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## In brief

### Air Force News

News and information from around the Air Force 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.

Current stories include 'Global Hawk flight space expanded,' 'Civil Air Patrol joins surveillance of U.S. borders' and 'Parachute packers take pride in their work.'

### Claims processing

The Tyndall Claims Office will have limited claims service Monday through Sept. 19 due to a conference. The office will continue to accept DD Form 1840/1840R as well as two-year claims. Normal operations resume Sept. 22.

### Name tag to be mandatory

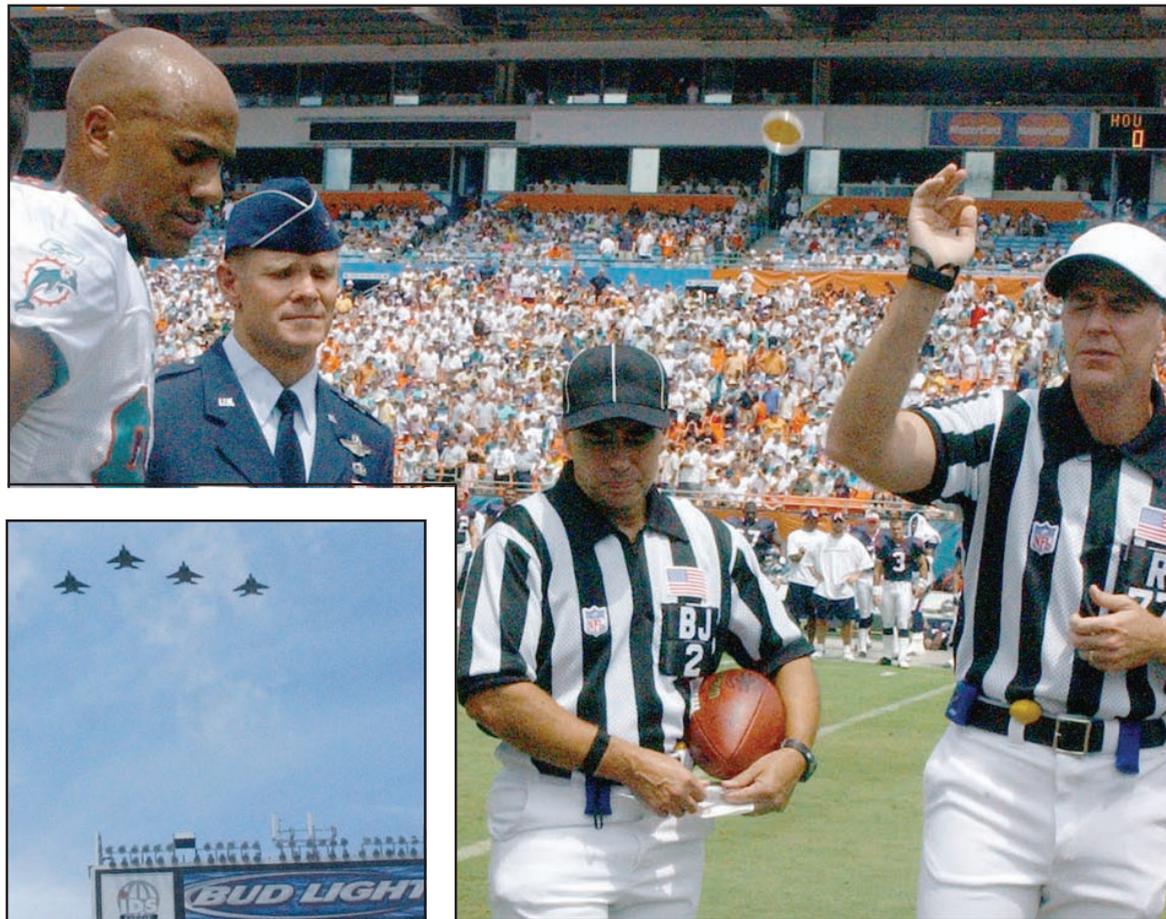
Personnel officials recently announced that the new metallic name tag, which has been available for purchase since November, will be mandatory on the service dress uniform and pullover sweaters Jan. 1, 2004. The tags will be issued to enlisted airmen by their organizations. Officers must purchase their own name tags. For more information, contact the local commander's support staff.

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Photos by Senior Master Sgt. Rob Fuller

## Heads or tails

From left, Miami Dolphin defensive end Jason Taylor, Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander, NFL Back Judge Billy Smith and Referee Terry McAuley wait for the results of the coin toss at the start of the Miami Dolphins vs. Houston Texans matchup Sunday. General New, as well as a cadre of Team Tyndall members, served as Air Force ambassadors during the season opener. Inset, four 1st Fighter Squadron F-15s perform a flyover following the national anthem. For more on the event, see Page 4.

# BRAC e-mail story deemed a hoax

**TECH SGT. DAVID JABLONSKI**  
Air Force Print News

**WASHINGTON** — An e-mail hoax has been circulating through inboxes. The e-mail contains a spoofed Air Force Print News story about proposed base realignment and closure actions allegedly affecting all services.

Air Force public affairs officials were alerted to the hoax by a military officers' association in California. The e-mail takes a legitimate Air Force Print News story titled "Air Force releases 2004 realignments," published July 23, and

adds a fake list of Department of Defense installations for "closure or realignment."

Officials immediately dismissed the e-mail as a hoax, citing that the ongoing BRAC process is nowhere near complete.

They have not made any assessments, decisions or recommendations for closures and realignments to the BRAC Commission, according to Nelson Gibbs. He is the assistant secretary of the Air Force for installations, environment and logistics.

As part of the budget justifi-

cation, defense officials must submit a number of reports and certifications to justify the need for the BRAC 2005 round, Mr. Gibbs said.

"This will occur in the February 2004 time frame," Mr. Gibbs said. "As such, recommendations (now) would be premature and not in accordance with the requirements of the BRAC law."

The law establishes procedures that must be followed step by step to develop information, studies, plans and reports needed for such recommendations, he said.

"While we have done much, we are still in the early stages of the formal BRAC process," Mr. Gibbs said.

The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act prescribes a sequential process officials must follow before they can legally make recommendations for potential closures and realignments of military installations.

DOD officials must submit a force-structure plan based upon an assessment of probable threats to national security through the 20-year period

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# Remembrance marks current events

**BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW**

325th Fighter Wing commander



Yesterday marked the second anniversary of one of the darkest moments in our nation's history — the terrorist attacks

on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001. While these tragic events stunned us, we have recovered. However, I want to remind you that as we continue to fight the global war on terrorism, the threat exists at home to the same extent it does abroad. Terrorism is still alive, and for that reason we must always remain vigilant and include security in everything we do. As members of our nation's armed forces, it is our responsibility to do everything we can to prevent another Sept. 11. Remember, every set of eyes makes a difference. If you see anything unusual, report it.

Speaking of remembrance, next Friday marks another somber day primarily for the men and women of the armed forces. POW/MIA Day is a day



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in which we reflect on the sacrifices made by those who have not returned from battle. There are several events planned for this day including a POW/MIA vigil run and a luncheon at noon at the enlisted club, where Col. Douglas Cochran, 325th Fighter Wing vice commander, will speak. Additionally, a memorial service is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. at Chapel 1, followed by a retreat ceremony at 4 p.m. at Flag Park. I encourage you to participate in these events. They truly serve as a reminder about what it means to be a member of our nation's military and honor those who have made such tremendous sacrifices.

On a brighter note, I have noticed an increase in the number of folks making physical fitness a part of their daily routine. Each year, thousands of Americans fall victim to heart disease and a host of other health-related complications. To that end, Air Force leadership strives to promote the healthy lifestyle, which leads to a force that is fit to fight in addition to a longer, happier life for our men and women. As you know, Air Force leadership recently announced that most of us are transitioning to a new fitness measurement system in January 2004. Last week additional details of the test were released.

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## Action Line

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

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

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

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

*Larry D. New*

**BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW**

325th Fighter Wing commander

# Air Force leaders send birthday message to airmen

**DR. JAMES ROCHE**

Secretary of the Air Force

**AND GEN. JOHN JUMPER**

Chief of Staff of the Air Force

In 56 years, the U.S. Air Force has earned its wings as the world's greatest air and space force. Our airmen and our technology are the best our nation have to offer, an achievement that flows from the contributions of every airman — whether active, Guard, Reserve, civilian or retired.

On Thursday, the anniversary of our creation, remember that through your integrity, selfless service and incomparable excellence, Americans find strength and confidence in the Air Force's ability to answer our nation's call, no matter when or where we're needed.

We celebrate the Air Force's birthday as we continue to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. Your tireless commitment, agility and professionalism are the

## United States Air Force



foundation for integrating air and space power into a successful joint and coalition combat operation — one that has already crushed a tyrannical regime and is now helping to blaze the trail of freedom for millions in Iraq.

Yet, as we celebrate, we recognize that this success is not without costs. We appreciate you and your families' extraordinary sacrifices. Let's take this special occasion to remember the airmen who made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure the security of America and the opportunity of freedom for those who have never before tasted liberty.

The Air Force's legacy has soared in its short history and greater opportunities are on the horizon — opportunities you'll meet with the same courage, commitment and confidence that define our first 56 years. America is proud of our Air Force, and Americans are proud of you. Happy Birthday!

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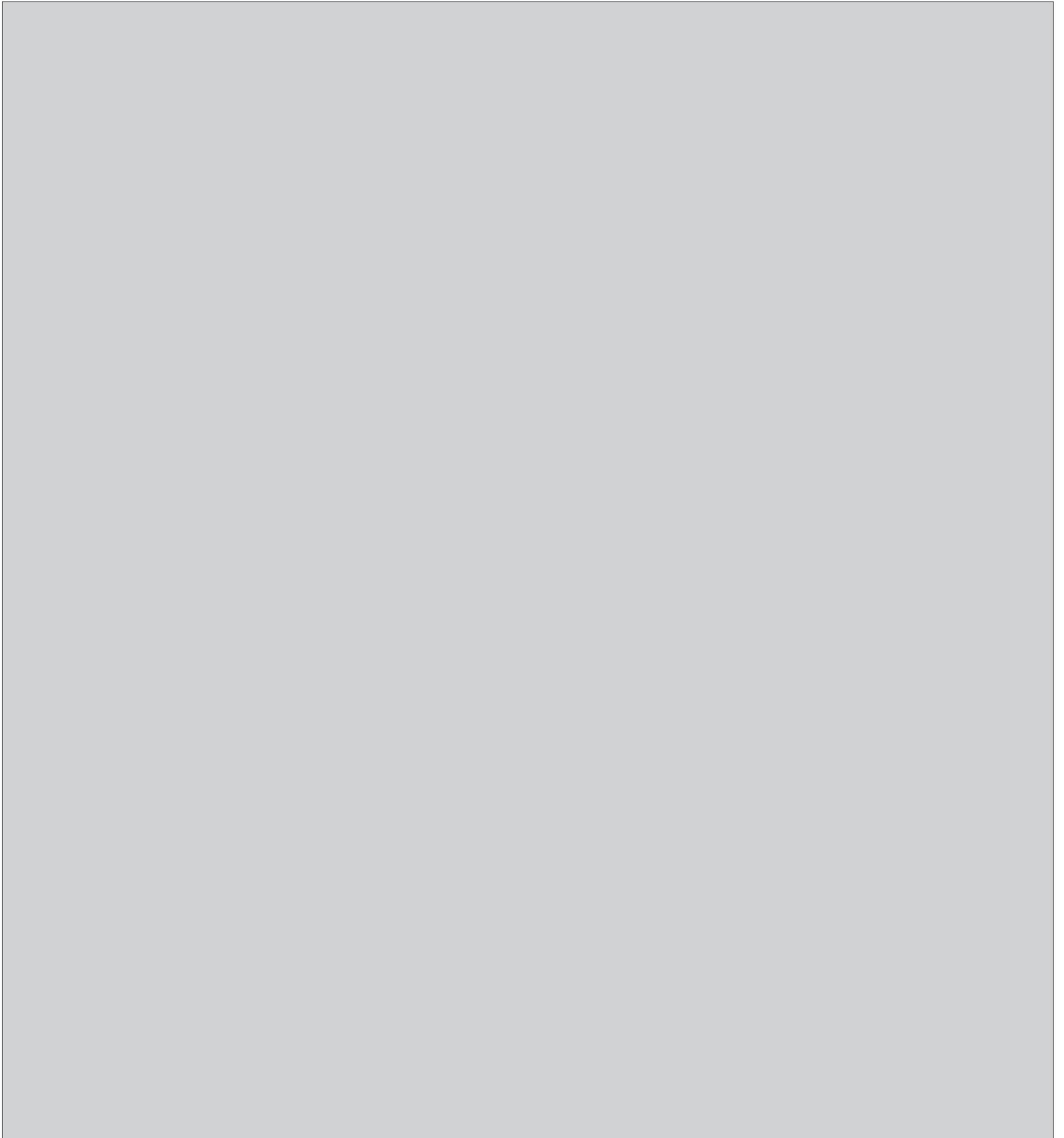
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# Team Tyndall highlighted at Dolphins' season opener

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

Checkertail Clan and NFL warriors shared the gridiron battlefield Sunday during the Miami Dolphins vs. Houston Texans season opener. Although the Miami Dolphins fell to the Houston Texans 21-20, the Air Force and other armed services came up big winners as they played a major role in the game-day events.

Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander and honorary Miami Dolphin team captain, kicked things off as he participated in the pre-game coin toss ceremony.

"It was a great opportunity to highlight the 325th Fighter Wing mission to a large audience of our Florida neighbors, and take part in the Dolphins' special military tribute to the armed forces of America," General New said.

With the last note of the national anthem, four "First and Finest" F-15s led by Lt. Col. Patrick Marshall, 1st Fighter Squadron commander, filled Pro Player Stadium with the sounds of freedom.

"I think it's a tremendous way to showcase America's airpower to thousands of our countrymen and women," Colonel Marshall said. "It was also a special

moment flying over an NFL stadium on opening weekend. Not long ago, flights over major sporting events had been suspended following the events of Sept. 11, 2001. That was definitely on my mind."

The coin toss and flyover were part of a full afternoon of activities honoring and highlighting America's armed forces. More than 250 members of the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines from the Miami area participated in the halftime show, which coincided with the NFL tribute called "Operation Tribute to Freedom."

"There is no better way to get your fans excited than by having military participation in our game," said Jeff Griffith, Miami Dolphins director of special events and television programming. "The Miami Dolphins were honored to have General New as an honorary cap-



Senior Master Sgt. Rob Fuller

**Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander, and his wife, Diane, present a 325th FW coin to Wayne Huizenga, Miami Dolphins owner, and his wife, Marti.**

tain of the game and an F-15 flyover. That always increases the electricity in the crowd."

According to Miami Dolphin officials, the tribute is an initiative saluting troops returning from operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the Miami Dolphins organization invited members of the 325th FW and Miami-area servicemem-

bers to participate as well. The tribute was more than a halftime show and entertainment; it was evidence that the more than 73,000 fans in attendance appreciated the military presence.

"We could not walk more than a few steps without someone stopping us to shake our hands and thank us for all we do so that they and their families can sleep well at night," Colonel Marshall said. "Sometimes we might lose touch with the tremendous responsibility our

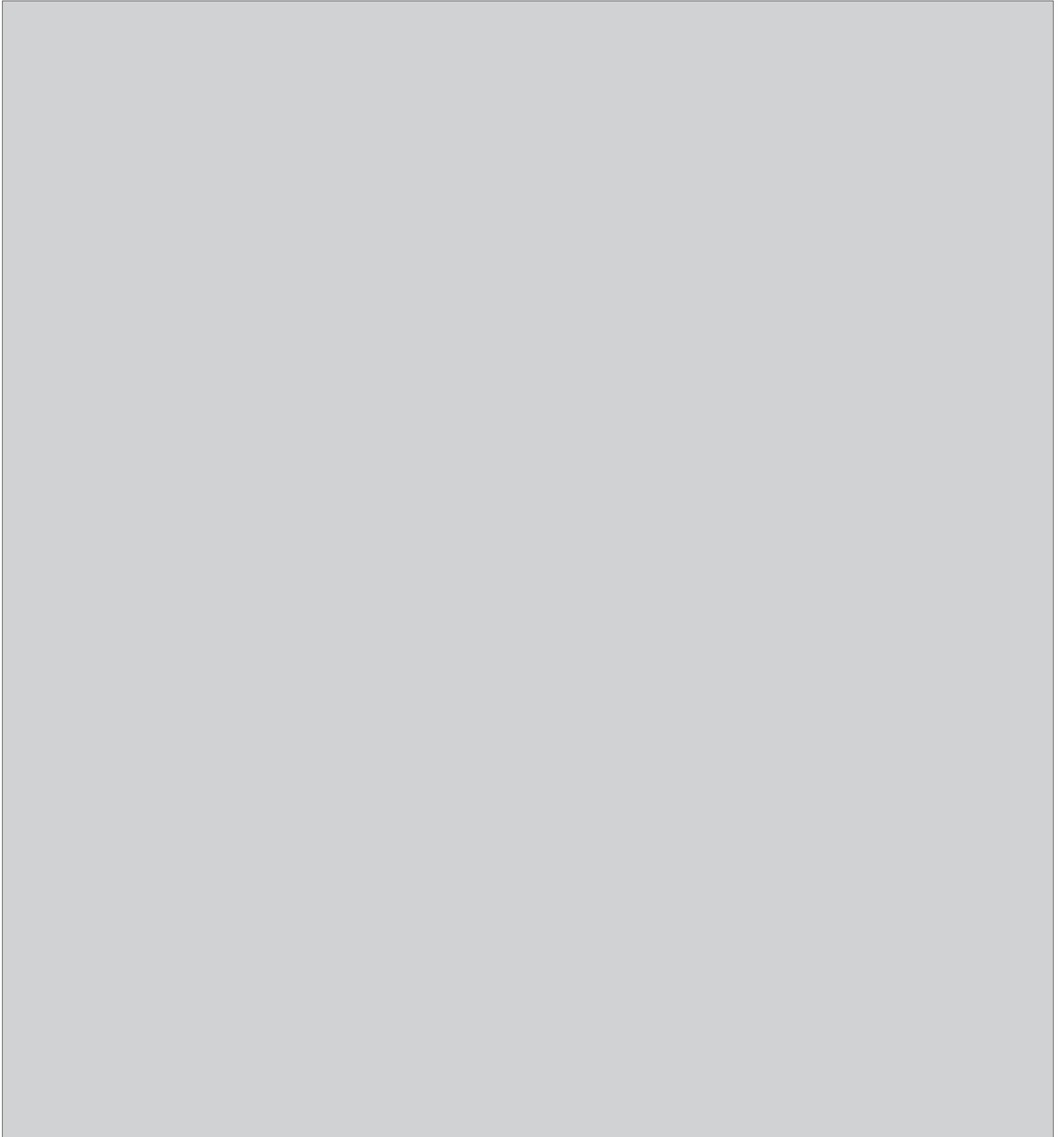
military has, but when hundreds of people sincerely thank you, one-on-one, for protecting their families each and every day, it comes back to you very fast. Sunday was a reminder to me that it's a tremendous honor to be able to serve this great nation of ours."

The Air Force participation also served as a unique recruiting venue and supports the message senior leaders have been saying for years that, "everyone in uniform is a recruiter."

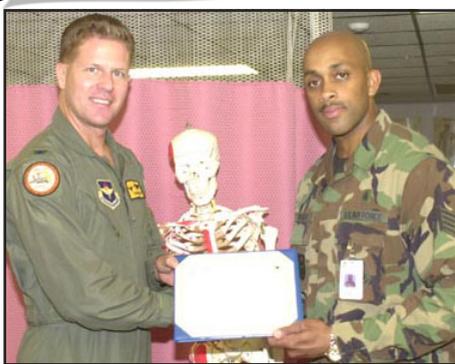
"Public affairs special events such as these help promote public understanding and support, as well as target a recruiting rich environment that possesses endless recruiting opportunities," said Capt. Chris Karns, 325th FW public affairs chief.

The 325th FW "recruiters" supporting the flyover event were; from the 1st Fighter Squadron, pilots Colonel Marshall, Lt. Col. Steve Wallender, Maj. Terry Walker, Maj. Michael Brockey, Maj. Derek Routt and Capt. Paul Moga. Maintainer "recruiters" from the 1st Aircraft Maintenance Unit were Master Sgt. Donald Birtsch, Staff Sgt. David Coleman, Staff Sgt. Richard Phillips, Senior Airman Mathew Connell, Tech. Sgt. Harold Coats, Staff Sgt. Matthew Dahlin and Staff Sgt. Jessie Cox II.

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## Checkertail Salute



Isaac Gibson

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

The Checkertail Clan salutes Sergeant Walker for providing exceptional service to more than 11,000 beneficiaries in two years when manning was reduced by 33 percent for more than one year. Praised by name in customer feedback.

### Staff Sgt. Donte Walker

**Duty title:** Assistant NCOIC of physical therapy  
**Unit:** 325th Medical Operations Squadron  
**Time on station:** 3 years  
**Time in service:** 8.5 years  
**Hometown:** Virginia Beach, Va.  
**Hobbies:** Weight lifting and motorcycle riding  
**Proudest military moment:** Winning the command-level physical therapy technician of the year.  
**Goals:** To finish up his degree.  
**Favorite thing about Tyndall:** The weather for motorcycle riding.  
**Pet peeves:** Disrespecting the elderly  
**Favorite book:** "Men Cry in the Dark"  
**Favorite movie:** "New Jack City"

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

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As I mentioned before, the test will consist of four parts: a timed 1.5-mile run, a muscular fitness test consisting of push-ups and crunches and a body composition test. You can earn up to 50 points on the run, 30 points on the body composition and 20 points on the muscular fitness portion for a total of 100 points. You will be grouped into one of four categories depending on how well you score. The breakdown is as follows: 90 or better is excellent, 75-89.9 is good, 70-74.9 is marginal and anything below 70 is poor. Your score is designed to tell you what level of fitness you are at and will determine how often you will test.

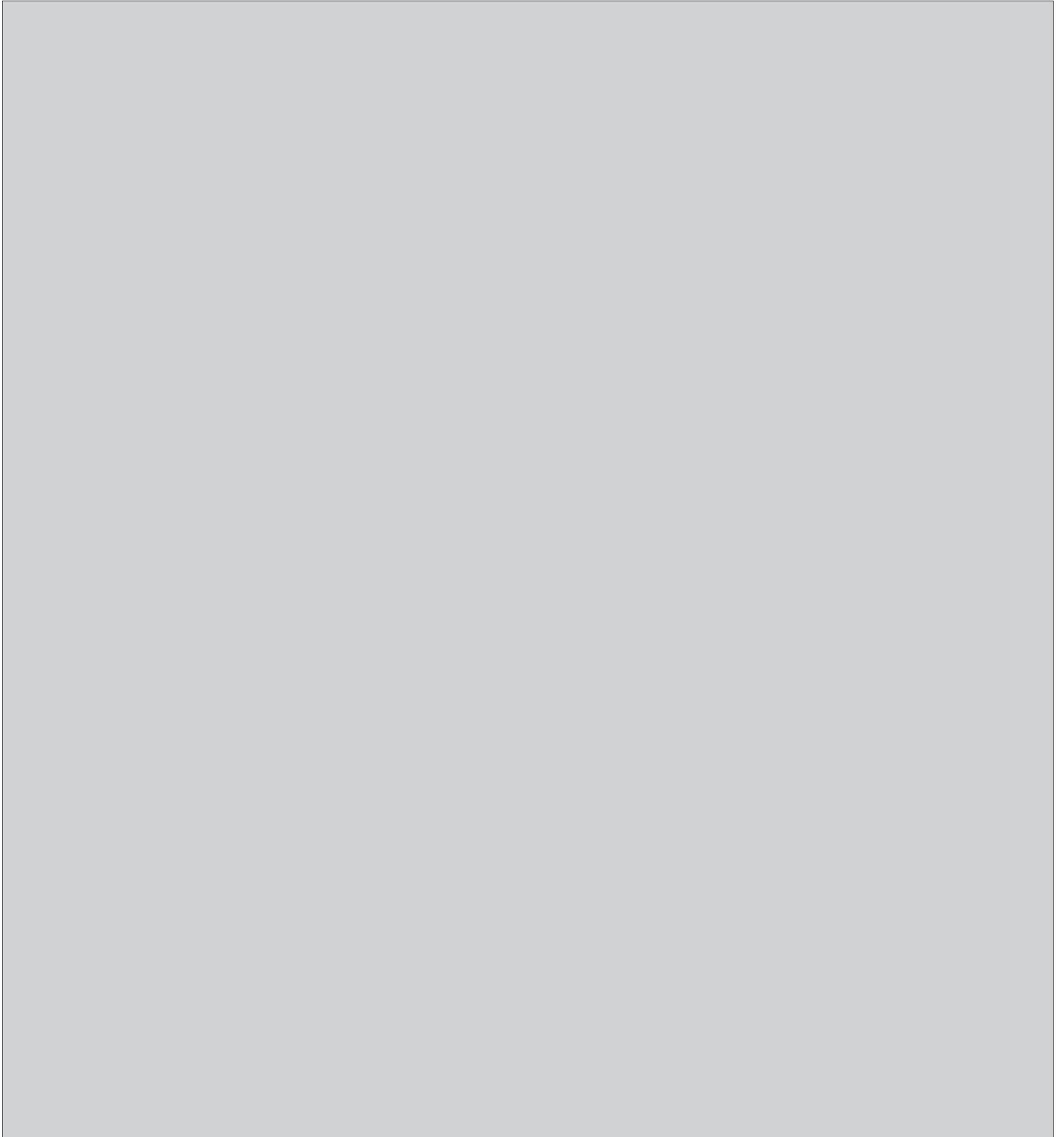
Although January is more than three

months away, the goal of fitness should not be to just pass the test, but to keep us fit to fight. If you haven't adopted a fitness routine, I highly encourage you to start one. Commanders and supervisors should be proactive in ensuring everyone has the opportunity to exercise. Additionally, as time and mission requirements permit, groups are encouraged to gather for exercise sessions as they serve another purpose – to boost morale.

More details will be provided as I receive them. The important thing, though, is to adopt a healthy lifestyle now.

Have a great weekend and I'll see you next week.

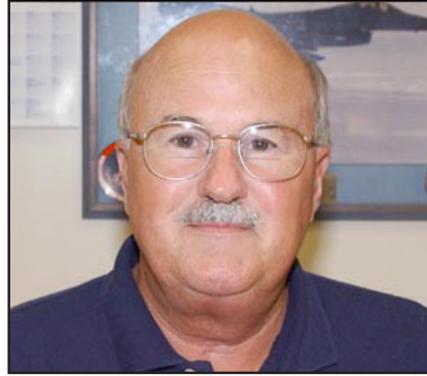
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**How do you perceive the threat of terrorism two years after Sept.11?**


“I think it’s a safer world. I’ve heard experts estimate as many as one cell per day has been broken up.”

**MASTER SGT. ED BEST**  
325th Fighter Wing safety office



“I don’t feel any safer than two years ago and I feel the war in Iraq may be increasing the risk of terrorism.”

**JIMMY WILLIAMS**  
‘The Travel Company’ (contractor)



“I believe the threat continues to be high. Recent events in Iraq may even have raised it and Americans have a very short memory.”

**MAJ. DAVE LEARD**  
81st Test Support Squadron



“I believe the threat of terrorism has always been there. We are just more vigilant now that it’s happened on our home turf.”

**STAFF SGT. CANDIS WINSLOW**  
325th Comptroller Squadron

## Air Force leaders issue Patriot Day message

**WASHINGTON (AFP)** — The following is a Patriot Day message from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper:

“The second anniversary of the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001, provides us all an opportunity to remember those murdered in New York, at the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania, as well as those patriots who have sacrificed their lives in the war on terror.

“Through tragedy, our nation renewed its unending resolve to fight terrorism, to defend our way of life and to give hope to others suffering under repressive regimes that support terror. Patriot Day reaffirms the airman’s obligation to fight for what’s right — obliterating terrorism on every front to ensure a safe tomorrow for future generations of Americans and freedom-loving people around the world.

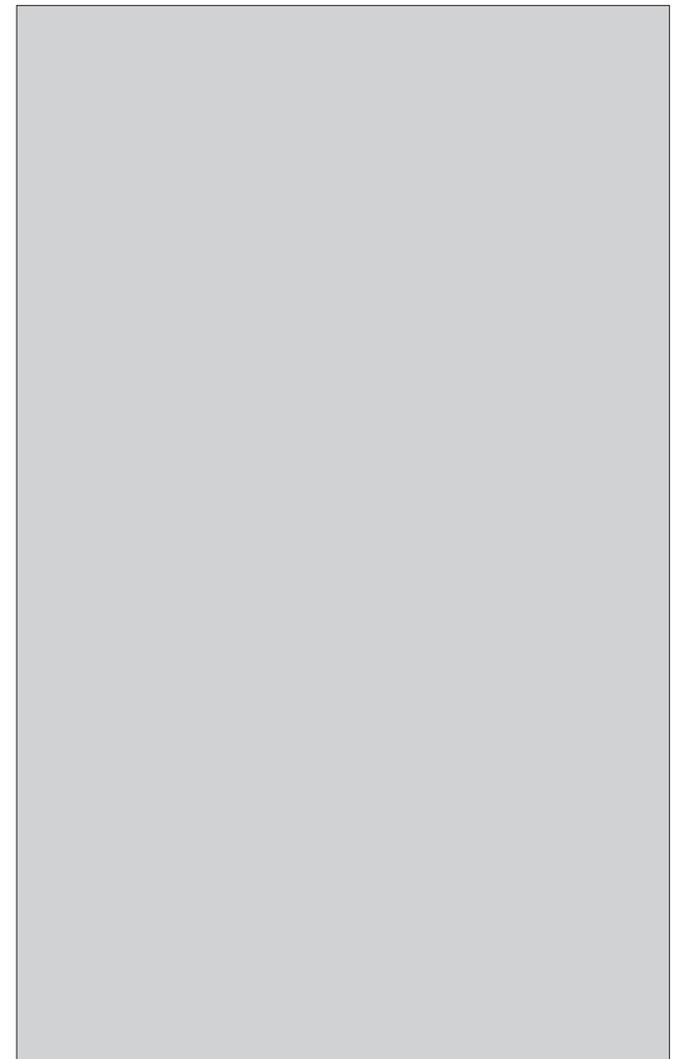
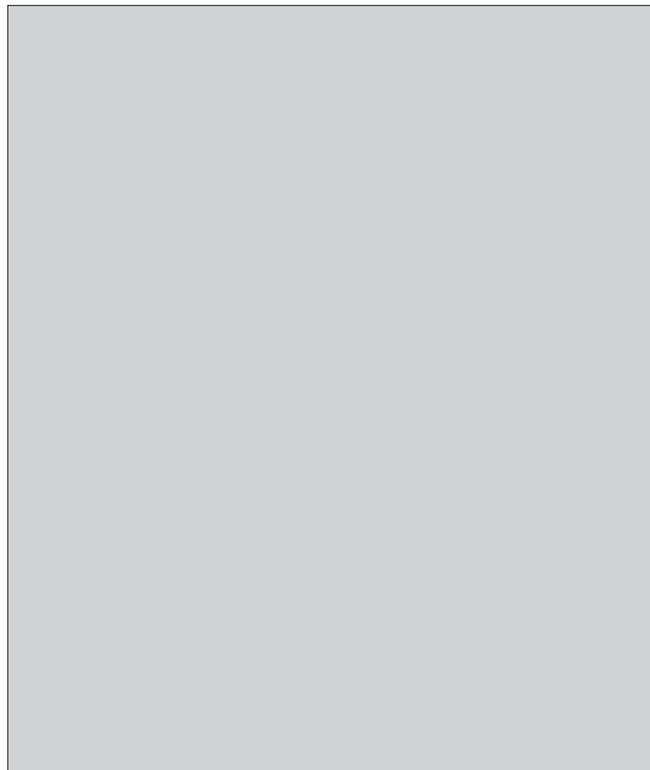
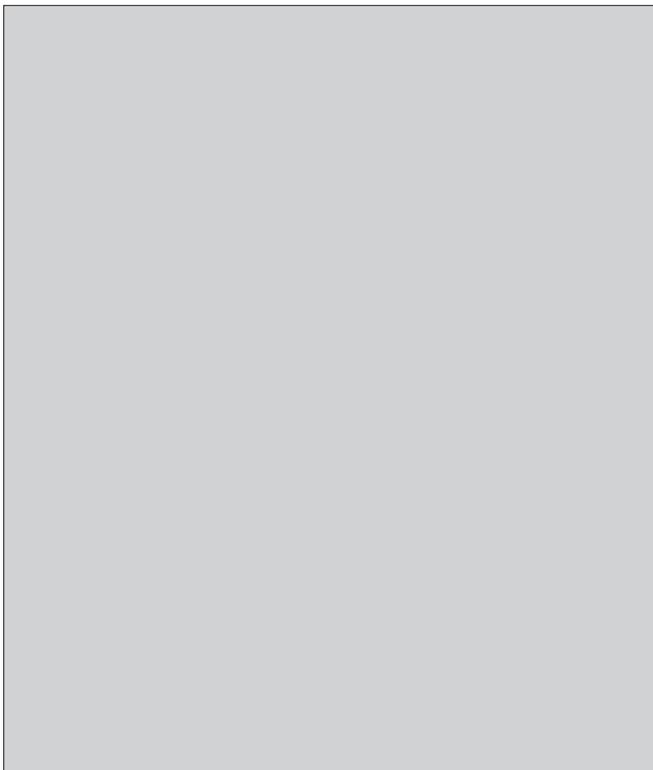
“You — America’s finest men and women who comprise our Air Force — are doing absolutely remarkable work around the globe. From our own skies to the front lines in Iraq, Afghanistan and other locations around the world, our superior Total Force of active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian airmen continues to respond brilliantly as the world’s greatest air and space force. Rest assured, you’re making it more difficult every day for terrorists to have their way.

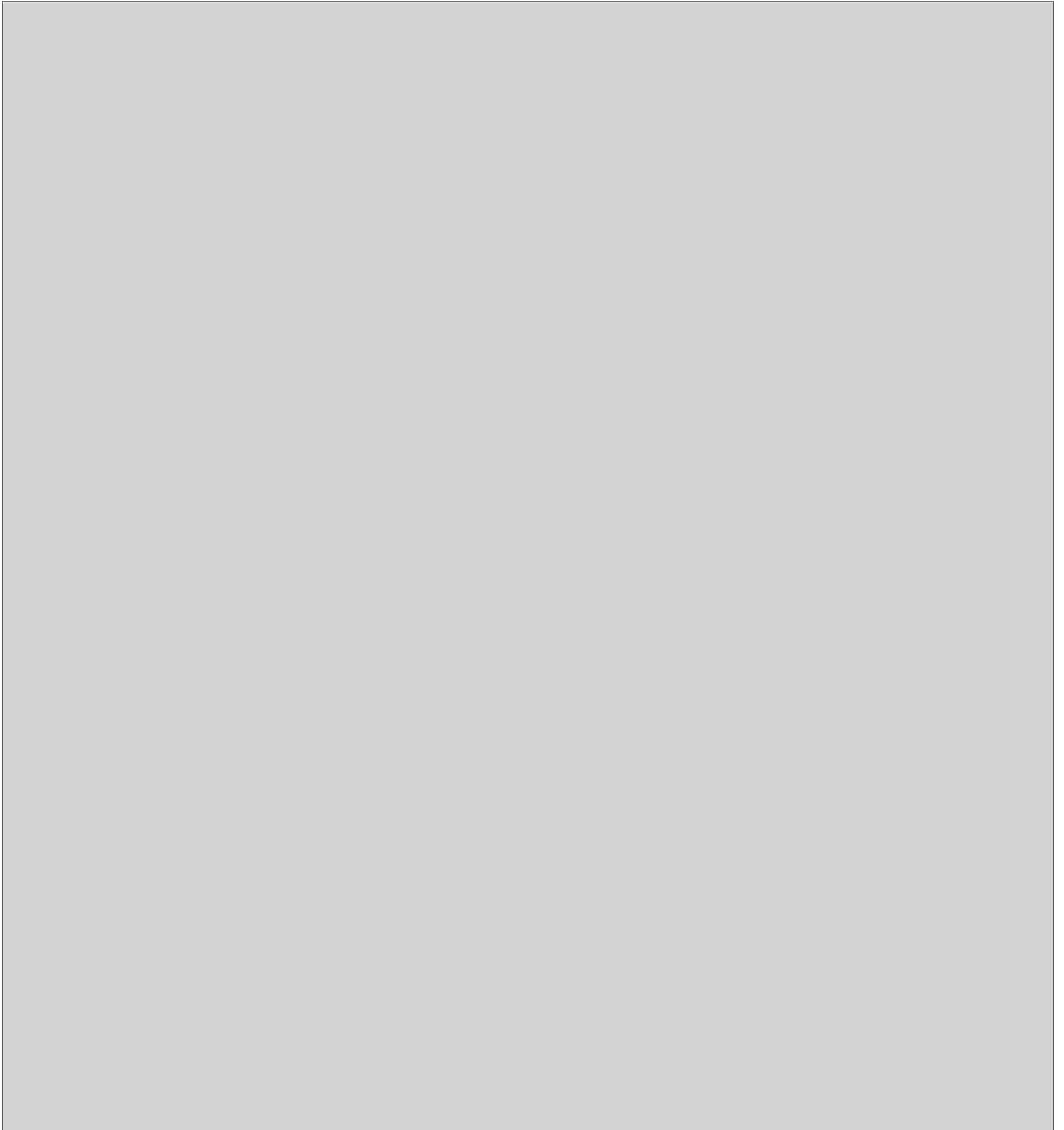
“On this Patriot Day, let’s remember those who are deployed in harm’s way. Just as important, let’s renew our commitment to the families of those who are deployed. The unwavering commitment to their loved ones far from home is phenomenal; the cause for which their loved ones serve is noble and just.

“As we’ve seen, winning the war on terrorism is a long

and deliberate journey — we’re confident you are up to the task. Be patient and stay the course — we will continue to face challenges and overcome obstacles as we win the war on terrorism. Thanks for all you do for America and our Air Force.

“May God bless you, and may God bless America.”





# Feature

## Tyndall cemeteries help historical journey

**Below:** Linda Raffield from Eufaula, Ala., kneels over a grave in the Farmdale cemetery in Farmdale Bayou on Tyndall Air Force Base. Mrs. Raffield is writing a book on the Raffield history and came to Tyndall to put pieces of her husband Vincent's genealogy together. The Raffields' ancestors were residents of the land that Tyndall occupies today before 1941, when it initially became an airfield.

**Right:** Vincent Raffield rinses the headstone of a Mexican War veteran. Mr. Raffield came to Tyndall to further his research on his ancestry and to find the grave of his grandfather. Both Mr. and Mrs. Raffield were very happy to see how Tyndall has preserved the grounds of their family members, and were able to discover the graves of family members they didn't know were buried at this location. They were able to visit four of the 11 cemeteries on base, some of which are not open to public.

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

As Vincent Raffield kneels over the grave of his great-great uncle, Charles Jackson Raffield, he feels a sense of sadness yet also a sense of pride, knowing he is finally touching the land his ancestors walked on hundreds of years ago. After extensive research, Mr. Raffield has found a part of his history at the gravesites on Tyndall Air Force Base.

Tyndall has preserved 11 known gravesites since its construction in 1941, some of which bear the names of Mr. Raffield's forefathers.

The Raffields were living on the site where Tyndall is today at a time when military strength was increasing, leading to a need for pilot training. This site in northwest Florida, with good flying weather and enough room for aeronautical maneuvers was perfect for the mission and soon became school and home to 103 officers, 800 cadets, and approximately 1,610 enlisted men as the assigned initial group, according to the USAF Historical Research Agency, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

The creation of the installation also meant removing several established communities which caused several residents to abandon their family cemeteries.

Tyndall Field, as it was first called, changed the site as well as the communities that lived here.

"In those days it was hard for those to see the change that needed to be done, they couldn't see the big picture," Mr. Raffield said. "We realize now that it had to be done – that we need to train pilots."

Mr. Raffield can recall the story that his father used to tell him about his first experience with an airplane. He had never seen such a thing before and



because it had teeth painted on it and because he could see a man inside of it, he was scared to death and figured it would eat him too.

"Our families moved from here and migrated to the closest area," Mr. Raffield said. There

**"The most important thing is that we work together and help each other preserve history. We thank Tyndall for being good stewards and preserving the land and allowing us access back to it."**

**VINCENT RAFFIELD**

are now about 500 known descendants living in various areas. "We heard the stories about our ancestors that were passed down verbally and some of us children have gotten to visit the buildings before they were torn down."

Mr. Raffield belongs to the sixth generation of Raffield descendants, and now he and his family members are able to visit the exact land their ancestors lived on.

Tyndall AFB has worked diligently to preserve these historical sites for those who wish to visit them. "The 325th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental flight works a lot with Bay

County Historical Society looking to preserve these sites through the Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan. We look to not break any laws, do correct surveys and are careful not to destroy what we have to maintain and be good neighbors and stewards to the community," said Dr. Bridget Keegan, environmental engineer, 325th CES.

Mr. Raffield, his wife, Linda, and his brother, Chuck, have returned to this site from Alabama to do research on their family, to write a book on the history of this land and their genealogy, and also to help Tyndall put together some history of its own.

Over the years, Tyndall has received inquiries about the gravesites, some direct and some through the Bay County Historical Society. There are veterans from the Civil War, Spanish-American War and World War One buried in these cemeteries, Dr. Keegan said.

"It makes me feel good to do the research and then to be able to connect it with the gravesites," Mr. Raffield said.

"The most important thing is that we work together and help each other preserve history," Mr. Raffield said. "We thank Tyndall for being good stewards and preserving the land and allowing us access back to it."



Photos by Lisa Carroll

# German air force dealt *Lucky Aces* with Combat Archer

**CAPT. FLORENCE RICHBURG**

83rd Fighter Weapons Squadron

The 53rd Wing recently welcomed friends from across the Atlantic for the air-to-air weapon system evaluation program known as Combat Archer.

The German air force's 74th Fighter Wing is currently being hosted by the 83rd Fighter Weapons Squadron's "Lucky Aces," located at Tyndall Air Force Base, for a landmark international partnership "to evaluate man, missile and machine."

Combat Archer evaluates, verifies and improves U.S. and foreign military sales weapon systems under realistic operational conditions by allowing airmen to fire live missiles at threat representative targets — full-scale and sub-scale drones. This was, however, the first time the German air force foreign military sales tested the AMRAMM. The Lucky Aces met their objectives.

"This is our first evaluation ever and we (brought) everything," said Maj. Paul Benning, 74th FW advance team leader and deployment operations officer.

Arriving on Aug. 8, the German contingent consisted of six F-4s, six AIM 120B missiles and 140 airmen.

Their first shot was executed on Aug. 22. The German air force integrated into the WSEP, receiving the same first-rate comprehensive evaluations provided to U.S. combat forces.

Combat Archer successfully verified the Germans' system capabilities, discovered potential improvements and validated their advanced medium range air-to-air missile training.

"Everyone was extremely happy with the performance of the AMRAMM," said Capt. Paul Spaven, 83rd FWS program manager. "We were able to prove that the weapons purchased from the U.S. performed as advertised."

In addition to shooting six missiles, the German air force successfully flew 50 dissimilar air combat training sorties. The Lucky Aces, along with Raytheon and the Counter Air Joint Special Projects Office, provided same-day collection, processing and display of aircraft and missile data.

"I'm very happy that everything went well, including flight safety," said Lt. Col. Stefan Burzler, commander of the German air force flying crew. "The support of WSEP was perfect, and I hope we can come back to such a beautiful location to shoot

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**CAPT. PAUL SPAVEN**

83rd Fighter Weapons Squadron  
program manager



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**Above, two German airmen perform an inspection before a sortie during their time at Tyndall when they conducting advanced medium range air-to-air missile training. Right, Capt. Norbert Biehler, an F-4F pilot with the German air force, and his weapons system officer, Maj. Ollie Titz, fire an AIM-120 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile during a test and evaluation while deployed here.**



Tech. Sgt. Mike Ammons

again."

The Lucky Aces echoed the positive sentiment expressed by the Germans.

"This was an outstanding success and phenomenal effort by all," said Lt. Col. David Uzzell, 83rd FWS commander. "The men and women of the 83rd's sup-

port of the [German air force] was a class act, with lots of firsts."

During the operation, the 83rd FWS simultaneously evaluated units from Aviano AB, Italy, Langley AFB, Va., and Shaw AFB, S.C. The wing's international guests depart for home on Monday.

# Tyndall medical group garners command award

CHRISTINE SULLIVAN

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

The most important weapons system in the Air Force arsenal is not the F/A-22, the B-2 stealth bomber, the latest generation unmanned aerial vehicle or precision-guided weaponry. The most important weapon system in the United States Air Force is its people.

Team Tyndall's medical group was honored with the Chief of Staff Team Excellence Award at the Air Education and Training Command level for a process improvement to a program that exceeded Air Force standards, ensuring the most important weapon is "fit to fight." The program is called Preventative Health Assessment and Individual Medical Readiness. Gen. Donald Cook, AETC commander, is scheduled to present the award to 325th Fighter Wing commander Brig. Gen. Larry New on Monday.

"This AETC award validates not only the outcome of improving our Team Tyndall PIMR rates but also the process of wing involvement and that is the real key," said Col. Sean Murphy, 325th Medical Group commander. "This

could not have been successful without Team Tyndall leadership owning the 'stick.'"

"Force health protection is a total life cycle support system that provides medical support to operational forces three ways, a healthy and fit force, casualty prevention and casualty care and management," said Lt. Col. Pete Brock, 325th Medical Group deputy commander. "This is being accomplished through the PIMR program."

In a congratulatory note from Lt. Gen. John Hopper, AETC vice commander, each of the 10 nominations submitted for this year's competition demonstrates the necessity of teamwork, dedication and leadership support in producing process improvements and high-value results.

"Significant impacts have resulted at all levels of the Air Force due to the collective efforts of these outstanding teams," General Hopper said. "In order to sustain the pursuit of 'excellence in all we do,' it is imperative that we continue to

encourage and support teamwork to drive improvements in mission accomplishment through a systematic approach."

The award is based on several categories that include an organizational approach in selecting an appropriate process for performance improvement; execution in showing the team's efforts to identify, measure, select and implement a solution to improve this process; results that ensure improvement is linked to the wing's mission performance; and team presentation of the process itself.

The improved PIMR process provides commanders with 'real time' information on the health and fitness of active-duty forces under their command and in addition gives doctors specific information on the health of their enrolled active-duty members.

**"PIMR takes care of preventable health issues that can take this human weapons system out of action and with a proactive approach, the human weapons system continues to function even though attacked."**

COL. SEAN MURPHY  
325th Medical Group commander

"PIMR compliance directly supports the Air Force core competencies of developing airmen, technology-to-warfighting and integrating combat capabilities," Colonel Brock said. "In addition, PIMR compliance also supports AETC's mission-essential task to produce highly motivated, mission-ready airmen to sustain the Air Force's

combat capability and the medical group's first mission-essential task of ensuring Team Tyndall is always 'fit to fight.'"

"The relevance of PIMR in medical readiness has been validated by our increased mobility deployments of the 266 personnel Tyndall has deployed over the last year," Colonel Brock said. "There were no health-related shortfalls or early returns related to medical reasons."

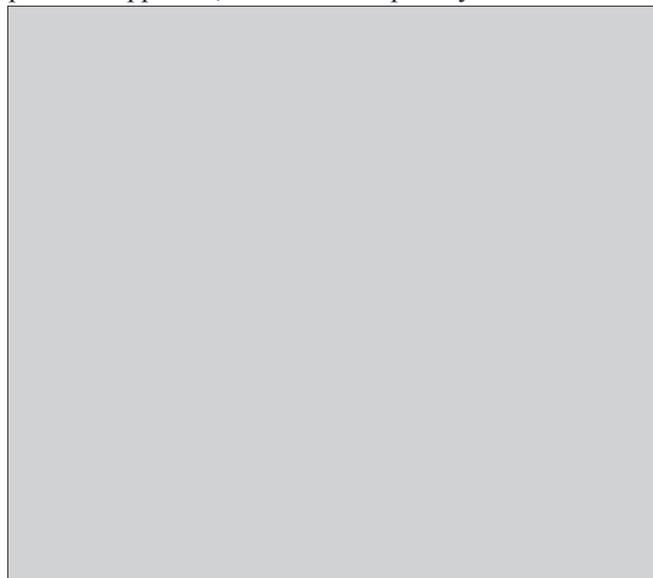
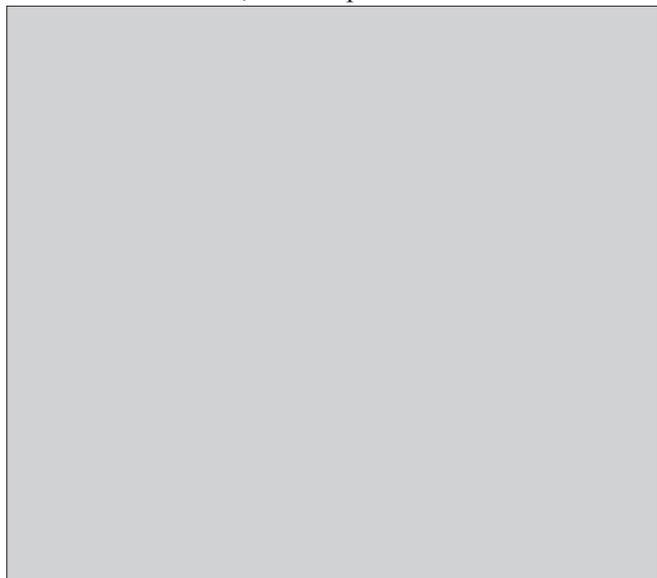
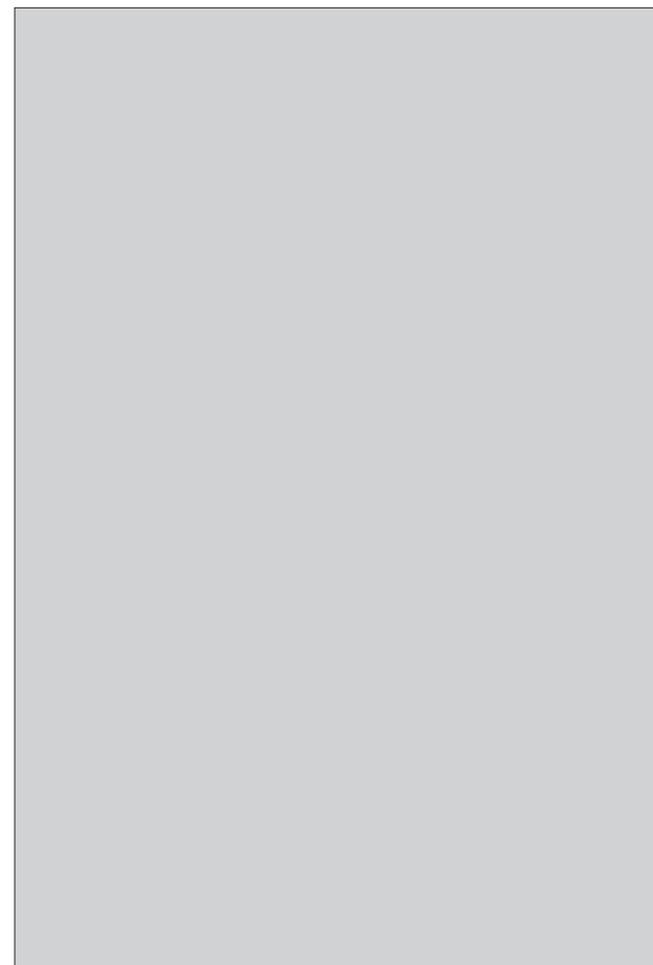
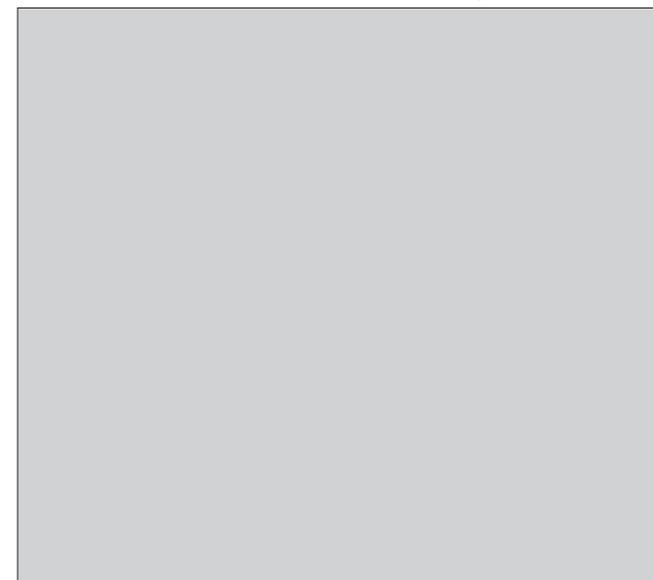
According to the 325th Medical Group commander, the PIMR process is also key and essential to mission readiness. "All you have to do is ask a commander downrange what the impact of losing even one person is and they tell you they are given only the resources needed to take care of the mission," Colonel Murphy said. "When they lose this person, others pull double shifts or the mission does not get done."

"PIMR takes care of preventable health issues that can take this human weapons system out of action and with a proactive approach, the human weapons system continues to

function even though attacked," Colonel Murphy said. "We are much more aggressive on the preventive aspect of care so we send the very best well-oiled machine to do the mission."

Team Tyndall's medical group is submitting the PIMR process improvement for another award called the Circle of Excellence Award. This is an annual award sponsored by a major pharmaceutical company which honors exceptional practices or programs developed and delivered by individuals and facilities within the U.S. Federal Healthcare System.

The 325th Medical Group will also be competing for the Air Force-wide version of the AETC award in Washington, D.C. Winners will be awarded a \$5,000 educational grant at the upcoming Association of Military Surgeons of the United States in November with winners to be notified by Oct. 1.





Swapped with Pg 4 ads.

## Hunt continues in enemy's back yard

STAFF SGT. RUSSELL WICKE

455th Expeditionary Operations Group public affairs

**BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan (AFP)** — Two years after America took a sucker punch from terrorists at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the U.S. military is still actively hunting down al-Qaida and Taliban forces in their own back yard.

Col. James Whitmore, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing commander here, reminds those back home this war cannot be won quickly.

"We will remain in Afghanistan as long as it takes," Colonel Whitmore said. "Terrorists are people you have to deal with sooner or later. We'd prefer to take care of business in their back yard, not ours. We're not going to wait for them to come to us again."

Colonel Whitmore, who was in the Pentagon during the Sept. 11 attacks, said he is glad to be here taking the fight to the terrorists.

"A lot of this is personal to me," he said. "We lost many great co-workers on that day."

Colonel Whitmore said he believes there is a need for the U.S. military to be in Afghanistan.

"September 11 was our wake-up call," he said. "That's when we decided to proactively and aggressively go after the terrorists. They put zero value on human

life, especially Westerners. They've proven that they won't hesitate to take the lives of innocent people."

Although results from this war are sometimes difficult to see from here, Colonel Whitmore said there has been significant progress since American boots hit the dirt here in December 2001.

The U.S. military has taken control of terrorist strongholds in this country. For example, Bagram Air Base was once used as an al-Qaida refuge.

"We're successfully denying terrorist sanctuary in Afghanistan," said Army Maj. David Rasmussen, 10th Mountain Division 2nd Battalion 87th Infantry Regiment executive officer.

Major Rasmussen is serving in Afghanistan for the second time since Operation Enduring Freedom began. He said there has been noteworthy change for the better in the fight against terrorism: The terrorists have resorted to more hiding and less fighting.

"They know they can't take us on directly, so they are trying to fight us asymmetrically," Colonel Whitmore said. "We monitor their activities very closely here, and they know that. Anything that we can do to keep them off balance and unable to organize is helpful."

Brute force, however, is not the only advantage U.S. forces have.

"We also have economic pressure being

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# Deployed airmen get break on loans

K.L. VANTRAN

American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON (AFP)** — Servicemembers who have been deployed or mobilized are not required to make student loan payments during their absences.

Federal regulations require lenders to postpone the student loan program payments of active-duty servicemembers. This applies to people of the National Guard and Ready Reserves who have been called to active duty, as well as to active-duty people whose duty station has been changed as a result of a military mobilization.

“Many of the brave men and women serving our nation right now have put their personal lives on hold to answer the nation’s call to duty,” said U.S. Education Secretary Rod Paige. “As they defend the freedoms we cherish, our (servicemembers) should not have to worry about their student loan obligations and resuming their studies.”

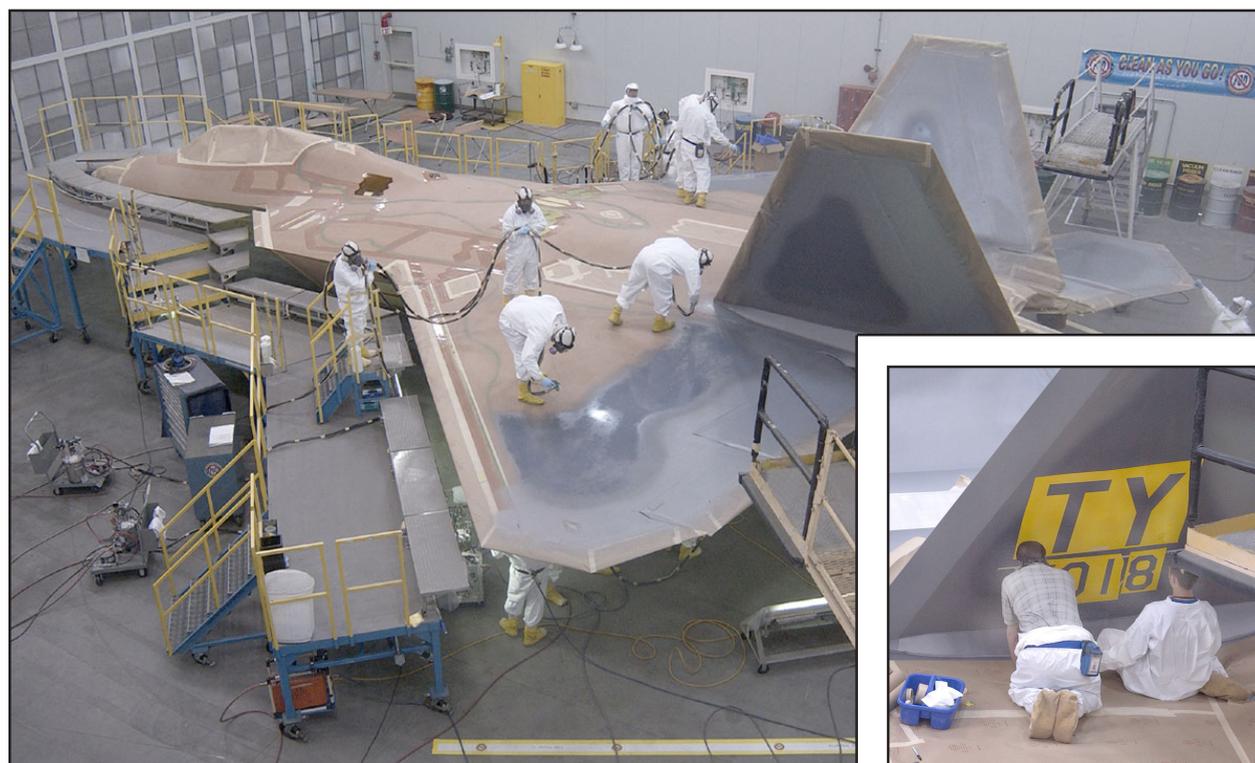
He encouraged the higher education and lending communities to be flexible and provide assistance to servicemembers, so they can “easily resume their studies and financial obligations after they complete their tours of duty.”

The regulations apply to student loans made under the Federal Family Education Loan, William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan and Federal Perkins Loan programs.

The law also requires that active-duty people who have not begun the repayment period on their loans continue to receive a grace period (generally six months) before repaying their loans. Students who were in school at the time of mobilization must also be given a reasonable period to resume school before lenders request payments.

Colleges will not be required to collect financial-aid funds that active-duty students were given to pay for books and living expenses. Additionally, Education Department officials encouraged colleges and universities to either fully refund tuition and other institutional charges or give comparable credit against future charges to students forced to withdraw from school to fulfill their military obligations.

Additional information is available by calling (800) 433-3243 or visiting [www.ifap.ed.gov](http://www.ifap.ed.gov). (Information obtained from an Education Department news release.)



Courtesy photos

## Hatching a Raptor

Tyndall’s first F/A-22 Raptor, tail number 18, gets its paint job along with the base’s 325th Fighter Wing designation. The jet is expected to arrive at Tyndall later this month. One aircraft is expected to arrive each month following Raptor 18’s arrival.



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## Former chief of staff dies

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The Air Force's 11th chief of staff died Sept. 4 in McLean, Va.

Retired Gen. Charles Gabriel served as chief of staff from July 1982 to July 1986. He died of natural causes, according to officials at the Air Force Senior Leader Management Office in the Pentagon. He was 75.

General Gabriel also served as the service's deputy chief of staff for operations, plans and readiness; the U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander and the com-

mander of Allied Air Forces in Central Europe. He was the U.S. Forces Korea deputy commander and the deputy commander of United Nations Command in Seoul, South Korea. The general also was Tactical Air Command's deputy chief of staff for operations.

He is survived by his wife Dottie, their two children and grandchildren. Memorial services are scheduled for 1 p.m., Sept. 17 at Memorial Chapel, Fort Meyer, Va. Interment will follow at Arlington National Cemetery.

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applied to these terrorist groups," Colonel Whitmore said. American forces are widely welcomed here because of the stability and economic growth that has developed in the past two years, he said.

"Our mission is to disrupt their activities and deny them sanctuary," Colonel Whitmore said. "We've made a significant impact on their ability to orchestrate and execute sustained operations."

According to Colonel Whitmore, it is necessary for the United States to provide humanitarian aid so Afghanistan can speed up the process of developing a stable government. And that is the path that is being taken with provincial reconstruction teams.

"We're building schools, digging wells, providing reconstruction and even providing medical assistance to the people here," Major Rasmussen said. "It is a slow and deliberate improvement for the lives and infrastructure of the Afghan people."

"The sooner we can help get the people here self-sufficient, the sooner we can go home," he said.



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# Gulf Guide

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### Felix Lake Shoppette hours

Effective Saturday, the Felix Lake Shoppette hours of operation will be 6 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday and 7 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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### Civil Air Patrol meeting

Civil Air Patrol meetings for boys and girls 12 years old and older will be held 6-8 p.m. every Tuesday in Building 852. The CAP offers local and national activities with a focus on educational and professional development. For more information, call Lt. Hernandez, 215-8958.

### Focus 56 meeting

A Focus 56 meeting for all staff sergeant selects through technical sergeants will be 3 p.m. Tuesday in the NCO Academy auditorium. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Rob Maher, 283-8624, or visit the Web site, [www.tyndall.af.mil/FOCUS56/default.htm](http://www.tyndall.af.mil/FOCUS56/default.htm)

### Bible study group

The Protestant Women of the Chapel's Bible study group meets 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Chapel 2 Annex. The current topic is a study of Leviticus. Watchcare is available on an as-needed basis. For more information, call the base chapel, 283-2925.

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### Spouses' club open house

The Enlisted Spouses' Club's Annual Open House will be 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Pelican Reef Enlisted Club. A variety of activities will be available, including door prizes and free appetizers and refreshments. For more information, call Shantelle Dedicke, 286-8928, or Amy Lisner, 286-1638.

### Capella University visit

A representative from Capella University will host an information session for military and civilian personnel 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday in the Tyndall Education Center, Room 39. Capella University offers educational programs in business, education, human services, psychology and technology. The information session will address the university's online certificate, undergraduate and graduate degree programs. Following a short briefing, the

representative will be available for individual consultation. Capella programs are approved for tuition assistance and veterans' affairs tuition benefits. For more information, call Donna McDougal, (888) 227-3552, extension 5556.

### Stress-management class

Family advocacy's three-session stress-management class will continue 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday and Sept. 24 in Room 127 in Building 1305. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7511.

## NOTES

### TRICARE briefing

A TRICARE health-benefit briefing will be 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. during retiree appreciation day, Sept. 20 at the Tyndall Officers' Club. The briefing will provide current health-care information to beneficiaries eligible under TRICARE for Life, TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Prime.

### Commissary case lot sale

The Tyndall Commissary will have a case lot sale in conjunction with Retiree Appreciation events Sept. 20-21.

### Munitions storage area closure

The munitions storage area will be closed to all customers from Sept. 22-26 due to a semi-annual 100-percent closed warehouse inventory. Munitions customers are requested to project their needs accordingly and plan ahead for this closure. Only valid emergency issues will be processed during this period. For more information, call munitions operations at 283-4010 or 283-2374.

### Dental clinic hours

Effective Oct. 1, the dental clinic will be changing its hours of operation to 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Dental sick call remains by appointment and will begin at 7:30 a.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call the dental clinic, 283-7572.

### Estate claims

Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander, regretfully announces the death of Airman 1st Class Julie A. Maloney, 325th Fighter Wing. Anyone having claims against, or indebtedness to, the estate of Airman Maloney should contact Capt. William David Vernon, summary court officer, 283-4681.

### "Teaching as a Second Career" seminar

A Teaching as a Second Career seminar will be 1-4 p.m. Oct. 3 at the Conference Center, NAS Pensacola, Room D, Building 3249 on BOQ Road. Speakers at the seminar will explain registration requirements for the Troops to Teachers program, clarify teaching certification requirements and educational options, and explore job opportunities in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. Key representatives will be on hand from TTT, the University of West Florida and the Escambia and Santa Rosa County School Districts. For more information, call (800) 231-6242 or (850) 452-1234 or DSN 922-1234. Ask for Rich Schram, extension 163 to confirm seat and obtain further details, or e-mail [rschram@voled.doded.mil](mailto:rschram@voled.doded.mil).

### Lost and found

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

## RETIREE NEWS

### Special compensation information

The Contact Center staff of the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base can provide information to retirees who have basic questions about the Combat Related Special Compensation program. The CRSC, part of Public Law 107-313 eliminating the disability offset to retired pay for a small number of retirees, became effective June 1. Eligible under the law are those retirees with at least 20 years of active duty and a) any disability rating (at least 10 percent) that is associated with a Purple Heart or b) a disability rating of 60 percent or higher that is combat-related.

The staff of the Physical Disability Division continues to review the CRSC applications. The staff has finished reviewing applications received the first week of acceptance and are now working applications submitted between June 11-13. A total of 6,345 applications have been received to date, with 367 of them having been approved and 451 disapproved.

Retirees outside the San Antonio area may call toll free (866) 229-7074. The DSN number for those with access to the military line is 665-5000. Retirees with computers and with Internet capability may download the form along with the application procedures from the Web site: <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/crsc/>.

## YARD SALES

The following yard sale is scheduled for Saturday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.: 3434-A Maysey Court.

## CHAPEL SCHEDULE

The following Catholic services will be held at Chapel 2: Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; Reconciliation, after Saturday Mass or by appointment; Saturday Mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m.; religious education, 11 a.m. Sunday. Protestant services will be as follows: Communion service, 9:30 a.m., Chapel 1; religious education classes, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Building 1476; general Protestant service, 11 a.m., Chapel 2.

# TAFB runners stride toward AF Marathon competition

STEVE RIDDLE

325th Services Squadron publicist

A handful of people who have run hundreds of miles in recent weeks will represent Tyndall at this year's Air Force Marathon Sept. 20 at Wright – Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio.

Seven members of the Tyndall Running Club and four instructors from the NCO Academy will make the trip north next week to compete with more than 3,000 others in a race that has been said by some to be tougher than the Boston Marathon.

This year's event will give runners the chance to run in a 5K race, 10K race, or a half-marathon as well as the full marathon. Relay teams for the marathon will also be competing on the rolling, up and down course.

Hills notwithstanding, the team is prepared, according to Bill McTernan, who heads up the running club when he's not serving as an instructor with the air control squadron.

"It sounds like they're ready," McTernan said after a short practice with several of the runners Tuesday evening at the fitness center track. "They're pumped."

Although McTernan said he will not be able to join the others this year, he has helped the team to stay focused on preparing for the run, and kept the motivation going for the long hours of training needed.

"I've kept the e-mail flowing," he stated. "The coordination started back in May."

The training methods have varied from runner to runner. Don Mason has run between 50 and 65 miles for several weeks. Steven Rausch has done even more, covering 75 miles a week. Carolyn Czepiga has been running four times a week, going up to 10 miles on weekends.

"Some days I'll start out gradually," explained Robert Corrigan, an instructor at the NCO Academy. "There are short days where I do my speed work. I think I'm ready for the part I'm going to run."

Corrigan is part of a relay team that will run the 26.2-mile course. His teammates are fellow academy instructors Stephen Mihal, Lewis Peluau and Russel Ratley.

Along with the different training routines, their reasons for running are just as unique. Suzanne McTernan, Bill's wife and one of the 11 runners going to Wright-Patterson, said running began as a way to share quality time.

"I started running three-and-a-half years ago so that I would have something in common with my husband," she said. "Now I'm running more than him." Suzanne plans to run the half-marathon this year, and has been

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**ERNIE LORENZO**  
Tyndall AF Marathon runner



Steve Riddle

**From left, Don Mason, Steven Rausch and Robert Corrigan take a breather after a workout Tuesday at the fitness center track. All three Tyndall men will compete in the Air Force Marathon Sept. 20.**

running 30 miles a week in preparation.

Czepiga, Rausch, Mason and Corrigan all said they were on their high school track teams, but Ernie Lorenzo, a self-described late bloomer as a runner,

picked up the sport just a few years ago, and said his motivation came from one of his junior airmen.

"I didn't really run seriously until about six years ago," he recalled. "I had a dare from one of my troops to run a marathon. I finished and I liked it, and the next year I dared them to run it. That's what motivated me to train."

In a way, Lorenzo has home field advantage for this race. He is deployed here at the Continental U.S. North American Air Defense Region. Wright-Patterson is his home base.

Rausch said he has been running since he was 12 and has run in 14 marathons. He has followed a different training regimen to prepare for this race.

Growing up in upstate New York, he said he's used to running up and down hills, but isn't sure how much

his new workout routine will help him.

"I've no doubt that I'll finish, but I don't know if my run will be as good," he said. "My goal is to break (three hours, 30 minutes)."

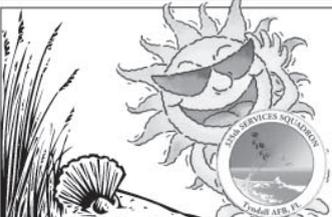
Although Rausch has been running for 26 years, fellow running club member Mason has been running for more than 30. He has run in several marathons, including the Boston Marathon earlier this year. He said he didn't finish that race as well as he would have liked and is getting his motivation for this race from there.

"I'm using this race to get a little redemption," he said. "I'd like to take about five minutes off my time."

Although most gave trying to beat a certain time or a personal best as motivation, they all said it was the test of endurance that draws them to the sport of long-distance running.

"It was the challenge," Czepiga gave as her reason for running. "I just wanted to try something new to challenge myself."

Besides being a challenging sport, long-distance running is a great way to prepare for the Air Force's new "Fit to Fight" fitness campaign. For more information on running or fitness routines, contact Martin Littlefield at the fitness center, 283-2631.



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## All Ranks Lunch

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- 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

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## 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**



283-4357

## The Heat is On!

Attention O' & E' Personnel  
Join your Tyndall AF Club by Oct. 31 for a chance to win a Sunsational 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 (04 season) Some restrictions apply.

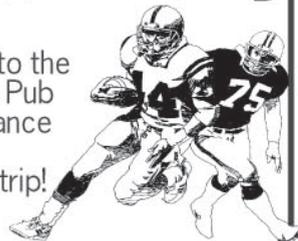
**Please stop by the O' Club business office for more information.**

## Global Volkssport

Sept. 20 - FREE • 10K Run/Walk  
Non-Tyndall ID cardholders are welcome. Participants desiring IV credit must pay \$3. Starts 7:30-11:30 a.m. at the FamCamp office and ends by 4 p.m.

### 283-3199

## Football Frenzy



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

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### 283-3222

## Tyndall's 3rd Annual Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show

Sunday, October 5, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
In the Bayview Housing Highway 98 Area  
**Free and Open to the Public**

Bring your own lawn chairs! Beverages and food will be sold. No coolers allowed

**Events include:** K9 Dogs, DJ, Bouncing Castle, DARE Program, Kite Demonstration and sale, remote control car demos. Services Display and Information Tables

Craft booths available \$10 per table. Must pre-register to have a reserved spot. Holiday crafts will also be on sale.

### 283-4511

## 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 as early as Sept. 22 for up to an eight-day stay for Thanksgiving and as soon as Oct. 1 for up to a 20-day stay over the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

**Contact: 283-4211**

## Fitness Center

☎ 283-2631

### Saturday Hours Change

8 a.m.-4 p.m.

## Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

### Punt, Pass & Kick

Sept. 19, at 4 p.m. Open to youth ages 8-15. Free competition. Practice on Sept. 12 for those who have signed up.

## Archery

Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, and 11 at 11 a.m. Cost is \$30. Sign up for Kids on Target Archery basics. Open to ages 8 and up.

## All Ranks Members Only at the E' Club Medieval Banquet

October 4, 6 p.m.  
\$19.95 per person

Tickets may be purchased at the O' Club cashier's cage. For your convenience, you may phone in your reservation and bill the cost to your club card.

- Feast & Beverages
- Live Demonstrations
- Costume Contest
- Door Prizes

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### 283-4357



## Community Activity Center

☎ 283-2495

### Pig Skin Picks

Forms are available at the CAC & Sports Page Pizza Pub. Prizes will be awarded.

## New at the CAC Coffee Shop Blended Iced Coffees

Blended Iced Coffees are a sweet luscious, lip-smacking concoction that is creamy and either icy or hot. Flavors include: Double Mocha Java, Peanut Butter Mocha, Vanilla and Cookies and Cream.

## 9-Ball Tournament

Sept. 13, 1 p.m. Best 2 out of 3. Double elimination. Awards for 1st & 2nd place.

## Represent Tyndall at AETC Bowling Championships in December

Bowl 3 of 4 Qualifier Tournaments  
Qualifier number two will be held on Sept. 21 at Raptor Lanes.

### 283-2380

Tyndall AF Clubs presents:

## Travel the World



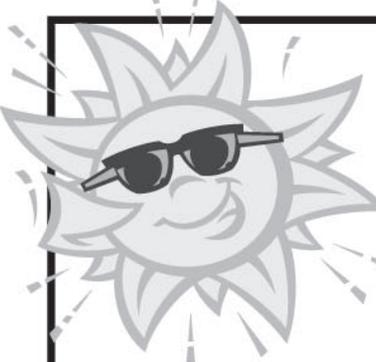
A membership recruitment & recognition program designed to "take you away".

## August 18 - 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 and at Services Marketing in building 1311.**



## End of Summer Celebration!

Sept. 27, 3-10 p.m.

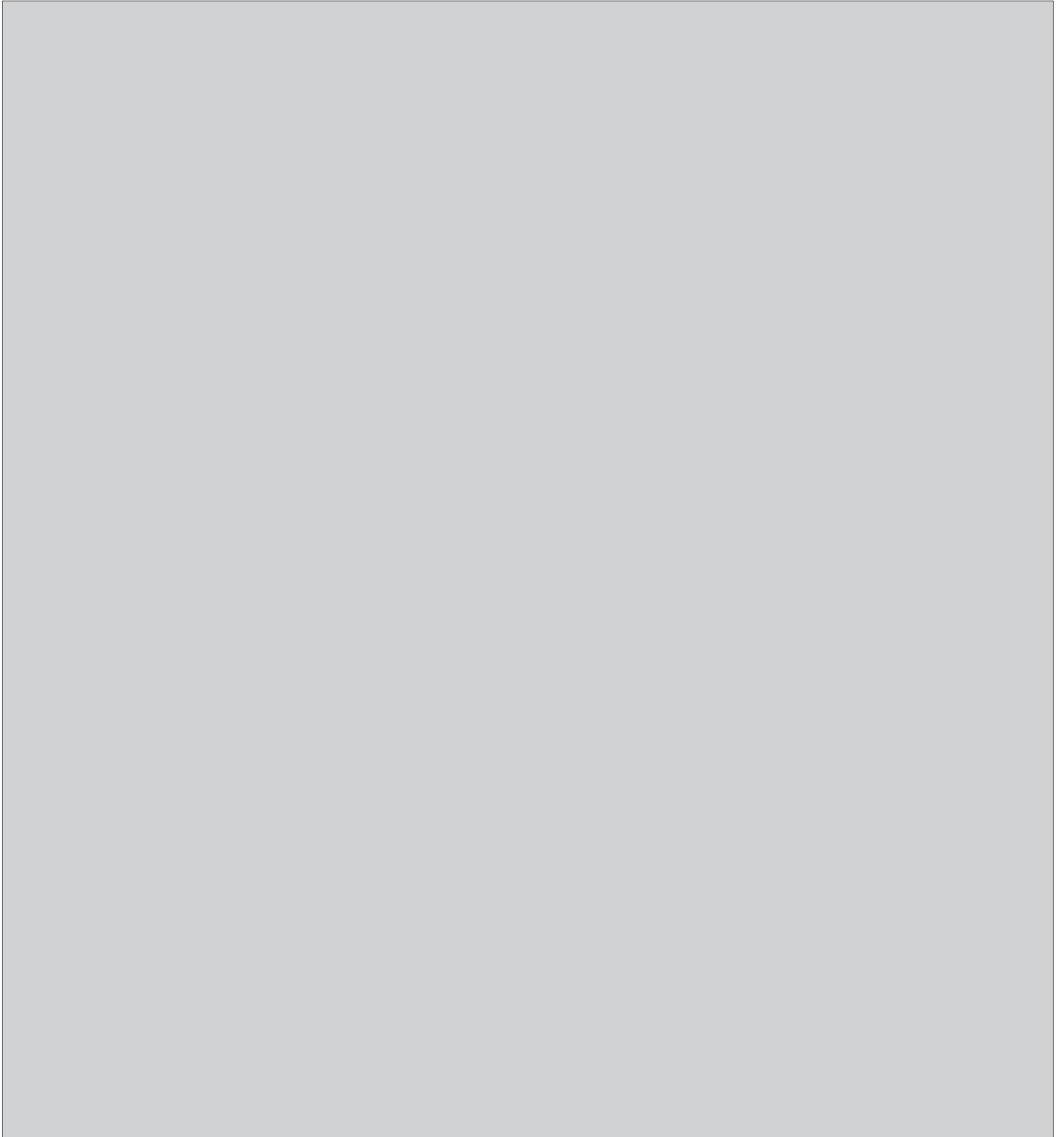
Base Pool Area • Free for the entire Tyndall Community

- Live band • DJ • Bouncy Castle • Free Swimming
- 3 on 3 Sand Volleyball Tourney \$300 prize

(\$15 entry fee per team. Participants must be: TAFB Active duty, Retiree, DoD Civilian, Contract, or Family Members)

Additional activities are still being planned, tentatively they include: a rock climbing wall and a clown or face painter. Come out and enjoy games and activities for all ages.

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beginning with Oct. 1. The plan includes probable end-strength levels and major military-force units needed to meet these threats. Units include Air Force wings, Army divisions and Navy carrier and major combatant vessels.

Officials must also submit an installation inventory to comprehensively list the number and categories of military installations worldwide, both by military department and by active and Reserve forces.

The secretary must further submit a description of the inventory neces-

sary to support the force-structure plan. The description also includes excess infrastructure and infrastructure capacity, and an economic analysis of the possible effect of potential closures and realignments.

If the secretary determines a further round of BRAC is needed, he must certify that an additional round will result in annual net savings for each military department beginning no later than fiscal 2011.

On a parallel track, BRAC law also requires by Dec. 31 the secretary to propose for public review and comment the selection criteria DOD plans on

using to make recommendations.

The criteria must at least include:

— Military value as the primary consideration.

— Extent and timing of potential costs and savings.

— Economic analysis of the impact on local communities.

— Ability of community infrastructure to support current and expanded missions.

— Impact of specified environmental costs.

Department officials must finalize the criteria by Feb. 16 and publish them in the Federal Register.

Questionnaires used to obtain the base data will be adjusted for service-unique functions and common business-oriented functions.

Services' and joint cross-service groups' representatives will then assess the data and make recommendations to the secretary of defense. He then makes an independent review and assessment. The secretary must send his recommendations to the BRAC Commission and Congress by May 16, 2005.

Through this process, each base will be treated fairly and equally, according to Mr. Gibbs.