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## In brief

### Squadron closure

The 325th Mission Support Squadron will close from noon - 4:30 p.m. June 20 for an official function. This will include the following flights: military personnel flight (including customer service), civilian personnel, education office and the family support center. Please coordinate any issues with the flight chiefs prior to the closure. For more information or coordination, contact Capt. John Silverman or Senior Master Sgt. Mike Feeny about the MPF at 283-2488; Penny Arnett about civilian personnel at 283-8214; Dave Marcum about the education center at 283-3170; or Phyl Dudzinski about the FSC at 283-4204.

### Hog Island advisory

The Hog Island sound advisory is still in effect. No water-related activities, swimming or wading are permitted in this area until further notice. Hog Island sound is the waterway just behind Heritage Park.



Lisa Carroll

**Chief Master Sgt. Karl Meyers, Air Education and Training Command's command chief, watches air battle manager students during his visit to the 325th Air Control Squadron Tuesday.**

## AETC command chief talks training, readiness

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

The command chief master sergeant of Air Education and Training Command visited Tyndall this week to see the modifications the base has made since he resided here as the 325th Fighter Wing command chief two years ago.

During Chief Master Sgt. Karl Meyers' three-day visit, he saw what new things Tyndall offers the training command.

The most noticeable and anticipated change is the arrival of the F/

A-22 later this year, he said.

"Many of our bases go through transition of aircraft," Chief Meyers said. "With any platform, bases tend to get a lot of visibility initially, but I think it will only better the Tyndall mission."

Having both the F-15 and the F/A-22 will make the people Tyndall trains more efficient when they have to employ these systems in the combat Air Forces, the chief said.

The members of the Air Control Squadron are also improving their technology.

"The Air Force is getting more high-tech everyday, as are our fighter aircraft and our weapons systems," Chief Meyers said. "I think the new ACS building and equipment are good because we need to train with equipment like they have out in the field, because, if we don't, we send the students out to field units not ready to perform the mission."

Another issue impacting the force is normalizing the Air and Space Expeditionary Force cycles. They are expected to get back on track

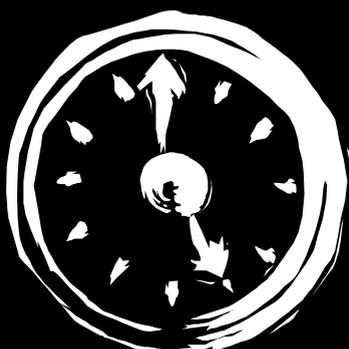
following two transitional AEFs called blue and silver. For AETC, the main focus is training, however it has a role as a force provider.

"From the recent contingency over in Iraq to Operation Enduring Freedom, the Air Force is learning from those experiences and is going to tweak the AEF cycles, our classroom and hands-on training and make them better," Chief Meyers said. "Every one of the cycles so far has improved."

The lessons learned from OIF will

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**Countdown  
to ORI  
34 days**



# Avoiding trouble tops weekend list

**BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW**

325th Fighter Wing commander



This weekend is special as we celebrate Father's Day. Although many of us are far from home, don't forget to take the time to give

Dad a call and let him know how much he means to you. Also, if you haven't done so already, another way to thank and honor your parents for the support they have provided is via the Air Force's parent pin program.

Those who would like their parents to receive a free pin can sign up at the Your Guardians of Freedom Web site at [www.yourguardians.offreedom.com](http://www.yourguardians.offreedom.com). Our parents spent many years preparing us for life and the challenges we face in our business. A call, a card, a gift or a pin will mean a great deal to your father on his special day and will definitely keep you out of trouble with him and mom.

Another way to stay out of trouble is to heed a serious force protection issue. Please ensure you remove base decals from vehicles when you sell or trade them in. Re-



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cently it was brought to my attention that a few decals were noticed on recreational vehicles for sale in area lots. As a reminder, whether you're selling an RV, car, truck or motorcycle, you must remove the base decal before the transaction is complete. There are people who mean to harm us and are looking for ways to access military and government facilities; don't give them an easy way to do so.

Along with that theme, when driving on base, please be mindful of the wildlife that may cross your path. Deer are especially unpredictable and might dart in front of your car or truck at any time; and, they can cause a lot of damage and even injuries. Although

early mornings and late evenings are typically the times when deer are most active, they have been near the roads at all times of the day. Even when you exercise the highest level of caution, deer strikes do happen. So, make sure your insurance can cover such an accident. The Air Force will not pay a claim for this type of accident. For a personal account about the procedures to take following a deer strike, be sure to read the article on Page 15.

Also concerning safety, it seems some folks may be unaware or have forgotten the rules about wearing headphones and/or earphones while driving, jogging, bicycling,

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## Action Line

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

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

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

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

*Larry D. New*

**BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW**

325th Fighter Wing commander

# Child's letter highlights appreciation

**COL. RILEY PORTER**

189th Airlift Wing commander

**LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE, Ark. (AFPN)** — It's always special when something unexpectedly brightens your day. It happened to me the other day when children from a local elementary school sent letters to the family support center to forward to our deployed Air Guard members.

One letter, written by fourth-grader Calie Barron, caught my attention.

"Dear Soldier," the letter started. Never mind that we're airmen. I'll let her slide because soldier is a term used to describe all servicemembers except Marines.

"Thanks for being brave for us and going to Iraq and stop(ing) them for us," she wrote.

Calie, it is a brave and honorable thing we do. We volunteered to serve our country, and we are proud to defend upstanding citizens like you who appreciate our service.

But it was her last sentence that stuck with me: "Another thing I want to thank you for is thanks for being there for us when we needed you the most."

Maybe this young girl is wise beyond her years. Perhaps she already understands you can't just create the world's greatest military overnight. It takes years and years of training, honing the skills of each airman to the razor's edge.

In the Guard, we hone those skills during every unit-training assembly weekend and during annual training each summer. It is important that we put forth maximum effort every day. People like Calie are counting on us.

She concluded her letter with a simple, "Your friend, Calie Barron."

I haven't met Ms. Calie, but I think she's the kind of person I'd like to call a friend, too.

*(Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service)*



**In the event of an evacuation or other contingency, Team Tyndall members can call the Air Force Military Personnel Center's contingency line at (800) 435-9941 or the Tyndall Straight Talk contingency line at (877) 529-5540.**

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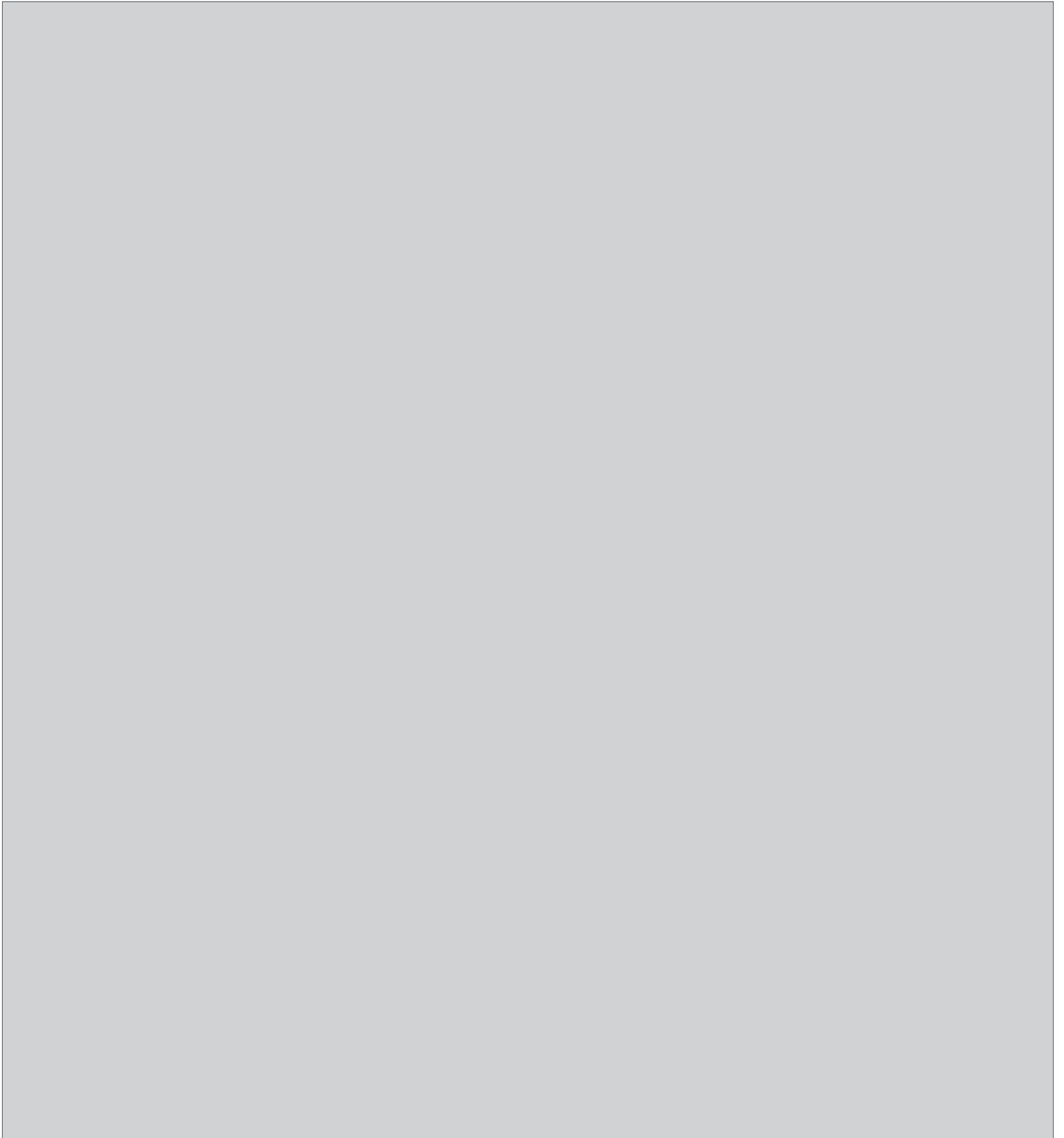
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# Officials adjust re-enlistment bonuses

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN)** — Air Force officials recently revised re-enlistment bonuses, adding or increasing 40 career field zones and decreasing or removing 100, according to Air Force Personnel Center officials.

The revision to the selective re-enlistment bonus program includes additions of zones in two career fields that previously did not have a bonus. In addition, 10 career fields that previously had some type of bonus were deleted from the revised list.

“The SRB program is a retention tool the Air Force uses as an incentive to help keep the right people in the right jobs to accomplish our mission,” said Maj. Gen. Peter Sutton, director of learning and force development at Air Force headquarters in Washington.

“This change (in SRBs) is the re-

sult in part of increased retention rates. But airmen should also remember that SRBs are not an entitlement,” General Sutton said. “The Air Force will continue to shift this program based on the needs of the Air Force and our global mission.”

Criteria used for determining which enlisted skills receive an SRB include current and projected skill and total manning levels; re-enlistment rates; and category of enlistment, career field force structure changes and inputs from functional career-field managers. SRBs are authorized in 0.5 increments (or multiples) and in three re-enlistment zones for people with between 17 months and 14 years of service.

The revised Air Force specialty code listing of SRB multipliers includes increases in 12 Zone-A (17 months to six years of service), 14 Zone-B (six

to 10 years of service) and seven Zone-C (10 to 14 years of service) career fields. It also includes additions in two Zone-A, four Zone-B and one Zone-C career field. Multipliers decreased in 38 Zone-A, 20 Zone-B and five Zone-C career fields.

Ten Zone-A, 15 Zone-B and 12 Zone-C SRBs were deleted; two new AFSCs were added, and 10 AFSCs were deleted in either Zones A, B, C or some combination.

Additions and multiple increases are effective June 4. The SRB multiple decreases and deletions are effective July 4. Members in career fields with a lower SRB must re-enlist by July 4 to take advantage of the higher multiple.

The new list of bonuses is at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlskills/Reenlistments/reenlistments.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlskills/Reenlistments/reenlistments.htm). (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

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skating or skate boarding on roads and streets. Using these types of devices impairs driving, masks or prevents someone from recognizing emergency signals and is prohibited by Air Force instruction. These devices can only be used off the road such as on outdoor jogging tracks and on the jogging path next to Beacon Beach Road. So there should be plenty of options for keeping in shape and staying safe. Whether you use the track, jogging path or other outdoor means to stay in shape, keep in mind that our temperature and humidity here in the panhandle is on the rise. Dehydration and heat stress are a serious issue and can strike you very quickly; stay hydrated, stay safe and have a great week!

## Thinking of getting out?

### THINK AGAIN

Make sure you've got all the facts first! Contact **Chief Master Sgt. Ron Georgia**, 325th Fighter Wing career assistance adviser, at **283-2222** for information on your career and its future.

## BACK TO BASICS

**Q. According to regulations, what is the proper way to carry a cell phone or pager while in uniform?**

**A. Military members may clip cell phones and pagers to their waistband or purse or they may be carried in the left hand. Cell phones and pagers are prohibited unless required to perform military duties (i.e. the cell phone or pager is issued to the member by his/her unit). Officials clarified the prohibition as “members are prohibited from attaching cell phones or pagers to their uniform,” and not necessarily from carrying them in the hand or having them in a briefcase, purse or back pack.**

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

# DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE

# ARTICLE 15s

*The following adverse actions took place at Tyndall in May.*

#### Article 15s:

An airman first class from the 325th Maintenance Operations Squadron received suspended forfeitures of \$678 pay per month for two months for dereliction of duty by breaking Phase I, a set of rules effective during technical training.

→ An airman first class from the 325th MOS received a suspended reduction to airman for dereliction of duty by breaking Phase I.

→ An airman first class from the 325th MOS received a suspended reduction to airman and forfeitures of \$200 pay for dereliction of duty by breaking Phase I.

→ An airman first class from the 325th MOS received a reduction to airman and a reprimand for dereliction of duty by breaking Phase I and making a false official statement.

→ An airman first class from the 325th Maintenance Squadron received a suspended reduction to airman, forfeitures of \$50 pay per month for two months, 30 days correctional custody and a reprimand for dereliction of duty by underage drinking.

→ A senior airman from the 325th MXS received a suspended reduction to airman first class, forfeitures of \$100 pay and a reprimand for dereliction of duty by contributing alcohol to minors.

→ An airman first class from the 325th Medical Operations Squadron received a suspended reduction to airman, suspended forfeitures of \$100 pay per month for two months, 15 days extra duty and reprimand for dereliction of duty by underage drinking and failure to go.

→ A senior airman from 325th Operations Support Squadron received a suspended reduction to airman first class and a reprimand for dereliction of duty by failure to abide by wife's base barment order and making a false official statement.

→ An airman first class from 325th Security Forces Squadron received a suspended reduction to airman, forfeitures of \$645 pay per month for two months, 30 days extra duty for dereliction of duty by unauthorized possession of military ammo and disrespect toward an NCO.

→ An airman first class from the 325th SFS received a reduction to airman, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand for dereliction of duty by underage drinking and drunkenness-incapacitation for the performance of duties.

#### Administrative discharges:

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

→ An airman basic from the 325th Air Control Squadron received an entry-level discharge for misconduct.

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**ON THE STREET**

### What are your plans for Father's Day?



"I am going to celebrate it early. I am going home to cook dinner for my father."

**TECH. SGT. SENECA LEWIS**  
1st Air Force



"I am going to spend time with my family."

**MASTER SGT. PAUL FADDIS**  
325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron



"We are going to spoil him rotten."

**JUNKO AND SAMANTHA PILCH**  
Family members



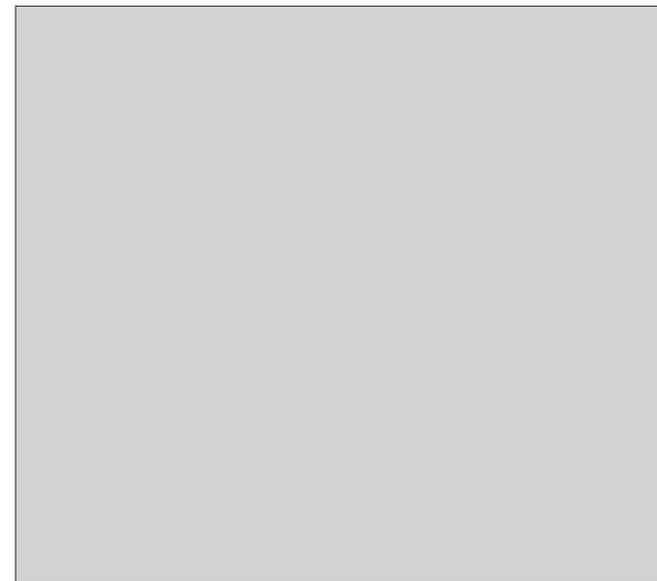
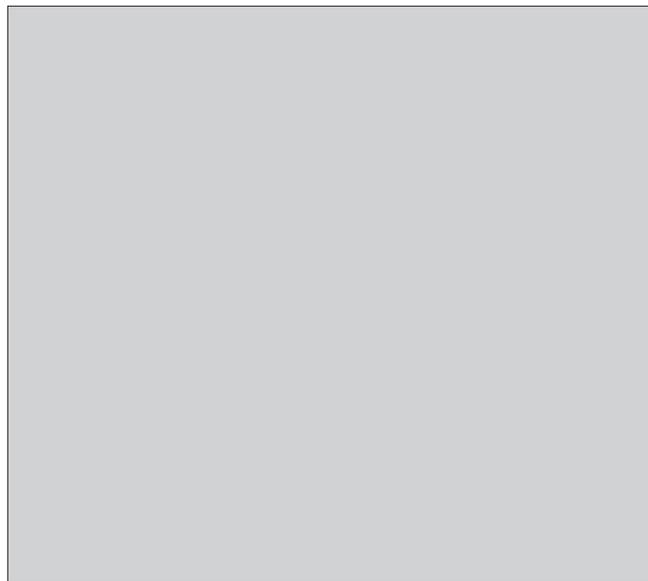
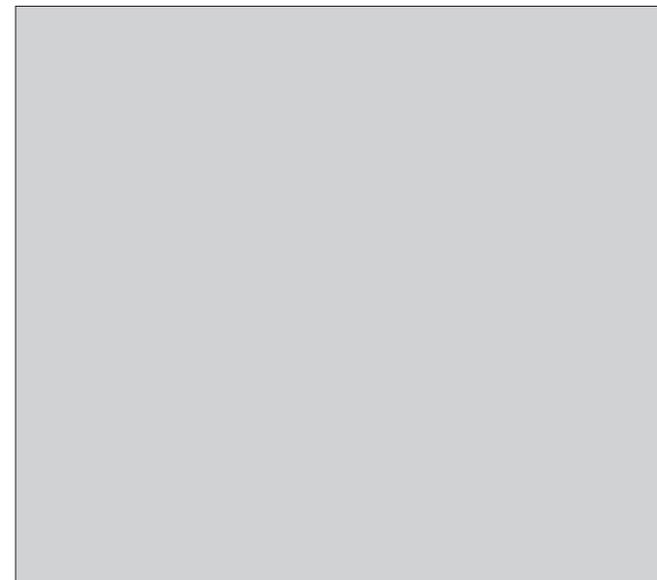
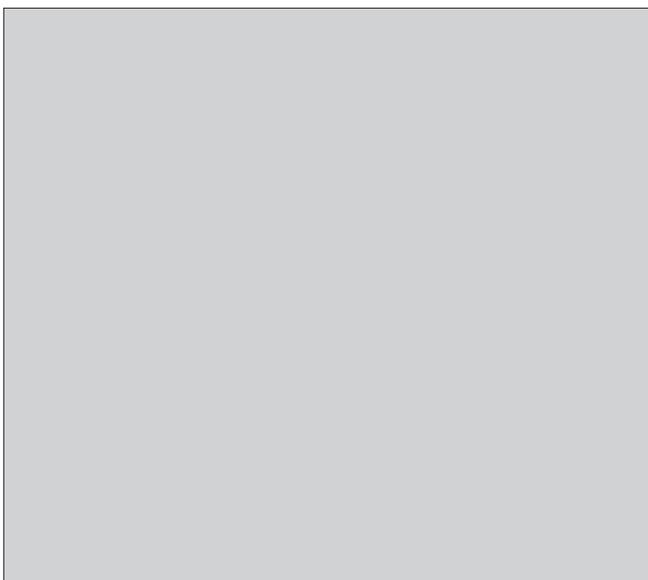
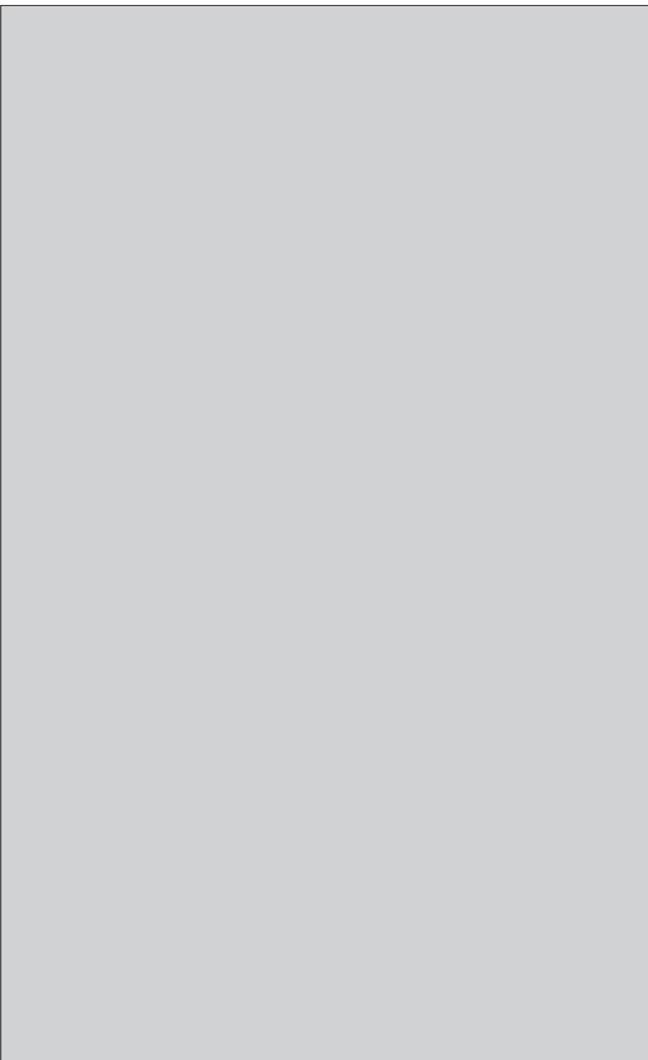
"I will play golf in the morning and go out for dinner in the evening."

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## Checkertail Salute



Steve Wallace

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

The Checkertail Clan salutes Lieutenant Carrillo for reviewing and documenting more than 50 discrepancies in 47 Flight Evaluation Folders. He was also key to establishing the new standard for the 1st Fighter Squadron briefing rooms. He updated all binders to include the new F-15 Night Vision Goggle syllabus. Off duty, he volunteered as an aid station worker during the Panama City Triathlon.

**2nd Lt. Victor Carrillo**

**Duty title:** Casual status lieutenant

**Unit:** 1st Fighter Squadron

**Time on station:** 5 months

**Time in service:** 4 years

**Hometown:** Edinburg, Texas

**Hobbies:** Family time, squadron softball and fishing

**Goals:** Receive my qualification as an air battle manager and serve proudly in the Air Force.

**Favorite thing about Tyndall:**

The surrounding community

**Proudest moment in the**

**military:** When I helped my old

unit receive an "outstanding" in

their no notice operational

readiness inspection. I was an

aircraft electrician on the F-117A at

Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.

**Pet peeves:** Scuffed boots

**Favorite book:** "Pet Sematary"

by Stephen King

**Favorite movie:** "Patton"

*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.*

# DOGS TAG DRUGS, BOMBS

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

They show up every day for work, excited to be there and ready to keep the base secure. They are at work all the time but do not complain or take days off. Their unending energy and super-senses aid the base in deterring crime and catching criminals more often than the residents recognize. Behind the scenes of security forces, the military working dogs work around the clock to help make sure things are safe.

The MWD program's mission is to maintain and care for highly trained teams in order to ensure the highest caliber of support to any internal or external customer.

The MWD program began in World War II right after the attack on Pearl Harbor with "Dogs for Defense," according to the Military Working Dog Foundation. The dogs were donated by the general public and trained to be sentry dogs (attack), scout or patrol dogs (aid in detecting snipers or ambushes), messenger dogs and mine detecting dogs.

The need and training for the dogs has evolved a lot since then.

Now, there are breeders who supply dogs that will only know



Photos by Airman Sarah McDowell

**Staff Sgt. John Russum, a dog handler with the 325th Security Forces Squadron, leads Spike, an MWD, through the obstacle course.**



**Loeke, a military working dog with the 325th Security Forces Squadron, and his handler Staff Sgt. Damian Phillips, inspect all commercial deliveries attempting access to base, totaling 200 to 300 vehicles a day. The dog uses its senses to make the inspections of full trucks more efficient.**

this way of life. "They are bred and raised to do this work," said Staff Sgt. Damian Phillips, 325th Security Forces Squadron, MWD handler.

When the dogs are ready, the breeders send them straight to Lackland Air Force Base for six months to a year for training. During their technical school they are taught how to use all of their senses to detect bombs and drugs, and how to apprehend criminals. Other tools used to train the dogs are obstacle courses that imitate real-world scenarios. After the animals successfully complete school, they are certified at Lackland and then employed by all branches of the service, said Staff Sgt. Jake Burkett, 325th SFS, the kennel master and MWD trainer.

"Over the years, the dogs are trained to do more and their tasks become more complicated," Sergeant Burkett said. "The training

becomes more advanced and more proficient."

Each dog is assigned to a handler who aids with the training as well as the MWD trainer. "Every time the dogs are out with their handlers they are training. The training is constant," Sergeant Burkett said. The dogs are specifically taught to detect either drugs or bombs, that way the handler knows what he is dealing with when the dog responds.

The dogs must stay 95 percent efficient to stay employed with the force, Sergeant Phillips said. The handlers often plant training aids during routine inspections to keep the dog motivated and make sure he is happy. "My job is to keep it fun and exciting for them," Sergeant Phillips said.

The handler and his dog are a team, they even get deployed together. The dogs are treated just like any employee with the Department of Defense when it comes to getting health inspections and readiness checkups to make sure they are always ready to deploy.

Currently, with the events in the world, the deployment rate for MWDs at Tyndall has gone from one MWD team deployed a year to four. In fact, there are two 325th SFS teams deployed right now in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. "They search vehicles, facilities and work the perimeter to catch intruders," Sergeant Burkett said. The dogs are doing well overseas, "they have to adapt just like anyone else," he said.

Another component of the dog's duty is assisting civilian agencies. They aid the Secret Service in detecting explosives, the Office of Special Investigation in finding drugs on base and the joint drug enforcement to suppress drugs. They are also relied on to inspect all the areas for explosives that the president, vice president, secretary of defense,



**Staff Sgt. Jake Burkett, the kennel master with the 325th SFS, and Spike, a newly acquired MWD with the force, demonstrate a K-9 attack. Spike has been with the squadron since May 21.**

or any foreign dignitary visits. Additionally, they scan the areas where conventions and major sporting events are to be held.

"The dogs are sent out to support (civilian agencies) as long as it doesn't affect our mission readiness," Sergeant Burkett said.

Similar to people, there comes a day in every dog's life when work must come to an end and face retirement. "MWDs work until they are no longer a valuable asset to the government," Sergeant Burkett said. They are given a retirement ceremony and adopted by either the handler or veterinarian personnel. "The bond you build with your dog is like no other, it becomes like a family member,

while you are at work you do everything with it," he said.

The MWDs and their handlers on Tyndall do their job to make sure everything is safe and secure. The dogs do walk-through inspections all over base constantly to make sure all the areas are not dangerous. "(The dogs) know what they are looking for and are very reliable," Sergeant Phillips said. "The bomb dogs are very important for anti-terrorism, they work day-in and day-out to make sure things are safe.

"The MWD program, Air Force wide, deters people from committing crime. It is an extra security just knowing the dogs are here. It keeps people from bringing drugs or explosives on base," Sergeant Phillips said.

# CEREMONY HONORS MILITARY WORKING DOG'S SERVICE

## AIRMAN SARAH McDOWELL

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

There are events that take place every day that people don't notice or just take for granted. The citizens of America can go to sleep at night, knowing that they have the military for a safety blanket, and we as the military can go to sleep at night knowing there is always someone working at all times.

Military members protect and defend the United States every day by doing the things that they are trained to do, but there are others who assist in their daily tasks. The military working dogs work day in and day out along with members to protect the nation without the perks that most of military people see. They act as the nose and ears of security forces' professionals.

Recently, one of the members of Team Tyndall passed away.

His name was Waldo. He worked a life dedicated to the protection of Team Tyndall as well as the United



Courtesy photo

**This is a picture of Waldo, a narcotics dog that was certified in patrol and detection and Staff Sgt. John Russum, his handler, with the 325th Security Forces Squadron. The two were a team for the last eight months of Waldo's life. They made two drug finds, the most recent in April.**

States.

"(It) is our time to weep for and mourn for a fellow friend and comrade whose life and work epitomized our core values of excellence in all we do, service before self, and integrity," Chaplain (Col.) Howard Ashford prayed during a memorial ceremony held for Waldo, who died in his sleep of natural causes May 28.

"Our Waldo, number 213, dedicated eight years and six months as a dual-certified patrol and narcotic MWD. He graciously stood in harm's way 102 months in defense of his nation and his seven handlers," Chaplain Ashford said.

Waldo's career started Sept. 6, 1994 when he entered school.

On Nov. 10, 1994 he completed school and on Nov. 30 he arrived at his first duty station, Reese Air Force Base, Texas.

The base closed down June 9, 1997, and as a result he got transferred to Tyndall where he worked for the rest of his life.

Waldo had a total of 23 drug finds totaling 113 grams of illegal narcotics throughout his career.

Two of the finds were with Staff Sgt. John Russum, Waldo's last handler with the 325th Security Forces Squadron.

Unfortunately, Waldo didn't make the retirement he was close to having, though it would have been well deserved because he worked hard and with a good attitude every day.

"Every day that I would walk into the kennel, he'd just hear my voice, and he would be in his kennel barking just to let me know that he was ready to go out and ready to work. No matter how bad my day was going, Waldo was always there to cheer me up, and make my day better," Sergeant Russum said.

Even upon nearing the end of his life, Waldo stayed 100 percent on his proficiency training, and made his last drug find in April.

"He was a good dog, he worked hard until he died," Sergeant Russum said.

"He did his time and worked his whole life in the military. He was a mellow dog, everybody liked him." Everyone that is, except criminals.

"Everybody that came in contact with him knew that he was a loving dog, except for all the people that we busted," Sergeant Russum said

"Waldo will never know how many lives he saved, how many homes he protected, all he knew was work, and work was his life. Waldo, we are forever in your gratitude, and you will not be forgotten," said Staff Sgt. Jake Burkett, kennel master for the 325th SFS.

Though Waldo's passing is a sad loss for Team Tyndall, and his efficiency, eagerness to work and great attitude will be missed, the military working dogs will continue to keep communities safe for years to come with their unique abilities and obedience.



Photos by Airman Sarah McDowell

**Airman 1st Class Kelson Nisbett (left), and Staff Sgt. Donovan Muir with the 325th Security Forces Squadron, fold the flag during the military honors at a ceremony honoring Waldo who died in his sleep May 28.**



**Sergeant Muir from the 325th SFS renders a last salute to Waldo, who was a narcotic military working dog for eight years and six months. Staff Sgt. Jake Burkett, the kennel master with the 325th SFS, was the master of ceremonies for the memorial.**



**Staff Sgt. John Russum, Waldo's last handler rides out on a security forces boat to spread the dog's ashes into the Atlantic. "Unlike humans, he was always in a good mood with his tail wagging, wanting to get out of his kennel and work. He was always energetic," Sergeant Russum said.**

# Time for cleanup, final touches as ORI nears

**LT. COL. STEVEN KOTAN**

Operational Readiness Inspection project officer

Our ORI is nearly around the corner, only one month on the calendar and 25 workdays remain. Everyone should continue to put the final touches on programs and projects. Now is the time to begin the meticulous look at each and every thing we do. In addition, housekeeping is next up on our daily checklists.

**DAY 25 (Monday): Yard party:** Everyone should take a walk outside and look around the building with a critical eye. Lawn, asphalt, parking strips, safety hazards, clutter, reserved parking signs; you name it. Look at it with the eye of someone who can fix it or improve it immediately. Has the unit changed command? Does the sign out front reflect the new owner? Correct all safety deficiencies. How do the dorms look?

**DAY 24 (Tuesday): House party:** Same as yesterday, but INSIDE today. Go back and check up on items identified during Day 34. Construction may be underway—don't worry about that—just make the best of what you've got. Correct all safety deficiencies.

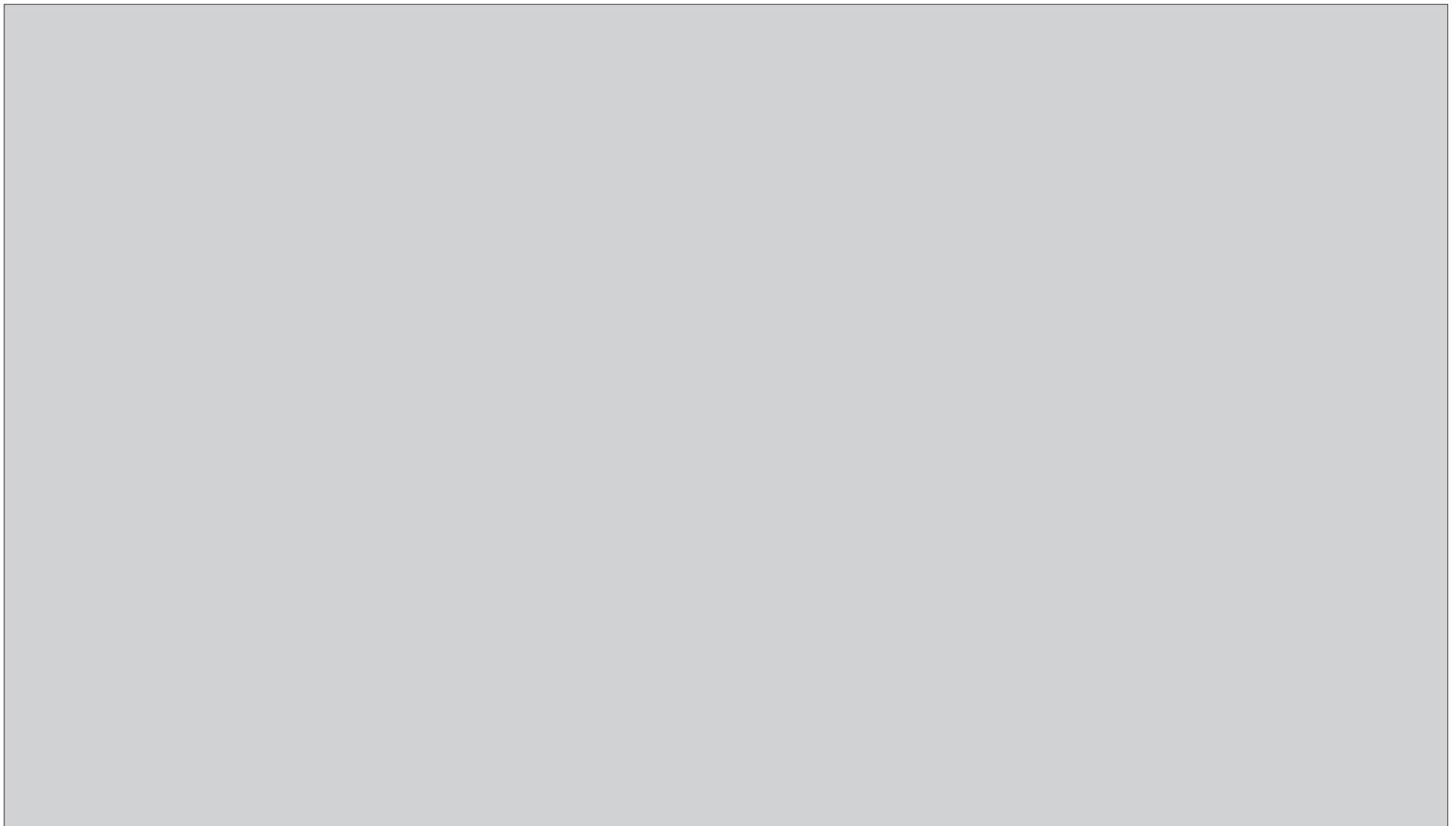
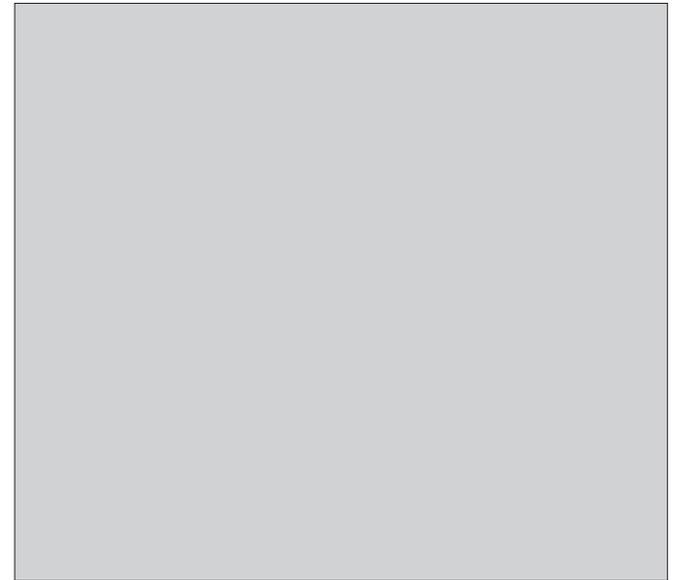
**DAY 23 (Wednesday): Assessment day:** You've worked hard up to this point. With less than four weeks left you really need to sit back and do some relaxed soul searching. Add items needing to be accomplished in the

remaining weeks; take note of them and then follow up later to ensure they have been completed.

**DAY 22 (Thursday): Shop chief's walk through:** Shop chiefs should visit each of their people today and ask prying questions as to how, when, why, and which AFI. This is where experience pays off. Establish standards by answering questions honestly, displaying a willingness to learn and knowing when not to speak. Include non-duty hours and weekend visits. Are notices clearly, accurately displayed and current?

**DAY 21 (June 20): Suspenses:** All supervisors should track down every piece of paperwork they have generated in the past 25 days and determine its status. Lost in typing? How about OPRs, EPRs, awards and decorations? Remember business as usual doesn't come to a halt while we're dressing for the show.

We must all remember that all the hard work will pay off in two ways. First, each and every one of us will have a more comprehensive understanding of what our day to day duties include which should have a positive impact on our mission accomplishment. Second, it will help us showcase our truly professional and dedicated team to the visiting inspectors. Team Tyndall; best in AETC? I think so, now let's show the inspectors what being part of this winning team can do.



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impact officer and enlisted training programs that develop airmen for future world events such as war.

“We will continually make adjustments based on lessons learned from the war,” he said. “Training is the foundation. You continually train and prepare yourself for the ultimate, and the ultimate this time was OIF.”

Besides modifications in technology and training, there are other people-impacting changes in career field management.

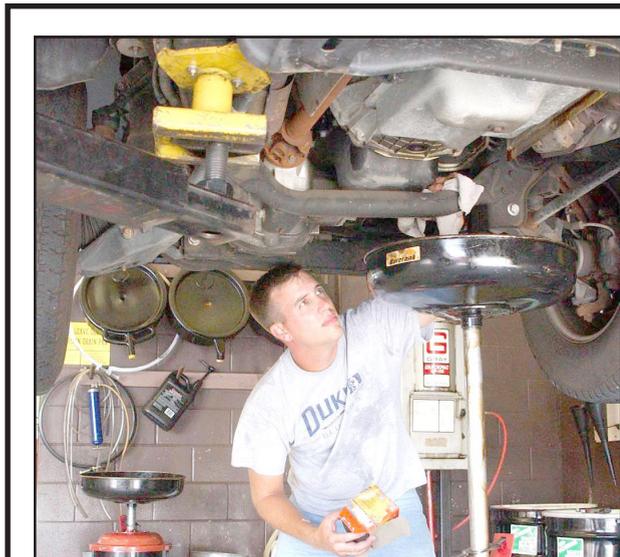
“There are going to be increases and there are going to be decreases in the selective re-enlistment bonus based upon where the Air Force needs to be at a certain point in career field manning,” Chief Meyers said. “If there are shortages in particular areas where the Air Force needs to retain people for their experience level, the Air Force may increase their SRB. If the career field is sitting stable or overmanned, you may see decreases. It is one of the ways we manage the

force. We use it to balance our force to ensure we have airmen with the skills and experience we need to do the mission.”

Though some people may find decreases or elimination of their career field SRB disappointing, the Air Force has made changes over the years in other areas to improve the quality of life for airmen.

“We continually see, from a quality of life perspective, dorm initiatives and technology driven down at every level of the Air Force to include our training classrooms,” the chief said. “We used to have overhead view graph projectors in every classroom, and now we have touch screen ‘smart’ boards. These new systems improve our airmen’s ability to do their job.

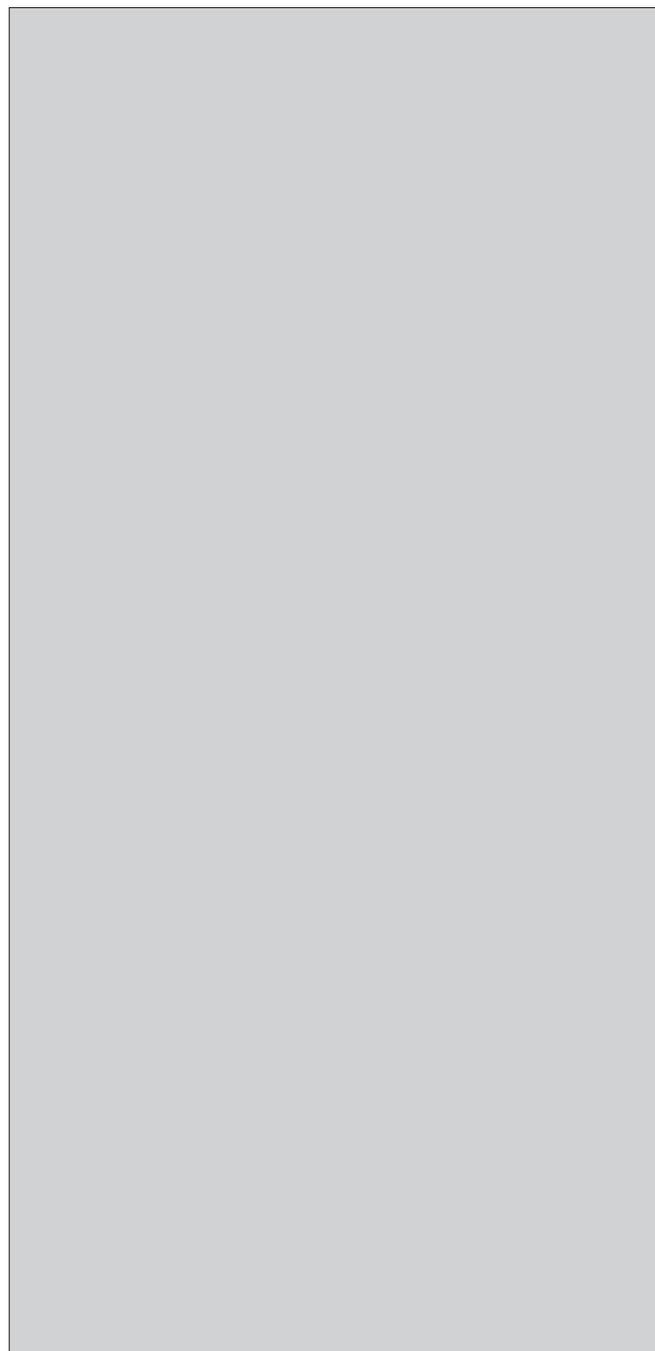
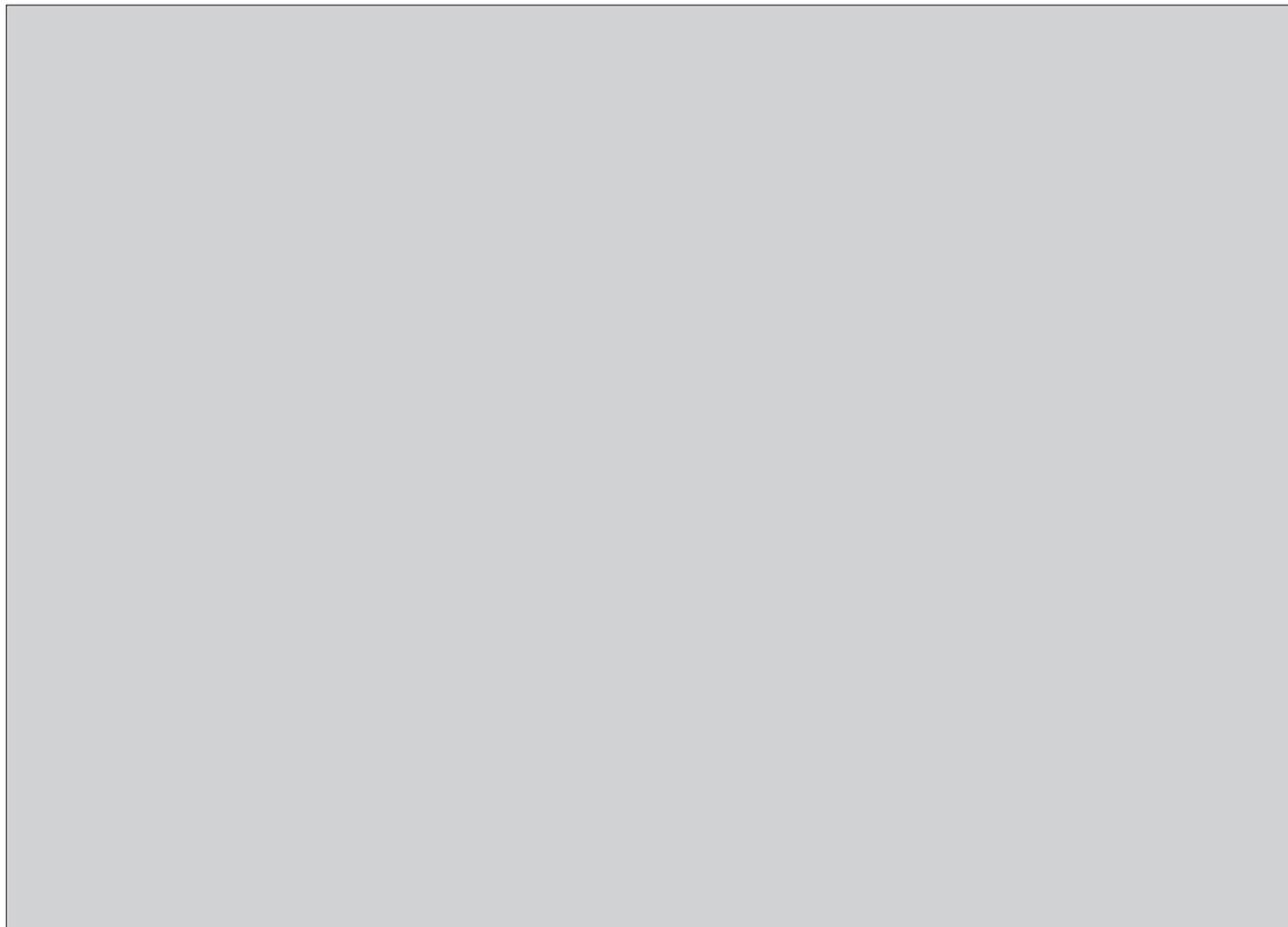
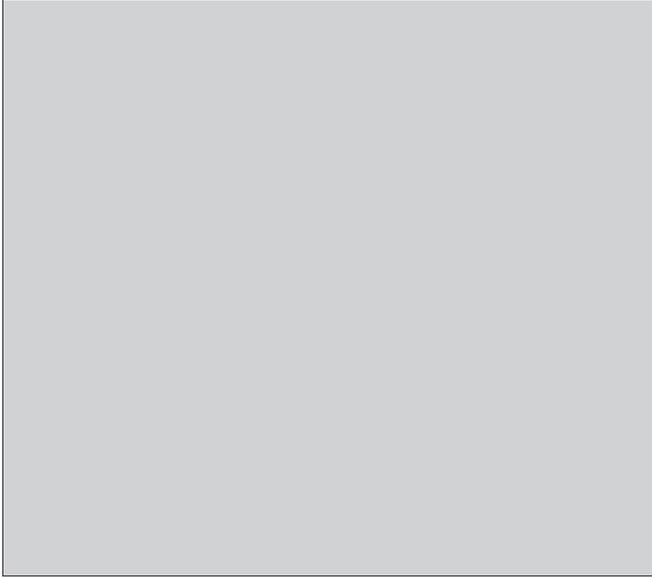
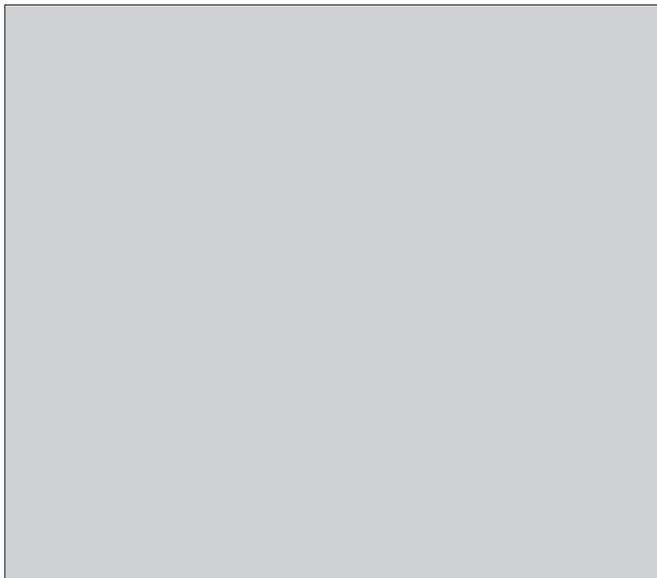
“While the technology continues to improve, it is the people and the quality training they receive that makes our Air Force the world’s finest and our command so vital to its mission.”



Airman Sarah McDowell

### Oil anyone?

**Tech. Sgt. Allen Daniels changes his oil at the auto hobby shop located in the skills development center. There is also a frame shop, a wood hobby shop and a ceramics shop in the building. Call 283-4511 for details.**



Your link  
to what's going on

# Gulf Guide

in the  
Tyndall community

## JUNE

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### Capella University visit

A Capella University representative will be visiting the Tyndall Education Center 11 a.m.-1 p.m. today in Room 26.

Interested individuals are invited to stop by and find out about the various online programs that are available. For more information, call the education center, 283-4285.

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### Anger-management workshop

The four-session anger-management workshop will continue 10:30 a.m.-noon Monday and June 23 in the family advocacy conference room in Building 1305. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7511.

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### Transition-assistance workshop

A three-day transition-assistance workshop for anyone leaving the military within the next 12 months will be 7:45

a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday. The workshop topics will include analyzing skills, setting personal goals, starting the job search, resume writing, interview skills, veterans benefits and much more. Spouses and Department of Defense civilians are welcome. For more information or reservations, call the family support center, 283-4204.

### 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 study topic is a review of Genesis and Exodus. A study of Leviticus will begin July 1. 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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### Parenting workshop

An effective parenting workshop will be 1-3 p.m. Wednesday and June 25 in Room 127 in Building 1305. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7511.

### Protestant youth group

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

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### Antiterrorism training

Mandatory antiterrorism training is provided by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations on a walk-in basis 8 a.m.

every Thursday in Building 656. The training will last approximately 45 minutes. Anyone with a permanent change of station or temporary duty assignment to an overseas location who has not received Level-I Antiterrorism training within six months of their departure date is required to receive this training prior to out-processing. Out-processing checklists should be brought to the training session. Military dependents are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Special Agent Doug Hartwell, 283-3261 or 283-3262.

### 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.

## NOTES

### Hurricane-awareness briefing

A hurricane-awareness briefing for all spouses of servicemembers will be 10-11 a.m. June 21 in the family support center classroom in Building 743. The briefing will focus on family preparation for the hurricane season. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Aundra Christon, 283-4856.

### Pass and registration office closure

The pass and registration office will now be closed 12:30-1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Edward Branagan, 283-4191.

### myPay service

The myPay service, an online program that provides a secure way to manage pay account information, is open to all active-duty, Guard and Reserve airmen, civilian employees, retirees and other beneficiaries. With myPay, users can view, print or save Leave and Earning Statements or elect to turn off receiving a paper LES; view and print tax statements; change federal and state tax withholdings;

update bank account and electronic fund transfer information; make address changes; and enroll or update Thrift Savings Plan information. Customers can elect to turn off the print copy of their LES and check it online. The Defense Department saves up to 34 cents for each LES that is delivered electronically instead of in hard copy. To access the myPay online service or set up a new account, go to <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.asp>.

## RETIREE NEWS

### Online records request procedures

The National Personnel Records Center is working to make it easier for veterans with computer and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files. Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. Veterans and next of kin may access the computer application at <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online Web site.

### Government grave marker requests

The Department of Veterans Affairs has revised its application form to make requesting a VA grave marker easier. The new form, Application for Standard Government Headstone or Marker (VA Form 40-1330), includes updated information about changes that expand eligibility for a government marker.

For deaths on or after Sept. 11, 2001, Public Laws 107-103 and 107-330 made government markers available for use on veterans' graves that were already marked with privately furnished headstones or markers. Previous law prevented VA from furnishing markers when a grave was already marked. The laws require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to report to Congress by Feb. 1, 2006, on the effectiveness of this benefit and to recommend whether it should continue.

The VA has a fax service to submit applications. Instructions, as well as the fax number, (800) 455-7143, are on the VA Web site at [www.cem.va.gov](http://www.cem.va.gov). The Web site application can be filled in and printed for submitting by mail or fax. Questions about a headstone or marker application can be directed to VA's Memorial Programs Service Applicant Assistance Unit at (800) 697-6947.

## YARD SALES

The following yard sales are scheduled for Saturday: 3684-A Kisling Loop and 3664 Kisling 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.

# Women usually live longer than men for unknown reasons

**CAPT. CHARLES WINDFELDER**  
325th Medical Group physician assistant

It is a scientific fact that men don't live as long as women.

Is it because we don't care for ourselves as well as women do? Is it that we don't listen to our warning signs and seek care when our bodies tell us to? Is that stubborn, macho, nothing-can-hurt-me, "man of steel" attitude preventing us from making an educated decision to see our health-care provider?

I would like to be here telling you the exact reason why men do not live as long as women, but I will save that debate for another day. Today, I'd rather concentrate on a few men's health problems and some prevention strategies that will allow us to live longer, more productive lives. Remember, it's not necessarily how long you live but actually living a quality life for as long as humanly possible!

For young, adult males ages 18 to 35, the most common cause of death is trauma. Young men are looking for excitement; they want to push the envelope, and sometimes to the extreme where the result is disease, injury or death.

Common diseases for this age group vary from community-acquired ailments to cancer. Sexually transmitted diseases are by far one of the leading causes of illness and are 100 percent preventable. Most importantly, we need to remember to always practice safe sex, whether that means abstinence or using barrier devices to protect yourself. Testicular cancer is the most common malignancy in this group and early de-

tection is paramount. Testicular exams should be accomplished monthly, and men should discuss any changes from normal with their doctor.

Sports injuries are frequent complaints and could be significantly minimized by following a few key rules. First, always stretch before and after any activity. Secondly, spend a few minutes warming up the muscles that are going to be used. Stretching and warming up are two different activities and are not done necessarily at the same time. Lastly, a cooling period with stretching will aid recovery along with enough rest that allows the muscle groups to heal.

The next age category, 36-50 years, includes the professionals who are set in their careers and begin to feel the pains of aging that result from abusing their bodies over the years. This is the time that high cholesterol, high blood pressure, obesity and chronic arthritic pains are diagnosed.

Excuses that "life is too busy" and "I don't have the time to take adequate care of myself" are common.

This is the point when many men come to the realization that they will not live forever and must make a choice between

changing their ways or continuing toward an early demise (or a less productive life).

Older adult males over the age of 50 are looking forward to doing the fun activities that retirement allows. This is the age when the signs of years of neglect begin to surface. First heart attacks often occur before or during the 50s-60s, and a long list of medicines is needed to prevent a recurrence. Additionally, the smokers are usually diagnosed with some sort of smoking-related disease or cancer by this age.

How can we fight the ailments for each group of males? It all begins with prevention. It has to start when you are a young man and continue to be part of your lifestyle forever. We have to treat our prevention strategies as if they were part of our necessary survival components.

Here they are ... Charles' "top ten list" of healthy living and prevention strategies for males and females. They will assuredly endure the test of time.

1. Exercise daily—yes, daily! That doesn't mean lifting the remote control or moving the mouse. That means combining an aerobic and anaerobic exercise program

that will focus on cardiovascular as well as musculoskeletal systems. (Please see your doctor before starting any new exercise program.)

2. Avoid alcohol—please don't quote some study that says drinking is actually good for you—thousands die every year because of alcohol-related incidents.

3. Avoid tobacco—tobacco-related products kill, enough said. If you smoke, you are knowingly exposing yourself everyday, on purpose, to chemicals that cause cancer—well, the famous quote here is "you have to die of something!" Yeah right, I guess, being 70 years old with one lung, on oxygen, and three inhalers suits some people just fine!

4. Eat well—no that does not mean eat like a king but rather eat a healthy, well balanced diet (a diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean meats and dairy products). Avoid fast foods, high fat snacks and sodas.

5. Always wear your seat belt!

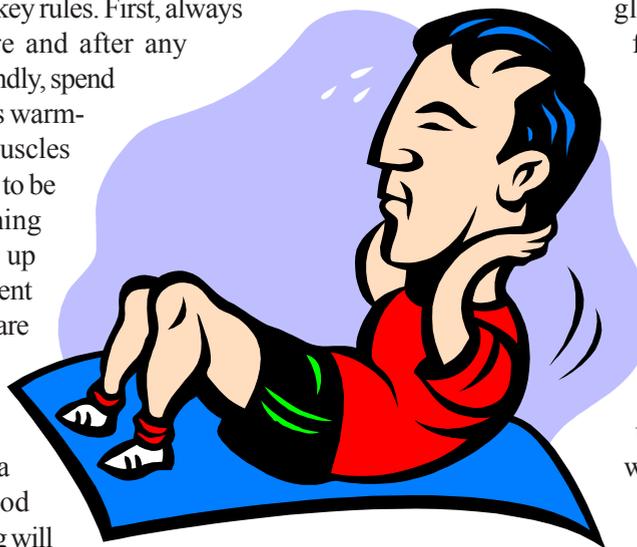
6. Wear sunscreen when outdoors.

7. Avoid watching television or playing video/computer games excessively—a sedentary lifestyle is a risk factor for heart disease, obesity, etc.

8. Sleep well. That means that you get the proper quantity and quality.

9. Avoid the addictive potential of caffeine—do you drink coffee/soda in the morning because you want to or because you have to have it?

10. Be happy! Your attitude toward life will undoubtedly govern whether you only exist in this world or actually LIVE!



## Facts on upcoming Advance Child Tax Credit payments

Beginning the last week of July, eligible taxpayers who claimed the Child Tax Credit on their 2002 tax returns will automatically receive an advance payment of the 2003 increase in this credit. Taxpayers will not have to take any action to get this advance payment of up to \$400 per qualifying child. The Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service will perform all the calculations and automatically mail a notice and a check to each eligible taxpayer. "There's no need to call, no need to apply, no need to fill out another form. The IRS will do all the work. A few days after the notice, you will get the check," said Mark Everson, IRS Commissioner.

The checks—an advance payment of the 2003 increase in the Child Tax Credit—will be based on the child tax credit claimed on the taxpayer's 2002 tax return. The Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 increased the maximum child tax credit for 2003 to \$1,000 per child, up from \$600 for tax year 2002. The law further instructed the

Treasury Department to provide the difference—up to \$400 per child—as an advance payment to each eligible taxpayer this summer.

The Treasury Department will issue about 25 million of these checks this year, beginning with three principal mailings on July 25, Aug. 1 and Aug. 8; taxpayers who filed returns after April 15 will receive their advance payments after the IRS processes their returns. The IRS will send notices to taxpayers on July 23, July 30 and Aug. 6, informing them of their advance payment amount. The IRS urges taxpayers to hold on to these notices for their 2003 tax returns. They will need to take the advance payment into account when determining the amount of their child tax credit on the 2003 tax return.

### Key points to remember:

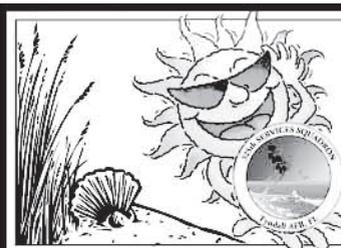
\$ — This is an advance on 2003 tax returns (what taxpayers will file in 2004), and not a reimbursement for taxes paid last year. Also, the \$400 figure is a maximum payment. Some

taxpayers will receive less than this, depending on their personal tax situation.

\$ — This payment must be accounted for in the upcoming 2003 tax returns. The IRS urges taxpayers to hold onto the notices, and those using the VITA program will be required to produce the notice at tax time.

\$ — Those taxpayers receiving the early checks are solely those who filed for the Child Tax Credit last year. Taxpayers who are not eligible for the advance payment may still qualify for the increased child tax credit of up to \$1,000 when they file the 2003 tax return next year. For instance, a taxpayer who did not have a child in 2002, but had one in 2003, would not receive an advance payment but may qualify for the full \$1,000 credit on the 2003 tax return.

More information on the advance Child Tax Credit is available on the IRS Web site, at <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom> (Courtesy 325th Fighter Wing legal office)



# Funshine NEWS



June 13, 2003

325th Services Website: [www.325thservices.com](http://www.325thservices.com)

## Here's What's Happening at the Tyndall Officers' Club

### All Ranks Lunch

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

Unlimited access to the daily buffet, salad bar,  
fountain soda, tea & coffee!

Includes Fresh Hot Carved Meat  
Sandwiches on Kaiser Roll

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

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

### On Base Food Delivery

■ **Lunch Menu:** Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
*Limited to office deliveries (i.e. squadron addresses)*

■ **Evening Menu:** Fri. & Sat. 5:30-9 p.m.

**Subs & Pizzas**  
**286-2900**

### AF Club Scholarship

Six scholarships will be awarded to AF Club  
members or their eligible family members.

**First place is \$6,000**

Information packages with complete instructions  
and requirements are available from the  
Tyndall Officers' Club business office.

Entry deadline is July 15.

**283-4357**  
for more information.



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### All Ranks at the O' Club

## Father's Day Sunday Brunch!

**\$8.95\***

Champagne Available - add \$3

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

### Menu Includes:

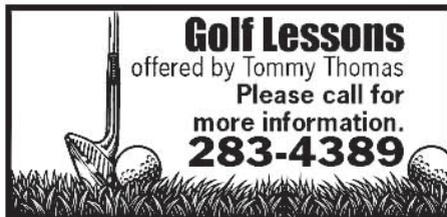
- Carving Station
- Omelets (made to order)
- Belgian Waffles
- Sausage
- Bacon
- Hash Browns
- Fresh Fruit
- Muffins
- Danish
- Biscuits & Gravy



For details call:

**283-4357**

Until further notice the  
Graphic Impressions  
print shop will only offer  
black and white copy service.



**Golf Lessons**  
offered by Tommy Thomas  
Please call for  
more information.  
**283-4389**

Tyndall 2003  
**Heritage Day Celebration**  
Heritage Park • July 2, 4-10 p.m.  
Live Entertainment, Food,  
Kids Activities and Fireworks

*All-You-Can-Eat*  
**Pancakes**  
at the Marina Club  
Every Sunday  
Members: \$2.50  
Non-members: \$3.50  
**283-3059**



Raptor Lanes Bowling Center  
**Fast Lanes**  
May 22 - Aug. 14

Purchase a large fountain drink and  
receive a game piece. Participants may  
win instant prizes. Participants who fill  
out the attached entry form are also  
entered to win the NASCAR racing  
hood replica on display at the bowling  
center, and could win the grand prize  
NASCAR VIP trip.

**283-2380**

### Bonita Bay

☎ 283-3199

### Whitewater Rafting

August 9-11. \$185 per person  
includes: 5 meals, camping,  
transportation, and 2 rafting trips.  
Deposit required at time of reservation.

### Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

### Volleyball Clinic

The Youth Center is currently taking  
sign-ups for a volleyball clinic June 16-  
20 for ages 10-16 yrs. Cost for the  
class is \$10.

### AETC Youth Golf Clinic

Open to youth 6-17 yrs. old. Learn the  
fundamentals of golf in a group  
environment. Multiple sessions being  
offered. Call for more information.

### Youth Golf League

Enjoy team competition in a fun  
environment. League runs June-July.  
Cost is \$30 and includes hat, shirt and  
golf balls. Call for details.

### Youth Soccer

Soccer registration for U10 ages 8 & 9  
yrs., U12 ages 10 & 11 yrs. will be  
until June 28. This is due to the  
BCYSA/FSA signup deadline. NO  
EXCEPTIONS!

## Base Pool



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

### Youth Swim Lessons

**Session II:** June 10-20; Register by June 2.  
Lessons are \$45 per student, per session.  
Infant, Toddler, Preschool, Levels I, II, III, IV, V,  
VI, VII and Adult classes are available this  
session.  
**Session III:** June 24 - July 3; Register by  
June 16; Infant, Toddler, Preschool, Levels I,  
II, III, IV, V, VI, VII & Guard Start are available  
this session.

### Water Aerobic Classes

- **Burn Baby Burn**  
**Mondays:** 9-10 a.m., 11 a.m.-12 p.m. &  
6-7 p.m.
- Tuesdays:** 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Thursdays:** 6-7 p.m.
- **Easy Does It:** Tuesdays: 6-7 p.m.

### 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.

### Marina Club

☎ 283-3059

### Friday Seafood Buffet

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

### Pontoon Boat Rental

1/2 Day: \$65, All day: \$95. Closest  
pontoon boat rental to Shell Island.

### All-You-Can-Eat Pancakes

Every Sunday, 7:30-10 a.m.

### Best Salad Bar on Base

Tues.-Thurs., 11 a.m.-1 p.m., \$3.75

### Scuba Lessons

PADI Open water certification: \$175.

### Cook Your Own Steak

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

### Fitness Center

☎ 283-2631

### Sunrise Beach Run/Walk

June 26, 6 a.m. meet at the bath house.

### Pelican Pt. Golf Course

☎ 283-4389

### Making Improvements...

Renovations have begun on the golf course  
tee boxes and sand bunkers as part of  
continuing efforts to improve your golfing  
experience. Temporary tee boxes have been  
installed until upgrades are completed.

### Community Activities Center Beginners

## Surfing Classes For Youth & Adults

### CAC Beginners Surfing Classes

Ages 18 yrs. and up

**Dates:** June 21 & 28

**Time:** 8-10 a.m. & 10:30-12:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$35 per person / per class.

All equipment provided.

Participants must have basic swimming skills.  
Space is limited. Private lessons available.

**Call Rudy for class info.: 283-2495**

### Youth Center Beginners Surfing Class

Ages 10 yrs. and up

**Dates:** June 21 & 28 **Time:** 1-3 p.m.

**Cost:** \$35 per person / per class.

All equipment provided.

Participants must have basic swimming skills.  
Space is limited. Private lessons available.

**Call Andy for youth class info.: 283-4366**

# Deer near roadway means drivers need to hit brakes

**TECH. SGT. DIANNA PEACE**

325th Fighter Wing legal office

Have you ever driven to work in the morning or returned home in the evening only to find yourself playing dodge ball with the deer as the ball?

As a child, I enjoyed dodge ball, but I do not enjoy swerving to miss deer traffic. Deer are particularly common at Tyndall and put a dangerous element into the mix.

Having been stationed at Tyndall for a few years, I find myself cautiously passing deer, hoping that I will make it safely by without incident. My luck ran dry recently.

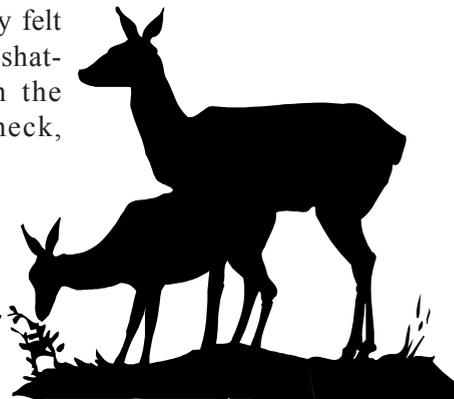
That fateful morning as I passed the education center, I spotted a deer grazing on the lawn. I slowed the car because the deer looked anxious, not knowing whether to stay still or dart for the woodline.

The startled deer made his way straight for my car. When I saw that there was no preventing a collision with this deer, my natural instincts kicked in, and I firmly held on to the steering wheel, turned my back to it, and waited for the impact. In an instant, I heard and felt the crash

and immediately felt the shower of shattered glass on the back of my neck, head and ears.

When I stopped the car to evaluate the situation and damage, I discovered a nice-size dent to my car door, the side window bent in and glass broken, and the driver's side window shattered. The interior of my car was completely covered with small pieces of glass, deer hair and other unidentified particles.

I am sure many of you have played this "deer dodging" game yourself. The only advice that I can give is to use extreme caution when you see deer close to the road-



way. Slow or stop your vehicle and wait for the deer to pass, lest you become tagged by something much bigger than a dodge ball.

After the impact, I immediately notified security forces so that a proper statement could be taken in order to file a claim against my insurer. This is necessary to effect a supportable claim against your insurance company.

Deer strikes are not paid by the Air Force. It has never been a payable claim. The Air Force does not insure against strikes by any animals or other objects to include for example, shopping carts. It is imperative that you re-evaluate your insurance to ensure that you have the proper coverage in the event that you become tagged by the "deer ball" or something worse. The Air Force does not insure all damage that occurs on base, which is a common misperception. If you become involved in a deer strike, follow the above guidance to protect yourself and your claim.

*(Sergeant Peace is the NCO in charge of claims in the legal office)*

