have made an inquiry can call for certain periods of time unless directly asked not to do so. After Oct. 1, telemarketers will be required to access the registry every three months and remove members on it from their call lists. Telemarketers who call a number on the list could be fined up to \$11,000 per call.

Florida consumers who sign up for the state list do not need to re-register to have the protections of both federal and state law. Florida will share the numbers on its existing state list with the national registry. Federal enforcement will begin Oct. 1. All consumers whose numbers are on the registry by Aug. 31 will notice a downturn in telemarketing calls starting Oct. 1. Information about the Florida list can be found at [www.800helpfla.com](http://www.800helpfla.com) or by calling (800) 435-7352.

## YARD SALES

The following yard sale is scheduled for Saturday: 3677-A Kislung Loop. All yard sales are held between 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

## CHAPEL SCHEDULE

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

## AF Marathon offers new options

**PATRICK REILLY**

Air Force Marathon Office

**WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFPN)** — Air Force Marathon officials will add two new options to this year's Sept. 20 race. Besides the full-marathon and marathon-team races, this year's event features a 13.1-mile half marathon and a 5-kilometer (3.1 mile) race.

The half-marathon race will be on a loop-back course that will share the start and finish lines with the full marathon. Half-marathon and marathon relay participants will race alongside one another until the turnaround point, then the half-marathoners head back toward the finish line located near the Air Force Museum, officials said.

The half-marathon is geared toward those who have some road-racing experience or those who have been conditioning for shorter races and want a new challenge, officials said.

The marathon and half-marathon courses will feature aid stations at every mile mark. Stations will provide water, electrolyte replenishment, fruit, water-soaked sponges and first aid.

"Because the full and half-marathons are on the same course, the half-marathon racers will be able to use many of the same aid stations and enjoy the same festive atmosphere that the full marathoners do," said Cheryl Blom, Air Force Marathon volunteer coordinator.

"The 5-kilometer (race) is going to generate a lot of interest with runners who don't necessarily want to run the full 26.2-mile or 13.1-mile courses," said Bob Brodessa, Air Force Marathon director. "We're affectionately calling it our 'fun run.'"

Though the 5-kilometer participants will not receive a medal, their entry fee will get them a runner packet almost identical to the full- and half-marathoners and relay team members. The packet includes an official Air Force Marathon T-shirt, patch and several coupons to local restaurants and businesses.

The shorter course will be separate from the marathon races, but will still share the start and finish line with the other races. The exact path has not yet been determined, but final approval for the course is expected within the month. After its approval, a course description will be posted on the marathon's Web site.

The marathon staff has already received dozens of applications for this year's events and will continue taking applications until Sept. 4.

The entry fee is \$50 for the marathon, \$35 for the half-marathon and \$15 for the 5-kilometer fun run. The marathon relay team fee is \$180.

There are still plenty of spots available for the full marathon, half marathon and 5-kilometer races, but marathon relay team openings are limited. Participants can also pay an additional \$10 for a ticket to the pasta dinner Sept. 19.

For more information, contact the marathon office at DSN 787-4350, commercial (937) 257-4350, toll free (800) 467-1823 or on the Web site at [afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil](http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil).

## Pool side fun turns to exercise

**STEVE RIDDLE**

325th Services Squadron marketing

When Nich Fuller didn't surface after an awkward dive, Juan McDonald was quickly off his lifeguard chair and in the water, blowing his whistle to alert his co-workers. Fellow lifeguard Tiffany Vollmer dialed 911 while Benjamin Thayer jumped in to assist.

The two men maneuvered Mr. Fuller to the side of the pool and secured him to a stretcher while co-workers Bo McClendon and William Thayer, Ben's brother, quickly and calmly moved the crowd from the pool area. Mr. Fuller's stretcher was lifted to the pool deck, and Ms. Vollmer and Ben Thayer began CPR.

The ambulance was there shortly, and Mr. Fuller was transported to it while CPR efforts continued. Eyes closed, he lay motionless until someone said the words that caused him to jump up grinning — exercise over.

A rescue exercise conducted Sunday at the base pool involved the Tyndall lifeguard crew, the base ambulance, a fire and rescue unit and security forces. The purpose of involving different agencies in the mock-rescue effort was to provide the best training scenario possible, said outdoor recreation director Cindy Workman.

"We want to make our guards the best trained that we can for the safety of our patrons," Ms. Workman said.

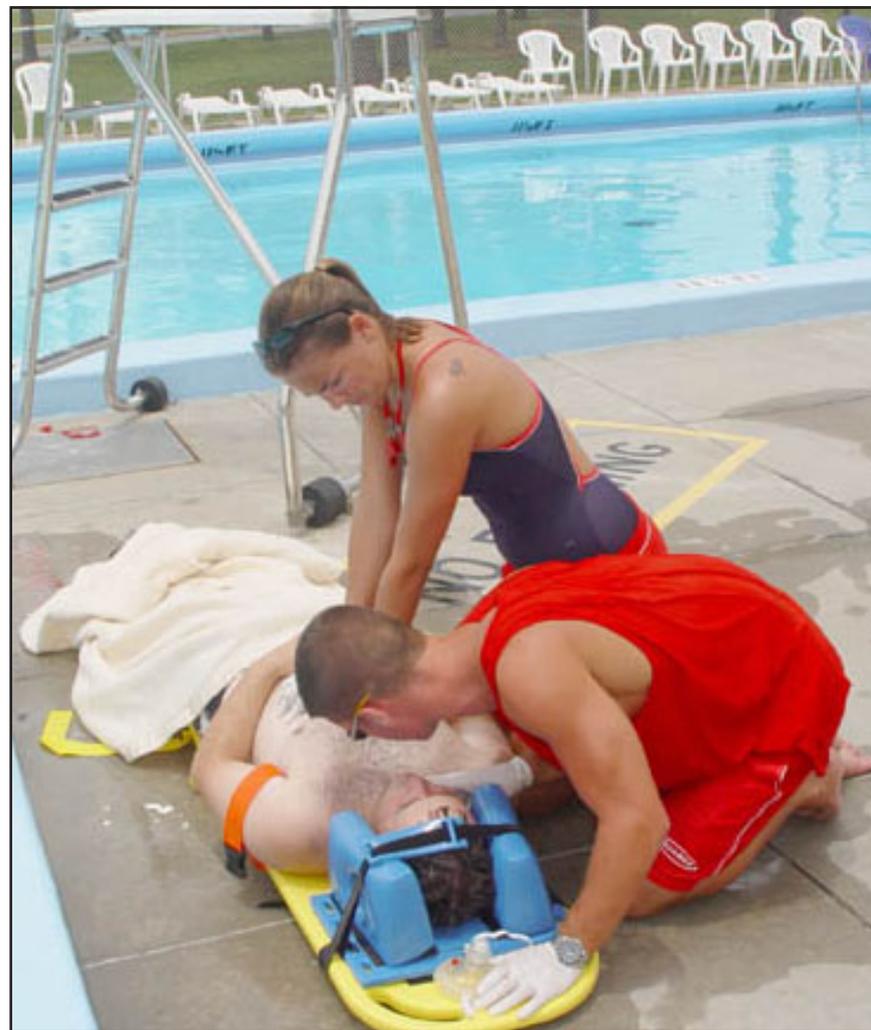
Having a more realistic exercise helps to create better communication between the different groups involved in a rescue, she added.

"The exercise provides visual and practical training for all agencies to plan for the unexpected," Ms. Workman explained.

According to Ben Thayer, it provides another important aspect any team needs in itself — trust.

"It gives me more confidence in my co-workers," he explained. "It's a way for us to train and practice as a team, and it helps build good communication, feedback and unity."

The communication and feedback was especially important for Mr. Thayer during this exercise since he and Ms. Vollmer administered CPR to the victim. Both lifeguards switched



Cindy Workman

**Tiffany Vollmer and Benjamin Thayer, lifeguards at the base pool, perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation on Nich Fuller during a recent exercise. The training was conducted to coordinate rescue efforts among the various relief agencies involved in such an occurrence.**

responsibilities several times during the minutes until the ambulance arrived.

"The person doing the chest compressions decides when to switch, since they're the one who's getting tired," Ms. Vollmer explained. "When they say switch, the person doing the air gives two quick breaths (to the victim), then moves into place to take over (chest compressions). The compression person moves down and checks for a pulse. If it's not there they say so, and the new person starts chest compressions."

The ambulance crew took over on arrival, and according to Staff Sgt. Victor Anderson, an Ambulance Service Department paramedic who arrived at the scene, the lifeguard crew had done a great job of aiding the victim.

"When we got here they already had the patient out of the water and were administering good CPR," Ser-

geant Anderson said. "It gave us a chance to reassess the patient and do what we had to do to revive and transport him."

Tyndall is one of only four or five bases Air Force wide that has paramedics, Sergeant Anderson said. Other bases have EMT personnel, which cannot administer medication or use a defibrillator on a victim.

Although the pool had to be cleared out for the exercise, patrons didn't feel inconvenienced. In fact, even though each person at the pool was offered a free pass to come back any time, some said knowing the lifeguards are well trained is worth any inconvenience.

"I really like that they did this, and they had a very fast reaction time," said Denise Flanders, who was at the pool during the exercise. "It makes me feel very safe if anything happens to me or my children. I'm not worried."



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### License Requirement

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

### Child Care Spaces

Spaces are available in Family Child Care homes for full time and part time care. Providers also have space for persons making PCS moves and volunteering in base agencies. Call the FCC office for additional information.

## Tyndall Youth Center Back to School Block Party

August 1, 6-9 p.m.

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

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July 30, shop or sunbathe. Cost per person is \$5 and deadline for signup is July 25. Trip departs at 9 a.m. and returns at 2 p.m.

### Mobile Alabama Trip

August 2. See the battleship museum in Mobile Bay, and much more. Trip departs at 6:30 a.m. and returns at 8 p.m. Cost per person is \$20 which includes transportation. Ticket to attractions must be purchased separately by the individual. Signup deadline is July 25 at 4 p.m.

## Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

### Start Smart Soccer

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

### Before and After School Care Registration

Actual registration for the upcoming 2003-04 school year will be the week of 7-11 July. Fees for the program are based on total family income and a \$50 non-refundable fee is due at time of package pick up. Applications are

## Bonita Bay

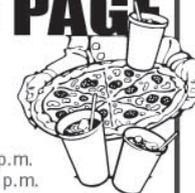
☎ 283-3199

### Guard Start

Junior Lifeguarding classes for ages 11-15 yrs. will be offered at the swim center July 28- Aug. 1. Students will build a foundation of knowledge, attitudes and skills needed to become responsible lifeguards. Space is limited so please call and make reservations as soon as possible.

## SPORTS PAGE PIZZA PUB & GRILL

Pizza Pub 283-3222  
Lunch Mon.-Fri.: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Evening Mon.-Fri.: 5 p.m.-8 p.m.  
Snack Bar 283-2814  
Monday-Friday: 6:30 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Saturday: 1 p.m.-5 p.m.



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

## Pizza Buffet

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

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

## Marina Club

☎ 283-3059

### Friday Seafood Buffet

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

### Best Salad Bar on Base

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

### Cook Your Own Steak

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

### Dive Club Meeting

July 24, 6 p.m. at the Marina Club. Call Jim Hayden, Dive Club President at 866-5550 for more information.

## Base Pool



Hours through Aug. 16

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

### Hours after Aug. 16

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

### Water Aerobics

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

## Pool Prices

Entry fee is \$1 per person.

- Seasonal Pass: \$35 per person or maximum of \$50 per family.
- Punch Pass: \$20 for 30 punches  
All guests must be accompanied by ID holder.

# Risk management improves safety

**2ND LT. ADRIANNE TRAXINGER**

Air Force Print News

**SAN ANTONIO** — With the first half of the 101 Critical Days of Summer almost finished, 14 airmen were killed in private motor vehicle accidents. Eight of those killed were involved in motorcycle mishaps, including one during the Fourth of July weekend.

Air Force leaders are emphasizing operational risk management to keep airmen safe.

“There’s risk involved in everything we do,” said Chief Master Sgt. Clifford Tebbe, ground safety superintendent at the Air Force Safety Center at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M. “The good news is risk is manageable.”

Operational risk management is a tool to help people think through the risks associated with an activity, on or off duty. It involves determining the risks associated with an action or activity, weighing them against the benefits and controlling the risks, according to safety officials. A foundational principle of ORM is “accept no unnecessary risk.”

“We usually get away with taking risks, so we become oblivious to its presence,” Chief Tebbe said. “On the extreme end of our risk tolerance continuum, we become flippant about it.”

One area where people take risks every day is on the

highway.

“If there’s a place where we need to exercise risk management, it’s on the road,” Chief Tebbe said.

Private motor vehicle accidents continue to be the major threat to airmen, according to safety officials. Since October, 33 airmen have died from preventable motor vehicle accidents.

People can start minimizing accidents by identifying hazards associated with an activity, evaluating the severity of possible adverse effects and identifying ways to reduce the hazard. Assessing the situation leads to making decisions based on the information at hand, implementing the risk controls and reviewing the effectiveness of the process, according to officials.

A fundamental part of risk management is being vigilant regarding fellow airmen’s safety, according to officials. People are the Air Force’s most valuable asset, and deaths do not just affect family and friends, but the whole mission.

“The losses we experience are far-reaching,” Chief Tebbe said. “We don’t just lose a person, we lose a friend, a family member and their experience.”

Risk management has been incorporated into the curriculum at airman leadership school and noncommissioned officer academies.

## Weightlifters take honors

**STEVE RIDDLE**

325th Services Squadron marketing

Kent Byas and Brian Crouse each took home second place, and James Chestnut took fourth during last weekend’s Amateur Athletics Union Military Powerlifting Nationals at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.

The competition was open to active-duty members from all branches of the military. It consisted of three lifts – the bench press, squat and deadlift. Competitors get three chances to lift as much as they can in each exercise with the heaviest lift in each added together for one total.

Byas, a staff sergeant assigned to the 16th Electronic Warfare Squadron here, competed in the 221 – 242 pound division. He bench-pressed 475 pounds, squatted 575 pounds and deadlifted 523.5 pounds.

Crouse, also a staff sergeant in the same unit as Byas, competed in the 199 – 200 pound division. He had a bench press lift of 295 pounds, a squat of 501 pounds and a deadlift of 505 pounds.

Chestnut, an airman first class assigned to the 325th Medical Support Squadron, competed in the 148 – 165 pound division. He bench-pressed 255 pounds, squatted 332 pounds and deadlifted 357 pounds.

