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In brief

Uniform wear during air show

The 325th Fighter Wing commander has issued uniform wear guidance for Team Tyndall during the 2003 Gulf Coast Salute.

People working at sales booths should wear civilian clothes to avoid damage to the uniforms and alleviate the perception of Air Force members endorsing products.

People working normal duties associated with the air show should wear the blue uniform. Some air show staff and workers should wear BDUs or flight suits based on their assigned duties.

Everyone else attending the air show should wear a blue uniform to be an Air Force ambassador to the public, as well as to be a threat deterrent and visible disaster responder.

Everyone should wear their hats to include on the flightline except for static display personnel working near their aircraft. Hats are optional for static display personnel. The flightline area is a no salute area.

Soldiers assigned to Tyndall should wear their class B uniform if attending the open house off-duty.

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Gulf Coast Salute set for March 22-23

MELISSA HARTLE

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Tyndall Air Force Base will open its gates to the public March 22 and 23 for the Gulf Coast Salute 2003 Open House and Air show.

"This is an opportunity to educate the public and thank the community for their outstanding support of the men and women at Tyndall Air Force Base and the various military installations across the Panhandle," said Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander. "With everything that is going on in the world today, this is also an opportunity to show the public the capabilities and professionalism their U.S. Air Force and sister services bring to the fight."

"We have an action-packed weekend lined up for people of all ages," said Maj. John Melloy, Gulf Coast Salute 2003 chairman. "We

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Staff Sgt. Christopher Gish

The Thunderbirds get a graceful and serene view of the world while inverted in the Diamond Clover Loop.

Reductions cost AETC 1,400 positions in 2004

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS) — Air Education and Training Command will lose more than 1,400 positions in fiscal 2004 as part of the Air Force's manpower reduction initiative, the AETC commander announced earlier this month.

Under the program to reconcile current manning documents with authorized levels as outlined by the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Gen. Don Cook, said AETC will lose about 830 military and 590 civilian positions next year with increased reductions in later years.

Tyndall Air Force Base will see the base work force reduced by

about 61 military and 35 civilians under the initiative.

"This is a responsibility we take very seriously and we will look for ways to effectively minimize the impact to personal lives and the mission," said Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander. "There will be some extremely difficult decisions that will need to be made, but people can be assured that we will do everything we can to make sure the process is conducted properly and with respect to all involved."

The fiscal 2004 reductions take effect Oct. 1, 2003. The number of military and civilian positions af-

fect in future years has yet to be determined.

"We have strategically spread these cuts across the command's bases in such a way that we are hopeful each base will be able to absorb the cuts," General Cook said. "This doesn't mean there will be no reduction in force actions. RIF procedures will be used to move workers into available positions as some jobs are eliminated. This realigning of our workforce will help us better organize for the ongoing challenges we face to recruit, train, educate and retain airmen."

The reductions are a result of multiple factors, according to the

AETC commander. Foremost, the Air Force and AETC must balance manpower levels with force requirements while meeting manpower ceilings set by Congress and the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

The Air Force needs to reduce manpower positions to comply with caps imposed on the active duty and civilian workforce. The Air Force is authorized and funded for about 360,000 military and 159,000 civilians. The current force will exceed this amount by more than 9,000 positions in 2004.

"In essence, the Air Force has more manpower 'spaces' on the

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Team Tyndall continues to shine

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW

325th Fighter Wing commander



It is my distinct honor to begin this week's commentary with an announcement of a couple of promotions and more command-level awards.

We conduct a critical mission here and these awards confirm what I knew to be true, we have outstanding people conducting it.

It is my great pleasure to announce Lt. Col. Michael Winslow, 325th Operations Group deputy commander, and Lt. Col. Wilfred Cassidy, 325th Mission Support Group deputy commander, have been selected for promotion to colonel. We also had two members who have departed Tyndall selected for promotion, Lt. Cols. David Freaney and Joseph Breen. Congratulations and well deserved Mike, Will, Dave and Joe. These are challenging times, and our Air Force is always in need of leaders with vision, values and the commitment to take care of our people and get the mission done. I know you're up to the challenge, and I'm proud to be serving with you.

There were also 325th Fighter Wing mem-



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BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW

325th Fighter Wing commander

bers who were recognized as the best in their specific career specialty. Congratulations to Lt. Col. Deanna Paulk, Air Education and Training Command's Base Level Senior Personnel Manager of the Year; Catherine Williams, AETC Outstanding Civilian Personnel Intermediate Specialist and Gerald Havel, recipient of the Air Force Personnel Testing Achievement Award. Also, Colonel Paulk was recognized as the recipient of the Horace M. Wade Innovation Award for benchmark programs and creative leadership in the personnel career field to include creating a commander's guide to the mission support squadron, a weekly mission support squadron bulletin, community events to include vari-

ous visits to veterans' homes among other programs.

Congratulations are also in order for Roger Crooks, 325th Communications Squadron, recipient of the Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Civilian Technician Professionalism Award.

In this year's AETC annual weather award competition, 1st Lt. Scott Avent won the Best Award for Outstanding Officer Staff Support and Daniel Sheldon earned distinction as the Jenner Award recipient for the AETC Weather Civilian of the Year.

Also announced recently were the medical community's command annual awards.

Senior Airman Jessica Dickson earned the

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Larry D. New

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW

325th Fighter Wing commander

Serving your country makes a tremendous career

COL. A.J. STEWART

71st Flying Training Wing commander

VANCE AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. (AFPN) — I read the news every day and it occurs to me I have been fairly disconnected from the current cloudy financial days. For 22 years, I've never wondered about my paycheck. I've never actually seen one since they have been direct-deposited to the exact same account number since I was a cadet.

I've never worried about affording health care for my family. Most of the time, health care was free. My kids were all born in military hospitals and received the very best of care.

Truthfully, I've always made enough money to live comfortably, and today very comfortably. Every year I've earned 30 days of paid vacation and lived in "gated" communities among my very good friends and colleagues.

The opportunities for education, experience and career

advancement have been nearly boundless. I have received, free of charge, training in an array of courses from small arms, unarmed combat, survival, CPR, chemical warfare defense, navigation, leadership and too many more to begin to name.

Help for anything I needed was never more than a phone call away to a first sergeant or commander at worst, and at best right next door.

Commissary, base exchange, my very own club, a world-class fitness center, a bowling center, golf course, child care facility, library, auto skills center, wood hobby shop, youth center, swimming pools — I can use them all for nominal fees or for free.

My retirement system is outstanding. Don't believe me? Ask some of your civilian friends or family members with company-funded retirement funds based in the stock market. The news is not good. Some folks who planned to retire, can't.

Best of all, I get the immeasurable satisfaction that comes from honorably and proudly serving our country. I have the respect of the American public. Check the polling data and you'll find uniformed military men and women are at the top of the list of respected professions.

So, what has this great life cost me? Family separations, early mornings and late nights, hard work and missed holidays and birthdays, among others. But that list applies to most professions today.

I left out the fact I might be put in harm's way or even die for my service to the country. So did thousands on Sept. 11, 2001, at the World Trade Center.

What's my point? Serving the country in the Air Force is a tremendous career when you take into account all the tangible and intangible benefits. Knowing what I know now, I'd start over and do it all again.

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Brig. Gen. Sarah P. Wells Outstanding Airman of the Year Award; Maj. Julio Reyes-Rivera earned the 2002 Field Grade Officer of the Year Physical Therapy Award; and Staff Sgt. John Fenwick was named the Col. Cleveland L. Parker Award recipient, recognizing him as the Public Health Technician NCO of the Year.

Last but not least, Tech. Sgt. James Cerf, 325th Maintenance Operations Squadron, earned AETC Unit Security Manager of the Year honors.

Congratulations to all on being recognized as the command's finest and good luck at the Air Force competition.

Next week, the wing and base will have another opportunity to shine at the 2003 Gulf Coast Salute Open House and air show March 22-23. In advance, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Maj. John Melloy, open house chairman, and his team of professionals for the long hours put forth in preparation for the air show. The Gulf Coast Salute is a great opportunity to highlight the base, educate the community and maybe even spark the interest of a few future airmen. While all the billboards and news stories tout the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds as the featured act, in my book the real highlight of the weekend is the men and women of our armed forces.

Our airmen being front and center best serves our goals. Our guests want to proudly come view their military capabilities. Natu-

rally, we want them to see our most valued asset, our people. We want to be available and visible to our guests during the weekend's action-packed activities. We want to help them understand our role in national defense and how their tax dollars are being spent.

Our visible airmen will facilitate open discussion as well as serve as a visible threat deterrent. Therefore, I highly encourage all those who attend the open house to wear the blue uniform as this event is the base's number one opportunity to tell the Air Force story to the public, and our people need to be visible in order to tell it. Additionally, military personnel working normal duties associated with the air show should wear the blue uniform. Some air show staff and workers should wear the battle dress uniform or flight suits based on their assigned duties. Soldiers assigned to Tyndall should wear their class B uniform if attending the open house off-duty. Everyone should wear their hats to include on the flightline except for static display personnel working near their aircraft. Hats are optional for static display personnel. The flightline area is a no salute area. Individuals working at sales booths should wear civilian attire to avoid damage to the uniforms, and alleviate any possible perception of product endorsement.

Thank you for your support in this area and also, please plan to attend the Gulf Coast Salute open house and air show March 22-23. The gates open at 8 a.m. both days. Be safe and have a great week.

Uniform policy to take effect

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW
325th Fighter Wing commander

Monday a new uniform policy will be implemented across the base. This change will enable us to fall in line with uniform guidance provided by the Chief of Staff and Air Education and Training Command. The goal is to establish uniformity within duty sections while returning to the normal Air Force uniform wear. The following is guidance on appropriate uniform attire for the various groups and sections.

Since the majority of people in the operations group require FDUs or BDUs for their functions, the OG uniform of the day is FDUs or BDUs as appropriate. However, for those with separate workplaces and whose duties do not require utility uniforms such as the tower, Rapcon, base operations and base weather, the duty uniform is blues.

For the maintenance group professionals, BDUs is the designated duty uniform.

The majority of the medical professionals will be in blues. A few sections such as flight medicine and aerospace physiology will require wearing FDUs, while logistics and facilities sections will wear BDUs. Dental personnel will wear blues and scrubs in the facility. If personnel need to perform work-detail type duties or line-inspection duties such as public health

they should wear BDUs.

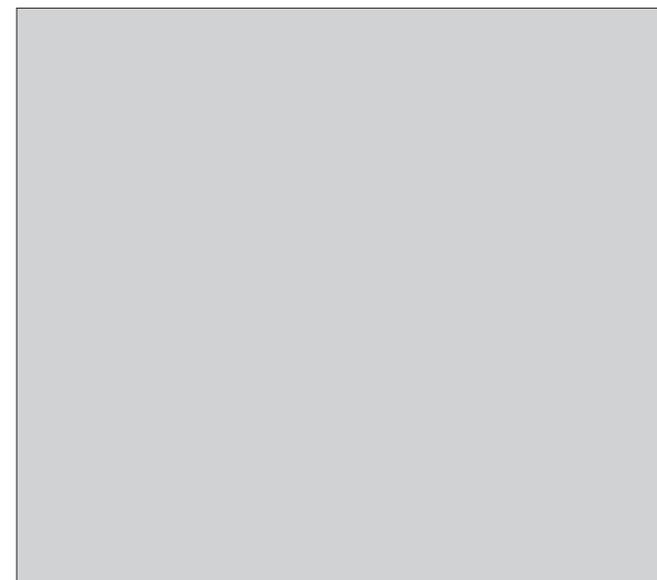
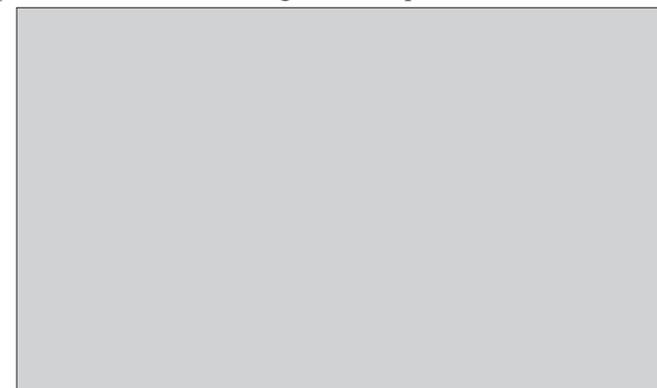
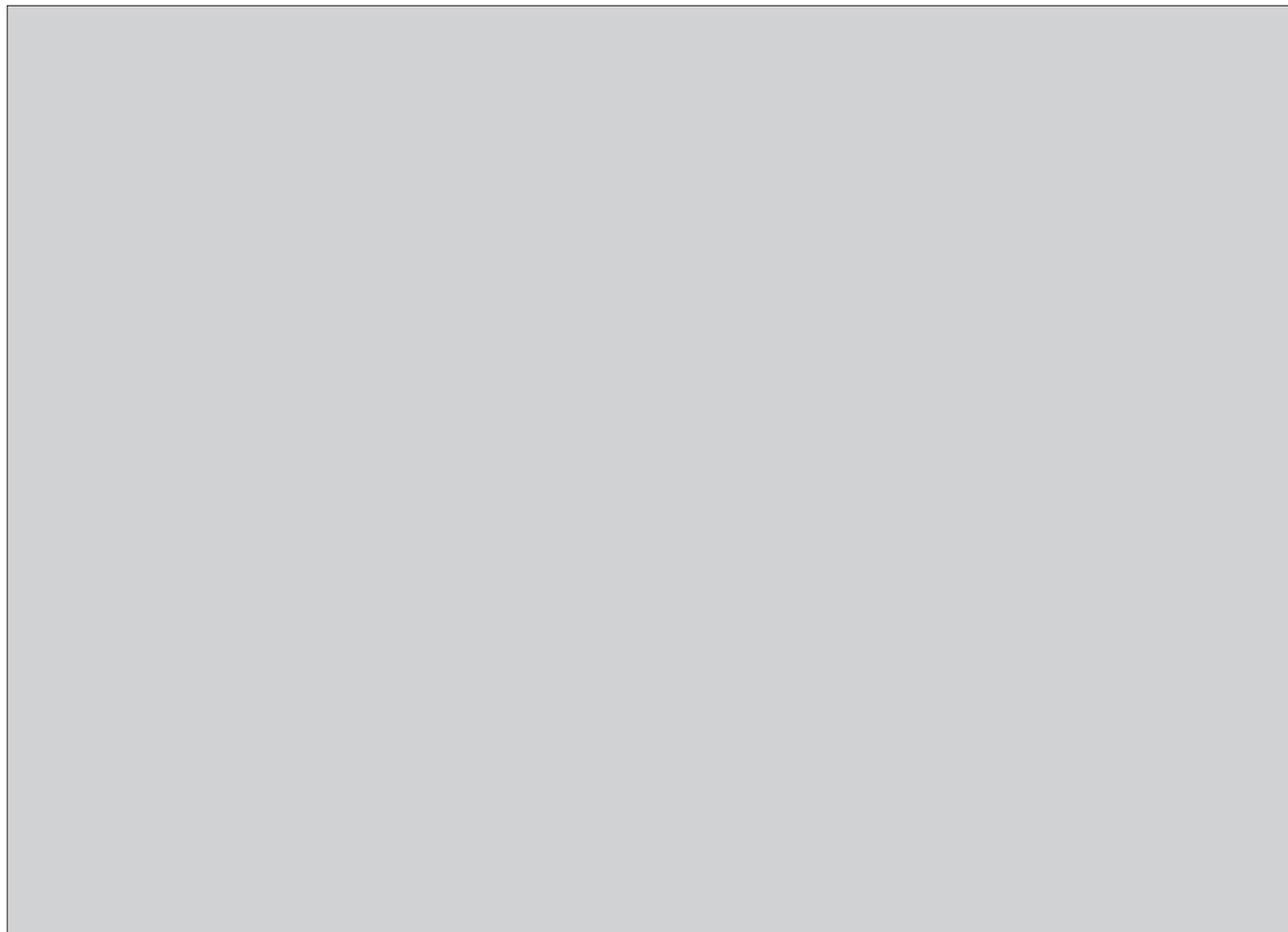
In the mission support group, blues will be the appropriate attire for the majority of functional areas, except for the security forces squadron, logistics readiness division, the mission support liaison, communications maintenance, post office employees and Automated Data Processing Equipment employees who will wear BDUs. The civil engineer engineering section will wear blues while all others will wear BDUs or the appropriate uniform attire. The services squadron should wear the appropriate job-specific uniform attire or the blue uniform.

The wing staff agencies should wear the blue uniform except for those requiring utility uniforms for their work area or function such as wing staff aircrew who will normally wear FDUs as the uniform of the day.

For exercises and all Fridays, the uniform of the day is the utility uniform.

The above information will be the 325th Fighter Wing's uniform of the day policy. However, it may be altered by for a period of combat operations, after which, we'll go back to the normal uniform of the day.

If there are any questions, people should ask their respective supervisor, first sergeant or squadron commander.



19th AF commander: Team Tyndall critical to Air Force mission

2ND LT. RYAN FITZGERALD

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

In an effort to showcase unit missions and capabilities, the 325th Fighter Wing welcomed the 19th Air Force commander and command chief master sergeant March 4-6.

Maj. Gen. James Sandstrom and Chief Master Sgt. Herb Williams met with key members of the wing to find out what issues they faced and to meet troops and tour facilities, General Sandstrom said.

"It's really important that we get to walk the terrain, meet the key people and listen to the issues they have on their mind, so that we can give them any guidance or help or find resources if necessary," General Sandstrom said.

Team Tyndall made a positive impression on the general. "All across the wing, everybody that I met really has a lot of pride and professionalism and a real focus on the mission."

That focus is important because of the busy and Air Force-critical mission the wing accomplishes.

"You've got a very important and busy mission here. It's critical to the 19th Air Force mission, but even more important than that, it's critical to our United States Air Force," General Sandstrom said.

"We depend on the F-15 for the majority of our air superiority. We depend on the Air Battle Managers to give us the command and



Lisa Carroll

Senior Master Sgt. Michael Bogaert, 325th Maintenance Squadron Phase flight chief, explains the role of the phase dock to Gen. James Sandstrom, 19th Air Force commander.

control we need to command air and space power," General Sandstrom said.

Tyndall's mission provides some challenges that are shared with wings throughout 19th AF. "One challenge that we have across 19th Air Force today is the continuing challenge of bedding down new weapons systems," General Sandstrom said. "For the folks in the 325th, you're busy bedding down the F/A-22. There's a lot of construction that goes with that, a lot of work going on in the training syllabus for that. There's a lot of work going in to training our people to be able to employ the weapons system."

The F/A-22 is crucial to the Air Force's future, General Sandstrom

said. "It's important because of the capabilities that it brings to the fight," he said. "Not only today, but especially to meet the new threats of the future. Not only the air-to-air threat, but particularly the surface-to-air missile threat. I think sometimes people forget about that because we have been dealing with threats in places like Afghanistan, where those types of threats aren't present. The F/A-22 is the only platform that will give us the 24-hour-a-day stealth to be able to deal with those threats."

In the end, it is Tyndall's people that made a lasting impression on General Sandstrom. "The people always impress me the most," he said. "I saw people doing great work."

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LINDA BROWN
Lockheed Martin

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



Security forces augmentees say goodbye to Tyndall

CHRISTINE SULLIVAN

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Members of the 325th Security Forces Squadron are bidding farewell to 24 Individual Mobilization Augmentees, most of whom have been serving here for more than a year.

The augmentees arrived in late September 2001 and although some have already retired, demobilized or been temporarily assigned to another base, the majority have been scheduled to demobilize in weekly increments with the last demobilization date set for March 24.

The IMAs impressed many with their devotion to duty as they helped train new security forces airmen and resource augmentation duty personnel after September 11, 2001. They made certain the security forces squadron was fully prepared to carry out uninterrupted operations in the wake of the attack on America.

The augmentees came to the unit experienced in security forces roles and responsibilities, so their prior active-duty training and experience brought stability to the unit in a time of need, said Senior Master Sgt. Dan Barber, 325th Fighter Wing Security Forces superintendent.

The reservists were required to leave their jobs and in some cases their families for nearly 18 months, said Maj. Scott Enold, 325th Security Forces Squadron com-

mander.

"Some might see this as an unreasonable task," Major Enold said. "But in the world today, these are unreasonable times. Every IMA that came to our unit shouldered the burden with outstanding form and many at great personal expense. The balloon went up and they answered the call. They're great Americans."

"Most of the augmentees were installation patrolmen and we certified three as desk sergeants," Sergeant Barber said. "Additionally, one worked in our training section, one in our antiterrorism section and another was our confinement noncommissioned officer."

"We [were] fortunate to have city, county, state and federal law enforcement officers too, adding depth to our redefined coverage of Tyndall," Sergeant Barber added.

Staff Sgt. Erick Moynihan, 325th Fighter Wing Security Forces desk sergeant and IMA, says he will definitely be staying in law enforcement after his return home, though his first order of business will be to acquaint himself with his family back in Columbus, Ohio.

Tech. Sgt. Kevin Washington, 325th Fighter Wing Security Forces patrolman and IMA, has been volunteering at a local fire station and hopes to pursue a career as a firefighter, but his Tyndall experience has



Christine Sullivan

Staff Sgt. John Fortune, who is a Panama City policeman, will demobilize March 24.

reinforced his desire to also pursue a career in law enforcement as a highway patrol officer.

"When I left active duty in June 2001 my goal was to become a highway trooper, but when September 11 happened, that pushed everything back," Sergeant Washington said.

Even though Master Sgt. Tom Ehlers, an IMA and assistant flight chief, has lived in the Tyndall area since 1986 and has been in law enforcement for 13 years, he says he has accomplished a lot since he's been here.

"I was a shift leader so I've done a lot of management stuff that's going to help me," Sergeant Ehlers said. "I finished my degree

in Tallahassee since I've been here, so I'm going to shop around and see what's out there now."

Most of the reservists have distinct memories they'll be taking home with them. Sergeant Ehlers was on duty when the tornado hit Tyndall last month.

"That was a tense moment, there was debris everywhere," Sergeant Ehlers said. "We all just kind of took control of it, made sure everyone was OK and then started doing damage assessment."

Sergeant Washington was able to save two lives while serving here, something he finds very gratifying. In the first incident, a driver apparently swerved off the road on Highway 98 after hitting a deer.

"I maintained his consciousness while I called the fire department," said Sergeant Washington. The second incident involved an apparent off-base drug overdose while Sergeant Washington was on patrol. He also successfully kept that victim conscious until paramedics arrived on the scene.

"We're extremely pleased with their sustained professionalism even though they were missing out on personal civilian career advancement, not to mention lost time with their families."

"We owe them a huge debt of gratitude," Sergeant Barber added. "Certainly our unit will be forever grateful for their superior service."

Team Tyndall served by 'best of best' stateside commissary



Staff Sgt. Roel Utley

In background, Mariafe Bettencourt and Mary Pilgrim, cashiers at the commissary, check customers' groceries. The Tyndall Air Force Base Commissary won Best Large Commissary in the United States in a Defense Commissary Agency competition.

Tyndall's commissary took top honors recently, earning the Bill Nichols Award for the Best Large Commissary in the United States.

When the awards were announced at the Defense Commissary Agency awards banquet, Michael Yaksich, Tyndall AFB Commissary store director, was delighted.

"I was so proud of these folks. It wasn't that I wanted to win, I wanted recognition for the employees and industry representatives who work so hard day in and day out to service our customers," Mr. Yaksich said.

Weeks of preparation made other people, namely the inspectors, realize that as well. Inspectors poured over the commissary's paperwork, ensuring accountability, time cards and sanitation checklists, to name a few, were adhered to and in accordance with DeCA directives.

"[In my opinion,] It's more intense than an (inspector general) inspection because they look at things closer than the IG," said the retired senior master sergeant and store director. "The inspection is about 80 percent paperwork and 20 percent looks."

To test the looks of the commissary, inspectors talked with customers, checked cleanliness and compared price labels on the shelves against prices scanned at the registers to ensure

accuracy between the two.

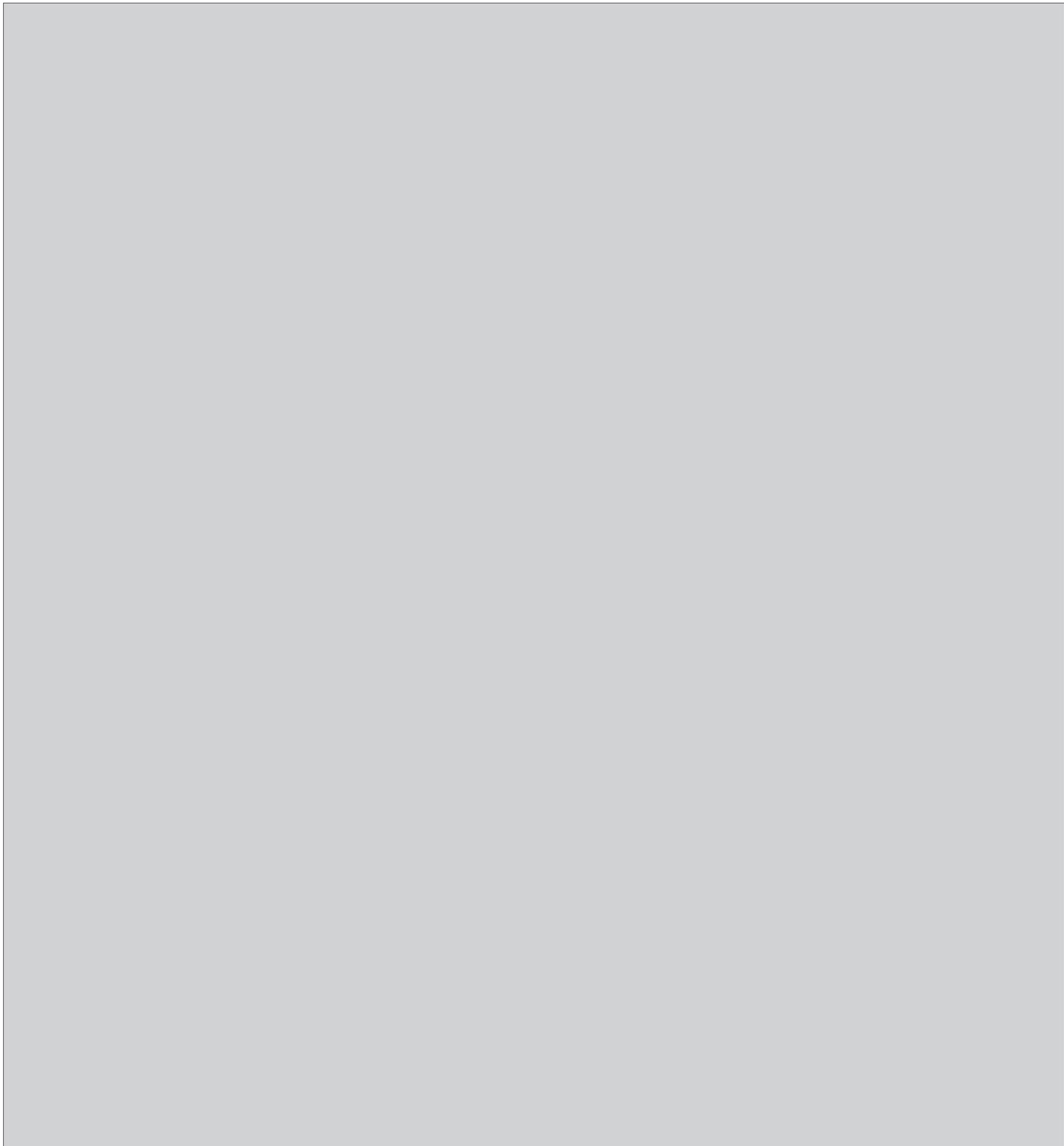
The other commissaries named best in their category were Malmstrom Air Force Base Commissary, Mont., winner of the Richard M. Paget Award for the Best Small Commissary in the United States; Yokota Air Base commissary, Japan, winner of the Dan Daniel Award for the Best Large Commissary Overseas; and Livorno Commissary at Camp Darby, Italy, and Keflavik Naval Station Commissary, Iceland, co-winners of the L. Mendel Rivers Award for the Best Small Commissary Overseas.

"We're always striving to be consistent in the delivery of the commissary benefit, and by that I mean all of our stores are providing top-quality customer service in clean, attractive, well-stocked stores throughout the world," said Maj. Gen. Michael Wiedemer, DeCA director.

These annual awards recognize overall excellence in commissary operations and service, and the competition improves the commissary benefit. The awards are named in memory of legislators who have protected the commissary benefit and championed quality-of-life issues for military members.

"I wish all of my employees could have been (at the awards banquet)," Mr. Yaksich said.

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have several aerial demonstration teams scheduled, as well as a jet truck and a wide variety of static displays.”

The featured act for this year’s air show is the United States Air Force Thunderbirds Demonstration Team. Other demonstration teams include: the T-6, F-117, F-15C, F-14, YAK Russian Warbird Demo Team, P-51 and Zero from Dave Dacy Airshows, Inc., three-time World Unlimited Aerobatics Champion Nikolay Timofeev, and Airshow Unlimited.com featuring the Zlin 526, SP95 and Yak 55.

Not all of Gulf Coast Salute 2003 activities will be in the air. Numerous ground displays and attractions will be at the show. Aircraft currently slated to be on static display include: B-1, F-16, F-18, F-117, QF-4, MiG-23, MiG-29, Tornado, KC-135, T-38C, AT-38, T-6, T-37, T-45, E-8 JSTARS, C-130, O-1, O-2, hovercraft, and of course Tyndall’s primary aircraft the F-15C.

“Like last year, we also have an entire

hangar dedicated to children, with free events and activities suitable for the small children,” said Major Melloy.

Food and drink will be available for purchase, as well as other concessions items.

Major Melloy said security will be emphasized and those planning to come out to the show can anticipate some minor delays going through the base gates.

“Just have the mindset you would have if you were to board an airliner – those same items you are prohibited from taking on a commercial airliner will not be allowed on base,” said Major Melloy.

Items prohibited include glass bottles, large containers and weapons, including pocketknives. Hand-carried items and vehicles are subject to search. Personal searches will be conducted. Pets are prohibited.

To see how this year’s Gulf Coast Salute is shaping up, check out the official Web site at www.gulfcoastsalute.homestead.com or call 283-2983.

Checkertail Salute



Lisa Carroll

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

The Checkertail Clan salutes Sergeant Doherty for developing a database to track performance feedback and sponsor programs, achieving a 100 percent feedback completion rate and an “outstanding” rating for the 2nd Fighter Squadron on the Happy Landings critiques.

Staff Sgt. Jackie Doherty

Duty title: NCO in charge of the 325th Maintenance Group command section

Unit: 325th MXG

Time on station: 5.5 years

Time in service: 10 years

Hometown: Shreveport, La.

Hobbies: Spending time with family and friends

Goals: To make technical sergeant.

Favorite thing about Tyndall:

The beaches

Pet peeves: People who say “That’s not my job.”

Favorite book: “Dreamcatcher” by Stephen King

Favorite movie: “The Ring”

The Checkertail Salute is a 325th Fighter Wing commander program designed to recognize Tyndall’s Warrior of the Week. Supervisors can nominate individuals via their squadron and group commanders. Award recipients receive a certificate, letter from the commander and a one-day pass.



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books than is currently authorized and funded,” General Cook said.

For example, the Air Force added 5,000 positions for the Air and Space Expeditionary Force, anticipating manpower and funding relief. However, the Office of the Secretary of Defense did not approve increases.

AETC and the Air Force are concerned about the impact the reductions will have on affected employees, the general said. There are programs in place to help civilian employees, military members and their families through the reductions.

Civilian employees adversely impacted by the reduction may be eligible for registration in the DoD Priority Placement Program. The program provides help to civilian employees who want to continue their federal careers at other DoD locations. “The Civilian Personnel Flight, in concert with the Air Force Personnel Center, will make every effort to mitigate adverse effect upon the civilian workforce,” said Penny Arnett, 325th Fighter Wing Civilian Personnel Officer. Also, family support centers at each base offer services to help people with job search skills.

“People are at the heart of everything we do and we will do everything we can to make sure our people are kept informed and that we have the most recent and accurate information available to make informed decisions,” said General New.

“Thanks to each and every one of you for your outstanding and dedicated service every day,” General Cook said. “The real strength of AETC is its people. My top priority is to ensure our people always come first as we make the adjustments to comply with these necessary authorization reductions.”



Lisa Carroll

Black History Month reflections

Rev. Delwynn Williams, the pastor at the St. John Missionary Baptist Church of Panama City, spoke to more than 200 attendees at the Black History Month luncheon held Feb. 28. The luncheon was the centerpiece of Tyndall's commemoration of this year's annual celebration of Black History Month. Reverend Williams' speech invoked those in attendance to honor the true feelings of soul and conscience when making decisions and carrying on everyday life activities.

Child-care test program provides peace of mind

STAFF SGT. C. TODD LOPEZ
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Airmen who use base child-care facilities no longer need to take a day off from work when their children are too sick to stay with others.

A test program began recently at 25 Air Force installations designating a special-care provider for children who are mildly ill — children who would, under Air Force rules, not be allowed to stay in base child-care facilities with healthy children.

"In the past, parents have had to either take leave or find another care setting and pay additional costs when their children had a mild illness," said Beverly Houston, family member program specialist in the

Air Force services directorate at the Pentagon. "This program will allow the parent to still perform their military duty and avoid the cost of additional childcare."

Under the program, a private-care provider at each base was selected by the family child-care panel and specially trained to deal with mildly ill children.

When children who are already in base childcare become sick, their parents pick them up and take them to the special-care provider until they are well enough to be in their regular child-care setting again.

If the program proves successful during the five-month test phase and additional funding is approved, Air Force services will expand the program to all installations where it is needed.

Web survey takes info to leaders

JIM GARAMONE
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — All servicemembers have a right to gripe. Now they can do it right to the top.

The Status of Forces Survey allows servicemembers to bring their personnel concerns directly to those in charge of the Defense Department.

The 2002 Active Duty Status of Forces Survey was the first since 1999 and the first conducted on the Internet. The Web will allow Department of Defense planners to survey the military population more often, said David Chu, defense undersecretary for personnel and readiness.

"The whole idea of going to the Web ... is so we can much more promptly understand what our people think. My hope is that an even higher percentage wants to say, 'Yes, I want to do that,'" he said. "It's their chance to speak to us. It's their chance to tell us what they are concerned about. This is not just for our interest. This is so we can manage the department well and respond to the concerns of our people."

Overall, the trends in the 2002 survey are up from 1999. Mr. Chu said this shows that the pay raises, educational programs and family support monies are starting to be felt.

Overall, 83 percent of servicemembers were satisfied with the job security the military provides, and 68 percent of the respondents said they were satisfied with military values, lifestyles and traditions.

Housing (29 percent were favorable), pay (only 38 percent) and family support programs (41 percent) topped the list of areas the DOD must concentrate on. Even then, these percentages were higher than in 1999.

"I suspect most people are willing to argue that they should be paid more," Mr. Chu said during an interview. "In fact, I always wonder when people say they are satisfied with their pay that there's something wrong with them."

Having more frequent surveys means the department will be able to respond quicker. Also, DOD officials can tailor the survey as they go along. Future surveys will also ask the opinions of Reserve component personnel and DOD civilians, he said.

Overall, Mr. Chu is encouraged by the survey. "Across the board on a variety of indicators, (servicemembers) are happier with military life now than they were in 1999," he said. "They are happier with their pay, their service and even such issues as moves."

On pay and benefit issues, the survey showed gains in four areas. The biggest jump overall was in satisfaction with basic pay. In 1999, only 22 percent of those surveyed said they were satisfied with their basic pay. In the 2002 survey that number jumped to 38 percent. Those dissatisfied with pay came in at 48 percent, and 14 percent of respondents "didn't care."

Only 23 percent of active-duty servicemembers

were satisfied with their basic allowance for housing in 1999; it's at 35 percent now. A total of 47 percent were dissatisfied.

Satisfaction with military housing rose only 2 percent — from 27 to 29 percent. A whopping 47 percent said they are dissatisfied.

Satisfaction with special pays also crept up from 23 percent to 28 percent, but 51 percent of respondents are dissatisfied.

Two interesting answers are in the medical and dental portion of the survey. About 62 percent of respondents said they were satisfied with their own medical and dental care. But when the same question was asked concerning their families, the percentage dropped to 46 percent.

In quality-of-life programs, the commissary and exchange benefits were the most popular, with some 67 percent of those surveyed saying they were satisfied. Morale, welfare and recreation services satisfied 61 percent of respondents.

A total of 41 percent said they were satisfied with military family support. Only 16 percent said they were dissatisfied, and fully 43 percent said they were neither satisfied nor dissatisfied.

About 41 percent of respondents said they were dissatisfied with the amount of personal and family time, and 33 percent said they were dissatisfied with on-base child care.

While satisfaction grew in all those quality-of-life areas since the 1999 survey, one aspect that didn't was spouse employment and career opportunities. That remained frozen at 32 percent.

Mr. Chu said it is not enough to offer just jobs. There must be career opportunities for spouses, and creating them will be a big challenge ahead for the department, he said.

He suggested the DOD can do such direct things as emphasize its Priority Placement Program. He said the DOD and the State Department would work to see if they can establish a preferential hiring policy between them. But more strategic and long-term steps also are important.

"We have been talking with the people working on base realignment and closure criteria to stress how important our community life is (when considering closure or realignment)," he said.

Mr. Chu said military utility is the prime BRAC metric, but a key secondary consideration should be what it is like for a military family in an affected community — and that includes spousal career opportunities.

In assignments and travel, again, trends are up across the board. A total of 62 percent of respondents said they were satisfied with the type of assignments they have received. Just over half said they were satisfied with the frequency of permanent-change-of-station moves.

The survey asked about training, manning and equipment. A total of 56 percent of the service mem-

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DOD plans to 'rebalance' missions

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. (AFP) — The events of Sept. 11, 2001, did more than change how Americans view the world; the terrorist attacks altered how the U.S. military protects the country.

As of March 5, more than 176,500 members of the Reserve components have been mobilized to support the war on terrorism at home and abroad, according to Department of Defense officials. This buildup of forces is placing a strain not only on reservists, families and employers but also on the country's ability to maintain so many people on active duty for extended periods.

To help ease the burden, the DOD is laying the foundation to "rebalance" the workload shared between the Reserve and active-duty components.

Rebalancing is at the forefront because the DOD cut the active force 34 percent and the Reserve components 25 percent after the Gulf War, according to Thomas Hall, assistant defense secretary for Reserve affairs.

"We structured the forces to face what we thought the world would look like," Mr. Hall said. "Then suddenly, 9/11 (happened) and the enemy was at the doorstep, and the world was never going to be (the same)."

One mission likely to come under scrutiny is security forces in the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command. After Sept. 11, most activated reservists were allowed to get off active duty after serving one year. However, thousands of Guard and Reserve security forces were extended into a second year, and some of them are just getting off active duty as 9,000 Army National Guard soldiers begin providing security at Air Force installations.

Mr. Hall is aware of the strain repeated call-ups place on reservists, and he knows many critical specialties are concentrated in the Reserve components, which cause the same units to be called up repeatedly, he said.

"We cannot have a situation

where we call you, as a guardsman or reservist, every year for three or four years," Mr. Hall said. "You won't stay in the Guard and Reserve, and employers might worry about employing you."

No date has been set for the rebalancing to go into effect. The plans must be reviewed, proposed and approved, as with any defense proposal.

Officials in the directorate of plans and programs at the command's headquarters here say they have not received any instructions from the Air Force or DOD to review current programs.

"Force rebalancing, like all other DOD proposals, will be dependent on budget submissions, legislative changes and policy adoption," said Lt. Col. Bob Stone, assistant for public services in the office of the assistant secretary of defense. "Think of it as a process and that the concept is now moving toward budget and legislative initiatives."

(Courtesy of AFRC News Service)

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bers surveyed said they were well-trained for their missions. Around 20 percent said they felt poorly prepared. About 45 percent said the manning levels were adequate while 31 percent disagreed. Finally, 41 percent said parts and equipment were adequate and 32 percent said they were not.

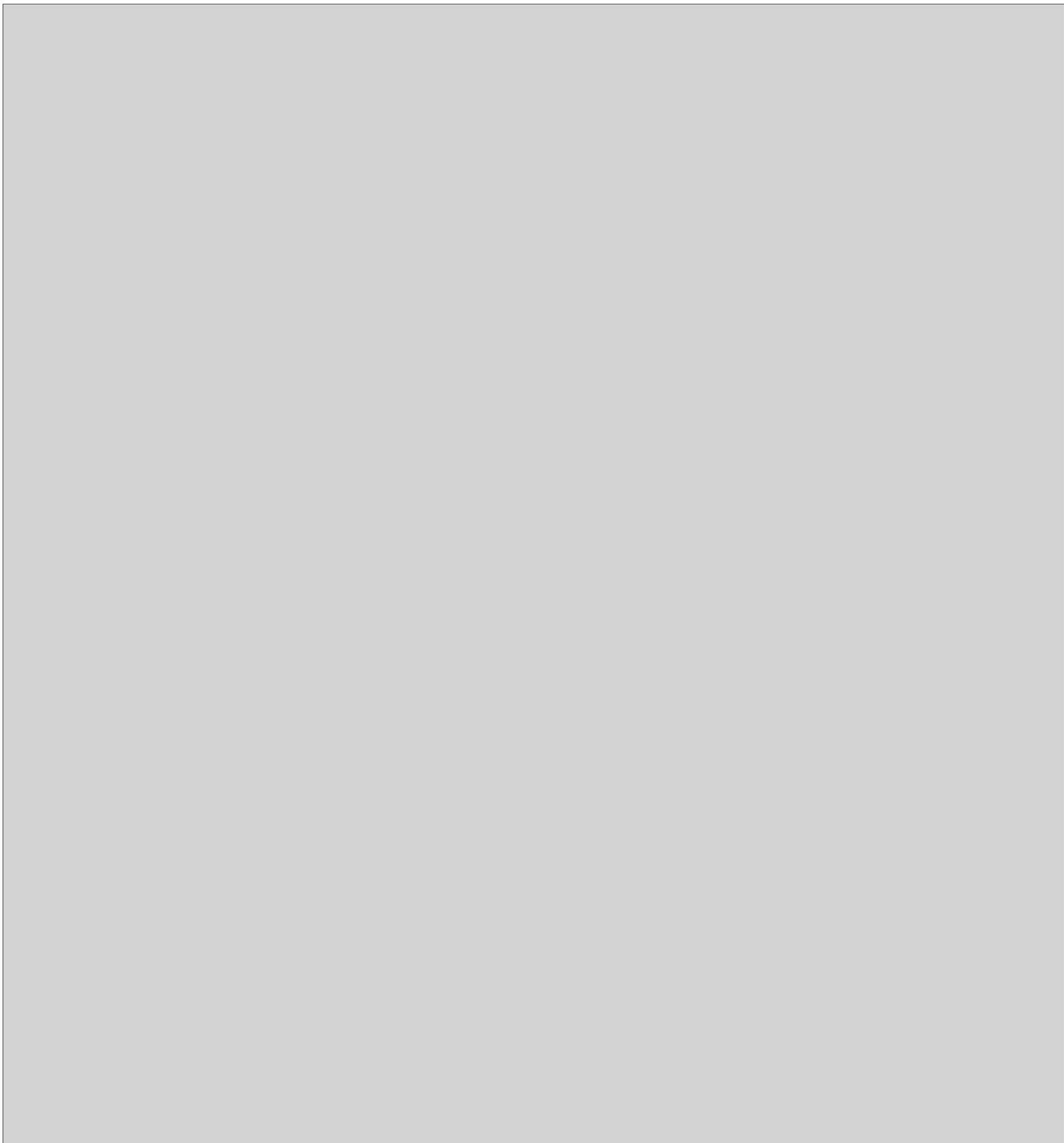
Half the surveyed said their units are micromanaged and a quarter believes their unit or service has a "zero defect" mentality.

But even with these, satisfaction with the military way of life is up. In the Army, almost 60 percent of those

surveyed said they were satisfied with their military lives. In the Navy it was 61 percent, and in the Marine Corps, 54 percent. The Air Force had 68 percent respond they were satisfied with military life. Overall, the percentage was 61 percent.

And satisfaction pays off in retention, Mr. Chu noted. Overall retention intention is up 8 percentage points from 1999 to 58 percent across the services.

He urged all servicemembers who are chosen to participate in the survey to fill it out. The DOD had a return rate of 32 percent, with more than 32,000 servicemembers taking the time to answer the questions.



Combat medics armed with technology to save lives

JENNIFER WHITTLE

U.S. Special Operations Command public affairs

MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AFP) — When special operations forces medics returned from an Operation Enduring Freedom mission in 2002, they said they needed blood-clotting technology, according to the U.S. Special Operations Command surgeon. Now they have it.

“They needed something to stop hemorrhaging. And they wanted a more accommodating tourniquet. And we sat across from them and listened,” said Col. David Hammer.

Today, the medics are armed with a one-handed tourniquet and a hemostatic bandage that can stop severe bleeding within two minutes.

“This bandage will have a direct impact on reducing battlefield death,” Colonel Hammer said. “It has such a potential that the Food and Drug Administration is allowing SOF medics to use it in accordance with stringent guidelines under an ‘investigational new drug’ status.”

According to Colonel Hammer, medics like Col. (Dr.) John Holcomb saw similar wounds during operations in Mogadishu, Somalia, in 1993.

Colonel Holcomb, who now commands the Institute for Surgical Research, witnessed battlefield trauma and uncontrollable bleeding. He said he felt the frustration. Back then a bandage to stop uncontrollable bleeding was forecasted for 2007. Now, these bandages are available.

There are two types of blood-clotting ban-

dages — chitosan and fibrin, according to Master Sgt. Michael Brochu, senior enlisted adviser to Colonel Hammer.

“The chitosan product is FDA-approved, but the manufacturing process is still being refined,” he said. “It is actually a derivative from shrimp shells, so you can imagine factory standards for its production.” These bandages will cost about \$100 each.

“The fibrin bandage, on the other hand, is impregnated with human blood-clotting factors in the material,” Sergeant Brochu said. “When applied to a wound, it actually becomes part of the blood clot. The FDA approved (new drug) protocols for SOF use because we have a smaller populace, meaning the bandage would be more manageable, more accountable and used with specialized care.”

“It is important for folks to understand that we are not interested in using experimental medicine on our troops, Colonel Hammer said. The (investigational new drug) label from the FDA has strict guidelines, and all ... medics must use those guidelines in accordance with the FDA. Our medical personnel control this bandage like a narcotic.”

When special operators are in a tactical situation, they wear Kevlar body armor, according to Sergeant Brochu. But, Kevlar is not foolproof.

“It leaves three areas exposed: the neck, underarm and groin,” he said. “If one of our special operators (is) hit in any of these three areas, the bleeding can be so severe that

hemorrhaging and even death could result. SOF normally operate in remote areas, where a hospital is hundreds and hundreds of miles away.

Traditional methods to stop bleeding are pressure and gauze battlefield dressings, Sergeant Brochu said.

“SOF medics are to use these steps first. If the bleeding persists, the wounded troop is informed

about the fibrin bandage before its use. Then the bandage is applied to the wound, and after about two minutes with pressure it actually seals the hole and clotting begins. The fibrin bandage takes advantage of one’s own ability to clot. The bleeding stops, (and) the troop’s chances for survival have greatly increased,” he said.

This technology is available because senior military leaders went to Congress after

understanding what the medics needed. Congress replied with \$8.2 million to accelerate the fielding of the fibrin bandage.

“Humans are more important than hardware,” said Colonel Hammer.

About \$500,000 is invested into training each special operator for war, according to Sergeant Brochu. The \$1,000 fibrin bandage becomes a precious commodity on the battlefield to protect that investment.

For more than a decade, the command’s biomedical initiative steering committee has listened to special operations medics returning from tactical situations.

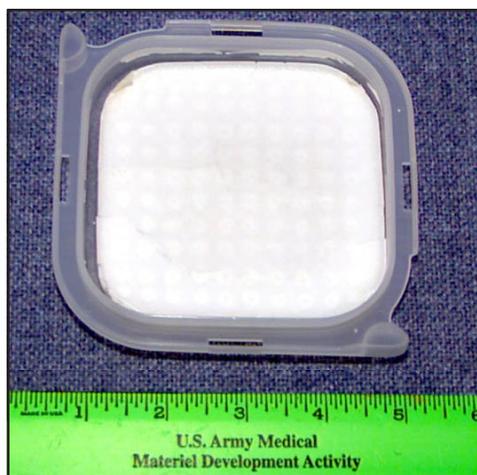
“We bring the four component commands’ surgeons to the table,” said Robert Clayton, biomedical research and development coordinator. “We look at the issues laid out by our SOF soldiers, sailors and airmen who practice medicine. Then we push technology toward real fixes.”

The one-armed tourniquet is a real fix. Two hands applying a tourniquet in the middle of a battle is one hand too many, Sergeant Brochu said.

“Nothing stops for our troops in a tactical situation,” he said. “Nothing. Not the mission. Not the weather. Not the defense. Anything that saves time can save a life.”

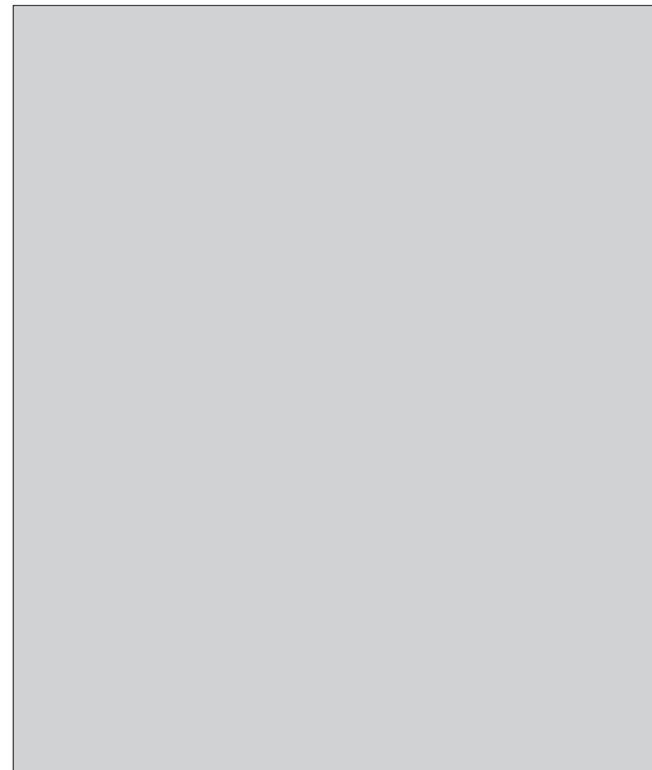
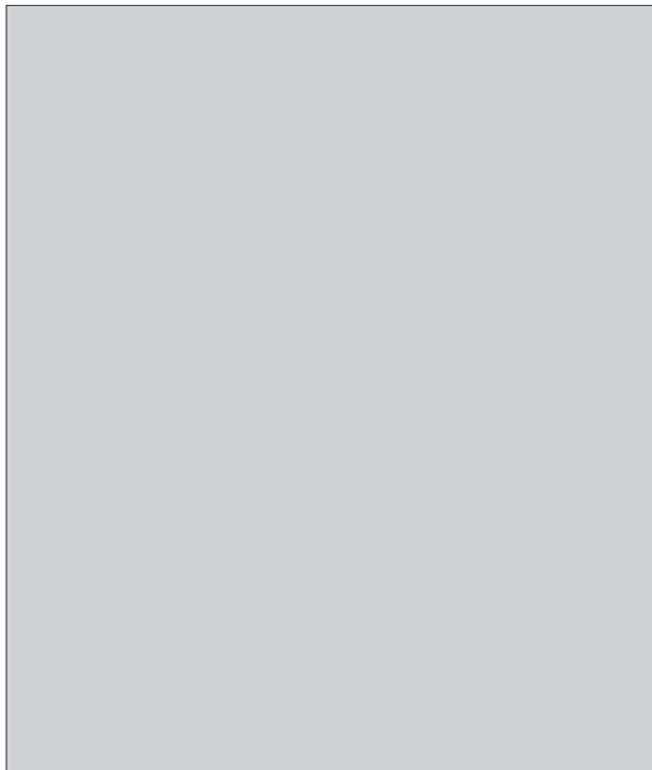
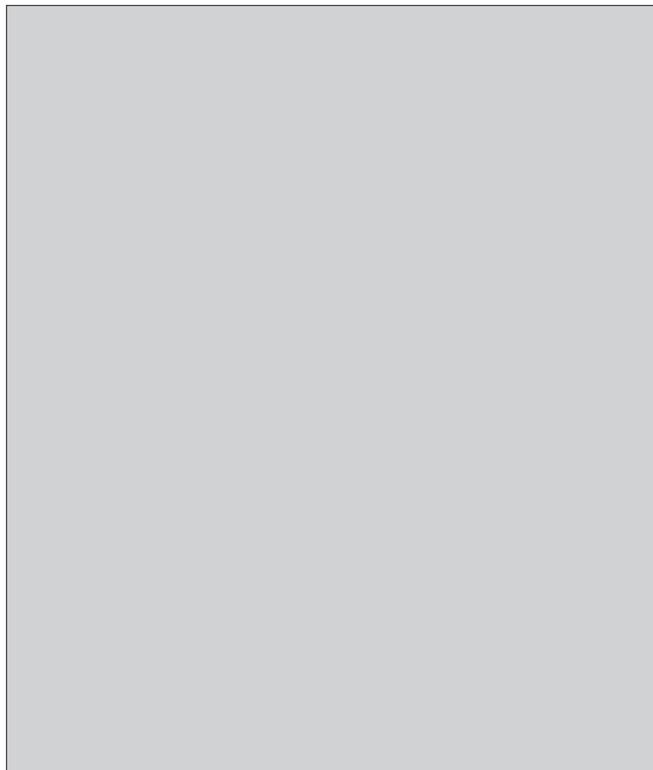
“We’re using technology that is better than anything anyone has ever seen before,” Colonel Hammer said. “Our SOF medics are helping to rewrite trauma care.

“What we’re getting to (the) troops ... solves our unique mission requirements because when special operators are out there, there is no time-out.”



Master Sgt. Sandy Atkinson

A hemostatic bandage, such as this one, can stop severe bleeding within two minutes.



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MARCH

SAT 15

Youth group sale

The Tyndall Chapel Youth Group's open house and rummage sale will be 7 a.m. Saturday at Building 1476 next to Chapel 2. All proceeds will go toward a deployed-families' luncheon. For more information, call Dorothy Williams, 286-3846.

Boating safely class

The Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 16 one-day boating safely class will be 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday in Gulf Coast Community College's Student Union East building, Gibson lecture hall, Room 231. An exam will be held at the end of the course. The cost is \$20 for materials. The course satisfies the requirement for those born after Sept. 30, 1980 to operate personal watercraft with 10 horsepower or greater engines. For more information, call John Clark, 271-3828, or visit the flotilla Web site at: <http://clik.to.USCGAUXFlotilla16>.

ERAU alumni meeting

An Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University alumni meeting will be 2-5 p.m. Saturday at Grand Central Station, second floor, in Pensacola. There is no fee to attend the event, and all graduates of an ERAU degree program or those who have completed 12 semester hours with ERAU are welcome. For more information, call 283-4557.

SUN 16

Chapel religious education

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

MON 17

Best beginnings class

An informational "Best Beginnings" class for new parents is 9 a.m.-noon Monday in the family support center. For more information, call the family support center, 283-4204.

Embry-Riddle registration

Registration for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Spring B term will be 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday - March 21 in Room 48 of Building 1230. The class dates are March 24-May 24. For more information, call 283-4557.

Lifeguard training

The Central Panhandle Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer a lifeguard training course Monday - March 22. For more information and times, call the Red Cross, 763-6587.

TUE 18

Focus 56 meeting

A Focus 56 meeting for all staff sergeant selects through technical sergeants will be 3 p.m. Tuesday in the NCO Academy auditorium. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Charles Hargett, 283-8617, or visit the Web site, www.tyndall.af.mil/FOCUS56/default.htm.

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.

WED 19

AFSA meeting

A meeting of the Air Force Sergeants Association will be 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Pelican Reef Enlisted Club. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Charles Hargett, 283-8617.

Stress-management class

The three-session stress-management class will continue 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday and March 26 in Room 127 in Building 1305. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7511.

THU 20

Women's history month luncheon

Tickets for the National Women's History Month luncheon may be purchased by Thursday. The luncheon will be 11:30 a.m. March 26 in the Tyndall Officers' Club. The guest speaker will be Chief Master Sgt. Karin Porter, the first female chief master sergeant in the Florida Air National Guard. Tickets for the American classic buffet are \$8 for club members and \$10 for non-club members. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Senior Master Sgt. Roxann Columbus, 283-8327, Meg Nevoroski, 283-7574 or Senior Airman Shelby Anderson, 283-7574.

TUE 25

Facility managers' training

The Civil Engineer Annual Facility Managers' training will be 8-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. March 25 in the Tyndall NCO Academy auditorium. Facility managers and their alternates are requested to attend one of these sessions. Managers should ensure that civil engineering has an appointment letter on file stating that their commanders have appointed them as a facility manager. For more information, call the civil engineer customer service office, 283-4949.

NOTES

Choir director position

A position is now open for a Tyndall Catholic choir director. For more information, call Nell Matchkus or Capt. Allen Martin at the contracting office, 283-8620.

RETIREE NEWS

New TRICARE mail-order pharmacy

The TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy program has replaced the National Mail Order Pharmacy for Department of Defense military health system beneficiaries. Express Scripts Inc. is the new TMOP benefit manager. To be eligible for the new pharmacy benefit, the sponsor and family member must both be enrolled and eligible in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.

Prescriptions filled under TMOP cost \$3 for a 90-day supply for generic medications and \$9 for most brand-name medications. Beneficiaries who have long-term medication needs should consider using the mail order program. It provides up to a 90-day supply of most medications for a single copayment. Before a prescription can be filled, each beneficiary must complete a one-time Express Scripts Registration Form and return it to Express Scripts for processing. The registration form is available online at www.express-scripts.com, or may be picked up at any military treatment facility or regional TRICARE Service Center. The registration form, new prescription and payment (by credit card, check or money order) should be returned to the address provided on the form. The beneficiary's name, the sponsor's Social Security Number, address and telephone number; and the provider's name, address and telephone number should be clearly written on each prescription submitted. Express Scripts can mail prescriptions to any U.S. postal address or APO/FPO address - except for private foreign addresses - overseas. Deliveries for locations within the United States require approximately five to seven days to process.

YARD SALES

The following yard sales are scheduled for Saturday: 2741-A Eagle Drive, 2307 Jefferson Blvd. and 3122-A Dagger Drive. All yard sales are held between 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

CLASSIFIEDS

Lost: Does anyone know what happened to a set of neon yellow jingle bells used during the base-wide hayride in December? The bells were borrowed and are of sentimental value to the owner. Please call Cindy Workman at 283-3199.

Design for Air Force Memorial unveiled recently

SENIOR MASTER SGT. RICK BURNHAM
Air Force Print News

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFPN) — For the better part of the past century, the men and women of the Air Force and its predecessors have soared high above the clouds in defense of the nation and freedom-loving people everywhere.

Those ideals will soon be reflected in a memorial designed to reach high into the skyline of the nation's capital, honoring those who have slipped the surly bonds to overcome America's enemies, both at home and abroad.

The design for the new Air Force Memorial was unveiled during a ceremony March 5. Among those in attendance were Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper, along with

former chiefs of staff Gen. Michael Ryan and Gen. David Jones. Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray and Ross Perot Jr., chairman of the Air Force Memorial Foundation Board of Trustees, were also present for the unveiling.

The memorial will provide a fitting tribute to the millions who have served, are serving today and those who will serve tomorrow, said retired Maj. Gen. Edward Grillo, president of the Air Force Memorial Foundation.

"The Air Force does not have a national memorial, so this is certainly long overdue," he said. "We feel this memorial will honor the millions of patriotic men and women who have served in the Air Force and its predecessor organizations — the avia-

tion pioneers of yesterday.

"Most importantly, it will serve as a tribute to those who have paid the ultimate price."

Construction on the memorial, designed by New York architect James Ingo Freed, will begin in 2004 and be completed in September 2006, coinciding with the 59th anniversary of the Air Force, General Grillo said. The design features three "spires" reaching heights of 270, 230 and just above 200 feet. The memorial will be located just southwest of the Pentagon on a "promontory" piece of land, General Grillo added.

"The three spires will represent the Air Force in a manner that is projecting itself into the air and space — gracefully yet boldly," he said.

Congress urged to boost education benefits

MASTER SGT. SCOTT ELLIOTT
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The service's senior enlisted airman told members of Congress on March 6 that while quality-of-life issues have gotten better in recent years, there are still about 57,000 airmen without veteran's education benefits.

Besides education benefits, Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray cautioned members of the House Subcommittee on Military Construction of the possible effects of current high-operations tempos on retention.

"I had the opportunity to travel throughout Southwest Asia to visit our airmen," Chief Murray said. "Our airmen continue to impress us with their dedication to duty and their love for our country, regardless of the conditions they're serving in.

"Why? Because they know their mission is important," he said.

But, Chief Murray told the lawmakers, despite their devotion to duty, every airman will reach a point in their career when they will have to decide whether to re-enlist or separate from the service.

According to Chief Murray, when many of the nearly 40,000 airmen currently mobilized come home, they will be returning from their sixth, or maybe eighth, deployment.

"About 77 percent of them will make a re-enlistment decision in the next three years," he said. "That's why it's critical that Congress continues to pursue improvements for them and their families."

Chief Murray's concern over quality-of-life issues extends beyond those on active duty, to airmen and families in the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve.

"In terms of airmen in uniform, the Air Force is the smallest it's been since its inception in 1947," he said, "yet we're supporting more operations on more fronts than at any time in history."

The Air Force is only able to sustain the current operations

tempo through extensive use of its reserve components — the Guard and Reserves, Chief Murray said.

"We can't do it without them," he said. "The Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve are our nation's treasure, and we're asking more of them now than ever before.

"For these citizen airmen, we must ensure that their compensation is equitable and consistent with the jobs we're asking them to do."

Another concern that Chief Murray hears at "almost every forum" is a perceived inequity of education benefits.

According to Chief Murray, the Air Force has about 57,000 airmen who will have no veteran's education benefits upon separation or retirement. Of those airmen, about 47,000 declined to enroll in the Montgomery GI Bill while in basic training, while the rest opted not to enroll in the Veteran's Education Assistance Program, offered from 1977 to 1985.

"For many of these people, it was their own doing," Chief Murray admitted, "but the decision to decline was made when they were 17 or 18 years of age, and they had somebody advise them who didn't have all the facts."

While acknowledging that airmen currently receive 100 percent tuition assistance for classes taken while on active duty, the chief said that is not enough.

"The truth is that not everyone can balance college classes with the high pace of deployments and operations, plus meet the demands of their families at home," Chief Murray said.

"This has been a source of frustration among our airmen for many years and can only be resolved by allowing an 'open season' for all active-duty airmen to enroll in MGIB," he said.

By giving all airmen the chance to enroll in the MGIB, Chief Murray said, airmen who do not have the chance to earn college degrees while serving on active duty could still pursue advanced education after separating or retiring.

"This is not just good for the individual," he said, "it's an investment in the future of our nation."



Courtesy art

The design for the new Air Force Memorial was unveiled during a ceremony in Arlington, Va., on March 5.

Blood drive set for Tuesday



A blood drive sponsored by the Tyndall NCO Academy is scheduled from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday in front of the NCO Academy.

For information, call Master Sgt. Fred Villareal at 283-3238 or 283-3239.





Funshine NEWS

March 14, 2003

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

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Mon.-Thurs.: \$6.95 ■ Friday: \$7.95
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Unlimited access to the daily buffet, salad bar,
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Includes: Fresh Hot Carved Meat
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Every Monday 5:30-7:30 p.m. in
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**Friday, March 14
5:30-8:30 p.m.**

Market Price: \$18.95*

Children ages 6-11: \$9.95*

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■ Pelican Point Golf Tournament

March 14, 11 a.m. • Lunch • Noon Shotgun
Format will be 4 person select shot • Members \$20, Non-members \$40
Fees Include: Lunch, Range Balls, Cart, Green Fees, and Prizes

For more information call 283-4389

■ Fitness Center 5K Fun Run

March 22, Walk Starts: 8 a.m., Run Starts: 8:30 a.m., Prize Drawing Begins: 9 a.m.
Late Registration and T-Shirt pick-up for pre-registrants: 7-7:45 a.m.
Cost: \$10 if registered before March 7 and \$12 if registered after March 7

For more information call: 283-2631

Community Activity Ctr.

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CAC Yoga Classes

Begins Mar. 18 & 20 at 4:30 p.m. Class
is held on Tues. & Thurs in the CAC
Ballroom. Cost is \$20 per 4 week class.
Sign up by Mar. 15. Call for details.

CAC Martial Arts Lock-In

Mar. 22-23 (Fri.-Sat.) 6 p.m.-10 a.m.
games, demos, food and martial arts
movies. \$15 per person. Signup by
Mar. 20.

Teen Ballroom Dance Class

Just in time for the Prom! Disco, Cha-
Cha, Swing & Slow Dance. Class is open
to youth ages 13-18. Begins Mar. 27 at
5 p.m. \$52 per couple or \$26 per single
(per 4 week session). Signup by Mar. 25.

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Mon., Tue., & Wed. Beginners 6-7 p.m.
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Teen Center

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Upcoming Events

March 19: Teen Council/Keystone Club
officers meeting 6 p.m. Anyone interested in
becoming an officer is invited to attend.

March 21: Lock-In, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Teen
Center, Ages 13-18. Members \$10, Non-
members \$15. Payment and permission slips
required by Mar. 18.

March 24: Spring Break activities begin.
Teen Center open 4-10 p.m. birthday
celebration at 6 p.m.

March 25: Go Kart riding at PCB, 6-10 p.m.

March 26: Keystone Club/Teen Council
officers meeting 7 p.m.

March 27: Shopping in Destin, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Members \$1, Non-members \$3.

March 28th: Month of the Military child kick
off picnic 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

March 29th: Midnight Madness

Information, Tickets & Travel

☎ 283-2499

Eufaula Spring Pilgrimage

April 5. Cost is \$15 and includes
transportation. Tickets for the many
historic homes and sites are available
upon arrival. Call for details.

Leisure Travel

Call 283-2864 for details on new
Disney cruise specials for spring.

Bonita Bay

☎ 283-3199

Paintball

Paintball Fields are available for use
dawn to dusk at no charge. Users must
have a liability release on file at Bonita
Bay prior to play. Rental equipment is
not available. A chronograph may be
signed out to verify fps on personal
markers.

Boat Rental Special

All boats are 1/2 price for full or half
day rental. Safe boating course required
prior to rental.

Spring Flea Market

March 29. Reserve your space now.

Bike Ride Across Georgia

June 14-22. Join "Team Tyndall" on a
journey across southern Georgia. Ride
all or part of this week long adventure.
Email cindy.workman@tyndall.af.mil for
more information or call 283-3199.

Raptor Lanes Bowling Center

Handicap

Handicap will be 80% of 200.

Bowling Tournament

March 30 at 10 a.m.

\$16 entry fee

Open to all eligible Raptor Lanes bowlers.

283-2380 for more information

Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

Target Archery

Mar. 25-28. 10 a.m. Open to youth 9-16
yrs. Learn basic techniques. Cost is \$30.

Start Smart Baseball

Work one-on-one with your child
improving baseball skills. This program is
for youth ages 3-5 yrs. and runs from
Mar. 29 to Apr. 26.

GI Mail provides secure, reliable e-mail link to loved ones

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SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AFPN) — With airmen deployed away from home, the opportunity to communicate with loved ones takes on greater importance.

“To provide a link back home, Air Force Crossroads, the Air Force’s official community Web site, offers a secure and reliable e-mail program through Global Internet Mail to help families keep in touch,” said Capt. Greg Whitaker of the Air Mobility Command Network Operations and Security Center.

“Although there are other nonprofit and commercial e-mail and Internet services available, military members need to understand GI Mail is sponsored and

maintained by the Air Force. We can’t verify the operational capability or security of other such services,” he said.

Registration for GI Mail is free for those eligible through the Air Force Crossroads Web site at www.afcrossroads.com. Airmen can log in to the Web-based system from any computer with Internet access. Eligible users include active duty, Reserve, National Guard, retired or civil service employees and their authorized family members.

Captain Whitaker said there are three great reasons to use GI Mail: security, bandwidth and availability.

“You’ve probably heard about the various break-ins and hacker attacks at free commercial e-mail providers,” he said. “GI Mail is a Department of De-

fense system, employing the same great security you’ve grown accustomed to in AMC,” he said.

Concerning bandwidth, there is no advertising or “spamming” from junk mail distributors on GI Mail, unlike commercial providers. “Not only will the service remain speedy even in the most remote or forward locations, users will not spend time sifting through mountains of junk mail,” Captain Whitaker said. “And GI Mail is a DOD product provided for morale. Unlike civilian services, the system will get the attention and maintenance that our deployed personnel deserve.”

Besides GI Mail, the Air Force Crossroads Web site also offers forums and online chat rooms, and has online videoconferencing tools under develop-

ment. Access the Web site and click on “Communications Center” for additional information.

According to CeCe Medford, chief of AMC’s Family Matters Branch, families who do not have computers or Internet access can rely on family support centers for help.

“Our family support centers have gone the extra mile to ensure families can stay in touch, even without a home computer,” she said. “The FSCs have computers with connections to Internet service providers available for families to use.”

Ms. Medford said that family readiness noncommissioned officers can explain videoconferencing, how to borrow digital and video cameras, how to sign up for morale calls, and special family activities.



Officer Christian Fellowship offers Christian principles

The Officer Christian Fellowship is an organization that serves active-duty officers, enlisted personnel, Guard and Reserve members, academy and ROTC cadets/midshipmen, international military personnel, civilian employees of the military, retirees, widows and their families.

OCF wants to serve those who serve their country. They have a number of resources to help military members and their families grow together in their relationship with God and others.

There are local OCF organizations at most all major military installations in the United States, overseas, and on many Navy ships. OCF has listings of contacts that can assist people about to move on a

permanent change of station or go on temporary duty in contacting a representative where they are going.

Membership to OCF is free, but requires a statement of faith and application. The Tyndall OCF group meets weekly at 11:30 a.m. Thursdays at the community activities center and is open to any military or civilian member.

For more information, call Capt. Carma Pauli at 283-7669.

To learn more about OCF, you may also contact them directly at (800) 424-1984 or on the Internet at www.gospelcom.net/ocf/index.html.

(Courtesy 325th Fighter Wing chapel staff)



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

