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## In brief

### FALL BACK!



**Remember --** Daylight Savings Time ends 2 a.m. Sunday. That's the official time to turn clocks back one hour for the change to Central Standard Time.

### Trick or treat hours

Halloween trick-or-treat hours for military family housing areas are 6-8 p.m. According to security forces, base volunteers will patrol to offer assistance in case of any problems or emergencies (or call law enforcement desk at 283-2254). See Halloween story on Page 11.

### Beach cleanup

The annual beach cleanup takes place 8-11 a.m. Saturday at the Tyndall AFB NCO Pavilion and beach access area (Tyndall Beach House). For questions, call ChiQuita George, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight at 283-4498.

### Tree trimming notice

Tree trimming to raise the canopy from the roofs will begin Monday in Shoal Point and Wood Manor housing areas. Contractors may need access to front and backyard areas to complete this necessary work.

## CSAF visits Tyndall AFB

### Gen Jumper praises 'world's greatest AF'

**TECH. SGT. DAN NEELY**  
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

The Air Force's top officer came to the "Home of Air Dominance" Monday and Tuesday, highlighting his visit with a commander's call Monday in Hangar 1.

Gen. John Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, told Tyndall Air Force Base members he was proud of their performance for the world's greatest Air Force, especially during a busy transition period in the midst of war.

The general spent 2-days in the Panama City area, serving as a keynote speaker at the National Defense Industrial Association's Expeditionary Warfare Conference, and receiving Tyndall tours and briefings. With thousands of airmen inside a jam-packed hangar, the general kicked off his remarks with a quick overview of the Air Force's major transition from the Cold War era to today's air expeditionary force.

"We found out we had to be a lot more agile than we were during the Cold War years," General Jumper said. "With the introduction of the AEF, we now find ourselves deployed in multiple locations. We opened 36 bases to do Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"We didn't have one tent left over in the Air Force," General Jumper continued. "We were using them all, and we did a superb job. We've transformed ourselves from a Cold War force into the

force we see now, and everybody plays a part."

The general laid out numbers that dramatically illustrated his point.

"Back in 1990 or so, we had about 80,000 people in the Air Force out of about 600,000 that were on mobility orders," General Jumper said. "Today, 250,000 of 360,000 Air Force active-duty members are in the AEF. There's a large contribution from the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve – mobilizing about 40,000 of them to do OIF. And about 20 percent of every AEF deployment is volunteer Guard and Reserve. So we're sharing the load pretty well, and we'll continue to get better."

General Jumper highlighted the Air Force's primary responsibility and the total force required to achieve mission objectives in today's expeditionary Air Force.

"The nation expects us to generate sorties to win the nation's wars – that's what we do," he

emphasized. "The measure of our worth is what we do to contribute to generating the sorties that fight the nation's wars, and every one of us has a part. There's a lot go-

ing on out there today – we've transformed ourselves into an air expeditionary force, we're getting a lot of help from the Guard and



**Chief Master Sgt. James Wilkerson, 43rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit, briefs Gen. John Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, on the status of maintenance training on Tyndall's first F/A-22 Raptor, Raptor 18, behind them.**

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# View from the Top

## Values provide code for behavior

GEN. DON COOK

Commander of Air Education and Training Command

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS)** — Integrity. Service. Excellence. They are not just words. They represent vitally important concepts and are collectively the core values our United States Air Force thrives on.

Recently, a severe error in judgment by some individuals in our command cast doubt on the seriousness with which we hold these values true. A single misguided event has essentially tarnished every one of us in uniform, and two officers were relieved of command as a result.

I won't go into great detail about the event because to do so would not only be in bad taste, but wouldn't serve any useful purpose. I will tell you, I was so incensed by the inappropriate conduct of these six young officers and the complete absence of officership, that I personally spoke with each one of them and explained that their irresponsible behavior

goes against everything our command and Air Force stand for and more importantly, what Americans expect of their Air Force.

Why did these officers think it was acceptable to invite female "dancers" to entertain them at a ceremony marking a significant step in their training? Maybe they and others didn't understand the importance of our core values. So, here's a refresher:

**Integrity:** First and foremost this word means being honest with yourself and with others and doing the right thing even when no one is looking. It also means adhering to a code of conduct. Integrity is arguably the most important of our core values because it sets the foundation for all other values and is also the most visible and valuable. Everyone is responsible



General Cook

for the collective integrity of our Air Force.

**Service:** Remember each of us has taken an oath of office to support and defend the Constitution. You are a servicemember 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, not Monday through Friday! This means balancing your personal life against the requirements of your nation and the Air Force. While your

country comes first, commitments to one's family is totally consistent with military service.

**Excellence:** Do the absolute best you can at all times. The American people place an enormous amount of trust and responsibility in our abilities to protect them, defend their rights and ensure their freedom. They deserve nothing less than our very best, and we have a well earned reputation of excellence.

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# CSAF impressed with Tyndall people

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW

325th Fighter Wing commander



Another week of our wing's busy pace has come and gone, and your performance has been exemplary, as usual!

During his visit this week, Air Force Chief of Staff John Jumper highlighted the crucial role in national defense that our wing plays. I want to thank all involved for your outstanding support of General Jumper's visit. He walked away impressed with what he saw and the quality of people serving here. General Jumper talked about the need to stay prepared and ready for our Aerospace Ex-



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peditionary Force tasking. Our wing has troops vulnerable to the upcoming AEF Silver, so I want to remind you to be ready to go during your vulnerability period. It is critical to ensure you are ready to fight for our nation's freedoms whenever and whenever you may deploy.

This wing has a two-pronged mission, first we are a force provider and it's our duty and privilege to actively serve our country's interests around the globe. Second, we train the total air dominance team for the combat Air Force. General Jumper

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## Action Line

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

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

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

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

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW

325th Fighter Wing commander

**Comment:** I'm calling in regard to vehicle parking. There is an ad in the Gulf Defender about illegal parking. There is a problem with it on my street. I've got neighbors across the street who are parking illegally.

Security forces has been called out but nothing has happened. I have seen SF drive down the street and not ticket the wrongdoers. I'd like to see if something can be done about it. Parking is only supposed to be opposite of the fire hydrants as stated, but they are not following the guidelines.

**Response:** Thank you for your recent efforts to identify an illegal parking situation at your military fam-

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When just one of these three core values is compromised, everyone loses because that compromise can lead the American people to doubt our commitment and question our integrity. We must hold ourselves to a higher standard, ensuring our ethics and moral codes are above reproach. You deserve it, your fellow airmen want it and your country depends on it.

Don't let them or yourself down because you couldn't — or wouldn't — hold yourself to that standard. If you see or become aware of inappropriate behavior in others, you must have the courage to speak up and correct it on the spot.

Remember, your day-to-day actions reflect directly upon the Air Force at all times. They show pride and honor to those who served before and provide a road map for tomorrow's airmen.

Inappropriate behavior of any kind has no place in our command, much less in the Air Force. If you have never thought about the meaning of these values and their place in your life, it is time to do so. I expect every member of this command to make our core values a part of their daily life, accept them as a personal code of conduct and make the American people proud of their Air Force.

Enough said!

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said, "what the nation expects us to do is to generate sorties to win the nation's wars — that's what we do," and I echo that. Every training sortie we generate, every troop we deploy, we are aiding in the nation's defense and you can be proud of the role you play in mission accomplishment. Every person here has a hand in winning our nation's battles, and your role is significant to the fight!

For the families of those who may be deployed, and for those Team Tyndall members who may not have a place to go over the holiday season, now is the time to start the planning process and make sure everyone is taken care of during the Thanksgiving holiday and throughout the holiday season. While not an official holiday, Halloween is Friday, Oct. 31.

The day brings ghosts and goblins to our streets and sidewalks and I hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe time. There will be lots of children on the streets, let's be sure to proceed with caution and ensure a fun-filled, accident free time for all.

Scheduled on-base trick-or-treat hours are 6-8 p.m. For more information on how

to have the safest Halloween possible, read the story in this issue of the Gulf Defender on page 11.

There are lots of events on the horizon. Saturday from 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. is our annual beach clean-up. I encourage everyone to come out and help clean up some of the debris that has accumulated on our 110 miles of coastline.

Bring your families out to help, the clean-up is a great way to teach your children that we must protect what has been lent to us by the next generations. For more information on the clean-up, call 283-4498.

Please note, the Combined Federal Campaign is still on. The wing's goal this year is to donate \$150,092 and we are over 70 percent to that goal.

The CFC is a very convenient way to donate to causes that are important to you. It is one of two officially sanctioned Air Force charity fund raising drives and one requiring support. Please see your unit's CFC representative for information on how you can be involved.

Thank you for all that you do for our Air Force and have a great week!

## Feeding the fight

AL UDEID AIR BASE, Qatar — Staff Sgt. Bryan Garnett, assistant shift leader, Big Apple Dining Facility here, prepares vegetables for the lunchtime meal Oct. 17. Weekly, the facility's staff feeds more than 15,000 hungry coalition members throughout the day. Garnett is active duty assigned to the 379th Expeditionary Services Squadron here. He is deployed from Tyndall.



Master Sgt. William Sharp

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ily housing residence. Vehicles parked in prohibited areas of military family housing as well as many areas around the installation continue to reinforce the need for increased awareness and compliance of the base's traffic laws. As stated in the current Tyndall Housing Guide, parking of privately owned vehicles in all military family housing areas will be in authorized parking areas only and must be with the flow of traffic. On-street parking is not permitted on the hydrant-side of the street or within 15 feet of the fireplug.

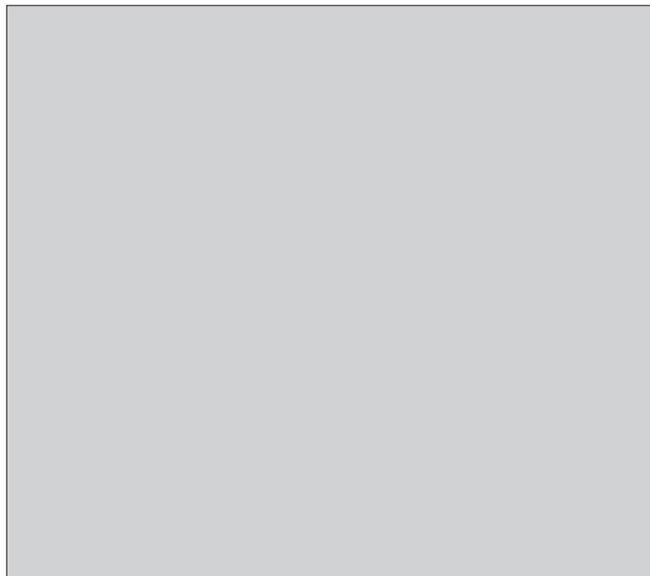
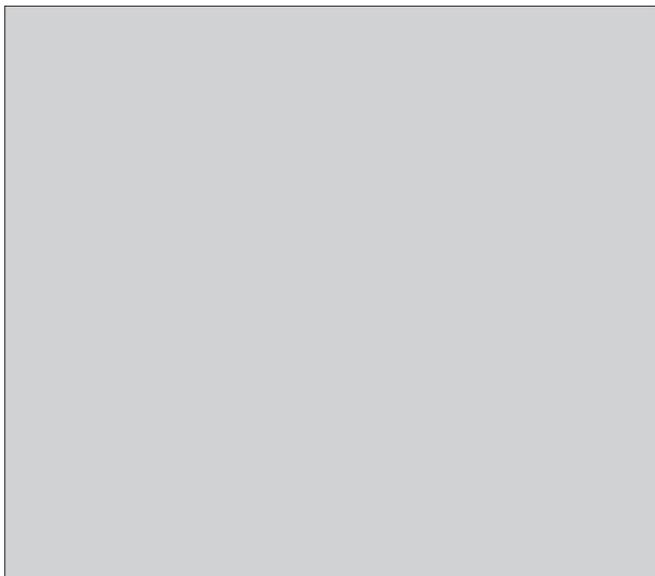
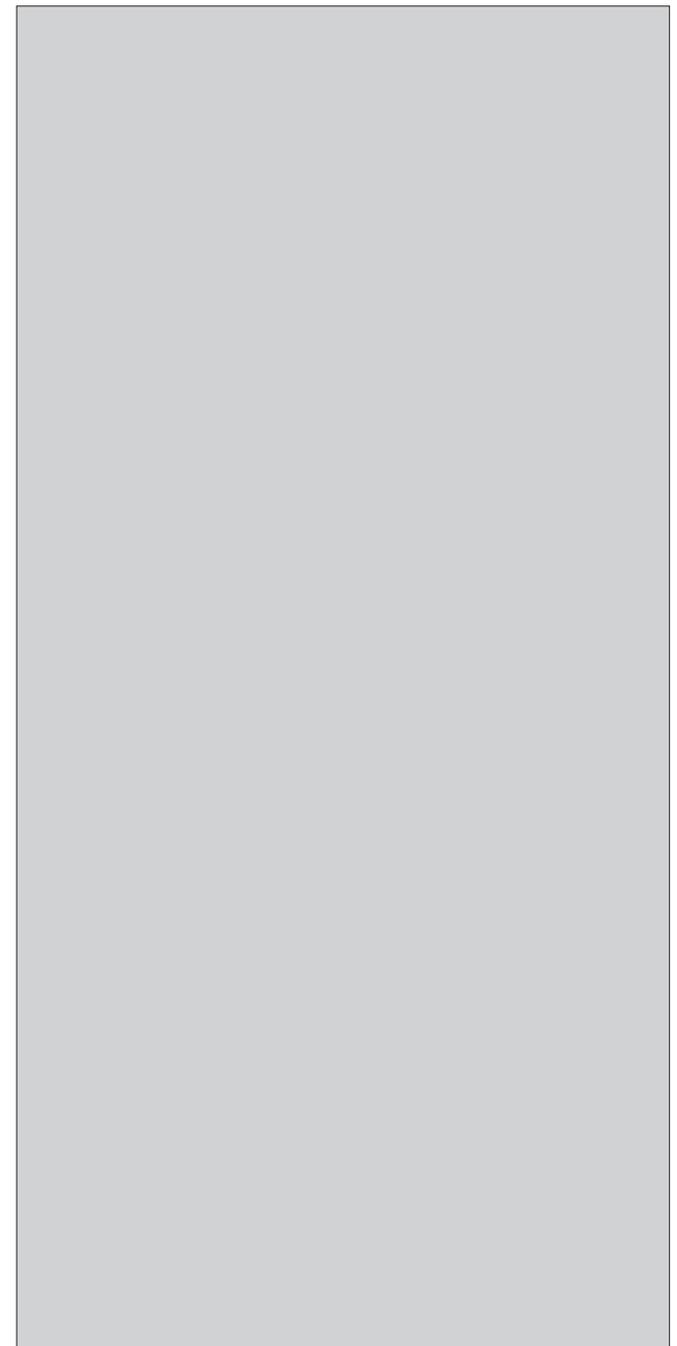
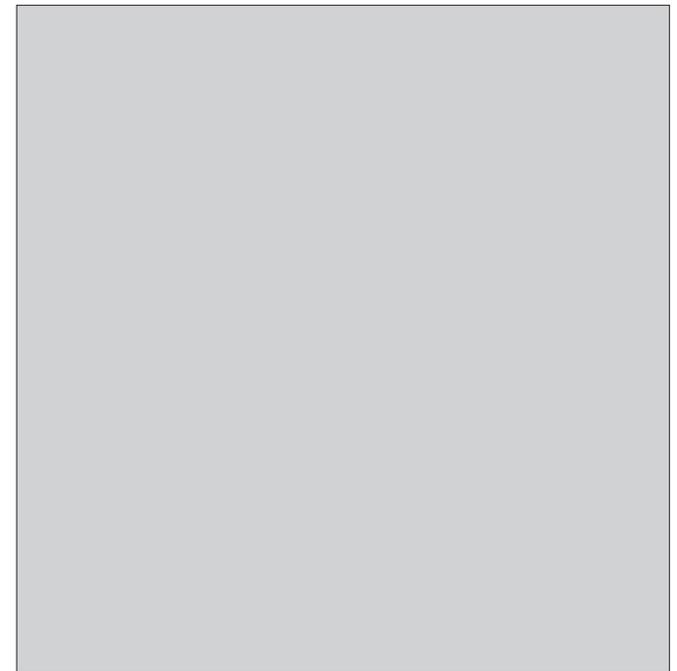
I apologize for the evident lack of service and dedicated attention by the patrol members assigned to the 325th Security Forces Squadron in response to this mat-

ter. Security forces acting on a complaint or during routine patrol duties must enforce base traffic laws in accordance with the Tyndall AFB Supplement to AFI 31-204 and the Tyndall Housing Brochure. I can assure you that the necessity for strict adherence to motor vehicle rules and regulations has been readdressed to my operational flights.

I found your question invaluable in our efforts to create a safe and hazard-free military family housing area for the Tyndall community. The Defenders of the 325th SFS stand ready "to protect and serve." If you have any further questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact the operations staff at 283-2553.

## Don't drink and drive

*Plan ahead for a designated driver*



# AF halts certain blood donations

ARMY SGT. 1ST CLASS DOUG SAMPLE

American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON (AFP)** — A parasitic disease being spread by sand flies in Iraq has prompted officials who oversee the military's blood supply to implement a one-year donor deferral for military people serving in that country.

The reason for the deferral is a form of the disease Leishmaniasis which causes sores or lesions on the skin, and which in its most serious form can cause death. Since 2002, military health officials have reported 22 cases of the disease, with the majority being reported this year.

"It's a cautious deferral; we're erring on the side of safety," said Lt. Col. Ruth Sylvester, director of the armed services blood program office. "People who actually get the disease are permanently deferred," she explained. "The issue with those who are exposed is that there is an incubation period before any symptoms appear — the deferral will prevent them from unknowingly donating (infected) blood."

According to blood program officials, the parasite that causes the disease has been proven to survive in blood

products stored under standard conditions for up to 25 days. At least six transfusion-transmitted cases of the disease have been reported.

Colonel Sylvester, who said she is not a physician but understands the disease, said there are two types of Leishmaniasis. The most common, but less serious, form is cutaneous Leishmaniasis, which causes lesions on the skin that may look like a volcano with a raised edge and center "crater" and may be covered with a scab, she said.

"All of the military cases so far have been cutaneous," she added. However, she said the more serious form of the disease, visceral Leishmaniasis, can affect the internal organs of the body, such as the spleen and liver, and can lead to death.

Colonel Sylvester said military people who have been infected with the disease are being treated at Walter Reed Army Medical Center here, where doctors have set up a special-treatment program just for the disease. People infected with the disease undergo a three-week drug regimen that "will eliminate the disease and take care of the infection," she said.

"I don't believe there is cause for alarm," Colonel Sylvester said. "We had 22 cases in the last two years with all the people we've had deployed in Afghanistan and Iraq and throughout the entire Central Command area. So it's a very small number, given the total number of people deployed."

But she did express concern about the disease's impact on the number of eligible military blood donors. The latest deferral is just one of many the military's blood program is now facing, she said.

In recent years, blood-program officials had to defer donors because of malaria risks worldwide. They also had to defer people who might (have) been exposed to a variant of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, better known as "mad cow" disease, or who lived in certain parts of Europe for specified time periods between 1980 and 1996.

"When we lose these donors, we have to bring in more donors," Colonel Sylvester said. "We have to find donors who have not traveled, not been deployed, and haven't lived in Europe. It's imperative that we find donors who have not deployed, and we're focusing our efforts on bringing those donors in."

Colonel Sylvester said the military has plenty of eligible donors to draw from, and she encouraged military and Department of Defense employees, as well as family members, to donate blood on a regular basis by scheduling appointments with local DOD donor centers. Where the DOD does not have donor centers, she encourages donations to local civilian agencies.

"In the DOD blood program, we only touch a very small percentage of the population that we draw from — about 20 percent of the eligible donors," she said. "So there are plenty of donors out there. The (challenge are) to get them in the door and to get them to donate."



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

# AF Honor Guard recruits airmen

**BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, D.C. (AFPN)** — Air Force Honor Guard officials are always looking for motivated and dedicated airmen and noncommissioned officers for what they call the world's best job.

Located here, the 250-person unit seeks airmen E-4 through E-7 for their experience, said Chief Master Sgt. Michael Buckley, the Air Force Honor Guard's chief enlisted manager.

"We value the wisdom and experience airmen ... will bring to our unit," said Chief Buckley. "Right now, (about) 70 percent of the airmen here have volunteered to come while in basic training."

According to Chief Buckley, the unique mission of the unit is what draws people.

"Rendering military honors for Air Force personnel and their family members during funeral services at Arlington National Cemetery (Va.) is our primary mission," he said.

Additionally, the Air Force Honor Guard represents every man and woman in the Air Force, past and present, in ceremonial functions in the nation's capital, including arrival and departure ceremonies for both national and foreign visiting dignitaries here, the Pentagon, the White House and nearby Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

Honor Guard members also participate in wreath-laying ceremonies at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery and at change-of-command and retirement ceremonies.



Senior Airman Stacey Thomas

**WASHINGTON** — President George Bush and Mwai Kibaki, Kenya's head of state, pass in front of the Air Force Honor Guard during an arrival ceremony on the south lawn of the White House recently.

But beneath the glamour, pride and prestige are a few sobering points, said Chief Buckley.

"The Air Force Honor Guard is not for everyone," he said. "It takes a person with a lot of heart, lots of desire and commitment. This job can be challenging. There are some days you come to work at 5 a.m. and don't leave until 7 p.m. There are some winter days you are participating in funerals in 20-below-zero temperatures and summer days when the heat index is 112 degrees and you are standing for two hours. We get rained on. We get snowed on. We get sunburned. It takes a lot to stand out there, motionless, by choice.

"It's not for the faint-of-heart, but it is for the men and women who want to know the feeling of walking away from a funeral with a feeling of pride," Chief Buckley said. "Knowing that the person you've just laid to rest gave their life for their country — whether they served honorably, died in the line of duty or were related to someone who served honorably — and you have the distinct honor of burying them under the cloth of honor. If you can do that, this job is for you."

For more information about the Air Force Honor Guard, call (202) 404-6265 or DSN 754-6265 or visit the Honor Guard Web site at [www.bolling.af.mil/orgs/OG/HG/index\\_HG.htm](http://www.bolling.af.mil/orgs/OG/HG/index_HG.htm).

# Flu season arrives: Know the facts

Influenza, more commonly called flu, is a serious illness. The flu is contagious and is caused by a virus that spreads from infected persons to the nose or throat of others.

A person can spread the flu starting a day before he or she feels sick. Adults can continue to pass the flu virus to others for another three to seven days after symptoms start. Children can pass the virus for longer than seven days.

Symptoms start one to four days after the virus enters the body. Some persons can be infected with the flu virus but have no symptoms. During this time, those persons can still spread the virus to others. Influenza can cause: fever, sore throat chills, cough, headache, muscle aches. These symptoms are usually referred to as "flu-like symptoms."

Anyone can get influenza. Most people are ill with influenza for only a few days, but some get much sicker and may need to be hospitalized. Influenza causes an average of 36,000 deaths each year, mostly among the elderly.

Influenza is caused by a virus, so antibiotics such as penicillin don't work to cure it. The best way to prevent the flu is to get an Influenza shot each fall, before flu season.

Influenza vaccine can prevent influenza. Inactivated (killed) influenza vaccine has been used in the United States for many years.

Influenza viruses change often, therefore influenza vaccine is updated every year. Protection develops about two weeks after getting the shot and may last up to a year. The viruses in the vaccine have been killed, so you cannot get the flu from the vaccine.

Some people who get flu vaccine may still get flu, but they will usually get a milder case than those who did not get the shot. Flu vaccine may be given at the same time as other vaccines, including pneumococcal vaccine. Talk with a doctor before getting the flu shot if you:

— ever had a serious allergic reaction to eggs or to a previous dose of influenza vaccine or,

— have a history of Guillain-Barre Syndrome.

If you have a fever or are severely ill at the time the shot is scheduled, you should probably wait until you recover before getting influenza vaccine.

*Never* give aspirin to children or teenagers who have flu-like symptoms, and particularly fever, without first speaking to your doctor. Giving aspirin to children and

teenagers who have influenza can cause a rare but serious illness called Reyes syndrome. Children or teenagers with the flu should get plenty of rest, drink lots of liquids, and take medicines that contain *no aspirin* to relieve symptoms.

## **If you get the flu:**

Rest, drink plenty of liquids, avoid using alcohol and tobacco, take medication to relieve the symptoms of flu.

The 325th Medical Group is now providing the flu vaccine (see guidelines/schedule in box below) at the immunization clinic located in the main lobby of Bldg. 1465. The vaccine is available from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Military ID is required.

### **Priority 1:** (effective now)

-- Any active duty member deploying to a high threat area

-- Anyone 65 years or older

-- Anyone who is 64 years or younger with a high-risk medical condition with a doctor's order. High risk medical conditions include, but not limited to, disorders of pulmonary or cardiovascular systems, metabolic diseases such as diabetes, kidney problems, suppressed immune systems, children/teenagers on long term aspirin therapy, and pregnant women who will be more than 13 weeks gestation during the influenza season.

**Priority 2:** (effective now): Health care workers. If working outside of the 325th Medical Group, will need proof of working in direct patient care (i.e. badge).

**Priority 3:** (effective Nov. 3): Active Duty personnel

**Priority 4:** (effective Jan. 2): All other patients as supplies permit

**Note:** A special flu vaccine clinic will be offered to all retirees and their spouses 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 8 at the immunization clinic, Bldg. 1465. For further questions, contact the immunization clinic at 283-7570.

*(Article courtesy Centers for Disease Control and 325th Medical Group)*

# Tuskegee Airman speaks to Team Tyndall

**AIRMAN SARAH MCDOWELL**

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

In a diverse Air Force, where even the sky isn't the limit for its airmen, it's difficult to imagine an era when the pigment of one's skin made that degree of freedom an impossible dream.

In 1940 that era started to change with an initiative by Benjamin Davis, son of the first black Army general, when he went to President Franklin D. Roosevelt with the insistence that African-Americans could fly planes as well as Caucasians, according to retired Lt. Col. Raymond Mackinnon, a retired instructor pilot. President Roosevelt then ordered the Army Air Corps to establish a training base for black people, Colonel Mackinnon said.

These initial African-American pilot trainees who went on to earn their wings at Tuskegee Army Air Field, Ala., became known as the Tuskegee Airmen.

"Negroes in particular were typified to be inferior and were thought not to have the quantity or capacity for leadership or to be an officer and to operate complicated equipment such as an aircraft," said retired Lt. Col. Herbert Carter, a Tuskegee Airman.

Colonel Carter accepted an invitation Oct. 15 from the

Tyndall Black Heritage Committee to speak to base members about his experiences. Colonel Mackinnon was one of his instructor pilots at Tuskegee and reunited with him here after 64 years.

"It took the Tuskegee experience ... to demonstrate that any group of people, if they are given the proper training and an opportunity to exercise that training, they can do extraordinary things."

The instructors knew that being successful in teaching these men how to fly was very important because it would change things in the eyes of their superiors, Colonel Mackinnon said.

"We were very successful, we found out the black pilots could fly as well if not better than the white pilots and the washout rate was the same, so it was a success," Colonel Mackinnon said.

During World War II, 450 of the 996 Tuskegee Airmen flew combat missions. These men who made up the 332nd Fighter Group from the 99th, 100th, 301st and 302nd Fighter Squadrons flew the P-51 Mustang, P-40, P-47 Thunderbolt, P-39 and the PT-13D Trainer. Of the 450 pilots in these missions, 66 died in combat and 33 became prisoners of war.

None of the bombers the Tuskegee Airmen escorted were lost to enemy fighters.

For this reason, the airmen of the 301st FS who flew their red-tailed P-51s were named "The Red Tail Angels," Colonel Carter said.

"I'm very happy with the progress that has been made in human relations and interpersonal interaction among members of the services, and particularly the Air Force," Colonel Carter said. "It's definitely night and day from before. Today in this diverse service, one's achievements are almost an individual type of re-



**Colonel Carter speaks to Team Tyndall Members at the NCO Academy auditorium about his experiences as a Tuskegee Airman in the early '40s.**

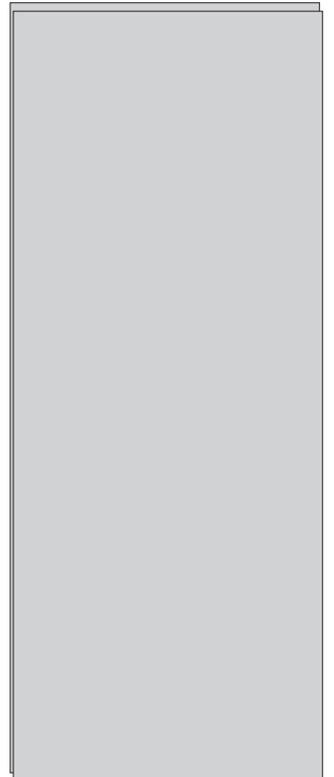
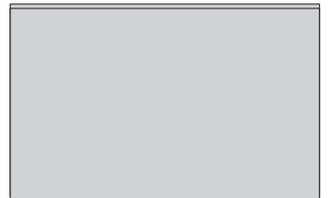
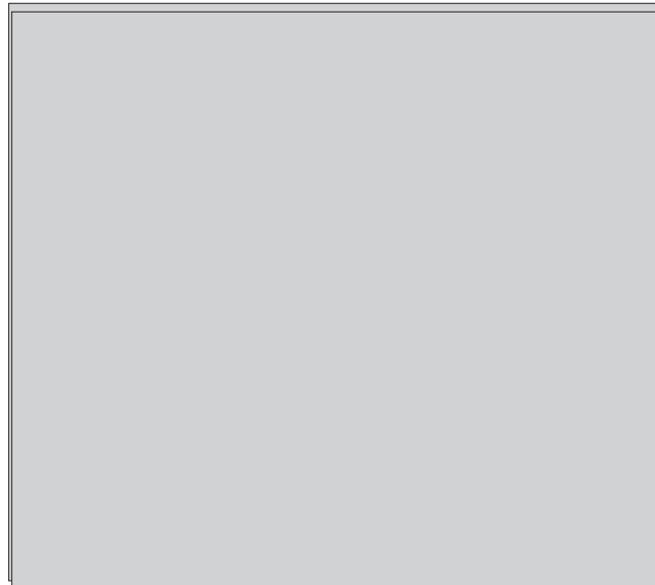
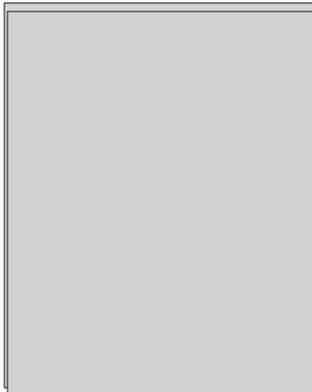
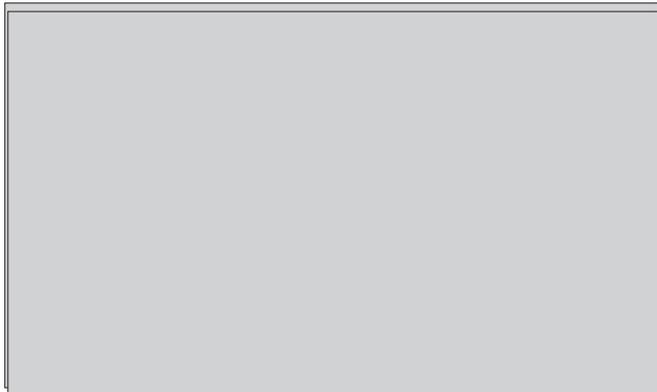
sponsibility that members have to face up to and try to achieve if they want to be successful in motions and responsibilities," Colonel Carter said. "America today is accepting the fact that we are a diverse nation and service and that one's race, gender or religion, or any other difference, has nothing to do with his or her capability and performance," he continued.

Colonel Carter and Colonel Mackinnon agree every member is responsible for his or her own performance and evaluation. "It wasn't too long ago that one's race and gender was a handicap if it happened to be other than Anglo-Saxon, Colonel Carter said. "The future of this Air Force is of course on the airmen of today's shoulders... it is our hope that each will take a serious attitude towards his or her commitment and beneficially contribute to the Air Force."



Photos by Airman Sarah McDowell

**Col. Doug Cochran, 325th Fighter Wing vice commander, presents retired Lt. Col. Herbert Carter a model of an F/A-22 after his speech about the Tuskegee Airmen here Oct. 15.**



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Reserve, we're bringing on new systems and you all see it here in the F/A-22." Focusing on the F/A-22 subject, General Jumper said he is quick to respond to critics who challenge the need for the Raptor air dominance fighter.

"I hear quite often, 'You guys are out there kicking butt all over the world, why do you need an F/A-22? The last group didn't even come up and fight. They cost a lot of money, so why do you need these things?' 'It's a fair question,' the general said, 'but everybody thinks the rest of the world has stopped building fighters. They have not. There are about six to eight next-generation fighters being built today – some of them being fielded today,' he continued. 'We get our hands on these airplanes from time to time, and we take them out to special places and fly them against our best. And our guys flying their airplanes beat our guys flying our airplanes every single time. All air forces out there are trying to figure out how to beat our air force.'

The general said many nations are trying to counter the Raptor's air dominance by developing the next two or three generations of surface-to-air missiles.

"The only thing that's out there today that can deal with the air-to-air threat and the surface-to-air threat as it emerges is the F/A-22. It is as much better than the airplanes that are being built in other places in the world as the F-15 was against the MiG 21 in 1975 when it came on board.

"We are now in operational testing, you have your first airplane on the ramp out here, and believe me, there is nothing in the air on a drawing board that can touch it in the most difficult scenarios that we can envision in the future."

In order to fully develop the talents of airmen, General Jumper shared with the audience key aspects of his leadership philosophy.

"In this Air Force, leadership is an analog skill in a digital world," he said, "but there is no substitute for face-to-face contact — being out on the ramp on the flightline in the middle of the night when it's pouring rain, sticking your noggin up in the engine bay with the crew chief and asking them what's going on. It's face-to-face human interaction



Photos by Lisa Carroll

General Jumper responds to a Tyndall member's question during his commander's call Monday in Hangar 1.

leadership... My dad, a retired two-star general used to say 90 percent of great leadership is just being there."

Before opening the floor to audience questions, General Jumper shared a stirring example of Air Force heroism and ultimate sacrifice displayed in Operation Enduring Freedom. He highlighted the actions of Senior Airman Jason Cunningham, a pararescueman from Moody AFB, Ga. Air-

man Cunningham was killed in action in Afghanistan after he and a team of Army Rangers onboard their CH-47 Chinook helicopter crashed on Roberts Ridge in hostile territory while attempting to rescue a Navy commando.

General Jumper and Secretary Roche later presented the Air Force Cross to Teresa Cunningham, a 24-year-old widow

and mother of two daughters, ages 2 and 4.

"I went back in June and commissioned her," General Jumper said. "She's now a second lieutenant in the Air Force stationed in California," he proudly announced. "Now, when I get my four star generals together, I tell them we have to think about this every day. We have to make sure we are worthy to lead people like this. These are true heroes. I've got over 1,000 combat missions in my 37 years, and I never did one thing that stood up to the courage and valor that Senior Airman Cunningham displayed on his very first combat mission.

"But that's who we are," the general emphasized. "You ask yourself, 'Would I measure up in those circumstances?' The answer is yes — yes, you would. As airmen we count on each other every day. We lean on each other every day, so when we go to war, we can demonstrate the skill and the competence that we do."



Tech. Sgt. Michael Valenty, Det. 4, 372nd Training Squadron, gives General Jumper a tour of the unit's F/A-22 seat and canopy trainer.

# Air Force medics treat Iraqis



Master Sgt. Robert R. Hargreaves Jr.

**SWABE, Iraq —** Capt. Jeff Skinner examines a young Iraqi boy here during a medical and humanitarian assistance mission. Captain Skinner is deployed with the 101st Expeditionary Rescue Squadron from Langley Air Force Base, Va.

## CAPT. MIKI KRISTINA GILLOON

447th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

**BAGHDAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, Iraq (AFP)** — A three-member medical team from the 101st Expeditionary Rescue Squadron here recently helped treat more than 60 Iraqi citizens during a medical and humanitarian assistance mission.

Capt. Jeff Skinner, Senior Master Sgt. Tommie Tracey and Senior Airman Matthew Read provided their assistance when asked by the U.S. Army's 414th Civil Affairs Special Operations Battalion officials, who spearheaded the program.

The Iraqis ranging from 2 1/2 week-old infants to citizens 70 years in age were lined up at a U.S. Army-renovated school in Swabe awaiting treatment or medical advice for their conditions. The village is located about a quarter mile from here.

"We saw a range of illnesses — everything from the common cold, to sore throats and asthma," said Captain Skinner, a flight surgeon.

For one premature infant, the team gave the child's mother nutritional advice on how to keep her baby healthy. They also treated two bedsores on the infant's back, said Sergeant Tracey, of the 101st ERQS medical element.

"Making them understand that keeping the injuries clean, ensuring the baby is off her back, washing hands, and keeping the injuries somewhat covered were small (things) the mother didn't know could make a big difference," she said.

Although most patients had common ailments, some had chronic illnesses like cerebral palsy and muscular dystrophy. The team provided the best care they could, according to officials. One mother had a 2-year-old child with cerebral palsy.

"(She) didn't truly understand this was a condition that was going to greatly affect the quality of life her child was going to have," Sergeant Tracey said. "I think one thing we provided ... was an explanation to a lot of these conditions."

At one point, Sergeant Tracey showed photos of her own son to an Iraqi mother.

"She saw my son, and you could just see (her smile). It was two moms coming together. You just lost sight of where you were," she said. "They saw that ultimately it was a matter of us really wanting to be there and wanting to help."

Captain Skinner, too, felt connected with his patients.

"Just to feel that connection makes me feel that much more committed to what I do," Captain Skinner said. "The average Iraqi just wants to be healthy, and support and love their families."

Being given the chance to help the local community was a rewarding experience and a milestone in developing better relations with the Iraqis, Airman Read said.

"To see (the Iraqis) smile back at you and say 'thank you', and ... to see that they were grateful ... we were out there for them, (were) the best (parts) about this," Airman Read said.

# Trick or treat? Tips help goblins enjoy safe Halloween

**TECH. SGT. CHRISTOPHER HAISTEN**

325th Fighter Wing safety

Most people think of Halloween as a time for fun and treats. However, roughly four times as many children ages 5-14 are killed while walking on Halloween evening compared with other evenings of the year, and falls are a leading cause of injuries among children on Halloween.

Many Halloween-related injuries can be prevented if parents closely supervise school-aged children during trick-or-treat activities.

Parents can help prevent children from getting injured trick-or-treating by following these safety tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Centers for Dis-

ease Control and Prevention, and the National Safety Council (see box). In addition motorists should take extra precautions especially while traveling in residential areas on and off base. Slow down and be alert for "ghosts and goblins" darting across streets in search of candy treat-

ures. Adults planning to consume alcoholic beverages at Halloween parties should also plan ahead to have a designated driver.

By using common sense and patience, everyone can have a safe and memorable Halloween.

## Halloween safety tips

### **Children should:**

- Go only to well-lit houses and remain outside rather than entering houses.
- Travel in small groups and be accompanied by an adult.
- Know their phone number and carry coins for emergency telephone calls.
- Have their names and addresses attached to their costumes.
- Bring treats home before eating them so parents can inspect them.
- Use costume knives and swords that are flexible, not rigid or sharp.

### **When walking in neighborhoods, children should:**

- Use flashlights, stay on sidewalks and avoid crossing yards.
- Cross streets at the corner, use crosswalks (where they exist), and do not cross between parked cars.
- Stop at all corners and stay together in a group before crossing.
- Wear clothing that is bright, reflective, and flame retardant.
- Consider using face paint instead of masks. Masks can obstruct a child's vision.
- Avoid wearing hats that will slide over their eyes.
- Avoid wearing long, baggy, or loose costumes or oversized shoes to prevent tripping.
- Look left, right and left again before crossing the street.

### **Adults should:**

- Supervise the outing for children under 12.
  - Establish a curfew (a return time) for older children.
  - Prepare homes for trick-or-treaters by clearing porches, lawns and sidewalks and by placing jack-o-lanterns away from doorways and landings.
  - Avoid giving choking hazards such as gum, peanuts, hard candies or small toys as treats to young children.
  - Inspect all candy for signs of tampering before children eat it.
  - Ensure the safety of pedestrian trick-or-treaters.
  - Make sure children under 10 are supervised as they cross the street.
  - Drive slowly and cautiously, watching for children in the street and on medians.
  - Exit driveways and alleyways carefully.
- Have children get out of cars on the curbside, not on the traffic side.

### **A few tips about pumpkins:**

- Carve pumpkins on stable, flat surfaces with good lighting.
- Have children draw a face on the outside of the pumpkin, then parents should do the cutting.
- Place lighted pumpkins away from curtains and other flammable objects, and do not leave lighted pumpkins unattended.

Your link  
to what's going on

# Gulf Guide

in the  
Tyndall community

## OCTOBER

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### Fire hydrants

The 325th Civil Engineer Squadron Utility Maintenance personnel will be flushing fire hydrants on the Tyndall flightline and main base 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. today. Occupants may experience discolored water during this period and for several days afterwards. For more information, call the civil engineer customer office at 283-4949.

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### Tyndall military family housing occupants

Monday and Tuesday, Civil Engineer Utility Maintenance personnel will be flushing water mains in Bay View, Shoal point, Fam Camp, Bonita Bay and all of Wood Manor.

### Fire hydrant testing

The 325th Civil Engineer Squadron Utility Maintenance personnel will be pressure testing fire hydrants throughout the Tyndall Military Family Housing area starting, Monday through Oct. 31. This also includes flushing water mains. Occupants may experience discolored water during this period and for several days afterwards.

It is recommended that white clothing not be washed until the water is clear again. Water mains will be flushed between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. The unit apologizes for any inconvenience occupants might experience. For more information, contact CE customer service at 283-4949.

### Tree trimming

Beginning Monday, tree trimming in Shoal Point and Wood Manor to raise the canopy from the roofs will commence. Contractors may need access to front- and backyards in those neighborhoods

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### Water mains

Wednesday and Thursday, 325th Civil Engineer Utility Maintenance personnel will be flushing water mains

in all of Felix Lake and Red Fish Point.

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### Hunter safety course

Fall Hunter Safety Course to be held 6 p.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. Nov. 1 and Nov. 2 at a time to be announced.

Location: Tyndall Elementary School Cafeteria. For more information call Brenda Kampf or Jack Mobley at Natural Resources, 283-2641.

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### Retirement ceremony

The retirement luncheon and ceremony in honor of Chief Master Sgt. Ronnie Georgia, the 325th Fighter Wing Career Assistance Advisor, is Oct. 31. The luncheon is 11 a.m. in the enlisted club and the retirement ceremony is 1 p.m. at Flag Park.

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### Commissary news

The commissary will be closed on Monday, Nov. 10 (usual closure) but open on Veterans Day, 9 a.m. Nov. 11.

## NOTES

### Permits

Until further notice, permit sales from Natural Resources will be available 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Friday and 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Contact Brenda at 283-2822 for questions.

## CLASSIFIEDS

### For Sale

Aquarium, 29-gallon with accessories and wrought iron stand. Extra filters, rocks and pumps, \$70. Call 286-8642.

## RETIREE NEWS

### Combat Related Special Compensation update for Oct. 14

The Physical Disability Division staff in the Air Force Personnel center is expected this week to complete the review process of Combat Related Special Compensation applications received during the week of June 16-20.

Division Chief Col. Larry N. Van Buren noted that his staff has approximately 470 applications awaiting VA medical records. These are cases that have been through the board process and found not to have enough documentation to support the claim. In such cases, the review staff requests the member to provide the needed documentation. Once the additional information is received, the application is reviewed again.

Rather than contacting the Physical Disability Division staff directly, anyone needing more information should call the Air Force Contact Center toll free at (866) 229-7074, commercial (210) 565-5000 or DSN 665-5000.

For additional information and a copy of the application form, go to <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/crsc/>.

### National Personnel Records Center initiates online records request procedures

The National Personnel Records Center is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files.

Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online web site.

The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records center's mailroom processing time. Also, because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized.

Veterans and next of kin may access this application at <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>. Please note there is no requirement to type "www" in front of the web address.

## CHAPEL SCHEDULE

### Services

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.

# Air Force releases fitness standards



Photo by Airman Sarah McDowell

Tyndall airmen run together on the base track Wednesday to prepare for the upcoming Air Force fitness test. The test, which includes timed running, push-ups and crunches, has also added a body composition measurement. All segments will combine for an overall fitness score (see box below).

**WASHINGTON (AFPN)** — Air Force leaders released the fitness-scoring charts that will be used beginning Jan. 1. “The amount of energy we devote to our fitness programs is not consistent with the growing demands of our warrior culture. It’s time to change that,” said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper in a Sight Picture released in July, explaining the rationale behind the change.

Officials said the fitness score will include four components: crunches, push-ups, an abdominal circumference measurement and the 1.5-mile timed run. People who are not medically cleared to run will continue to

take the bike test. The component scores are then added to get a composite fitness score and determine if the person falls into the excellent, good, marginal or poor category. The charts are available online at [www.af.mil/news/USAF\\_Fitness\\_Charts.pdf](http://www.af.mil/news/USAF_Fitness_Charts.pdf).

Fitness categories will determine how often a person must retest. For instance, a composite score of 70 to 74.9 places the person in the marginally fit category. This designation requires retesting at six-month intervals. A score of less than 70 places a person in the poorly fit category. That score requires a retest every three months. People at the marginal and poor levels also will participate in educational programs.

Air Force leaders encourage commanders to recognize people who attain an excellent fitness level or make substantial improvement.

“The focus of the new fitness program is not the assessment. The program is about integrating fitness into our culture, and our members adopting fitness as a way of life,” said Maj. Lisa Schmidt, the Air Force Surgeon General chief of health promotion operations.

Officials are finalizing the instruction related to the program and plan to publish it by January. It will address unit physical training, testing procedures and programs to facilitate improvement, they said.

The Air Force has established an e-mail ac-

count for comments at [fitness.program@pentagon.af.mil](mailto:fitness.program@pentagon.af.mil). Officials emphasized that the Air Force fitness program will be reviewed annually for continuous improvement.

## Sports Shorts



### Varsity basketball update

The Tyndall Tigers men’s varsity basketball team’s home opening games versus Robins Air Force Base, Ga., last weekend were canceled, as Robins forfeited both contests.

This weekend Tyndall travels to Maxwell AFB, Ala., to challenge the Warriors. Next weekend, the Tigers will again attempt to kick off their home schedule as they will host the Moody AFB (Ga.) Falcons. Game times are set for 2 p.m. Nov. 1 and noon Nov 2. For more information, call the fitness center at 283-2631.

### Roller hockey

A group of Tyndall roller hockey players is interested in forming a base team to compete against squads from Eglin AFB, Hurlburt Field and Navy bases. Current practices are set for 11 a.m. Saturdays on the court next to the child development center and across from the NCO Academy dormitories. Interested players should supply their own skates and protective equipment. For more information, call SrA. James Bandy at 774-3526 or 283-4329.

#### USAF Fitness Charts

### Determining Fitness Score

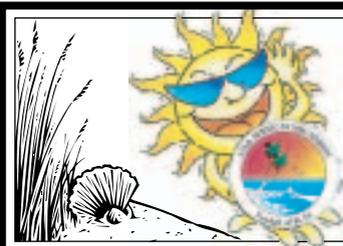
Fitness level is determined by adding aerobic fitness, body composition, push-up, and crunch component points.

Fitness Level	Total Score
Excellent	≥ 90
Good	75 - 89.9
Marginal	70 - 74.9
Poor	<70

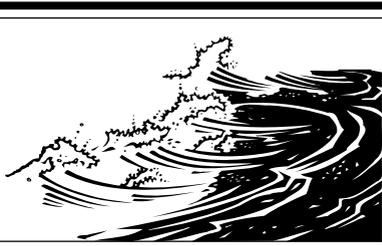
Members must complete *all* components unless medically exempted. If medically exempted from any component, the total score is calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Total component points achieved}}{\text{Total possible points}} \times 100$$

Component	Possible Points
Aerobic	50
Body Comp	30
Push-ups	10
Crunches	10



# Funshine NEWS



October 24, 2003

**All Ranks Lunch**  
at the  
**Officers' Club**

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**

**All Member Services**  
are provided at the Officers' Club  
Business Office  
9 a.m.-3 p.m., Mon. - Fri.

- Membership Inquiries
- Account Maintenance
- Club Card Payments
- Birthday Voucher
- Catering Arrangements
- Transfers
- Sign-ups
- Check Cashing

**Members Forst**



**The Heat is On!**

Attention O' & E' Personnel  
Join your Tyndall AF Club by Oct. 31 for a chance to win a Sunational Services Card good for free services: Greens Fees at Pelican Point Golf Course Open Bowling at Raptor Lanes & a Swim Pass for the base pool (2004 season) Some restrictions apply.

**Please stop by the O' Club business office for more information.**

Tyndall AF Clubs present:

## Travel the World On Us

A membership recruitment & recognition program designed to "take you away".

**Promotion ends October 31.**

More than 140 people Air Force wide will win travel related prizes valued from \$500 to \$5,000 just for signing up. The drive is open to all eligible non-members. (active duty, reserve, DoD civilians and retirees)

A set of prizes will also be offered to current club members, who are automatically entered to win.

**Membership applications are available at the club.**



**Basewide Fall Flea Market**  
October 25, 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**NAF Sale**

The Services Squadron will have a NAF property sale as well which will include assorted tables and chairs. For more information call 283-3199.

**Youth Environmental Club**  
Westville Tour, Nov. 1, Topic: Civilizations. Trips is limited to the first 10 youths ages 6-12 yrs who sign up. Stop by Bonita Bay to sign up. 283-3199

**Skeet & Trap**  
☎ 283-2499

**Youth Shoot**  
Nov. 1, 9-11 a.m. FREE. Open to youth ages 8-18 yrs. Deadline for registration is Oct. 30.

**Youth Center**  
☎ 283-4366

**Youth Surf Classes**  
Saturday afternoons 12-4 p.m. open to youth 10 yrs. and up. Cost is \$35.

**Start Smart Baseball**  
Is your 3-5 year old ready to play baseball? Sign up for Start Smart Baseball and work with your child developing basic skills. Program runs Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4 and 11 at 11 a.m. Cost is \$30.

**Congratulations!**  
Ryan Graber's photo has been selected as one of the 44 national winners in the 2003 Image Makers National Photography Contest. He will be receiving \$100 from the Boys and Girls Club of America.

**Start Smart Archery**  
Nov. 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 11 a.m. Open to youth ages 8 yrs. and up. Cost is \$30.

**Skills Development Ctr.**

☎ 283-4511

**Basic Knitting Classes**  
Classes are suitable for both adults and youth (ages 10 yrs. and up). Fee is \$25 and includes supplies. Maximum of 3 students per class. Classes are from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Oct. 11 & 18, Nov. 8 & 22, Dec. 6. Stop by to register.

**"Knock Out" Teen Dance**  
November 1, 7-11 p.m.

Members: \$10 Non-members: \$15. Teens don't miss this event! Teen dance party and bouncy boxing competition featuring DJ from Runnin Wild Entertainment. Join us from at the Youth Center for boxing, dancing, food, games, contests, and prizes! Teens who box must have a release signed by parents. Forms are available at the Youth Center.

**283-4366**

**Tyndall Dive Club**  
Next meeting: Oct. 23  
Call the Marina Club for more details: 283-3059

**Berg Liles**  
☎ 283-2239

**Birthday Meal**  
This birthday meal is FREE for SIK customers whose birthday occurred between May and October 2003. Participants may bring one guest for a cost of \$15.

**Beach Fitness Run**  
Thursday, Oct. 30, 2003  
at 3 p.m. Contact the Fitness Center for more information.  
**283-2631**



**Lodging Programs Expanded for Holidays**  
Due to an Air Force waiver, the Sand Dollar Inn and other AETC lodging offices can take "Space A" reservations as far out as two months in advance of the Nov. 22-29 Thanksgiving holiday and the Dec. 12 to Jan. 4 Christmas and New Year's holiday. That means people can book up to an eight-day stay for Thanksgiving now and as soon as Oct. 1 for up to a 20-day stay over the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

**283-4211**

**Tyndall Youth Center Seventh Annual**

## FALL FESTIVAL

October 24, 2003 • 6-9 p.m.

*Games, food & lots of fun for the entire family*

Climbing Wall	Sponsored in part by: First Command Financial Planning AAFES, Coke, & Chick fil-A No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.
Face Painting	
Fish Pond	
Cake Walk	
Bean Bag Toss	
Spooky Maze	
Crafts	
Lollipop Tree	
Basketball Shoot	
Lots More...	

**283-4366**


**Community Activity Center**

☎ 283-2495

**Pig Skin Picks**  
Forms are available at the CAC & Sports Page Pizza Pub. Prizes will be awarded. Ace the weekly Pig Skin Pick and receive one free Pizza Buffet. Sponsored in part by AA Military Benefits Group. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

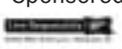
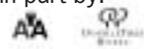
**Bonita Bay Paintball**  
Saturdays at 10 a.m.  
Tyndall Paintball Field (by Sabre Gate)  
Everyone is invited! Bring family, friends and co-workers. Bring drinks and snacks. Equipment may be rented and paintballs will be sold.  
*Hope to see you there!*

**Football Frenzy**

Each visit to the CAC Pizza Pub is your chance to win a pro game trip!

Enjoy a large, 1 topping pizza and a pitcher of Miller Lite for \$8.50 every Sunday.

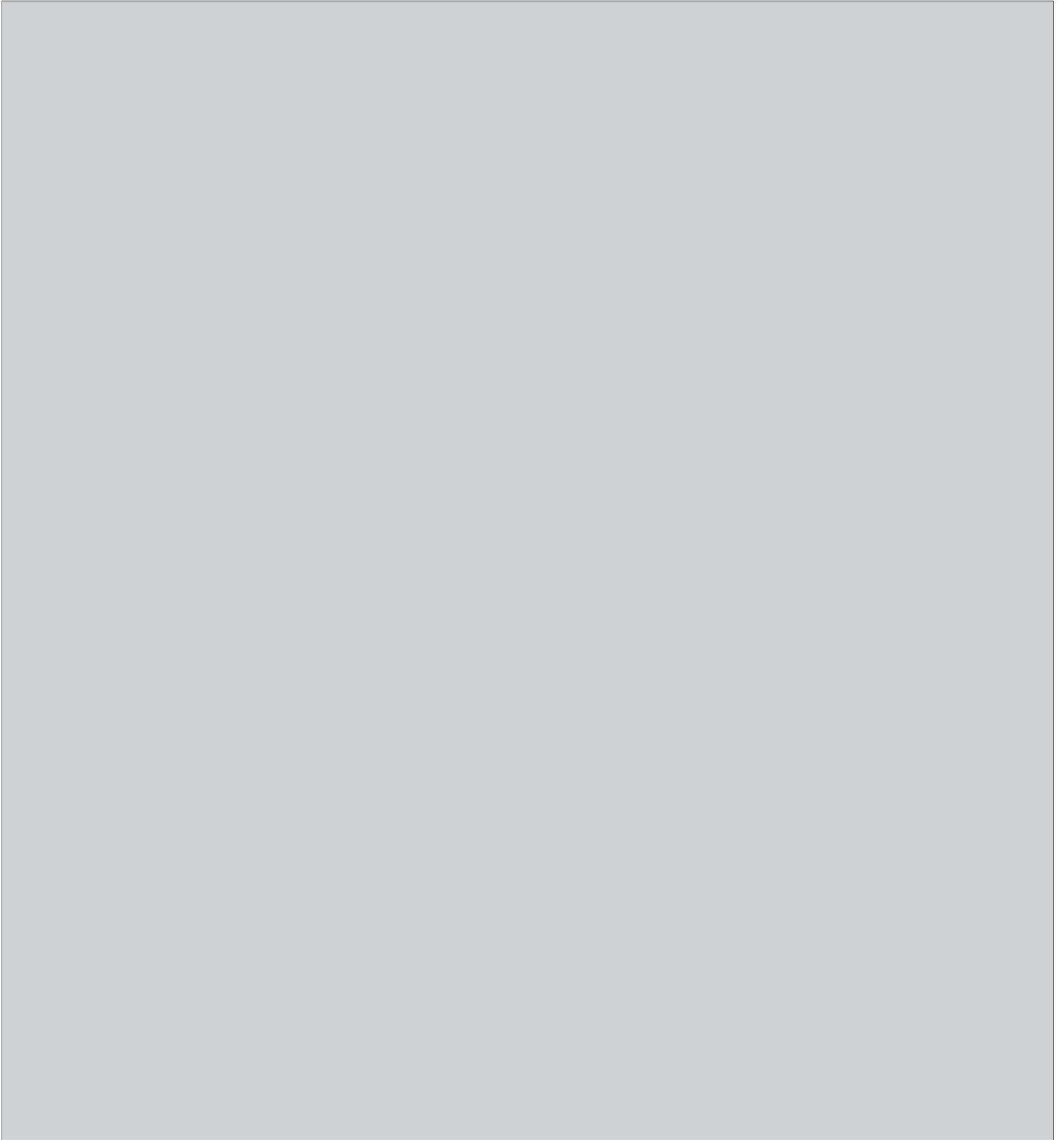
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**283-3222**





## Tyndall community celebrates Red Ribbon Week, highlights drug abuse awareness

**BRENDA WILLIAMS-JOHANSEN**

Drug Demand Reduction Program manager



Drug abuse is a major public health problem in the United States and represents a continued threat to our readiness posture and mission accomplishment. In addition, terrorist organizations are using monies from the sales of illicit drugs to finance their operations, according to United States Drug Enforcement Administration officials.

To increase awareness of this problem the Drug Demand Reduction Program will sponsor this year's "Mobilizing Against Drugs" Red Ribbon Week Celebration, which will run from Monday through Oct. 31. Red Ribbon Week is a national observance to remind people of the dangers of drug abuse and the benefit of a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. Red Ribbon Week also provides an opportunity to show dedication to education and prevention efforts in schools, the Air Force and Department of Defense communities.

### Spouse scholarship opportunity

Applications are available for the Aerospace Education Foundation's Air Force Spouse Scholarship. The applications are accepted Nov. 1 to Jan. 30, 2004. Thirty of the \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in March. The Aerospace Education Foundation will notify applicants about their application status. To obtain an application, Tyndall people can call education services at 283-4285 or e-mail [education@tyndall.af.mil](mailto:education@tyndall.af.mil). For more details about this program, contact AEF at [aefstaff@aef.org](mailto:aefstaff@aef.org) or call 1-800-291-8480.

Red Ribbon Week came about as the result of the tragic murder of a Federal Drug Enforcement Agent, Enrique Camarena, while he was investigating Mexican drug traffickers. His death became a catalyst for action.

The red ribbon is worn in honor of the blood that was shed; in honor of the life that was sacrificed in service for others. The red ribbon is worn to symbolize a stop sign – stop the violence of drug use. It is also worn to attract attention – to focus attention on a common cause. It is a promise to maintain our own commitment to the health and safety of our families, our young people, and ourselves.

Team Tyndall is pulling together to get the word out on the dangers of illicit drug use. The base has a dedicated team of first sergeants, commanders, security forces, Air Force Office of Special Investigations agents, staff judge advocate representatives, along with the 325th Medical Group Drug Demand Reduction Program staff, whom are eager to reach individuals with this message. If you would like a speaker at a function or commander's call, contact the Drug Demand Reduction Program at 283-4908.

*(Editor's note: Program representatives will be passing out red ribbons and trick or treat bags with treats inside, in support of this week.)*

### Reminder:

Recycling on Tyndall AFB is mandatory. For housing residents, failure to participate in the recycle program regularly (at least once every three weeks) will result in a housing discrepancy. For more information, call the 325th Civil Engineer Squadron Housing Flight at 283-8332