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## In brief

### Air Force video

A video titled "Command of Heroes" will air on the base cable network's Channel 12. Air times are 8 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

### "P" pin thanks parents

A new Air Force outreach program designed to thank parents of all airmen for supporting their military service is available. The Air Force Parent Pin program presents parents of each member with a "P" pin and a letter of thanks signed by the Secretary of the Air Force, Dr. James Roche, and the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Gen. John Jumper.

The Parent Pin program gives every Air Force member the opportunity to register online and request a letter of thanks jointly signed by Secretary Roche and General Jumper be sent to up to two parents (or parental figures). Included with the letters will be lapel pins displaying the letter "P" cradled in the Air Force symbol. Parents are asked to wear their pins as signs of support for their children's military service.

For more information, visit [www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com](http://www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com).



Lisa Carroll

## Stellar brief

Gen. Don Cook, Air Education and Training Command commander, is briefed by Tech. Sgt. Tim Walker, 325th Maintenance Squadron propulsion test production supervisor, during a tour of Tyndall facilities. For more on General Cook's visit, see Page 6.

## Raptor update as beddown continues

**SENIOR MASTER SGT. ROB FULLER**  
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Have you ever wondered what a Raptor eats for a snack? Eagles! At least that's what they've been preying on for the last few weeks.

Lt. Col. Jeff Harrigan, the commander of the first F/A-22 Squadron in the Air Force, the 43rd Fighter Squadron, along with five other pilots have been deployed to Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., flying dissimilar combat training missions in Tyndall Eagles against the F/A-22 Raptor. This training for the F/A-22 test pilots is the first such deployment in support of operational testing, Colonel Harrigan said.

But the colonel doesn't plan on making a living flying against Raptors, he's looking forward to flying them himself.

"The F/A-22 performance is eye-watering," Colonel Harrigan said. "It's very impressive and easily outmaneuvers the F-15. The combination of improved flight controls and thrust vectoring makes it much more maneuverable."

The key to the F/A-22 Raptor's ability to maneuver, thrust vectoring, is controlled by the pilot through the flight controls and gets the F/A-22 quickly from one maneuver to another. The vectoring nozzles on the two Pratt & Whitney F119 engines are con-

trolled by the same flight control system that operates the horizontal tails, the rudders and wing surfaces.

"It's the ability for pilots to point the nose wherever [needed] in a much larger envelope, all the way to zero air speed," said Jeff Harris, Lockheed Martin lead engineer for flight control law decision and analysis, in a 2002 Gulf Defender interview. "Thrust vectoring harnesses the power from the rear of the jet by using the thrust vectoring nozzles (on the engines) and opens the envelope where other fighters would stall," Mr. Harris said.

So it begs the question, what effect has this newfound maneu-

verability had on the pilot?

"Test pilots here say they find the comfort level at higher G-forces better than the F-15," Colonel Harrigan said. "Many have pulled 9.1 – 9.2 Gs without over-taxing their bodies."

Colonel Harrigan, along with a cadre of other instructor pilots from Tyndall, will begin F/A-22 flight training in July. The plan is for him to fly Raptor 4018 in to Tyndall late this summer.

Right now at Tyndall, his squadron focus is on preparing the unit, facilities and personnel for the arrival of the first aircraft and students.

"We plan to continue building

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Countdown  
to ORI  
51 days



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# Critical days off to safe start

**BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW**

325th Fighter Wing commander



It's great to report that everyone returned safe and sound from the extended Memorial Day weekend. I'd like to thank the

Tyndall Honor Guard and other agencies that supported our local community at ceremonies and special events for this solemn but inspiring holiday.

Also, thanks go to the wing safety office and everyone who played a part in the Wing Safety Day on May 23. It was a great way to kick off the holiday and place safety at the front of our minds as we enter the 101 Critical Days of Summer. Although the Chiefs are probably a little disappointed with the outcome on the softball field against the Eagles, I'm sure they're proud of the first responders involved in the unidentified object situation that occurred. Our security forces, explosive ordnance, fire and disaster response teams took care of business in a safe and professional manner, once again proving why our



**“Our security forces, explosive ordnance, fire and disaster response teams took care of business in a safe and professional manner, once again proving why our exercises and practice drills are so important.”**

**BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW**

325th Fighter Wing commander

exercises and practice drills are so important. Fortunately the object was not an explosive device, but nevertheless I commend those who noticed that something was out of place, and encourage everyone to always question things in their surroundings that appear to be out of the ordinary.

Last week, prior to the safety day events, we welcomed a new member to Team Tyndall as Col. Martin Sayles took command of the 325th Mission Support Group. On behalf of the 325th Fighter Wing I'd like to offer a warm welcome to Colonel Sayles, his wife, Sharon, and his family as they begin their assignment in one of the best places in the world to live, work and

play. The Checkertail Clan has a long, distinguished history and we look forward to watching you make your place in it as well. The first few months of your new command will be challenging as we face an Operational Readiness Inspection, support a new weapon system arrival with the F/A-22, and six months of what has been predicted to be an active hurricane season. I know you and your group are up to the task and we anticipate great things.

As mentioned earlier, hurricane season is here. June ushers in what has been predicted to be a very active hurricane season for the Atlantic and

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## Airman learns importance of seeking help before it's too late

**SENIOR AIRMAN HEATHER SHELTON**

86th Airlift Wing public affairs

**RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AFP)** — My story isn't about how I urinated all over myself while performing a field sobriety test, or how I struggled with the female security forces member who put me in cuffs after I was apprehended for driving under the influence.

My story is about the realization and acceptance of the mistake I made, and the effect it's had on me and the people around me.

The realization of what I did began to sink in during my verbal reprimand from the wing vice commander about my recent behavior.

As I stood at attention in front of him, he looked up from his desk after reading my charges and asked one simple question, "Why?"

No matter how hard I thought about it, all I could

think of was the usual, "I made a bad decision... I had a lapse of judgment."

He sat behind his seemingly larger than normal desk, in a room in which I felt so small, and said, "No. That's not good enough. Why?"

As I looked slightly above his frightfully piercing-blue eyes, I stood there trembling, trying to muster a more acceptable answer.

No matter how hard I tried to use my gift for saying what people wanted to hear, I couldn't form a complete thought. It was like every word in my vocabulary had instantly vanished.

At that moment, his question seemed to be the most profound thing I had ever heard. I thought, "Why? What does he mean, why? How do I answer this?"

Because I couldn't answer his question, and was completely baffled by it, I sought help. It's because of the help I received that I can say this: I didn't care

about anyone else — it was all about me. My need to drink, and lack of control over it, clouded the thoughts of whom I'd disappoint or possibly even hurt.

I too, was one who rolled my eyes at the ever-popular saying, "If you drink, don't drive. If you drive, don't drink. If you're drunk and you need a ride, call someone."

Personally, I couldn't really picture my supervisor being too thrilled about rolling out of bed at 3 a.m. on a weekday to come pick me up at a bar. I could just see the look on his face, and hear the tone in his voice during the stern lecture I'd surely receive.

Flashbacks of busting curfew in high school entered my head, and out of sheer fear of reliving those torturous speeches, I thought to myself, "I'm fine. I'm a good driver. I can do this."

Looks like I was wrong. A quick read of the police

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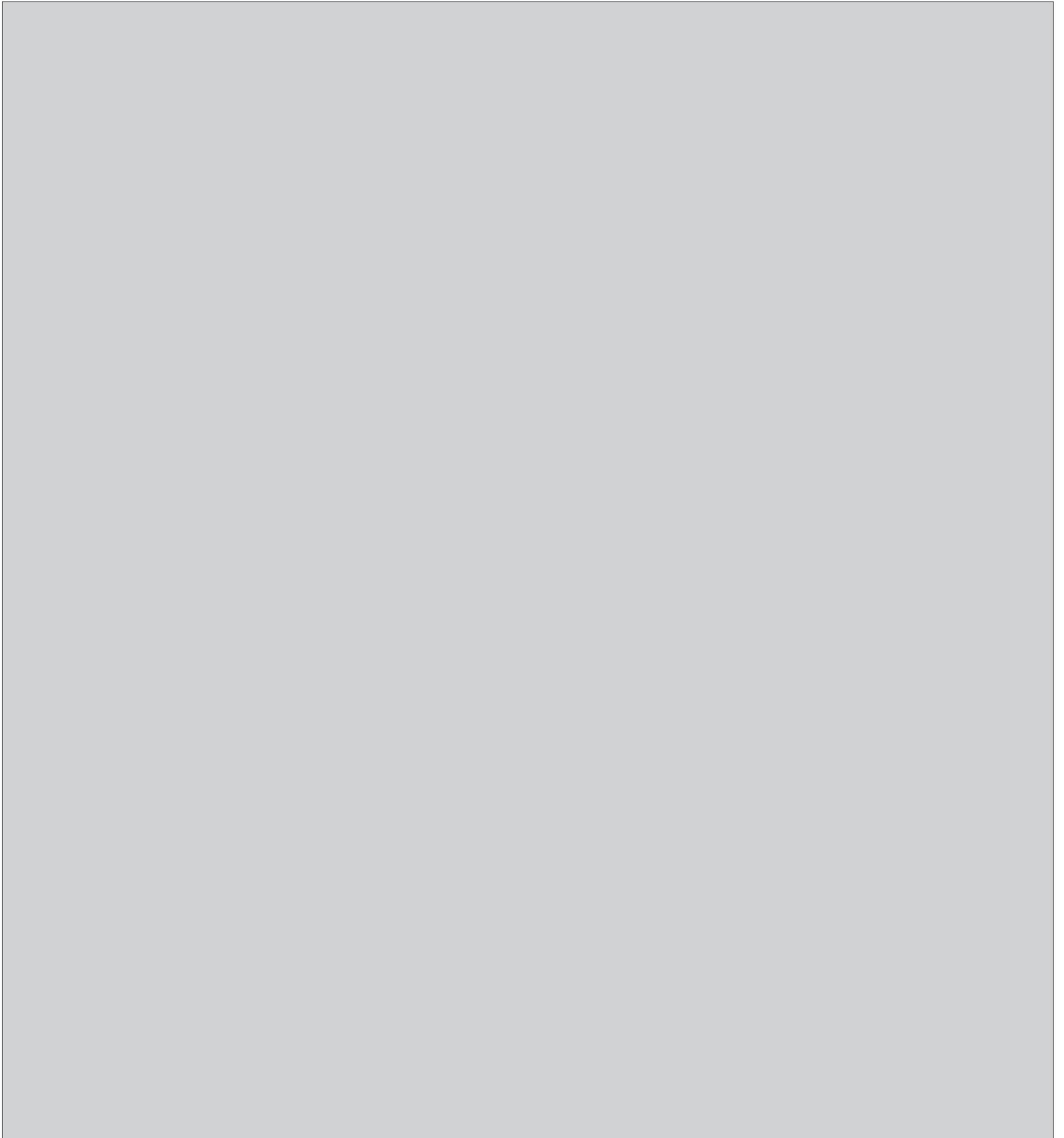
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Airman Sarah McDowell

**Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander, symbolically presents command of the 325th Mission Support Group to Col. Martin Sayles in a ceremony May 23.**

## MSG welcomes new commander

**AIRMAN SARAH McDOWELL**

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

A change of command May 23 welcomed the new 325th Mission Support Group commander, Col. Martin Sayles. Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander, described the event as “full of mixed emotions” as he bid farewell to a key member of his staff and welcomed a new one.

“Colonel Sayles has enjoyed a broad range of success and brings a wealth of diverse mission support and Air Force experience,” General New said. “This experience will greatly benefit the wing and Team Tyndall.”

Colonel Sayles arrived here from the U.S. Pacific Command at Camp Smith, Hawaii, where he was the chief of the manpower and readiness division for the manpower personnel and administration directorate. During his career, Colonel Sayles served as a squadron commander four times and has had assignments spanning personnel, communications, security forces, services and he also served as an executive officer to two support groups, among other assignments. Colonel Sayles assumed command from Col. Joseph Sokol, who

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### Graduates

The following Team Tyndall members graduated from the NCO Academy with Class 03-4 on May 22.

Tech. Sgt. Terrence Barth, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Robert Beltrand Jr., 325th AMXS

Tech. Sgt. Leonard Brown, 325th Communications Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Jerry Emerick, 325th Mission Support Squadron Staff Sgt. Keith Fosbinder, Southeast Air Defense Sector

Tech. Sgt. Kimberly Foster, 325th Medical Support Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Brenda Hamilton, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Dennis Harper, 372nd Training Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Erick Johnson, Area Defense Counsel

Tech. Sgt. Tony Mixon, 82nd Aerial Targets Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Ronald Morris, 28th Test Squadron

Staff Sgt. Michael Riley, SEADS

Tech. Sgt. Lance Souther, 325th CS

Tech. Sgt. Robert Stoner, 16th Electronic Warfare Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Kimberly Thompson, 823rd REDHORSE Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Matthew Vanderwal, 325th Operations Support Squadron

**BACK TO BASICS**

**Q. What is the proper wear of the flight dress uniform, more affectionately known as the flight suit?**

**A. According to the Air Force instruction governing uniform wear and the Air Education and Training Command supplement, flight suit front zippers will be closed to approximately three inches from the neckline. All other zippers will be completely closed. The only exception is when the flight cap is placed in a bottom pocket of the flight suit. That zipper is not required to be zipped.**

**Also, the sleeves of the flight suit may not be pushed or rolled up.**

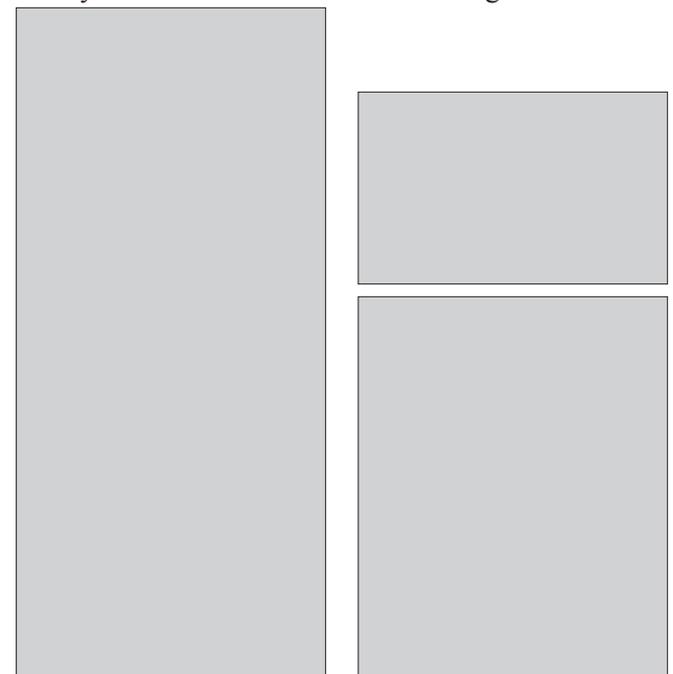
*Back to basics is a column highlighting proper military customs and courtesies.*

● **FROM HURRICANE PAGE 2**

Gulf Coast regions, and the season runs through November. I encourage everyone to gather as much information as possible in order to be prepared should our coast be threatened this season. To assist you in your research and preparation, we've included in this issue of the Gulf Defender a Hurricane Supplement. This supplement is full of useful information to help you better understand the hurricane conditions, preparation needs and actions to take should our area be threatened by a hurricane. Please read this supplement and review your unit and base plans. Also, make sure you have a hurricane kit at home and your family knows what to do in the event of an emergency.

Next week we will exercise our hurricane response actions with an installation exercise. I ask that everyone participate to the fullest in order to determine any issues we may have to deal with as we enter this season. It's much better to identify problems, make adjustments and be ready well before we are threatened with severe weather.

We've got a busy second half of the year ahead of us, but together we will tackle all challenges we face and excel in the process. Thank you for all you do for our Air Force, our community and the nation. Be safe and have a great week.



# AETC commander tours Team Tyndall, F/A-22 site

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

The commander of Air Education and Training Command made a two-day trip to Tyndall Tuesday and Wednesday to familiarize himself with the base's productivity and people.

In addition to seeing where the base is when it comes to military construction, visiting the ROTC cadets and their training facilities and the air battle management campus, one of Gen. Don Cook's main focus areas was to get an update on the F/A-22. "I think it's going to be an exciting time to have the newest aircraft on inventory here," he said. "The two missions with the F-15 and the F/A-22 will be complimentary. I don't think the one is going to affect the other."

After touring the base, General Cook said, "I think Tyndall is extremely important to the AETC mission, it does so much in addition to being the home of the 1st Air Force, with the 325th Fighter Wing as its host, but it represents the future of where the Air Force is going with the next generation of airplanes."

AETC's mission is to recruit and train, ensuring mission-ready airmen are able

to support contingencies and American interests across the globe. In addition to training, the command has also deployed more than 2,000 people in support of the war effort, General Cook said.

"We did make a substantial commitment in light of the fact that we still have on-going training," General Cook said. "The training never lets up."

There is a great demand for the command's services and mission-ready airmen as the Air Force has experienced an increase from 13,000 to 22,000 people committed to the Air and Space Expeditionary Force.

When the AEF will get back on track is dependent largely on world situations, but senior leadership is actively working to regain a sense of predictability. "We are in a period now where we are in a transition back to normalizing the AEF cycle. After about four months, we will be back into it depending on what the international circumstances are," General Cook said.

In respect to deployments and Operation Iraqi Freedom, there are lessons to be learned about how AETC and the Air Force were

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## Checkertail Salute



Lisa Carroll

**Airman Ginn is awarded the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award by Col. Douglas Cochran, 325th Fighter Wing vice commander.**

The Checkertail Clan salutes Airman Ginn for discovering an unserviceable torque assembly on the AN/DSM 4044 test set during an operational check of AIM-9 guidance and control sections. He coordinated repair of assembly and retested two prior guidance and control section failures, returning assets to a fully mission-capable status, saving \$50,000 in replacement costs.

**Airman 1st Class  
Jason Ginn**

**Duty title:** Precision guided munitions crew member  
**Unit:** 325th Maintenance Squadron  
**Time on station:** 8 months  
**Time in service:** 1 year  
**Hometown:** Little Rock, Ark.  
**Hobbies:** Softball, fishing and camping

**Goals:** To complete my career development courses and pursue my Community College of the Air Force degree.

**Favorite thing about Tyndall:** Great fishing and year-round outdoor activities

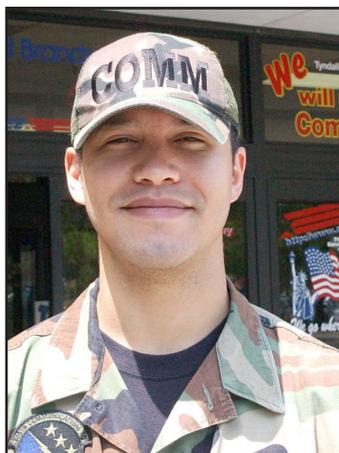
**Pet peeves:** People who don't wear sun block at the beach and then complain about getting burned.

**Most memorable military experience or moment:** Incentive flight in an F-15 while deployed to Langley AFB, Va.

*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.*

**ON THE STREET**

**What are you doing to prepare for the Operational Readiness Inspection?**



“I’m just making sure that everything in my shop is up to par.”

**STAFF SGT. KENON RUSNAK**  
325th Communications Squadron



“We’re doing an aggressive introspection of everything that’s done in the office through a total team effort.”

**SENIOR MASTER SGT. MICHAEL FARLEY**  
325th Fighter Wing



“I’m ensuring position management and classification principles are in accordance with OPM, Air Force and AETC policies.”

**JOE GREENE**  
Civilian Personnel Flight



“Doing inspections for bench stock... I’m a shop monitor.”

**SENIOR AIRMAN CRYSTAL HORAN**  
325th Maintenance Squadron

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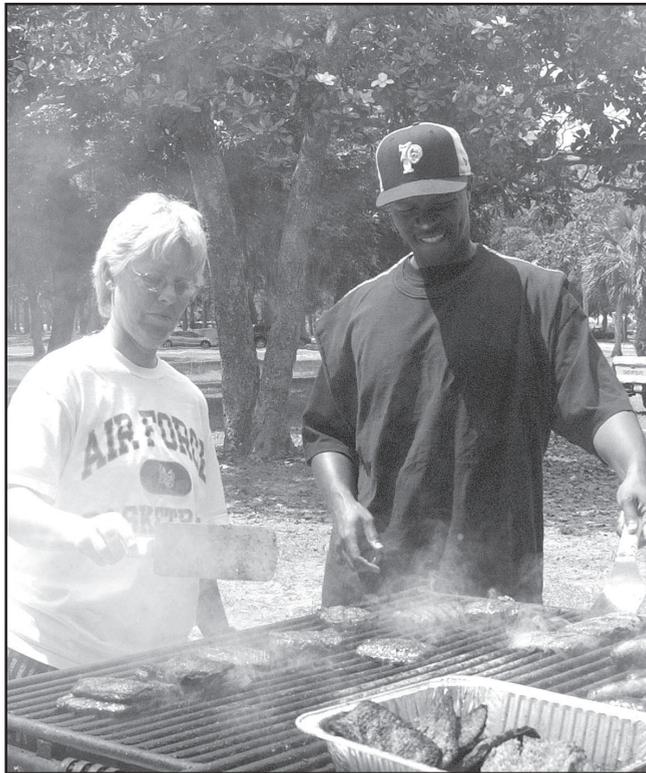
training capabilities so when we have five jets we can begin training,” the colonel said. “We look forward to that training, and we thank the Tyndall and local communities for their support which will help us provide air dominance pilots and maintainers for our combat air forces.”

Until the pilots are trained and the Raptor is combat tested, they’ll just have to keep cutting their teeth on Eagles, Falcons, Nighthawks, Warthogs, Hornets, Tomcats or whatever prey they encounter.

# 101 critical days kick-off with safety day

The Second Annual 325th Fighter Wing Safety Day event held at Heritage Park marked the beginning of the 101 Critical Days of Summer 2003.

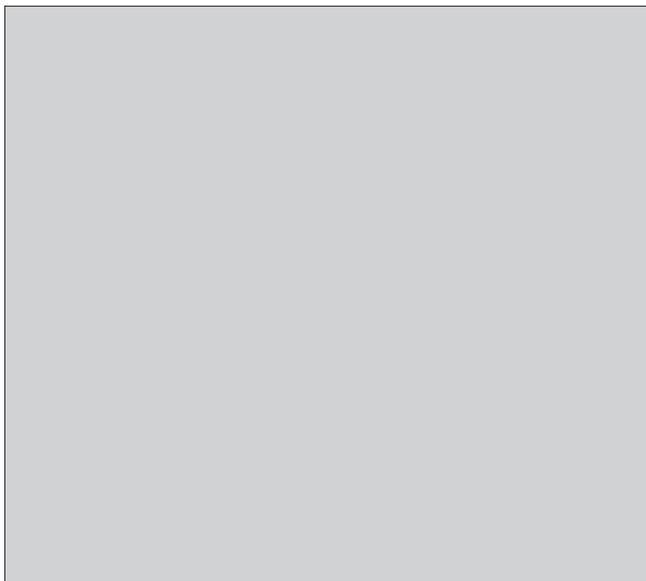
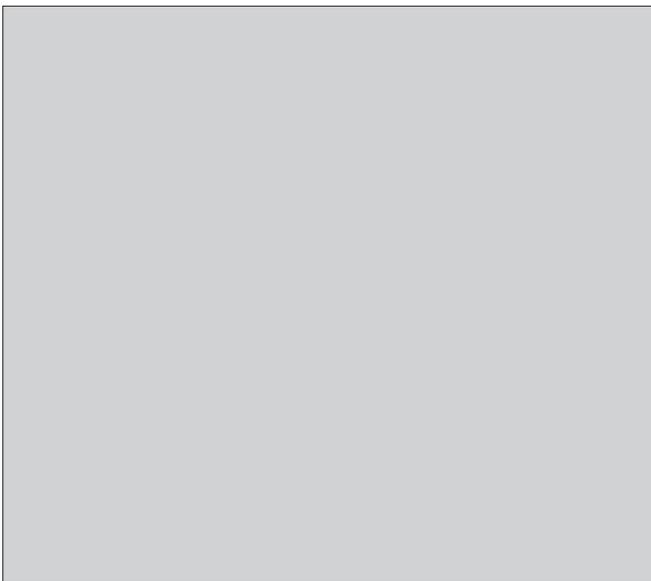
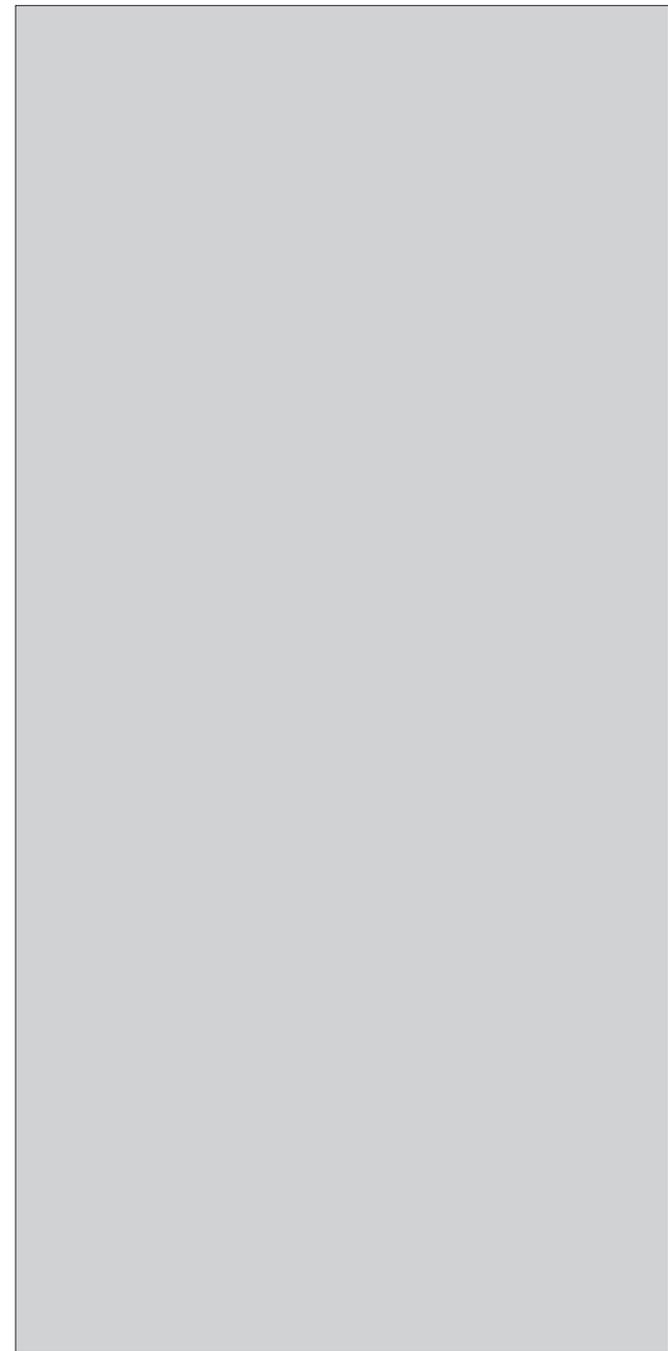
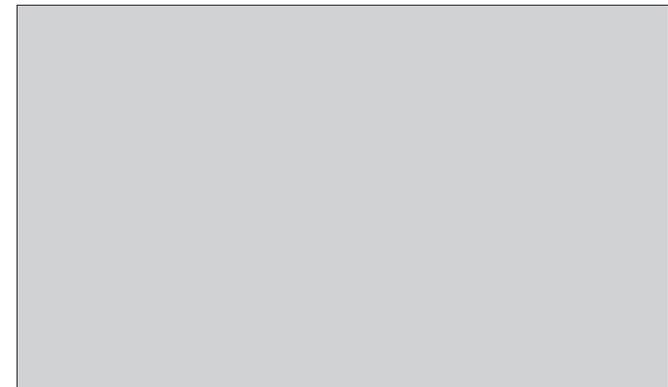
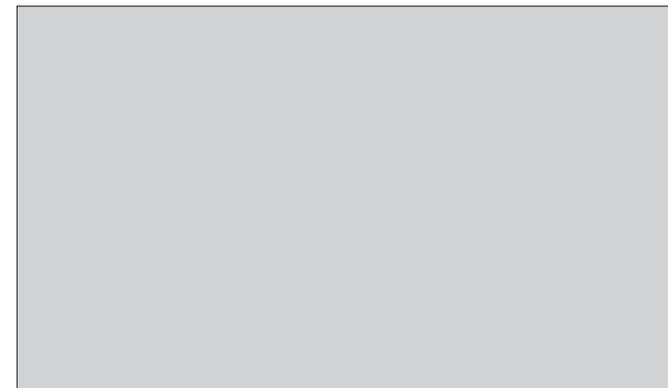
Below, Tech. Sgt. Clyde Rolfe from the 325th FW legal office was the disc jockey providing music for the event. Bottom, attendees of Safety Day take a canoe ride out into the bay courtesy of Bonita Bay.



Above, Senior Master Sgt. Vyanne Roush and Senior Airman Bryan Garnett, with the 325th Services Squadron, cook up food for the picnic.



Photos by Airman Sarah McDowell



# Hurricane Season 2003

*An informational  
supplement to the  
Gulf Defender*

## **Hurricane outlook: Above-normal season possible**

### **Officials expect six to nine Atlantic hurricanes**

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's 2003 Atlantic hurricane season outlook indicates a 55 percent probability of an above-normal Atlantic hurricane season, a 35 percent probability of a near-normal season, and only a 10 percent chance of a below-normal season, according to a consensus of scientists at the NOAA Climate Prediction Center, the Hurricane Research Division and the National Hurricane Center.

The 2003 outlook calls for 11-15 tropical storms, with six to nine becoming hurricanes and two to four becoming major hurricanes.

It also takes into account the NOAA's Accumulated Cyclone Energy index, an important measure of overall seasonal activity, which accounts for the collective strength and duration of Atlantic tropical storms and hurricanes during a given hurricane season. The ACE index is also used to define the above-, near- and below- normal seasons.

For the 2003 hurricane season, the ACE index is expected to be in the range of 110 percent to 180 percent of the median. (A value of 120 percent corresponds to the lower boundary for an above-normal season.) This expected activity is considerably more than four hurricanes and ACE value of 74 percent of the median observed during 2002. It is also much larger than the seasonal average of five hurricanes and ACE value of 75 percent of the median observed during the relatively quiet period of 1970 to 1994.

The 2003 outlook reflects the on-going multi-decadal conditions, combined with a 70 percent chance of La Niña, both of which are conducive to increased activity during the normal peak (August to October) of the hurricane season.

The comparatively wide range of ACE values ex-

pected reflects the uncertainty in whether or not La Niña will develop sufficiently to impact atmospheric circulation features over the tropical Atlantic during the height of the hurricane season. The NOAA's Climate Prediction Center is indicating a 70 percent chance of La Niña conditions by August, and a 30 percent chance of neutral conditions (no El Niño or La Niña.)

If La Niña conditions do not develop, the 2003 seasonal ACE value is expected to be near the border (120 percent of median) between a near-normal and an above-normal season in response to the ongoing active multi-decadal signal (see section two below).

If La Niña conditions do develop, then the likelihood increases for an above-normal season, with expected levels of activity approaching the middle to upper portion of the predicted ACE range, or possibly even higher.

Based on past historical data, similar seasons have also averaged two to three landfalling hurricanes in the continental United States and one to two hurricanes in the region around the Caribbean Sea.

However, it is important to recognize that it is currently not possible to confidently predict at these extended ranges the number or intensity of landfalling hurricanes, or whether a particular locality will be impacted by a hurricane this season. El Niño has dissipated, and a transition to La Niña is already under way in the equatorial Pacific. Based on present conditions and observed trends, it is likely that La Niña conditions will develop by August.

La Niña favors increased hurricane activity by reducing the vertical wind shear over the Atlantic hurricane basin's main development region. This La Niña influence can be greatly accentuated when it occurs in combination with the active multi-decadal signal.

A secondary climate factor, anomalously easterly winds in the lower stratosphere, is expected to provide a slightly suppressing influence on overall At-

lantic hurricane activity this season.

NOAA scientists will closely monitor these evolving climate conditions and issue an updated hurricane outlook in early August, which is prior to the normal active portion of the Atlantic hurricane season with near-normal or below-normal levels of activity.

Examples of years with near-normal levels of activity that featured extensive hurricane damage and numerous fatalities include 1960 (Hurricane Donna), 1979 (Hurricanes David and Frederic), and 1985 (Hurricanes Elena, Gloria and Juan).

Moreover, the nation's most damaging hurricane, Andrew in 1992, occurred during a season with below normal overall activity.

*(Courtesy of the NOAA)*



Courtesy Photo

**The satellite image shows Hurricane Earl which hit Bay County in 1998. The storm produced heavy rains that caused water damage to many homes and cars mainly in the Gulf Highlands' division between Middle Beach and Front Beach Roads.**

# Who you gonna call?

A contingency phone number has been set up to disseminate information to Team Tyndall during events such as hurricanes.

By calling (877) 529 5540, military and civilian personnel can get information from the wing leadership, as they will post up-dated messages and keep the base-populace informed.

The telephone number has already been activated and in the event of a contingency, such as a hurricane, messages will be provided that inform base personnel when to evacuate if necessary, or if an aircraft evacuation has been ordered.

The information line will also inform people if no evacuation is anticipated.

Basically it's an information line dedicated to keeping people informed with current, up-to-date data about a particular situation.

This number is not to be confused with other 1-800 numbers used during hurri-

cane evacuations, officials said.

Those numbers are dedicated to informing Tyndall employees when to return following an evacuation.

This contingency number is used primarily to keep Tyndall personnel aware of a situation's current status.

The other numbers for use during hurricane evacuations are (800) 896-8806 to contact Tyndall for the status of the base and return to duty information, and (800) 453-9941 to contact the Air Force Personnel Center to report your location during the evacuation and receive further instructions.

The contingency number has 32 lines available in an effort to handle many callers at the same time.

Along with a hurricane evacuation kit and a list that tells you what to do in case of an emergency, keep all these numbers available to keep you informed prior to evacuation and once you reach your evacuation location.



## Radio stations, call letters and telephone numbers

*Tyndall members can tune in to or call the following radio stations to receive updated information in the event of a hurricane.*

### WAIIT Broadcasting

103.5 FM .....	WMXP (MacCountry)
95.9 FM .....	WRBA (Arrow)
105.1 FM .....	WASJ (Smooth Jazz)
107.9 FM .....	WLHR (Hot)

### Styles Media

97.7 FM .....	WYYX (97X)
105.9 FM .....	WILN (Island 106)
101.1 FM .....	WYOO (Talk Radio)
100.1 FM .....	WAVE (The Wave)
1290 AM .....	WPCF (Christian)

### Clear Channel

92.5 FM .....	WPAP
98.5 FM .....	WFSY
99.3 FM .....	WPBH
94.5 FM .....	WPPT
93.5 FM .....	WEBZ
590 AM .....	WDIZ

### Gulf Coast CC

90.7 FM .....	WKGC
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## Evacuation order determines entitlements

As hurricane season approaches, it's important to know how Team Tyndall members and their families will be affected in the event of an evacuation. The 325th Fighter Wing commander can order an evacuation either verbally or in writing. The type of evacuation order given will determine who will receive travel entitlements. For instance, if the commander orders that only Tyndall residents have to evacuate, only those individuals actually living on base will be reimbursed for expenses incurred during an evacuation.

The wing commander also has the authority to determine whether you can evacuate to a safe haven location of your choice or to a specific location, such as Fort Rucker, Ala. If an evacuation has been ordered, members affected will receive travel entitlements. Entitlements will be determined based on the wing commander's evacuation order.

For privately owned vehicle travel, personnel affected will receive 36 cents per mile if they own the vehicle, to pay all the expenses of the vehicle. Members without dependents can only be reimbursed for one vehicle. Individuals with dependents who also evacuate may be reimbursed for two vehicles, if used. Any tolls paid during

the evacuation travel are reimbursable.

Individuals affected by a command-ordered evacuation will be required to submit lodging receipts, regardless of the amount.

Members staying with family or friends will not be reimbursed for any payments made to them. Per-diem rates



will vary depending on the location, but the minimum for commercial lodging is currently \$55 per day. Individuals will only be reimbursed for the per diem rate to the authorized location.

Receipts for meals will not be required. Members staying at an off-base location will be reimbursed for meals at a flat rate depending on the location.

The per diem rate varies from \$30-\$46 per day depending on access to a dining facility. If lodged on a military installation, military members will be reimbursed based on members' availability of government dining facilities.

Although the government VISA card can be used during an evacuation, it is important to note that you are only authorized to use it for reimbursable travel entitlements, such as stated above. Automatic teller machine fees associated with the government credit card are reimbursable.

However, reimbursements of ATM fees are limited by the entitled withdrawal amount. For example, if a member is entitled to withdraw \$500, any fees incurred by withdrawing more than that amount will be paid by the cardholder.

Members evacuating are encouraged to keep an itinerary stating dates of travel. This will make filing a settlement voucher much easier.

More information about military travel regulations can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/> All of the above information can be found in the Joint Federal Travel Regulation Volume I and the Joint Travel Regulation Volume II.

# ??? What do I do during a hurricane ???

## Answers to questions that may emerge

With winds that can easily exceed 100 mph, hurricanes are among nature's most violent storms. While the best advice is to be out of the area where the storm is predicted to make landfall, where should you go? What about if you're caught by the storm and must "ride it out," do you know what to do? Here are a few of the most commonly asked questions.

### Q: Where do I go if Tyndall has to evacuate?

A: Tyndall's primary safe haven for members is Fort Rucker, Ala. Fort Rucker is about a one and one-half hour drive from Tyndall under normal driving conditions. However, dense traffic could increase driving time up to five or more hours. Bus transportation will also be provided to the Fort Rucker area.

### Q: Where will I stay?

A: Evacuees stay in Fort Rucker's base gym or billeting, if available.

### Q: What if I have a pet?

A: Pets are not allowed inside any shelter facilities at Fort Rucker; this includes the gym and billeting. In addition, the American Red Cross does not allow pets at their facilities. Members owning pets are advised to plan ahead

and find a kennel to house their pets or a motel that allows animals in rooms. The disaster preparedness flight, located in Building 909, has a listing of kennels in the Fort Rucker area.

### Q: Do I have to go to Fort Rucker?

A: No, members may evacuate to other locations if they choose, but their commander must approve it. Additionally, evacuation allowances will be based on the safe haven locations. Should a member be unable to make it to Fort Rucker and have to go to another area, they may report their whereabouts by notifying the Air Force Personnel Center, at (800) 435-9941, or Tyndall, at (800) 896-8806. However, determination of financial reimbursement will be based upon evacuation to Fort Rucker.

### Q: Do I need to bring anything with me to Fort Rucker?

A: Yes. If you have to stay at the base gym, cots will be provided for you, but members should bring their own blankets, towels and personal hygiene products.

### Q: Will the base exchange facility be open when I arrive?

A: Upon arrival at Fort Rucker, personnel will be informed of the base exchange and dining facility operating hours.

### Q: What do I do during a hurricane?

A: Stay away from windows and glassed areas.

Listen for continuing weather bulletins and reports.

Use the telephone for emergencies only.

Follow official instructions.

Be aware of the eye of the hurricane. A lull in winds doesn't mean the storm is over. Remain indoors unless emergency repairs are necessary. Winds may resume suddenly, in the opposite direction and with greater force.

Be aware of rising water.

If electric service is interrupted, note the time, then turn off the appliances, especially air conditioners. Do not disconnect refrigerators or freezers. In fact, set controls to their coldest settings and keep doors closed to preserve food as long as possible.

Keep away from fallen wires, and if you see any, report their location.

Presume all water is contaminated. Boil or use purification tablets until the water is declared safe.

### Q: What do I do after the hurricane?

A: Listen for official word that the danger has passed.

Watch for animals, like snakes and rats, that may have relocated in your home.

Inspect your home for damage.

Check for gas leaks before lighting flames.

Be alert for downed power lines and flooded areas.

Stay out of affected areas; sightseeing hampers recovery and cleanup efforts.

## Staying ahead of the storm

Hurricanes are known to cause a lot of damage to homes and personal belongings, but they can also raise your stress level, putting you in a threatening and unfamiliar situation.

The best way to beat this unexpected stress is to be prepared. There is a lot of information you can learn about hurricanes that can get you ready in the event that one should take place.

First, it is important to know the difference between hurricane "watches" and "warnings."

A hurricane "watch" means that conditions for a hurricane are possible in the specified area within 36 hours.

A hurricane "warning" means that the conditions for a hurricane are expected in the specified area within 24 hours.

Though today's technology gives us time to brace ourselves for a storm, it doesn't allow for much preparation.

The time is now, before the

season reaches its peak.

Having a personal evacuation plan, or if on base, knowing the base's evacuation plan is critical to reduce trauma and increase safety during such a contingency.

Using a hurricane checklist, or a to-do list before a hurricane hits is one of the necessities of being prepared.

When a hurricane watch is issued, listen to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Weather radio, local radio, or television stations for up-to-date storm information.

Be prepared to bring in anything that can be picked up by the wind. Also make sure that your car is full of gas.

Check if you need batteries in the event of a power outage and stock up on essentials such as food, water and medications.

If a hurricane warning is issued, listen to the local officials and call your unit commander and

evacuate if they tell you to do so. If the base is not commanded to evacuate, stay indoors away from windows.

Also, be alert for tornadoes, which can happen once the hurricane passes over. Do not assume when the eye passes that everything is calm again because the winds will start to blow from the opposite direction. All that was damaged by the first winds may be destroyed by the second.

The safest place in your home is in the middle away from windows, or in a closet or bathroom without windows.

Hurricanes can also cause quick flooding, so if you run into flooded waters that are rising rapidly around you, climb to the highest place possible.

Team Tyndall has made two plans for the evacuation of its troops, an aircraft evacuation plan and a disaster preparedness plan.

A variety of media outlets are used to keeping Team Tyndall's

members up-to-date on hurricane conditions. Battle staff directives will be sent out to key base members, information will also be disseminated via e-mail messages, radio-nets,

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commander's access channel (Channel 12 on base), sirens, public access loud speakers, signs at the gates, and if needed door-to-door runners.

While evacuation orders for Tyndall Team members come from the installation commander, downtown officials will notify off-base residents of the need for evacuation.

Members are advised to pay attention to emergency information in order to meet evacuation

times, know where they are going and how to get there.

They should check with their unit commander for squadron-specific restrictions and guidance already established.

For safety and base security reasons, some members must stay behind to provide base support and finish base preparation after an evacuation has been issued.

The key to making it through a contingency such as a hurricane without added stress is being prepared for it.

Know what the HURCON levels are and know what to do. Have a checklist and evacuation plan and follow through with it.

## Make a list, check it twice

**Proper hurricane preparation begins long before the first glimpse of a storm on a weatherman's radar screen. Making up a checklist to be used prior to a hurricane's arrival can ensure both you and your family are safe and secure when a storm makes landfall. The list provided can be clipped out and placed in a safe place.**

- ☞ Check hurricane kit and replace missing items.
  - ☞ Listen for official weather reports and announcements on radio and televisions.
  - ☞ Announcements will also be posted on the base cable Channel 12.
  - ☞ Note the address of nearest emergency shelter.
  - ☞ Low-lying areas or mobile homes should be evacuated.
  - ☞ If pregnant or ill, call a doctor for advice.
  - ☞ Be prepared to turn off gas, water and electricity.
  - ☞ Fill tubs and containers with water. Figure for one-half gallon of water per person per day.
  - ☞ Keep car fueled and prepared to evacuate.
  - ☞ Moor boats securely. Use long lines and allow for rising water.
  - ☞ Secure objects that could become deadly missile hazards. Those objects include doors, shutters, gates, outdoor furniture, garden tools, sprinklers, hoses, children's toys, trash cans and loose branches.
  - ☞ Stock adequate supplies. Include a portable radio with spare batteries, flashlights with spare batteries, candles, lanterns, matches, hammer and nails, plywood (to cover broken windows), a handsaw and lumber, screwdrivers (slotted and Phillips), pliers, ax, hunting knife, rope, tape, plastic sheeting, dropcloths, waterproof bags, first-aid kit, containers of water, water purification tablets, insect repellent, canned food, juices, candy, gum, life jackets (if available), charcoal grill and charcoal, fire extinguisher, towels, plastic sheets (to protect furniture), buckets, mops and manual can opener.
- When the hurricane evacuation is advised, do the following:
- ☞ Notify unit of evacuation destination.
  - ☞ Leave the area as soon as possible.
  - ☞ Follow official instructions.
  - ☞ Take the following supplies: road map to the evacuation area, changes of clothing, important papers, toiletries and personal articles, furniture, baby articles, medications and first-aid kit. Also include a fire extinguisher, candles, and matches, dog tags and next-of-kin information, sleeping bags/blankets and pillows in waterproof casings, special diet foods, spare portable radio and spare batteries, flashlight with spare batteries. It is also recommended to bring a lantern, canned food, portable cooler, water, snacks, purse, wallet, money, rope, knife, tools, plastic bags and ties, deck of cards, manual can opener, cooking and eating utensils and portable camp stove and sheeting.
  - ☞ Disconnect all of your major appliances except for the refrigerator and freezer. Turn their controls to the coldest setting and keep the door closed.
  - ☞ Provide food and water for your pets or board them in a kennel. Pets cannot be taken to a Red Cross or Fort Rucker shelter.
  - ☞ Shut off the water and gas at the main valve.
  - ☞ If you have prescription medicine, have two weeks' worth of your medicine on hand at all times.

## Think of inland flooding before it's too late

"In the last 30 years, inland flooding has been responsible for more than half the deaths associated with tropical cyclones in the United States," said Ed Rappaport, of the National Hurricane Center.

Consider the following:

When it comes to hurricanes, wind speeds do not tell the whole story. Hurricanes produce storm surges, tornadoes, and often the most deadly of all — inland flooding.

While storm surge is always a potential threat, more people have died from inland flooding in the last 30 years.

Intense rainfall is not directly related to the wind speed of tropical cyclones. In fact, some of the greatest rainfall amounts occur from weaker storms that drift slowly or stall over an area.

Inland flooding can be a major threat to communities hundreds of miles from the coast as intense rain falls from these huge tropical air masses.

The United States has a significant hurricane problem. More than 60 percent of our nation's population live in coastal states from Maine to Florida and Texas, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

Hurricane Floyd (1999) brought intense rains and record flooding to the eastern United States. Of the 56 people who perished, 50 drowned due to inland flooding.

Tropical Storm Alberto (1994) drifted over the southeast United States and produced torrential rainfall. More than 21 inches of rain fell at Americus, Georgia. Thirty-three people drowned. Damages exceeded \$750 million.

Tropical Storm Claudette (1979) brought 45 inches of rain to an area near Alvin, Texas, contributing to more than \$600 million in damages.

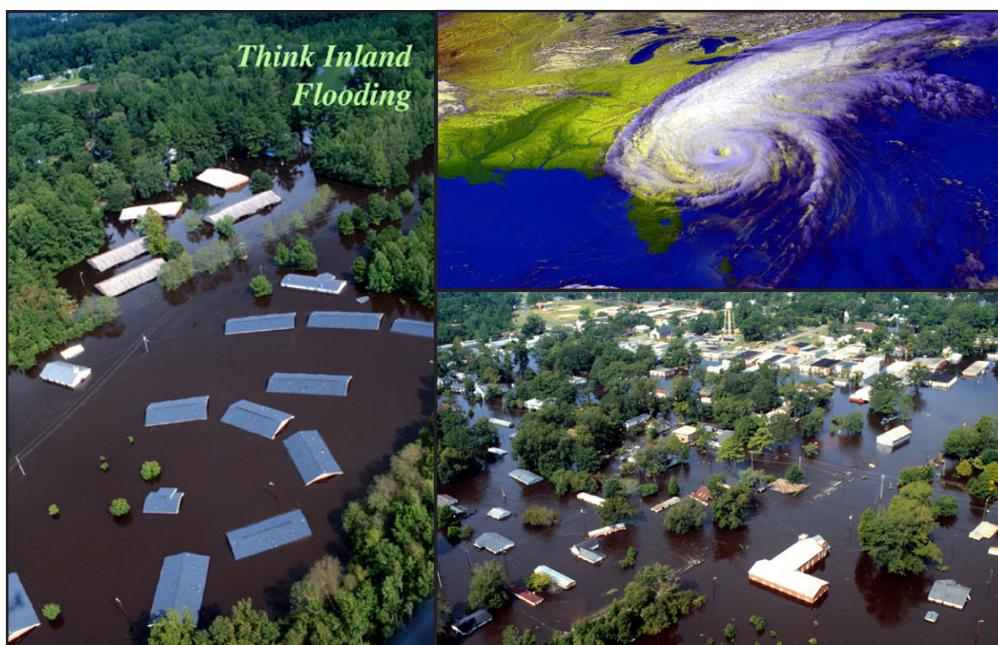
Hurricane Agnes (1972) produced floods in the northeast United States which contributed to 122 deaths and \$6.4 billion in damages.

Long after the winds from Hurricane Diane (1955) subsided, the storm brought inland flooding to Pennsylvania, New York and New England, contributing to nearly 200 deaths and \$4.2 billion in damages.

So, the next time you hear hurricane — think inland flooding!

*What can you do?*

- Determine whether you live in a potential flood zone.
- If advised to evacuate, do so immediately.
- Keep abreast of road conditions through the news media.
- Move to a safe area before access is cut off by flood water.
- Develop a flood emergency action plan with your community leaders.



Hurricane Floyd Courtesy of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, J. Jordan

Hurricane Floyd caused record flooding in the eastern United States. It was definitely the most intense of the 1999 Atlantic Basin Hurricanes when its winds reached 155 mph. By the time it made landfall, Floyd was a strong Category Two that had been at the threshold of Category Five status which has only happened four times in the last 65 years.

# Members travel in uniform Seven weeks to go for ORI

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS)** — Air Education and Training Command has returned to its previous policy of members wearing their military uniforms when on official travel, the command announced today.

The requirement was suspended March 18 at the outset of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The policy, originally enacted April 29, 2002, has been reinstated.

According to the policy, airmen of all ranks in AETC will wear a blue service uniform, with either a short- or long-sleeve shirt including tie or tab, when traveling on temporary duty at government expense in the continental United States.

The policy contains the following exceptions, and people may wear civilian attire when:

— Members have a confirmed flight upgrade under the Congressionally approved frequent-traveler benefits program. Members are reminded they may not accept on-the-spot upgrades when in uniform.

— Conditions, such as long trips with extended layovers, would result in a less than professional appearance.

Before traveling overseas, people must consult the Department of Defense Foreign Clearance Guide for uniform wear travel restrictions and should comply accordingly.

**LT. COL. STEVEN KOTAN**

Operational Readiness Inspection project officer

June has finally arrived and the May self-inspection should be completed. Continue to finalize the inspection report and have them to the group self-inspection monitor so they can be forwarded to the inspector general's office by mid-month. With the enormous amount of effort we all put forth in the previous months, I hope you found this self-inspection to be just a formal reassurance that all is well. If not, find the fixes to problem areas and begin putting those in place. In addition, the following daily checklists should be used to fine-tune our individual and unit preparation.

**Day 35 (Monday): Squadron vehicles.** Are there current Air Force Forms 1800 in the vehicles? Are they signed off daily? A new copy of each document is required in the vehicle. Don't forget the fuel cards, they tend to get cracked and mutilated. The condition of your vehicle is a big item. Let's get them scheduled for maintenance and service if needed. Don't hold back and "hip pocket" discrepancies. Get them fixed.

**Day 34 (Tuesday): General appearance.** Take a good look around. Are you using desks as "miscellaneous" storage? Are unused wall charts simply covering cracks? What conditions are your pictures and charts in? Are they out-dated? Are pictures framed? Get rid of any that are cheap looking, ragged or faded. Order, organize, rearrange, fix and dispose of as needed. It's good for the soul.

**Day 33 (Wednesday): Blow your own horn.** Start to think about what you want to

tell the IG about your organization. Review your in-briefs and spice it up with all the great things you've accomplished last year and things you plan to accomplish in the future.

**Day 32 (Thursday): Computer printouts and products.** Are all your products up-to-date? Is there a regular schedule to update them? Remember our permanent change of station turnover. Are there printouts being made for the sake of doing or are they actually being used? Can we use our intranet capability to access information rather than printing it out unnecessarily? Are there products we don't need or use?

**Day 31 (June 6): Self-assessment checklist.** Today's the day to check on the discrepancies you found two weeks ago. If you ran the self-assessment in one day, you probably missed something. The ORI team will surely spend longer on your case than that, and they know your job — do you? If the IG is on the road, check with your counterpart for information.

In addition, by the end of next week, the functional area requirements are due to the IG office. These have been referred to as the Tyndall deliverables, and are those products that the IG has requested from us. The AETC IG team wants these products no later than June 13. Let's not make a bad first impression and send them as partial documents or products lacking in professionalism. Having the functional area requirements in on time and in great shape will only help Tyndall show the IG team we do know our job and are ready for their arrival.

# Split disbursement option now mandatory for all military travelers

STAFF SGT. A.J. BOSKER

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — All military travelers must now select the split disbursement option on their travel voucher claims to directly pay their government travel card expenses, according to finance officials.

Split disbursement requires travelers to tally up their GTC expenses and authorize enough funds to be sent automatically to Bank of America to pay off their charges, said Michael Weber, Air Force travel card program manager at the Pentagon. Any remaining travel settlement will still be sent to the traveler's personal account.

"Although this change was mandated by the 2003 National Defense Authorization Act to reduce the number of delinquent travel card accounts, split disbursement really is a win-win for everyone," Mr. Weber said. "It simplifies the payment process for travelers, gets the bank their money more quickly and reduces the number of delinquent accounts."

Nearly half of all Air Force travelers already use split disburse-

ment on a regular basis when filing their vouchers because it simplifies the process for them, Mr. Weber said.

"Airmen no longer have to wait for their travel money to be credited to their personal accounts be-



fore they can mail a check to the bank," he said. "It saves them the cost of a stamp or a trip to a bank branch and gets the money to the bank within two or three days."

By having all travelers pay off their travel card bills automatically, the Air Force should see a decrease in the number of delinquent accounts, he said. This is especially true if a traveler returns from a TDY as a billing cycle is about to turn over, because they can pay off the card before their account be-

comes 30 days past due.

If a traveler charges more to their GTC than they were authorized, they still must select split disbursement and also reimburse the bank any additional charges, he added.

"Selecting split disbursement on a travel voucher, whether done manually or on an automated travel system, is easy and requires only a few clicks of the mouse or one block to be checked on a form," Mr. Weber said.

Supervisors and approving officials are required to verify travelers selected split disbursement before signing off on any voucher, he said.

"If split disbursement is not selected on a voucher, it will be returned to the traveler to be redone," he said. "This may delay the processing of the claim and potentially put the traveler's GTC account into a past-due status."

Although split disbursement is not yet mandatory for civilian employees, Mr. Weber encouraged them to take advantage of its time-saving benefit.

For more information, Air Force travelers can contact their finance office or unit travel card program manager.

Help Us Conserve



**Think  
before  
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report will tell you just how wrong I was.

But, I shouldn't have been afraid. Because right now, I'd take a good, late-night verbal assault over everything I've put the people who care about me through.

The apathetic looks, eyes-to-the-ground headshakes and sighs of disappointment will haunt me for a long, long time. The past really doesn't go anywhere ladies and gentlemen; it just floats in the background waiting to be introduced to those who bring it up.

Day after day, for the rest of my career, questions will be asked. It's the questions I fear most. Answering the phone and hearing in response to my greeting, "Senior Airman Shelton? Wait, aren't you a staff sergeant? Whoa ... what happened?"

Sadly, questions aren't the only things that add to the humiliation of a "hard bust."

When people think about losing a stripe, they usually worry about losing money or having to start promotion dates all over again. But wait, there's more. There are the little things that get overlooked until you're forced to face them.

For me, that walk of shame has included:

- Changing my e-mail signature block.
- Answering the phone at work.
- Getting all new uniforms so the unfaded spot the larger stripes once covered doesn't show.
- Knowing the entire Air Force Public Affairs career field will see my name has changed in the base paper and in stories on the Web. See it and simply wonder.
- Bumping into old classmates or co-workers and getting puzzled looks.
- Getting a new ID card and new checks printed.
- Having to pay out of my own pocket to move into the dorm, while finding a place to store my extra belongings that won't fit in the room.
- Finding transportation to and from work, meetings, appointments, the commissary, all the while knowing I have a beautiful brand new car I can't drive.
- Breaking the news to my parents who are retired military and hearing they've shared the news with other retired military family members.

— Explaining to my little sister, the little girl who used to idolize me, how I shamed myself and my unit.

Unfortunately, the list doesn't stop here. Every day, I'm presented with a new obstacle or embarrassing moment that I never imagined I would ever have to deal with.

Yet still, I consider myself very lucky. Not only could my punishment have been a lot worse, I could have hurt or even killed someone.

Now, I have a second chance. Because of great support from friends and co-workers, and the help I've received, I can get through this. Not only can I get through it, I can prove to others, and to myself, that I am indeed a valuable member of the Air Force team.

But, I can't do it alone. No one can.

My advice to those who read this, always have a plan and stick to it. However, if your plan fails, pick up the phone and ask for help, whatever your problem may be. Don't stop if you can't reach someone right away, keep dialing until someone picks up — someone always picks up.

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# Gulf Guide

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### Embry-Riddle registration

Today is the last day to register for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Spring B term. Registration hours are 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in Room 48 of the education center. Class dates are Tuesday-Aug. 2. For more information, call the education center, 283-4557.

### Anger-management workshop

A four-session anger-management workshop will be 10:30 a.m.-noon Monday, June 9, 16 and 23 in the family advocacy conference room in Building 1305. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7511.

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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.

### Medical group closures

All medical facilities, to include pharmacies and clinics, will close at noon the first Wednesday of every month for mandatory training. All clinics and pharmacies will re-open 4:30-6 p.m. for late clinic appointments. The medical group apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.

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### 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 last meeting of the five-session "Married and Loving It" workshop will be 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday in the family advocacy conference room. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7511.

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### Assumption of command

A 325th Medical Operations Squadron assumption of command ceremony will be 3 p.m. June 6 at the Tyndall Officers' Club. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call Capt. Jeffrey Cook or Lisa Ramstad, 283-7710 or 283-7518.

## NOTES

### Pass and registration office closure

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

### Military scholarships

Gulf Coast Community College is awarding military scholarships to active-duty students demonstrating academic excellence. The deadline for the application is July 1. Anyone interested may call 283-4332 or visit Room 45-A of the Tyndall Education Center for more information.

### Pre-separation and retirement counseling

All transitioning personnel are reminded of the requirement to schedule a one-on-one pre-separation counseling session at the family support center's transition office. This is a mandatory requirement established by public law. Personnel should schedule appointments at least 90 days prior to their separation or retirement. For more information or to make an appointment, call 283-4205.

### Firing range restrictions

The 325th Security Forces Squadron's combat arms section cautions all to stay clear of the land adjacent to the 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 283-2114.

### Lost and found

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

### Active-duty walk-in clinic

The family practice clinic offers a walk-in clinic for active-duty members only 7:15-7:45 a.m. Monday through Friday. The active-duty call is designed to provide faster primary care manager access to active duty members with acute illnesses that would potentially inhibit that day's duty performance. Individuals experiencing signs or symptoms prior to the start of the duty day that potentially will affect duty performance are asked to take advantage of this service during the specified sign-in times. For more information regarding the active-duty call, call Capt. Ben Leonardo, 283-7667.

## RETIREE NEWS

### Combat-related special compensation

The Department of Defense and the Department of Veteran Affairs have announced a new compensation program for many disabled military retirees. The new Combat-Related Special Compensation becomes effective Saturday for qualified combat-related disabled retirees. Payments for qualified retirees will accrue beginning June 1, with first payments possible on July 1.

Eligible members are those retirees who have 20 years of service for retired pay computation and who either have disabilities because of combat injuries for which they have been awarded the Purple Heart, or who are rated at least 60 percent disabled because of armed conflict, hazardous duty, training exercises or mishaps involving military equipment. Payments will equal the amount of VA disability compensation for combat-related disabilities, but will be reduced for those retirees whose retired pay exceeds what they would have received for length of service. Payments are limited to the amount of the retired pay reduction resulting from receipt of VA disability compensation. The payments are considered to be tax exempt pending a review by the Armed Forces Tax Council.

Members must apply to their own branch of service using DD Form 2860, Application for Combat-Related Special Compensation. The form will be posted as soon as it is released, and will include details on where and how to apply. Payments will be retroactive to June 1, 2003, for all approved applications, no matter when received, to the extent otherwise allowed in law, providing the applicant is otherwise qualified.

Service reviews will determine which disabilities, if any, are combat-related or are the result of an injury for which the member was awarded a Purple Heart. Combat-related includes those disabilities that are the direct result of armed conflict or from conditions that simulate combat, or that result from the performance of uniquely hazardous military duties, or caused by an instrumentality of war. Services will presume that disabilities awarded VA disability compensation based on service-connected exposure to hazards, which are clearly combat-related, are combat-related for the purpose of CRSC. These include Agent Orange, Gulf War illnesses, radiation exposure, mustard gas and lewisite. Post-traumatic stress disorder will require combat-related documentation.

Retirees will be informed of denied applications and the reason for denial. They may reapply later if they are able to show they meet the program criteria or appeal the decision if they believe their disabilities were combat-related, but were denied compensation by their service.

## YARD SALE

The following yard sale is set for Saturday: 3434-A Maysey Court. Yard sales are between 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

## CLASSIFIEDS

Keys Fitness 2000 weight bench set, approx. 300 lbs., like new, \$300 OBO. Call Lauren or Frank at 785-7031.

2000 21-ft Deckboat, 125-hp Mercury, live well, bimini top, tube, harness, ropes, life jackets, everything needed for fun and fishing, \$17,500. Call 874-0235.

# Eagles sink talons into Chiefs, 24-9

CHRISTINE SULLIVAN  
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Under an overcast sky, the long-standing rivalry between two determined softball teams became more intense as the grudge match pitted Team Tyndall's Chiefs against the Eagles. The opposition proved to be too much of a challenge for the Chiefs though, who were up against a hard-



Airman Sarah McDowell

Col. Martin Sayles connects on a pitch.

hitting team of players.

The first ball was thrown out just before noon during Safety Day celebrations May 23 and even though the preparatory softball game for Heritage Day was called at seven innings, the contest was all but decided. This game was held for bragging rights to a trophy engraved with an abundant number of Chiefs wins. The Chiefs won 12 out of 14 games since the rivalry began in 1984. But the Eagles' win extends their winning streak to three games in a row.

"Our team did great today and the Chiefs did great too ... we had a good time," 325th Fighter Wing commander Brig. Gen. Larry New said.

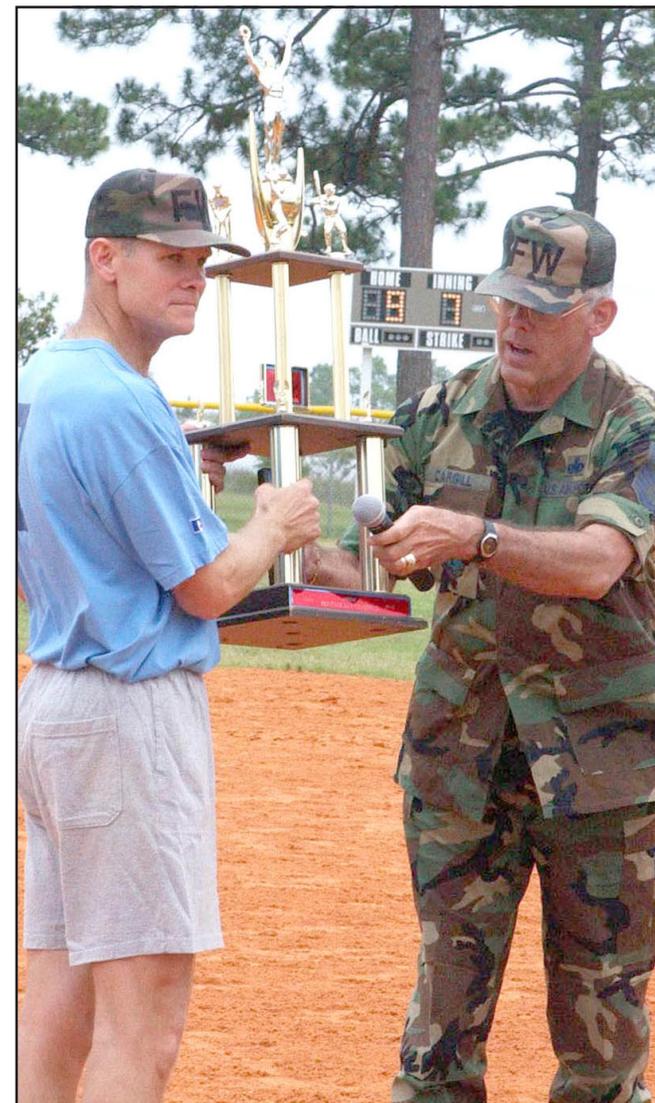
The Eagles won the hard-fought battle with a consistent batting lineup. Col. Daniel Wyman, 325th Medical Group commander, hit an impressive four for five during the game and 325th Operations Group commander, Col. Mark Barrett, was perfect on the day going four for four.

At the close of seven innings and a final score of 24-9, there were obviously no hard feelings held by the Chiefs' team members. "The Eagles were feeling a little low after getting beat up during ORI preparations so we had to make sure they came out here and enjoyed the day," said Senior Master Sgt. Dan Barber, 325th Security Forces Squadron manager. "We've had our day in the sun so we wanted to make sure they got the opportunity to experience that feeling for just a little while."

The coveted trophy will be defended at Heritage Day on July 3 with a re-match that will pair up the two rival teams on the field yet again.

"We're coming back on Heritage Day," Sergeant Barber said. "We might have some sleepers like they had today bolstering their team, but most likely we're just gonna do some batting practice and hit the field on July 3."

"We're ready for Heritage Day and I think you're going



Airman Sarah McDowell

Chief Richard Cargill hands over the trophy to Brig. Gen. Larry New after the Eagles smoke the Chiefs, 24-9.

to see our name on that trophy after the game," General New said.

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departed for Hill Air Force Base, Utah, to become their vice wing commander. Colonel Sayles said that he has arrived at "paradise with a mission."

"I want to thank Team Tyndall for a warm welcome and a smooth transition throughout our arrival," the colonel said.

He foresees the tough challenges that the wing has to expect, such as the operational readiness inspection and the arrival of the F/A-22. "To achieve this success we must work together.

"I look forward to serving with each and every

one of you, shoulder to shoulder, day to day," Colonel Sayles said.

He said that Colonel Sokol has gotten the group prepared for the ORI, but "now it's up to us to build on what (he) started."

"There is no doubt in my mind that these warriors are ready to show the inspectors what makes Tyndall great," he said.

He also spoke of his focus. "I am committed to taking care of people," he said.

"We all must focus on protecting all of our people 24 hours a day," Colonel Sayles said, "Enjoy the summer months, but strive to make this year's 101 critical days fatality free."

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able to carry out its mission during war, but the service achieved many accolades.

"We learned once again that the Air Force knows how to deploy. We know how to work out of remote locations. Our ability comes from the foundation of good training," he said.

The general added that during conflicts it is critical to always seek ways to improve, taking lessons learned and applying it to training so the next time airmen are even better prepared. During OIF, it was proposed to slow the production of training back a bit.

"That answer was no, we want to continue producing the great airmen that we have, through basic military training and onto technical schools," General Cook said.

Part of the learning experience is gaining feedback.

"We will bring experts from various fields to critique how our airmen did in Afghanistan or during Operation Iraqi Freedom," General Cook said. "We ought not be afraid or timid of changing some of our courses and what we are applying, so that we can do even better the next time."

Recruiting people into the Air Force is also critical to mission success and has continued to be successful, especially after Sept. 11. "We got a lot of interest in the Air Force and the other services after 9/11," he said. "Even though we were doing well on recruiting before Sept. 11, we met the [recruiting] goal last year by the end of May and can foresee the same outcome for this year."

Air Force senior leadership is also looking hard at retention efforts and in providing assistance to critically stressed career fields such as explo-

sive ordnance disposal, air traffic controllers and security forces, among others, General Cook said.

"What we have to do now is take a look at those areas that are less stressed and move some authorizations into those stressed areas so that we can level the playing field and relieve some of the stress placed on people," he said. "We are in the midst of doing that right now."

With all the Air Force is involved in today and overall with the arrival of the F/A-22 here, the general believes it is an exciting time to be in the Air Force.

"(Tyndall) is in the business of training pilots who fly the world's most sophisticated airplanes," General Cook said. "The F/A-22 and the air space that we have here at Tyndall and the coast is a national asset... Overall, it is a real positive time for the Air Force."



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## 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 instruc-  
tions 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

Friday  
**June 6th**  
5:30-8:30 p.m.

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

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

### Water Aerobic Classes

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

### Pool Prices

Entry fee is \$1 per person.

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

### Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

#### Volleyball Clinic

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

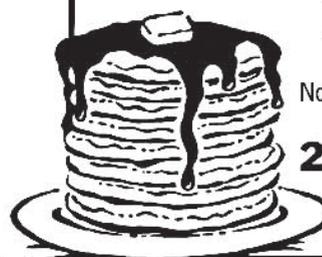
#### AETC Youth Golf Clinic

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

#### Youth Golf League

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

## All-You-Can-Eat Pancakes at the Marina Club



Every Sunday

Members: \$2.50  
Non-members: \$3.50

**283-3059**

### Raptor Lanes Bowling Center Summer Play & Save

40 games for \$30

20 games for \$15

Not valid during Cosmic Bowling.



Call  
**283-2380**  
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.

### Community Activities Center

Calling all Surf  
Puppies!



Beginners

## Surfing Classes

For Youth & Adults

Learn basic surfing skills. June 21 &  
28: 1 - 3 p.m. at NCO Beach. Cost:  
\$40 per person. All equipment  
provided. Participants MUST have  
basic swimming skills. Space is limited.

**283-2495**

### Golf Lessons

offered by Tommy Thomas  
Please call for  
more information.

**283-4389**



**DRUNK  
DRIVERS** *are not survivors!*

A line drawing of a car with its hood open and lightning bolts emanating from the engine area, symbolizing a crash or accident.

Steve Riddle

### Hang time

Chase Wiggins, a skateboard demonstrator from Panama City Beach, performs an aerial maneuver May 21 during grand opening ceremonies for the new Tyndall Youth Center skateboard park. Although work continues at the park, it is available during daylight hours to those who are wearing the appropriate safety equipment. For more information, call 283-4366.

