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In brief

Firing range restrictions

The 325th Security Forces Squadron's combat arms section staff cautions all to stay clear of the land adjacent to the Tyndall Firing Range. Trespassing is illegal and dangerous. The red range flag will be flying during day firing and the red beacon will be flashing during night firing. For more information, call 283-2729.

Safety message

A safety message on the 101 Critical Days of Summer by Gen. Donald Cook, Air Education and Training Command commander, will air on Tyndall's commanders access channel, Channel 12 on base, at 8 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. today through Wednesday. Per AETC direction, all personnel are highly encouraged to watch the video which is four minutes long.

**Countdown
to ORI
58 days**



Amn. Sarah McDowell

Click It or Ticket

Tech. Sgt. John Kelley and Staff Sgt. Michael Brewer set up a banner that announces Tyndall Air Force Base's participation in "Click It or Ticket," which is a mobilization of law enforcement to target motorists who do not buckle up themselves or their child passengers backed with a zero tolerance policy. The Air Bag & Seat Belt Safety Campaign in cooperation with the Department of Transportation, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board sponsors the mobilizations.

Blue, silver AEFs get rotations back on track

STAFF SGT. A.J. BOSKER
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force is establishing two transitional air and space expeditionary forces, blue and silver, to put the deployment schedule back on track by March 2004 and to bring home deployed airmen as quickly as possible.

"We envision these two 120-day rotations filling the requirements of combatant commanders through spring when we can once again implement the normal steady-state AEF rotation," said Maj. Gen. Timothy Peppe, special assistant for AEF matters at the Pentagon. "Additionally, we can expect some aircraft, aircrew and associated maintenance rotations outside these two transitional AEFs as we attempt to get them back to the nor-

mal schedule next spring."

The blue AEF will be on call to fulfill mission requirements between July and November, General Peppe said. Silver will be on call from November through March.

"The magnitude of the various combatant commanders' continuing requirements throughout the world will dictate the number of airmen that we will have to deploy," he said.

According to the general, airmen in AEFs 9/10 and 1/2 who were identified to support Operation Iraqi Freedom but did not deploy will likely be the most vulnerable to deploy with the blue or silver AEFs.

"Ideally, as we go through the process (of matching people to these AEFs), those that have been home the longest from a previous

deployment will be matched to deploy first," he said. "There may be some exceptions but I certainly hope not many. We will start with AEFs 9/10 and reach forward, as needed, to fill requirements."

Airmen selected to support the blue AEF can expect to be notified of their deployment vulnerability over the next few weeks, he said.

"Most of the major command deployment taskings will be made by June 10 and airmen should receive their notifications soon after," he said. "However, if a (major command) cannot fill a particular tasking, the AEF Center (at Langley Air Force Base, Va.) will have to source it to another (major command), which may delay some individual notifications."

These transitional AEFs will allow the Air Force to get currently

deployed airmen back home to their families, he said.

The combatant commanders are already releasing forces that were deployed, but those forces may need to remain in theater until the Air Force can fill those requirements and get enough assets in theater to bring them home, he explained.

"We would like to rotate people home more quickly but the bottom line is that it takes time to make this happen," General Peppe said. "But we are working the issue as hard and as fast as we can."

"Airmen need to understand that the AEF is operating 'as advertised,'" he said. "It was designed, from the start, to 'flex,' as necessary, to meet the widest range of combatant commander require-

ments." **●SEE AEF PAGE 9**

Memorial Day honors sacrifices, marks 101 Critical Days of Summer

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW
325th Fighter Wing commander



Today marks the beginning of Memorial Day weekend and as we prepare to engage in various activities, I think it is appropriate

that we pause and reflect on the sacrifices others have made.

We surely would not be where we are today if not for those who have served our great nation. President George Bush has remarked, "It is not in our nature to seek out wars and conflicts. But whenever they have come, when adversaries have left us no alternative, American men and women have stood ready to take the risks and to pay the ultimate price." I would encourage people to attend a Memorial Day event, and reflect on the true price of freedom.

I hope everyone also uses the weekend as a time to relax and enjoy family and friends. While I hope everyone uses this as an opportunity to take advantage of all Bay County has to offer, I want to caution you to be careful, as Memorial Day weekend is traditionally one of the most dangerous holiday weekends.

With summer rapidly approaching, we all need to make safety a top priority. The "101 Critical Days of Summer" kicks off this weekend and lasts through Labor Day. During this time, there is a historic increase in the number of injuries and deaths associated with off-duty activities.

All too often, we think of summer as a time of relaxation and end up letting down our guard and forgetting about safety. No matter what activity you are participating in, there is an increased risk during the hotter months and we don't want to lose anyone because they weren't thinking about safety.



"Every single member of Team Tyndall is a valuable asset and we need all of you back at work Tuesday and every work day."

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW
325th Fighter Wing commander

There are more people on the roads and in the water and it is easy to get distracted with all the happenings. There are also more people operating boats and other vehicles, and unfortunately some people may make bad decisions and operate these vehicles under the influence of alcohol. If you plan to participate in any recreational activities, stay sober. Don't get behind the wheel of any vehicle or watercraft if you have been drinking.

Every single member of Team Tyndall is a valuable asset and we need all of you back at work Tuesday and every work day.

Therefore, be aware of your surroundings. Recently, an airman assigned to another base was killed in Panama City Beach when a driver under the influence of alcohol ran over the airman. It is important to always be alert to others and to adopt a safety mind-set. Just because you are exercising common sense doesn't mean everyone else is as well.

If you are outdoors, be sure to drink plenty of fluids and wear proper sun protection. This holds true for folks out on the flightline and others exposed to the elements.

In an effort to reduce the risk of injury and to give Team Tyndall the opportunity to reflect on safety, the wing safety office is hosting a "Wing Safety Day" today from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Heritage Park to kick off this year's "101 Critical Days of Sum-

mer" safety awareness campaign. There will be several displays from various organizations on and off base highlighting different aspects of summer safety. I urge you all to come out and participate as it is during the 101 critical days of summer when the majority of accidents and fatalities typically occur.

The arrival of summer also means the end of the school year as well as the beginning of Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps' field training here. During the next few months, we need to pay particular attention to our driving habits. If you're driving through base housing, remember, the speed limit is 15 mph.

This is extremely important as there will be an increase in the number of children playing in our on-base neighborhoods, and kids don't always stop to look before entering the street.

Other places to exercise added caution are those areas near the AFROTC dorms, the dining facility and the beach. During the summer, we expect more than 800 cadets to attend ROTC field training. Remember, while operating a motor vehicle, yield to these cadets and observe a safe traveling distance while they are marching in formation near traffic areas.

I appreciate all of the hard work you put forth each day. Have a safe, fun-filled and enjoyable weekend and I'll see you all next week.

Action Line

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

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

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

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

Larry D. New

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW
325th Fighter Wing commander



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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Memorial Day time to pause, remember

GEN. DONALD COOK

Air Education and Training Command commander

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS) — Each year before Memorial Day, officials representing the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund hire workers to inscribe additional names on the black, granite memorial in Washington, D.C. This year, the name Donald Carson, a staff sergeant who died from injuries due to an aircraft accident in Thailand in 1963, was added.

Sergeant Carson's name is just one of 58,235 inscribed on the monument — a tribute to just one of many conflicts in which Americans have died while fighting for freedom and democracy around the world.

Each year we set aside a day of remembrance for our fallen comrades like Sergeant Carson. Their sacrifice spans generations. On May 26 this year, we will commemorate Memorial Day to remember all we have gained and lost in our nation's wars.

Much has happened since last year's somber day. Our armed forces have just participated in an amazing cam-

paign in Iraq ending decades of tyranny against that country's people. As we celebrate their liberation, let's take the time to remember the cost of that victory as more than 100 men and women gave their lives and hundreds more were injured.

We're also mourning those who made the ultimate sacrifice in other parts of the world. People like Airman 1st Class Raymond Losano, who was killed during a firefight April 25 near the Pakistan border. He died fighting in the war on terrorism.

As in every war throughout history, each of these fine Americans had a family back home, praying for their safe return. We can only hope their families are comforted by the knowledge their loved ones died in a noble effort.

Memorial Day is a well-deserved extended weekend for most of our servicemembers, but as you spend this time with family and friends, I urge you to take a moment to reflect and remember those who have fought in wars past and those currently serving in far-off places. Honor them by always remembering.

BACK TO BASICS

Q. Do military members have to salute ROTC cadets and staff?

A. Active-duty members are not required to salute any cadet. This includes any cadet training assistant (wearing white polo-style shirts with black shorts and a baseball-style cap).

Cadets are required to salute commissioned officers. Some CTAs are commissioned officers. CTA staff are instructed to wear their uniforms in training areas only and saluting is not required. The Berg-Liles Dining Facility and the fitness center grounds are active ROTC training areas.

However, if active-duty members opt to render a salute, it is appropriate and should be returned.

Remember the old saying, "When in doubt, salute."

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

MSG changes commander today

AMN. SARAH MCDOWELL
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Command of the 325th Mission Support Group will change hands today at Flag Park in a ceremony at 8 a.m.

Col. Martin Sayles will assume command from Col. Joseph Sokol.

The new commander comes from the U.S. Pacific Command at Camp Smith, Hawaii, where he was the chief of the manpower and readi-

ness division for the manpower personnel and administration directorate.

Before this assignment, Colonel Sayles was the director of Headquarters Air Force Education and Training assigned to the Office of the Assistant Vice Chief of Staff at the Pentagon. While in the position, he led an organization that serves as a focal point for training and supported more than 9,000 personnel

assigned to the Secretariat, Air Staff, and National Capital Region.

Colonel Sayles was commissioned into the Air Force through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps after graduating from Alabama State University in 1980. His career has encompassed a wide range of administration, personnel and command assignments. He has served at base, Air Staff, and joint unified command levels.

Meet the commander

Lt. Col. Patrick Moylan

95th Fighter Squadron commander

Your vision for the unit: Produce the finest F-15C pilots while maintaining the instructor's tactical employment skills at the combat Air Force level.

Goals: To enjoy my time as the 95th FS commander.

Previous assignments: Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.; Royal Air Force Leuchars, Scotland; Langley AFB, Va.

Best Air Force experience: Flying with the 58th Fighter Squadron during Desert Storm.

Key to success in the Air Force: Loyalty to superiors, peers and subordinates.

Pet peeves: Pessimism or a "can't do" attitude.

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



**Think
before
you
drink.**

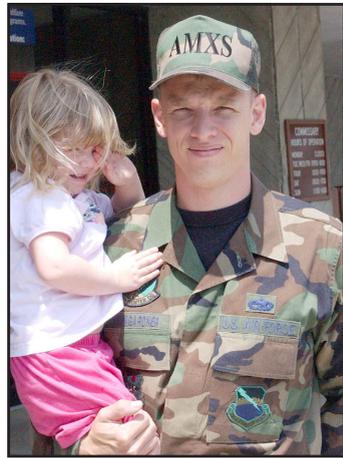
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to come out ahead
of the pack.

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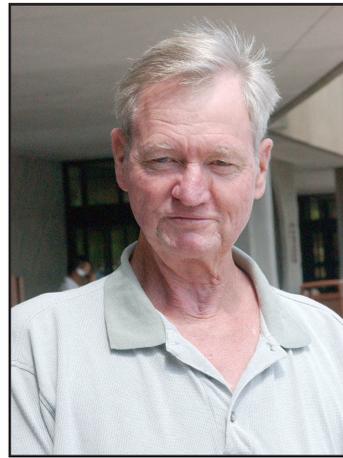
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YOUR LIFE

ON THE STREET

What are your plans for this Memorial Day holiday?



“I’m going to relax, spend time with my family and see Panama City Beach.”
STAFF SGT. KELLY BAUMGARDNER
325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron



“We’ll be driving up to Decatur, Illinois to visit my daughter.”
JERRY BENSON
Retired Air Force

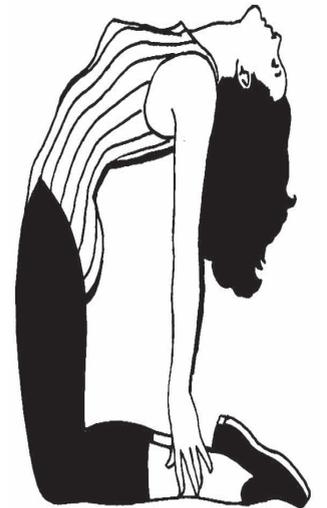


“I’m going to hang out with my family, barbecue and go out on the boat.”
CRYSTAL EXLEY
Base flower shop

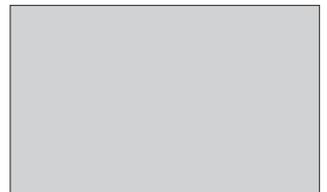


“I’m going to Tampa to see my niece graduate from high school.”
BOB TINDAL
Postal Service Center clerk

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Hurricane season nears, prepare now

TECH. SGT. THOMAS MOLLOY

325th Civil Engineer Squadron disaster preparedness

Hurricane season is rolling in again, and with word from the experts, the probability of the area seeing a hurricane is higher than in past years. Therefore, as Tyndall is in the literal center of hurricane alley, being prepared is wise. We've been lucky these last few years, but the danger is real. It's not a matter of if, but when will the big one hit Tyndall?

The prediction of hurricanes has become faster so that even minimal preparation for a hurricane can reduce the risk of death or injury to near zero. With moderate preparation, the risk of financial tragedy can also be reduced or even eliminated. There is evidence to support the old superstition: "Simply being prepared for something reduces the chance of it happening." Even if being prepared for hurricanes does not make them less likely, it is a proven fact that preparation reduces the risks related to hurricanes.

There are many routes that can be taken in preparation for hurricane season. Excellent information on all types of disaster safety (including hurricanes) can be found at www.florida-disaster.org. The site is run by Florida Emergency Management and has information on everything from hurricanes to terrorism to wild fires to Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome.

Preparation for hurricanes involves two possibilities: Evacuate or ride-out. In both cases, a hurricane kit is useful, and in both cases a little planning can go a long way. Also, a good hurricane

kit can be used for supplies in many emergencies, not just hurricanes.

What conditions would be severe enough to inspire you to evacuate? Other than a lawful order and the current hurricane wind speed and storm surge, there is also inland rising water. This effect of hurricanes kills more people than coastal storm surge because people aren't prepared for inland rising water. A way to find out about the local risks is through disaster preparedness at 283-4107. Bay County emergency information can be ac-

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cessed online at www.florida-disaster.org and at 784-4000 for Bay County Emergency Management.

To avoid risk, do not wait for the last minute. Simple planning can prevent unnecessary risk. Simply knowing where you plan to go, and being ready to leave on short notice, makes a vast difference. As with all other problems, waiting to the last minute never helps and often makes things worse.

During hurricane season, consider some questions that may help your preparation plan fit your family's needs. Do any family members have special needs? Are these needs covered? Are your pets covered? Are you ready to evacuate if needed? Do you keep im-

portant documents stored in one place for easy packing? Is the vehicle you plan to use kept at least half full of fuel when hurricanes are active? Do you have flood insurance? Does the insurance cover hurricanes? (Ask your insurance provider.) Do you have emergency cash, bottled water, non-perishable food that requires little/no preparation or a first aid kit? Everyone should also have a battery-powered radio and fresh batteries. Is your home prepared for high winds?

In the event of a hurricane evacuation, make sure that you know where the authorized evacuation points are. To make sure you have all the information you and your family need, answer some questions now, so you won't have to ask them later. Where are you going? Will there be a place for you when you get there? Are you sure that you can fit your planned baggage into your vehicle? Is your evacuation location on record with your unit, including contact information? All military personnel assigned to Tyndall should have a current Tyndall Form 254 on record with their orderly room listing current evacuation and contact data.

For military aspects of hurricanes, remember the following: If the installation commander orders an evacuation, it is a lawful order for all military personnel assigned to Tyndall, regardless of where they live. If Tyndall orders an evacuation, military members and dependents in base housing will be required to evacuate. Dependents in off-base housing are strongly advised to evacuate.

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.

**DON'T
DRINK AND DRIVE** →



Checkertail Salute



Lisa Carroll

**Master Sgt.
Todd Matthews**

Duty title: NCO in charge of standardization and evaluation
Unit: 325th Security Forces Squadron

Time on station: 2 years

Time in service: 17 years

Hometown: Fort Walton

Beach, Fla.

Hobbies: Fishing, football and weightlifting

Goals: To complete my bachelor's degree.

Favorite thing about Tyndall:

Great fishing and close to home

Favorite magazine: "Lowrider"

Favorite movie: "Menace to Society"

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

The Checkertail Clan salutes Sergeant Matthews for leading the security forces squadron in all aspects of Operation Readiness Inspection preparations by orchestrating unit-level biweekly meetings since September. He also planned, organized and executed the security forces portion of five wing exercises. He also spearheaded a Valentine's Day community project in which 21 unit and family members visited a local retirement home.

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.

1st Air Force unit provides first look at U.S. airspace



Staff Sgt. Amber Scheiden

Staff Sgt. Venus Torres, a tracking technician for the Southeast Air Defense Sector here, surveys a radarscope for unknown aircraft over U.S. airspace. Sergeant Torres is just one of many technicians activated in support of homeland defense.

STAFF SGT. AMBER SCHEIDEN
1st Air Force public affairs

Although Operation Iraqi Freedom is winding down and many of our troops are heading home, it's business as usual for the Air National Guard members activated here in support of homeland defense.

As a part of 1st Air Force and the Continental United States NORAD Region, the Southeast Air Defense Sector is headquartered at Tyndall Air Force Base and is responsible for the air defense of the southeastern United States.

SEADS, a geographically separated unit assigned to the Florida Air National Guard, transitioned completely to the Air Guard in October 1996.

It is one of three air defense sectors in the CONUS NORAD Region and has four basic functions: air surveillance, identification, weapons control and battle management.

"We do track detections and surveillance identification," said Lt.

Col. Larry Christie, the SEADS mission crew commander.

Before Sept. 11, 2001, the SEADS mission was to identify unknown aircraft and ensure the air sovereignty of U.S. borders. Everything inside the borders was considered friendly, he said.

"Immediately after the attacks, we heightened our alert posture with extra fighters," the colonel said. "We recalled all drill-status guardsmen to full-time status, since we needed extra surveillance trackers and weapons teams to provide more extensive coverage of our area of responsibility."

Since the attacks, homeland defense accelerated to the forefront of the war on terror and the mission of SEADS and the Continental U.S. NORAD Region changed.

"Probably the greatest change that came about was the realization that we could not seal ourselves off with a barrier against airborne threats entering U.S. airspace. We found threats could originate from inside our borders," said Col. Larry Kemp, SEADS

commander.

This increased the scope of defense and made just about any airborne object a potential threat, he added.

"It's been a 24-hour job here at the Continental United States NORAD Region. We work around the clock, because we never know when a threat will present itself," said Maj. Gen. Craig McKinley, 1st Air Force/CONR commander.

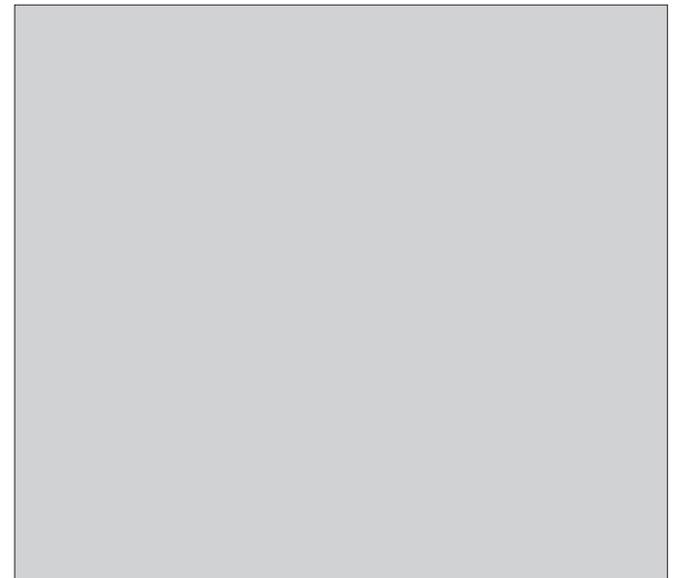
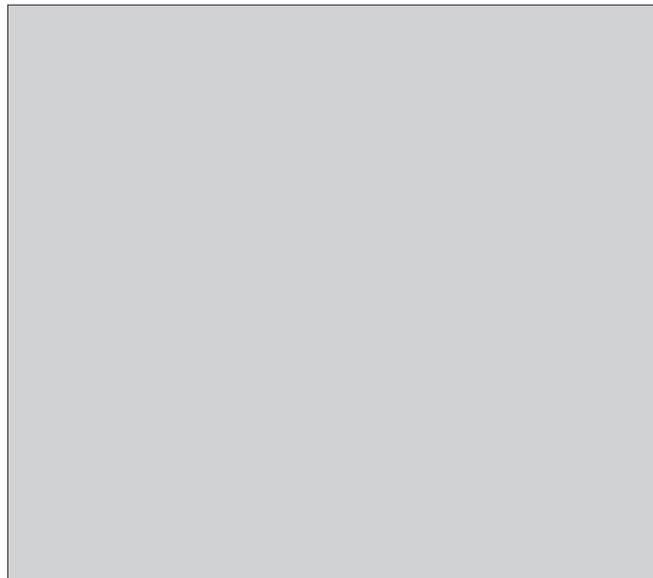
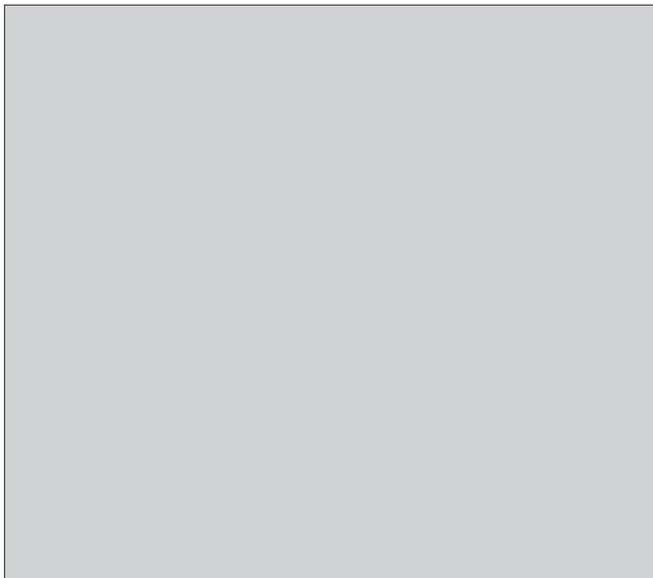
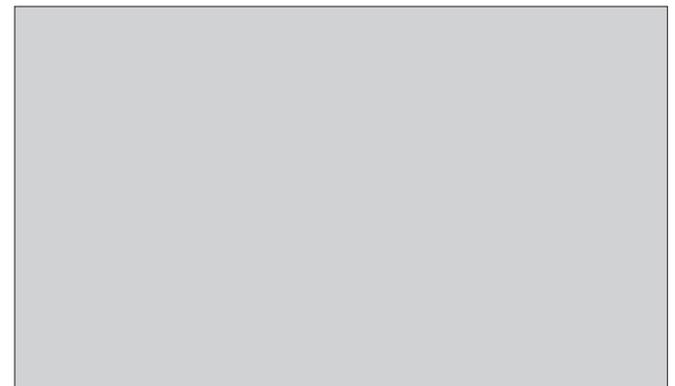
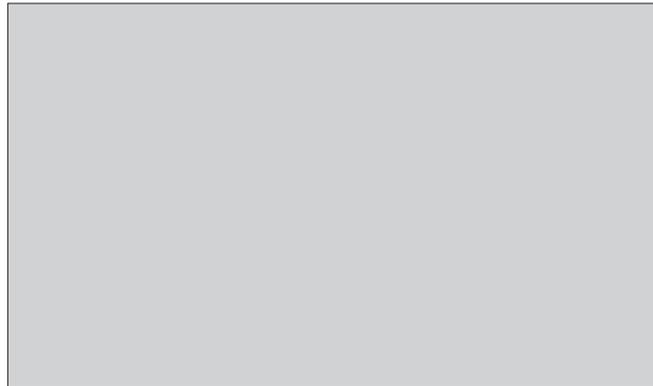
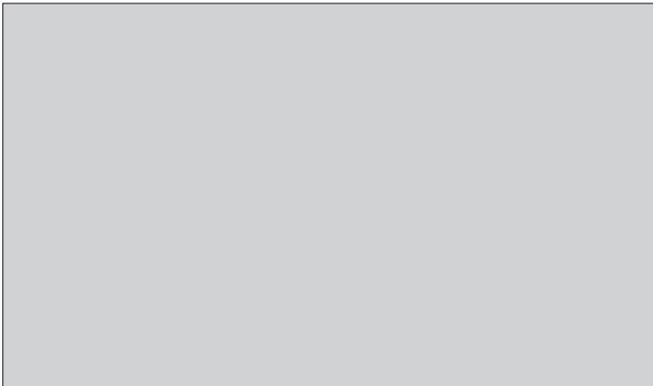
Surveillance tracking technicians work around the clock to perform manual track initiations. They are responsible for detecting air tracks and determining if the tracks are aircraft.

The detection and identification of aircraft can prove to be difficult in crowded airspace.

"Radars get fooled by a lot of things, such as a flock of birds or weather anomalies," Colonel Christie said.

This system, using the latest advances in computerized airspace control, relies on digitized radar inputs from ground radar sites and

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tethered aerostat radar balloons.

More than 2,000 aircraft are detected and identified each day by SEADS technicians and operators.

Once the track is confirmed to be an aircraft, the technicians have just minutes to identify it. When all means of identification are exhausted, the decision is made to scramble fighter jets sitting on alert.

“We obviously do not take that decision lightly,” Colonel Christie said. “We have various fighters standing alert at different bases throughout the sectors.”

Prior to Sept. 11, 2001, combat air patrols were flown only to identify and intercept unknown aircraft. Now, irregular CAPs are flown at various locations around the country.

After all avenues have been traveled, and the decision has been made to scramble the jets, the weapons control section initiates the scramble.

“They directly talk to the fighter pilot, give the vectors to intercept the plane, and they relay all of the information back to the battle management staff to get further guidance as to what action to take,” Colonel Christie said.

Next, the battle staff commander talks to the Air Operations Center for the Continental U.S. NORAD Region.

The battle staff commander keeps them constantly abreast of the situation, Colonel Christie said.

“In the old paradigm, we envisioned that the contingency would flare up, the intensity would increase and at some point, we would

mobilize our guard drill status people and go at a frenzied pace for a short period of time,” Colonel Kemp said.

However, when the events of Sept. 11 happened, all did not go according to plan.

“With what 9-11 brought about, we had that frenzied pace, but it never died off,” Colonel Kemp said.

“Our traditional guardsmen really stood up. All of them disrupted their lives and a lot of them are still on board. If we did not have them, we could have never sustained the operation.”

Currently, the mission of homeland defense is operated under leadership of the Air National Guard. This will continue to be the case until the threats against U.S. airspace are extinguished.

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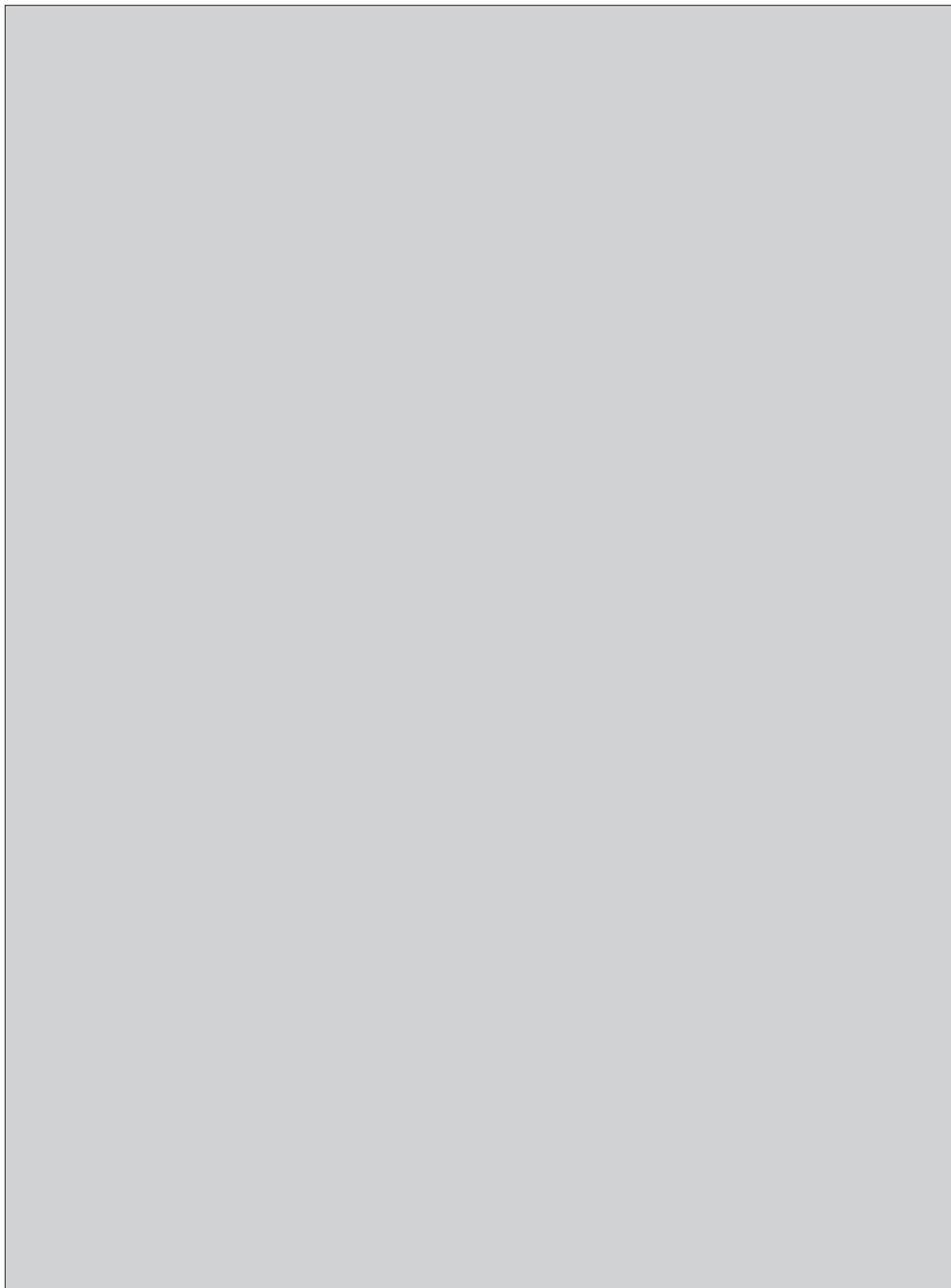
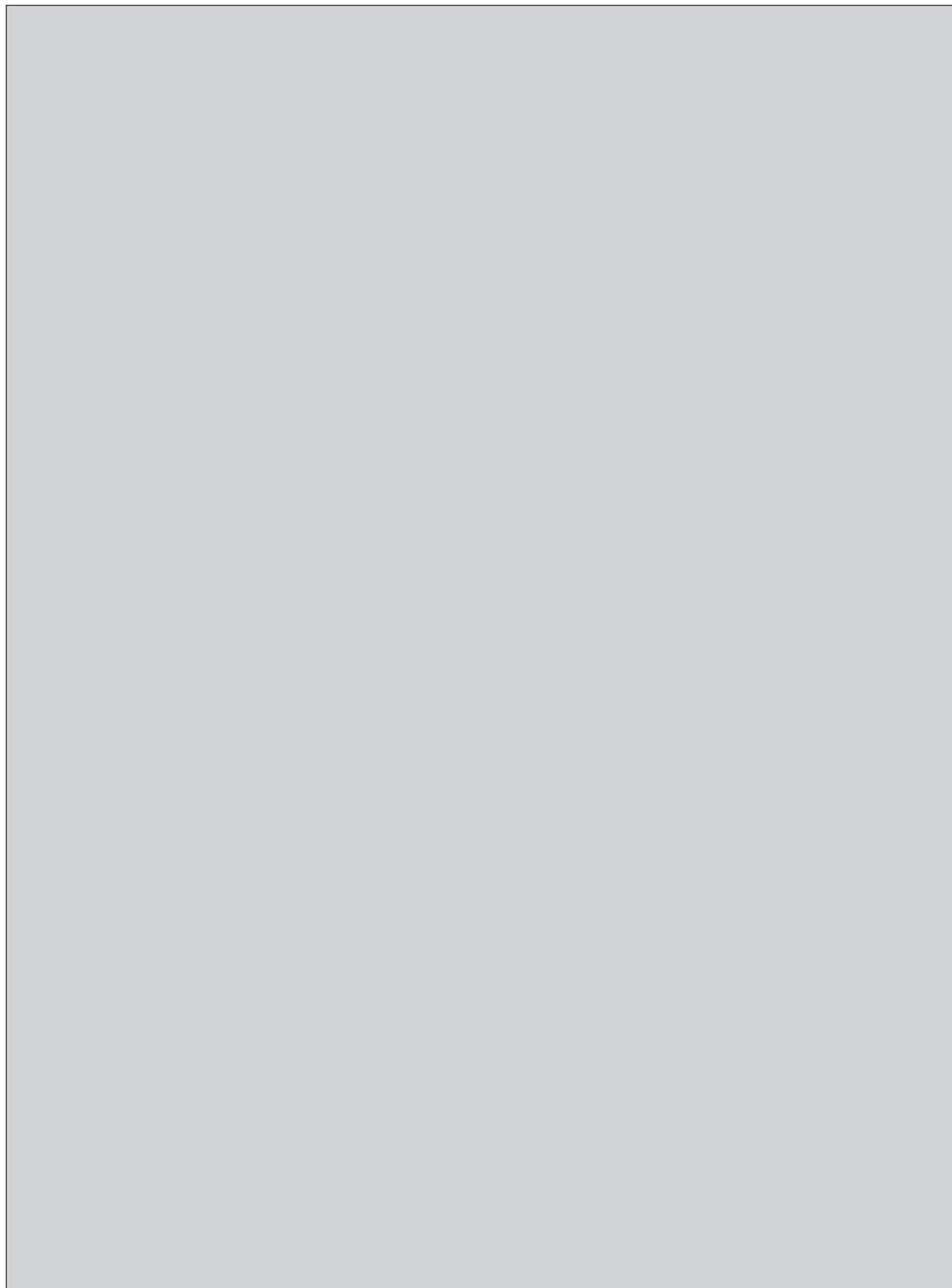
ments. A transition period like the one we are experiencing now is normal as we move from one AEF operating environment — crisis action — to another — steady state.”

“Since its beginning, I think the AEF has been a great success,” he said. “I don’t believe it was ever designed to handle a situation the size of the one we just had but I think it worked well. We were able to use it to (quickly) and accurately identify people to meet the combatant commanders’ requirements.”

The Air Force was initially tasked to deploy approximately 120,000 active-duty, Guard and Reserve airmen, nearly a quarter of the service’s military people, to support operations in Iraq, General Peppe said.

“However, we only needed to deploy approximately 50,000,” he explained. “That feat is a testament to the awesome work of our people and the AEF that was flexible enough to adapt to mission requirements and fill them as needed.”

Although Air Force leaders want airmen to be reunited with their families as quickly as possible, the service still must meet the needs of the combatant commanders to continue supporting operations throughout the world, he said.



Inspection countdown continues

LT. COL. STEVEN KOTAN

Operational Readiness Inspection project officer

The clock continues to tick toward the arrival of the inspection team here. Prior to the inspection, the Inspector General will send an ADVON team to ensure our beddown locations for the team meet their needs. They are currently scheduled to arrive during the second week in June and should be on the base for two days. It would be worth annotating this date on your calendar to ensure this team leaves with the best possible first impression of Tyndall. In keeping with the tradition of the last two articles, the daily checklists for the following week are highlighted below:

Day 40 (Monday): HOLIDAY. Enjoy the Memorial Day weekend and be ready to dig into the preparation effort upon returning to work on Tuesday.

Day 39 (Tuesday): TRAINING DUE. Get everyone who needs training scheduled for it. Training required for the quarter/half should be scheduled no later than 30 days from the ORI kickoff; not necessarily ACCOMPLISHED by then. Do attempt to get all training accomplished no later than 20 days prior to "the day." Don't forget Mobility and Disaster Control Group training.

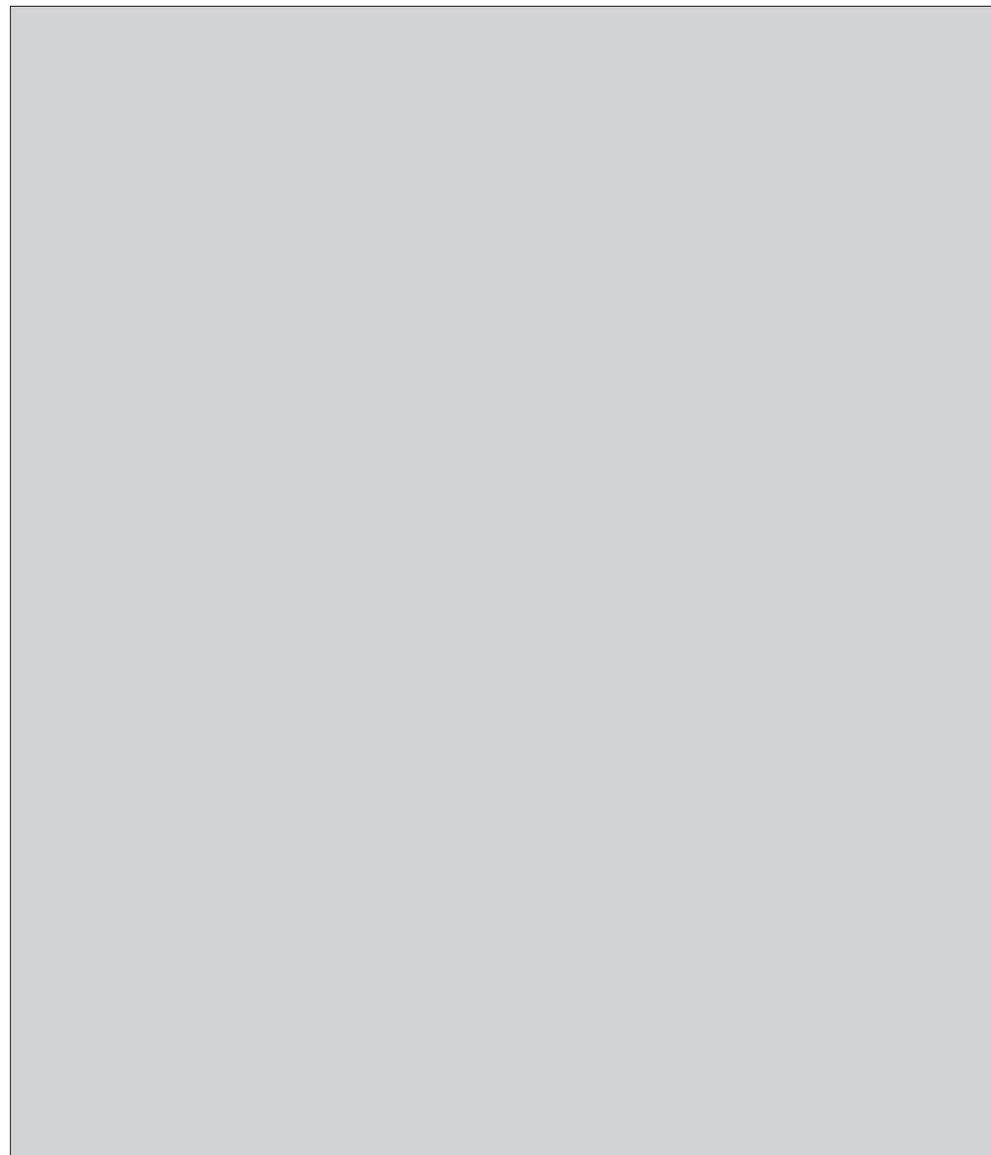
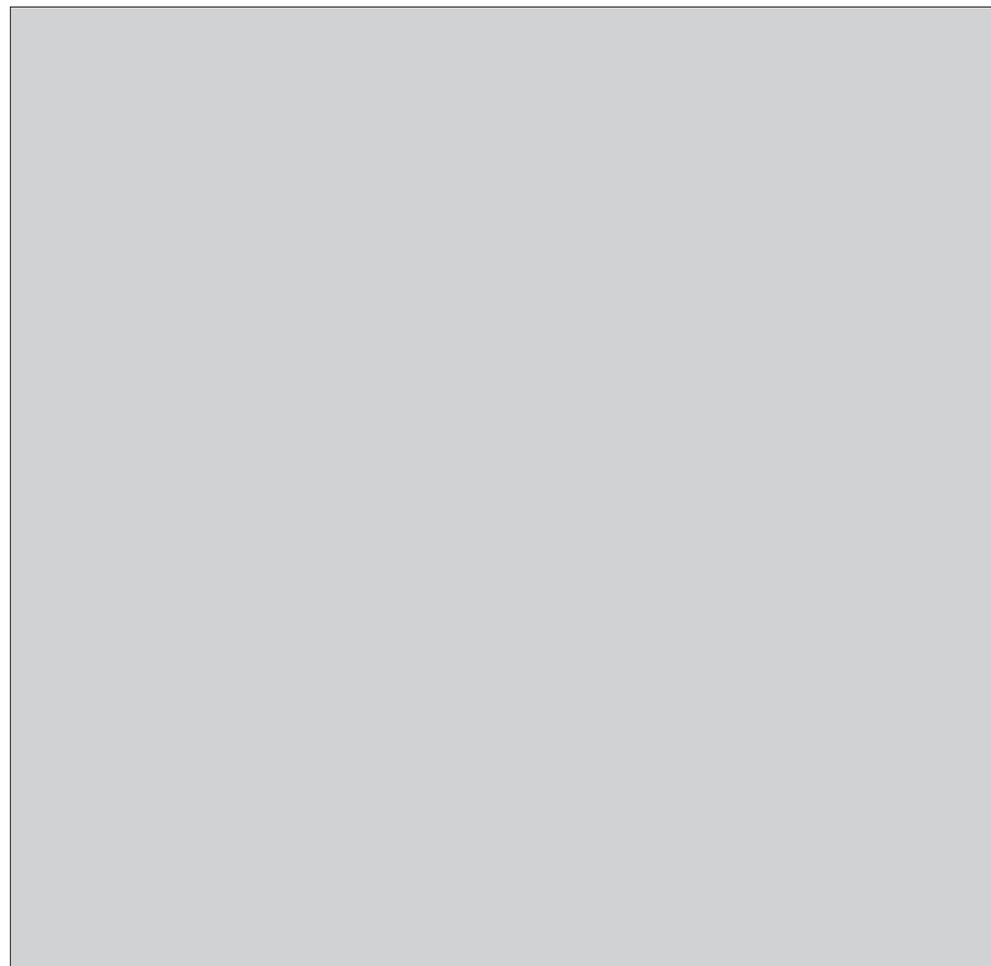
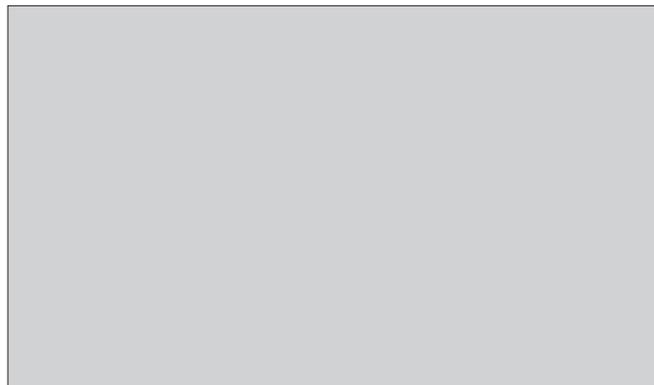
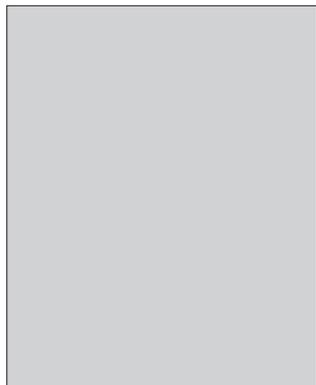
Day 38 (Wednesday): REVIEW LAST YEAR'S INSPECTION. If you haven't had a wing-level shop come down to inspect you yet, schedule a staff assistance visit NOW and give yourself time to polish up your programs, based upon their inputs. Review the IG's Periodic Analysis Report. Check on common deficiency items. All of the ORI POCs should now have the list of current trends that the inspectors have seen during their last several inspections.

Day 37 (Thursday): CROSSTALK. Get in contact with

similar units or bases. Ask them to inspect your shop. Incorporate, innovate and cooperate! Share your best programs and share an "Outstanding" rating together. Call your counterpart at other AETC bases and ask them about their last ORI (Columbus, Maxwell and Randolph are the most recent inspections).

Day 36 (Friday, 30 May): UNIT STANDARD OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS. Are they up-to-date? Do signature blocks reflect the current commander, OPS officer or OPR? If not, you can bet even money something else in the SOI needs updating. Is there a complete file and single source of all the SOIs? Does each functional area have the same copy as the master file? Get rid of any you don't want or need. If the IG is on the road, check with your counterpart for information.

In addition, by the end of this week units should be wrapping up their semi-annual self-inspections for May. Crosscheck the Tyndall ORI Preparation Web site to see if any deficiencies that are identified in the self-inspection link have been corrected. Once completed, take the time to accurately and completely write the inspection report and forward it to the 325th Fighter Wing inspector general office. If there are deficiencies remaining, have a plan in place to correct these areas. There generally are always areas where improvements are needed, however, finding them yourself and putting a correction in place is always preferred, rather than being surprised by the inspectors when they inspect your shop. All of Team Tyndall should take the time to review the information on the Tyndall ORI Preparation Web site (<http://oriprep.tyndall.af.mil>). The Web site is there to assist you in demonstrating to the AETC IG that Tyndall is the most "Outstanding" wing in the command!



Air Force negotiates extra Raptor, bringing total to 21

STAFF SGT. A.J. BOSKER
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials have negotiated the procurement of one additional F/A-22 Raptor as part of a recent purchase, raising the total to 21 aircraft, according to service acquisition officials.

The F/A-22 acquisition has a “buy-to-budget” philosophy, said Dr. Marvin Sambur, assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition at the Pentagon. This means the Air Force can buy as many aircraft as will fit within a fixed budget.

The additional aircraft is attributed to a rise in vendor confidence in the F/A-22 program, partially because of Defense Department and service support, as well as increased program stability, Doctor Sambur said.

“This is a pretty significant accomplishment since each of these (Raptors) costs well over \$100 mil-

lion,” Doctor Sambur said.

The program is doing a lot better than it was eight months ago, he said. It has overcome many technical challenges, such as canopy wind noise, overheating of the brakes, aerodynamic buffeting of the twin-vertical stabilizers, and equipment and training challenges.

“We’ve put all of those (obstacles) to bed,” Doctor Sambur said.

The one remaining challenge the Raptor must overcome before it can provide American forces with unequaled dominance over future battlefields is in the software stability of its avionics suite, he said.

To solve this challenge, Air Force officials have made sure all of the contractors and subcontractors involved in the avionics software have put their best people on the problem, Doctor Sambur said.

The Raptor program team also added better diagnostic equipment

to monitor the software in real time and is trying to minimize the hardware differences between the avionics software test bed and the actual aircraft, he said.

“We’re definitely getting a handle on the stability issue,” he said. “We’re fairly confident that we should have a solution to this problem by mid-fall.”

The result of solving the stability issue will be an aircraft with unparalleled capabilities, such as stealth and supercruise, giving the Air Force an unfair advantage over any future adversary, Doctor Sambur said.

Some of the Raptor’s critics have questioned the continued need for the F/A-22 because F-15 Eagles and F-16 Fighting Falcons were able to successfully establish and maintain air dominance in Afghanistan and Iraq. They suggest the Air Force take its F/A-22 funding and put it to-

ward procurement of new and upgraded F-15s and F-16s.

Doctor Sambur disagrees.

“Getting air dominance was the key to the conflict in Iraq, and it was done in record time by great airmen,” he said.

However, Afghanistan lacked an air force or an integrated air defense system to begin with, and the Iraqi air force and its air defense system were eroded by Operation Desert Storm, 12 years of international sanctions and two no-fly zones, he said.

Sophisticated integrated air defense systems and advanced surface-to-air missile technology are increasing throughout the world, Doctor Sambur said. Adversaries will require relatively few of these systems to deny current aircraft from flying into their airspace.

The F-15 and F-16 do not have stealth or supercruise capability, and purchasing new versions will

not offer those capabilities, he said.

“Without the F/A-22 we will have a significantly more difficult time establishing air dominance in the future,” Doctor Sambur said. “This will result in a prolonged fight resulting in a greater number of American lives lost.”

Under the current Department of Defense cost cap of \$43 billion, the Air Force expects to procure 276 aircraft, although the service needs 381 Raptors to meet its expeditionary requirements, he said. Once the program gets on track, which Doctor Sambur said it should do shortly, the cost will come down.

“The Raptor is a plane that the Air Force can be proud of,” Doctor Sambur said. “It’s a plane that the Air Force and the nation needs. And I believe that once people see just how well it performs and the capabilities it provides, they’ll want us to buy more.”

Your link
to what's going on

Gulf Guide

in the
Tyndall community

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AAFES holiday hours

The following Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities will be open at the following times on Monday, Memorial Day: Main exchange, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Class Six, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Shoal Point Shoppette, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Felix Lake Shoppette, 6 a.m.-9 p.m. All other AAFES facilities, the barber shop and Burger King will be closed.

Commissary holiday hours

The Tyndall Commissary will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday and will re-open 9 a.m. Tuesday.

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Water mains flushing

Starting Tuesday and continuing throughout the week, the 325th Civil Engineer Squadron will be conducting pressure testing of water lines in base housing areas. The work supports repair and maintenance of the water tower that services Wood Manor, Red Fish Point, Felix Lake, the golf course, stables and the advanced wastewater treatment plant. Residents are advised that there is a potential for low water pressure as well as the presence of rust and other sediments in water resulting from the test. If discoloration occurs, lines should be flushed until the water runs clear. It is advised not to do any laundry while water is discolored. It is also suggested that users limit the irrigation amounts during this period. Though not expected, Bioenvironmental Engineering will increase precautionary water sampling for bacteriological contaminants and will issue notices if necessary.

Hurricane briefings

The 325th Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness office will hold its mass hurricane briefings 9-10 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday in the Tyndall Officers' Club. For more information, call the readiness office, 283-2010.

Embry-Riddle registration

Registration for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Spring B term will be 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-May 30 in Room 48 of the education center. Class dates are June 2-Aug. 2. For more information, call the education center, 283-4557.

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

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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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.

Stress-management class

The last meeting of family advocacy's three-session stress-management class will be 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday in Room 127 in Building 1305. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7511.

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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.

Marriage workshop

The five-session "Married and Loving It" workshop will continue 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday and June 5 in the family advocacy conference room. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7511.

NOTES

New York Air National Guard vacancies

Immediate New York Air National Guard positions are available with the 109th Airlift Wing in Scotia, New York. Some full-time, active-duty positions are also available. For more information, call Master Sgt. Wesley Ryerson, DSN 344-2456, (800) 524-5070, or e-mail: wesley.ryerson@nyscot.ang.af.mil.

GCCC registration

The Tyndall Education Center's Gulf Coast Community College office is continuing to register students for summer and fall classes. The term dates are as follows: Summer A term - in session through June 21; Summer B term - June 23-Aug. 2; Fall term - Aug. 20-Dec. 19. For more information, call the education center, 283-4332.

Lost and found

The 325th Security Forces Investigation's Lost and Found has jewelry, watches, keys, wallets, pagers, bikes, glasses and automatic teller machine cards in their inventory. Anyone wishing to claim lost property can call security forces, 283-2497, between 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

New ATM

A new automatic teller machine has been installed by Tyndall Federal Credit Union on the flightline side of the base. The ATM is located on Texas Avenue behind the Robin Hood Sandwich Shoppe.

AFIT opportunities

The Enlisted-to-Air Force Institute of Technology program recognizes enlisted professional development in conjunction with other professional training and education programs. Resident AFIT science, engineering and management graduate degree opportunities can further develop members' technical education and skills. Classes will begin in October. For information, contact the education center or link to the official Web site at: www.afit.edu.

YARD SALE

The following yard sales are scheduled for Saturday: 2783-B Delta Ave. and 2904-B Beacon Beach Road. 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.

CLASSIFIEDS

1999 Harley Davidson 883 Sportster, 4,800 miles, over \$2,000 in extras. Must sell, \$6,200. Call 230-4745.

Kids' swing set. Practically new. Bought at Toys "R" Us Christmas 2002 for \$150. Sell for \$50. Call 215-1118.

Water + aerobics = unique workout experience

STEVE RIDDLE

325th Services Squadron marketing

Margaret Matheson says spending her lunch hour in the pool is a great way to relieve stress. Flo Childs says getting a great aerobic workout is another.

Now, they do both at the same time.

The Tyndall Air Force Base Outdoor Recreation Facility is once again offering water aerobics classes at the base pool. The classes began May 12 and will run through August, and possibly into September.

Group fitness instructor Denise Revel began providing the program last year and is running it again this summer. Revel also teaches aerobics classes at the Tyndall Fitness Center, and said she has one main goal in mind for her water aerobics participants.

"I want people to walk away at the end of this class feeling good, and feeling successful," she stated.

They do, but people sometimes walk away also feeling surprised, and a little more worn out than expected.

"It was a better workout than I thought it would be," admitted Matheson after her first water aerobics workout. Both she and Childs work at the Air Force Civil Engineering Support Agency here, and both are regulars in Revel's fitness center aerobics classes, classes that they're now referring to as "Land Classes."

According to Revel, it's the resistance from the water that makes the sessions so beneficial. She provides two types of classes — one for those already in shape, and one for people who are just starting out or have some type of injury that makes regular aerobics too demanding.

The more difficult class lasts one hour and involves continuous movement. Participants will jump, jog through the water, stomp, kick and do many other movements in

what Revel calls "a vigorous cardio workout with toning."

An easier class is designed for the beginner. With an emphasis on low impact, it is also ideal for people who suffer from shin splints, back trouble, bone spurs, weak knees or ankles, or those who are overweight. It is usually performed in deeper water for added buoyancy, but that isn't a problem for those who are not confident swimmers.

"If they're not a swimmer, we put belts on them to keep them above water," Revel explained.

"I try to get them a total body workout, both upper body and lower body," she said. To accomplish this, Revel said she covers the five components of fitness — cardiovascular fitness, strength, endurance, flexibility and the lean muscle vs. fat ratio.

For the first two weeks of the class, Revel said she is "taking it easy" on participants to help them get accustomed to working out in water.

"For the first couple of weeks, I'm working on getting them their sea legs," she explained. "To do this, you have to get adjusted to it. We're going to go through a progression." As the class progresses, Revel said a portion of the water aerobics will include strength training. Participants will use hand buoys, circuit training, and exert tubes, which are like large rubber bands.

Revel was quick to point out that newcomers to any of her classes are never expected to keep up with regular participants during their first sets of workouts. She also recommends people check with their physician before beginning any type of training program.

Revel, who is an accredited fitness instructor with the Aquatic Environment Association and the Aerobic and



Steve Riddle

Denise Revel, water aerobics instructor, leads a session of the water aerobics course at the Tyndall pool.

Fitness Association of America, said she would like to see more people develop active lifestyles.

"There are a large number of people who are overweight, have health issues, hypertension or high blood pressure," she said. "The doctor tells them to get up and move, and that's what they need to do."

Water aerobics classes are presently scheduled Monday at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesday classes are held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., and Thursday has a class at 6 p.m. For more information, call outdoor recreation at 283-3199.

Muscle Beach competition lifts roof off fitness center



Steve Riddle

Kent Byas prepares to bench press more than 500 lbs. Saturday during the 2nd Annual Muscle Beach Power Lifting Competition at the base fitness center. Byas won the competition by lifting a combined total of 1,650 lbs. in three events.

STEVE RIDDLE

325th Services Squadron marketing

Kent Byas lifted more than three-quarters of a ton of iron at the fitness center Saturday to win the 2nd Annual Muscle Beach Power Lifting Competition.

Byas, who works at the 16th Electronic Warfare Squadron here, squatted 600 lbs., bench pressed 500 lbs., and dead lifted 550 lbs. for a total lift of 1,650 lbs.

According to fitness center director Lou South, Byas and Brian Crouse, and as many as five others, may represent Tyndall Air Force Base at the Air Education and Training Command level.

"This was an AETC sponsored event," South said. "The winners of this get to go on and compete against the other (AETC) bases at Little Rock, Ark., in July." Byas, Crouse, and Angela Messing represented Tyndall in last year's AETC level event.

South said this event was held in mid-May because power lifters can need as much as two months to recover from a meet. By having it now, the Tyndall power-lifting team will be ready for July's AETC meet.

Byas had to think back 13 years when asked how many power lifting events he had competed in. He said he took up the sport to gain size and strength.

"I'll keep lifting 'til my body tells me to stop," he said.

Crouse, who works with Byas at the 16th EWS, has been competing almost as long — 10 years — and is one of three personal trainers available at the fitness center. He specializes in power lifting instruction.

Messing is a student at the air battle management school, and won in her weight class in Saturday's event.

For more information on any fitness center activity, call them at 283-2631.



Funshine NEWS

May 23, 2003

325th Services Website: 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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Seafood Extravaganza

Featuring:

Snow Crab Station
Peel & Eat Shrimp Station
Oysters on the 1/2 Shell Station
Beef Carving Station
Variety of Selected Fish
Breaded Shrimp & Scallops
Seafood Newberg
Clam Chowder
Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy
Steamed Rice
Hush Puppies
Vegetables
Assorted Desserts

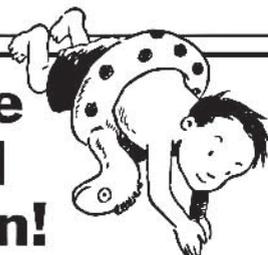
***Members First!**
Show your club card
to receive a \$3 discount.

Market Price: \$18.95*
Children ages 6-11: \$9.95*
5 & Under: \$4.95*



For details call:
283-4357

Base Pool Open!



■ 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 class.
Infant, Toddler, Preschool, Levels I, II, III, IV, V,
VI, VII and Adult classes are available this
session.

Session III: June 24 - July 3; Registration
June 16; Infant, Toddler, Preschool, Levels I,
II, III, IV, V, VI, VII & Guard Start are available
this session.

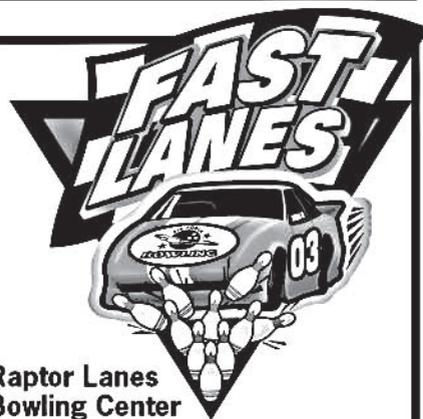
Water Aerobic Classes

■ **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.



Raptor Lanes
Bowling Center

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

Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

Major League Soccer Clinic

The Youth Center is sponsoring a Free
Major League Soccer Clinic on May
29th, 3:30-4:30 p.m. for all players 10
yrs. or younger. All players 11 yrs or
older 4:30-5:30 p.m. Sign up at the
Youth Center. All MLS soccer players
registered by the clinic date are eligible
for a prize drawing ... winner will attend
for free.

Volleyball Clinic

June 16-20. For ages 10-16 yrs. The
Youth Center is currently taking sign-
ups for a volleyball clinic. 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.

Bowling Center

☎ 283-2380

Pro Shop Sale

Thru May 31 all stock balls, bags and
shoes 15% off. (No other discounts
apply.)

Summer Play & Save

On sale now: 40 games for \$30, 20
games for \$15. Not valid during
Cosmic Bowling.

Community Activity Ctr.

☎ 283-2495

Beginning Surfing Class

Coming in June. Class is open to teens
and adults. Call for more information.

Tyndall 2003 Heritage Day Celebration

Heritage Park • July 3, 4-10 p.m.
Live Entertainment, Food,
Kids Activities and Fireworks

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.

Annual Marina Club Member Beach Party

May 26. Kick off the summer season.

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.

Fishing Charters

\$75 per operating hour. 4 hour
minimum. 5 people maximum.

Membership Pays!

Lt Col Gregory Parsons,
325th Services Commander
presents Lt Col Patrick
Marshall with a Breitling
watch. The watch was
sponsored by Ted's Jewelers
of Dothan as a local prize in
the AF Club Electrified
Membership Drive.

No federal endorsement of
sponsor intended.



