

# GULF DEFENDER



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## In brief

### Free picnic

There will be a free picnic sponsored by the Air Force Sergeants Association and the AA Military Benefits Group for the ranks of airman basic through technical sergeant 4 - 7 p.m. April 16 in the Community Activities Center Ballroom. There will be free hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and drinks. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Jeff Kahapea at 283-2222.

### Power outage

A power outage is scheduled 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday in support of the ongoing Tyndall gate renovation. The following buildings will be affected:

110, 111, 112, 113, 115, 117, 162, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 186, 188, 419, 421, 425, 427, 431, 432, 433, 444, 446, 449, 450, 451, 453, 457, 458, 460, 461, 462, 470, 471, 472, 474, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 585, 588

For additional information, contact 2nd Lt. Brian Desautels at 283-4595.

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## Eyes on America

(From left) Tech. Sgt. Kathleen O'Brien, a Southeast Air Defense Sector interface control technician, points out tracks of interest to Tech. Sgt. Christie Watson, a SEADS air surveillance technician. Part of 1st Air Force, SEADS is responsible for monitoring and tracking air traffic over the southeastern portion of the United States extending from Texas to Virginia. For more on the 1st Air Force mission, see the story on pages 8-9.



2nd Lt. Albert Bosco

## Awareness can prevent sexual assaults

**2ND LT. AMBER MILLERCHIP**  
Air Education and Training Command  
public affairs

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS)** — In line with April's Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Air Force leaders encourage all Airmen to be knowledgeable about sexual assault risks, consequences and prevention.

"Sexual assault in an organization that depends on each individual in life and death situations is simply intolerable," said Gen. Don Cook, Air Education and Training Command commander. "Our most important obligation to our Air Force people is to give them a safe and secure working, living and training environment. We will continue to do everything we possibly can to prevent such criminal behavior. Have no doubt, you and all

Airmen are personally responsible for preventing assaults of any kind."

Sexual assault includes rape, attempted rape, assault, indecent assault and the attempts to commit these crimes. According to the National Center for Victims of Crime, 1.3 women are raped every minute.

Some of these offenses require the actual use of force, where one person overpowers the other by whatever means, such as use of a weapon, strength or physically imposing size. Use of force also includes coercion, such as using rank or authority.

Women in their late adolescence and early adult years, particularly those drinking alcohol, are most at risk, said Capt. (Dr.) Julie Storey, clinical psychologist in the Life Skills Support Center here.

"Many are on their own for the first time in their lives and do not

have safety nets such as parents or guardians," Dr. Storey said. "They make poor judgments, and the consequences of those judgments, at that age, are a lot higher."

Reactions of both victims and perpetrators of sexual assault are also affected by sexual assault mythology. Most myths blame the victim.

For example, "Women who are careful don't get raped, so therefore if I had been careful this wouldn't have happened to me," or "She secretly wanted to be raped."

An assailant who mistakenly believes these myths may think his actions were justified while a victim who believes them may delay or refuse to report an assault, Dr. Storey said.

Believing the myth, "Only bad or provocative girls get attacked,"

can result in a false sense of security by women who are sure they don't fall into either category. Anyone can be assaulted, even the elderly. This is particularly true because attackers are often people known and trusted by the victim, not strangers, Dr. Storey said.

According to the National Center for Victims of Crime, 40 percent of victims know their attackers.

"That sense of invulnerability is a big one," Dr. Storey said. "You do things such as walk away and leave your drink sitting on a table or bar, go to a party and say, 'I'm going to get drunk because everyone else is getting drunk,' so nobody's really accountable for what's happening."

Dr. Storey emphasized this

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# View from the Top: Safety focus must remain constant

**GEN. DON COOK**  
Air Education and Training Command commander

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS)** — Accidental deaths and severe injuries are plaguing our Air Force. Sadly, the Air Education and Training Command has not escaped this alarming trend.

Last weekend alone we lost three Airmen in tragic accidents.

Two instructor pilots perished in the crash of a T-6A trainer at Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport in Georgia, and a young Airman lost his life in yet another fatal motorcycle accident near Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi.

Compounding this situation is the sharp rise in other accidents resulting in serious and near fatal injuries.

The frequency at which Airmen in our command are killed and injured in private motor vehicle accidents, especially motorcycle accidents, is appallingly high.

Within the first months of this year we are well on our way to overtaking the precedent-setting number of fatal and serious injury-producing motorcycle accidents we had last year.

forts to communicate this imperative; despite our robust mandatory safety training programs; despite people seemingly on board with the safety mindset, deaths and injuries continue to haunt us

lective shake of the shoulders and look in the eye from their commanders to ensure they received — again — a loud and clear message about the paramount importance of safety.

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Air Education and Training Command commander



This heartrending loss of life and severe injury is simply intolerable.

One motorcycle accident death is one too many! There is no middle ground or room for compromise.

Safety considerations are critical in all you do at work, at home and during your leisure activities.

But despite all our sustained best ef-

with increasing regularity.

Immediate action by every AETC team member to halt this unacceptable trend is the only solution.

To get our focus squarely on safety as our No. 1 priority, I directed commanders throughout AETC to hold a safety “down day” Thursday. I wanted everyone in our command to get a col-

We’ve iterated our message consistently and frequently — safety and our reliance on operational risk management are absolutely crucial in all we do.

Our message has not changed, and we will not stop delivering it at every opportunity possible. But it is up to each of you to respond to this call to preventative action.

Today, right now, each of you must center your focus on safety — not tomorrow, not next week and not when the “101 Critical Days of Summer” begin in May. Now is the time to take the brave, but necessary action to alter behavior that puts you, your family and your colleagues at risk.

Recklessness, inattention and disregard for fundamentally safe behavior must be eliminated.

## Safety, family critical part of Tyndall mission



**BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW**  
325th Fighter Wing commander

I want to start out this week by talking about a topic that is big on my list, to be sure, but also throughout the Air Force — safety! Gen. Don Cook, Air Education and Training command commander, directed a command-wide safety down day yesterday due to the number of mishaps that have occurred over the past two weeks. General Cook, in reviewing the incidents, immediately urged all AETC commanders to assist in “reversing this disturbing trend.”

I want to thank all of our commanders for quickly taking charge and ensuring our Airmen are getting the message. As all of you know, safety is a high priority for me as it is critical for our mission to preserve and protect our assets. Ensuring Team Tyndall conducts operations in a safe, yet efficient manner is how we do business, and I am asking for your continued help in ensuring the safety of Team Tyndall’s most valuable asset — it’s Airmen.

Speaking of Airmen, recently Gen. John Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, announced that we will now refer to ourselves as Airmen with a capital “A.” The general’s decision reflects the honor and credit due all our Air Force sis-



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ters and brothers for the role they play in defending America’s ideals and interests. There truly is no better air force in the

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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

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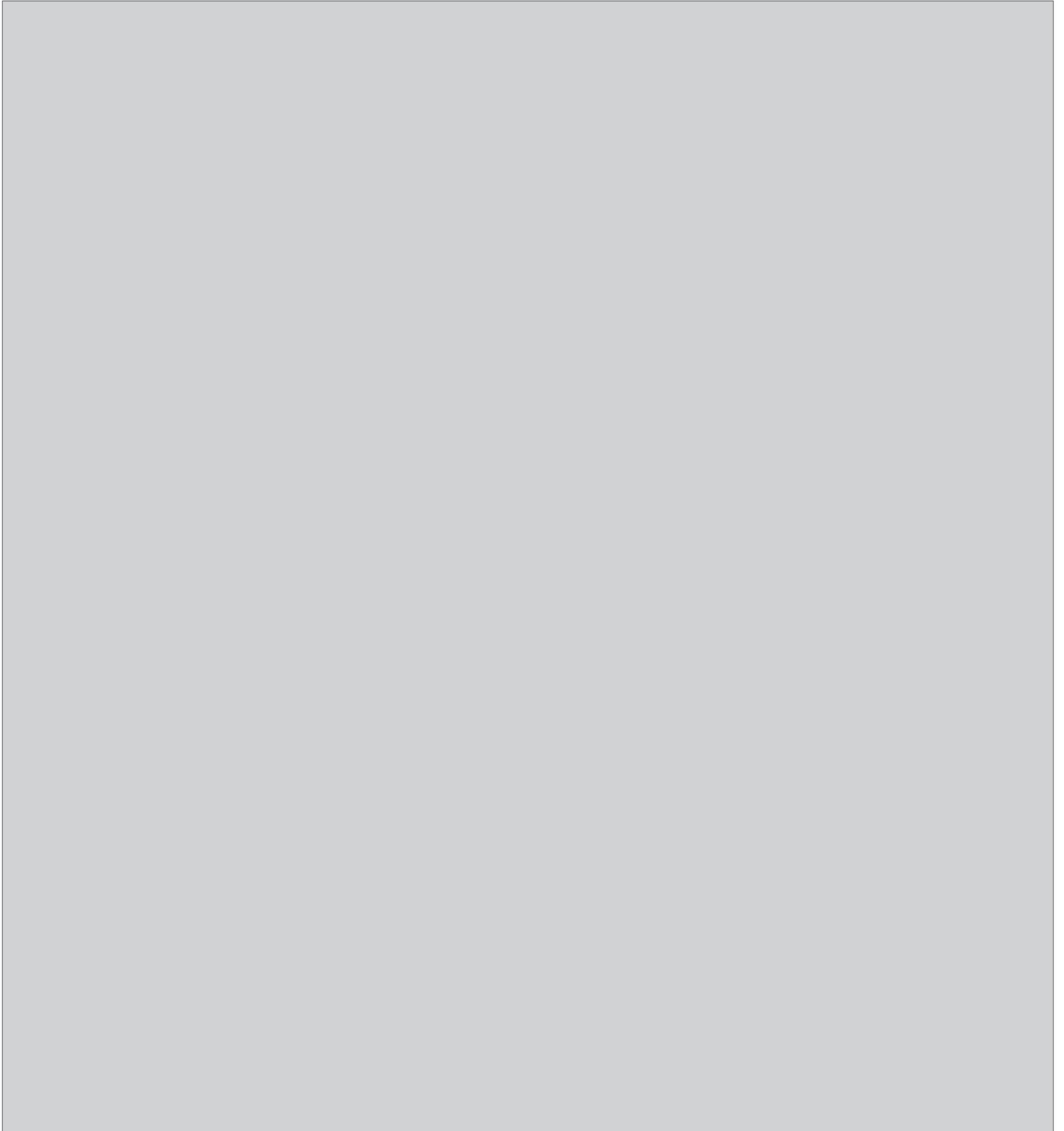
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# Air Force announces Thrift Savings Plan open season

**AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER** — Civilian and military employees can sign up for, or change, their Thrift Savings Plan contribution amounts during the 'open season' April 15 - June 30.

"TSP is a long-term retirement savings plan, which everyone should consider," said Senior Master Sgt. Felipe Ortiz, superintendent of the contact center here. "It's a great supplement to military and civilian retirement plans.

"It's also important to note that TSP is not limited to investing in stocks," said Sergeant Ortiz. "People can choose safer government securities as well."

This open season applies only to regular TSP contributions. It does not include TSP catch-up contributions, as they are not tied to open seasons, according to Janet Thomas, of AFPC's civilian benefits and entitlements service team.

TSP offers investors the chance for lower taxes each year they contribute while not having to pay taxes on earnings until they reach retirement.

"Eligible employees can take out loans and make in-service withdrawals from their TSP accounts," said Ms. Thomas. "And you can keep your account, even if you leave military or federal civilian service."

Investment money is deposited directly from each paycheck "so you never have to think about it," said Sergeant Ortiz. "That makes it easy to 'pay yourself first' while only investing what you deem appropriate."

The five TSP funds are: the Government Securities Investment (G) Fund; the Common Stock Index

Investment (C) Fund; the Fixed Income Index Investment (F) Fund; the Small Capitalization Stock Index Investment (S) Fund; and the International Stock Index Investment (I) Fund.

"As with any individual retirement account, the

## TSP information:

•*The thrift savings plan 'open season' takes place April 15 through June 30.*

•*TSP offers investors the chance to invest their money tax-free until retirement when the money is removed from the account.*

•*Specific TSP information is available for Air Force military personnel at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/mpf/TSP/thrift\\_savings\\_plan.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/mpf/TSP/thrift_savings_plan.htm).*

•*All Air Force civilian employees can make their TSP contribution elections or changes through the BEST automated phone system at (800) 616-3775 or the Employee Benefits Information System Web application at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST\\_GRB/EBIS.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST_GRB/EBIS.htm).*



sooner you begin contributing, the better," said Ms. Thomas.

Contribution elections/changes made between Thursday and June 12 will take effect June 13, for both military and civilian personnel. Changes made on or after June 13 will become effective at the beginning of the pay period following the one in which the election is made for civilians and the following month for military.

Some of the specifics of the program include:

### Military

— Military members can contribute up to 9 percent of their base pay, as long as the annual total of tax-deferred investment doesn't exceed \$13,000 for 2004. Airmen also have the ability to invest all or part of their bonuses or special pay.

— Those serving in tax-free combat zones are allowed up to \$41,000 in annual contributions.

— Military members can enroll through the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Web site at [www.dfas.mil/emss/](http://www.dfas.mil/emss/), or by filling out a form TSP-U-1 at local military personnel flights, finance offices and family support centers.

— Contribution allocations (how an employee chooses to invest money among the five funds) can be made by calling the TSP automated ThriftLine at (504) 255-8777 or on the TSP Web site at [www.tsp.gov/](http://www.tsp.gov/). For general TSP questions, call the

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**Think  
before  
you  
drink.**

## Checkertail Salute



Steve Wallace

**Sergeant Barnes receives the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award from Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander.**

The Checkertail Clan salutes Sergeant Barnes, who redesigned the communications layout for the 43rd Fighter Squadron's F/A-22 operations facility. He also acquired, at no cost, \$40,000 worth of mission-essential system infrastructure equipment for the first F/A-22 squadron, and \$10,000 for the 325th Operations Group, allowing both to operate more efficiently. Additionally he represented the 325th OSS as communications specialist at the F/A-22 site activation team conference.

**Staff Sgt. Russ Barnes**

**Duty Title:** NCOIC, Intelligence Systems Support, 325th Operations Support Squadron

**Time on station:** Three years

**Time in service:** Six years

**Hometown:** Fayette, Ala.

**Hobbies:** Going to college and playing the guitar

**Goals:** To get into law school

**Favorite thing about Tyndall:** Being involved with bringing the F/A-22 online.

**Pet peeves:** Slow drivers in the passing lane

**Favorite book:** "Acid Test"

**Favorite movie:** "We Were Soldiers"

**Proudest moment in the military:** Winning Airman of the Quarter for Osan Air Base, Korea in 2001.

*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.*

● **FROM FAMILY PAGE 2** world, and this change acknowledges the dedication and hard work displayed by all of our Airmen around the world each and every day. Our Air Force is a big family and one I definitely am proud to be a part of.

Sunday is Easter, and for many it is a time of spiritual reflection and reaffirmation. I believe the spiritual wellness and maintenance of Team Tyndall women and men, regardless of their particular faith, is extremely important.

That said, the base chapels began Easter services yesterday and they will extend through the weekend. For information on worship services, please see the schedule on page 12 or call 283-2691 or 283-2925 for

more information.

In addition to the worship services offered by the chapels, there are various family-type seasonal events lined up here on base. One event I think families look forward to each year is the Big Bunny Egg Hunt, taking place at 10 a.m. tomorrow at the youth center. Our services folks do a terrific job each year bringing smiles to our many young faces, and I encourage families to come out and participate.

Speaking of family events, as holiday weekends near, I am reminded of the hard work and sacrifices each of you perform every day in fulfilling Tyndall's mission of training the world's greatest air dominance warriors. General Cook honors these sac-

rifices and recently declared July 2, Nov. 4, Dec. 23 and 30 as this year's scheduled family days. I know folks like to be able to plan ahead for long weekends. However, please keep in mind that chargeable leave rules will apply to those traveling and remaining out of the local area in accordance with Air Force Instruction 36-3003. Naturally some of our folks, identified as mission essential, will be required to work on these days, so be sure to check with your supervisor before making your plans. Those who are identified will be compensated accordingly as the mission allows.

Thank you all for what you do for our Air Force! Have a safe, enjoyable Easter weekend.

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doesn't mean not to trust one another.

"Trust each other, but don't trust drunk people," she said. "Some people actually change personality when drinking. Once alcohol enters into a situation, no one can predict how that alcohol will affect others or themselves." According to the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault, 75 percent of perpetrators and 55 percent of victims are under the influence of alcohol at the time of an acquaintance rape.

Alcohol affects the way the brain processes things. It decreases inhibitions and impairs judgment on both the part of the victim and perpetrator, Dr. Storey said. That impairment impacts the victim's ability to understand and detect

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danger. It also affects the perpetrator's social judgment, such as what's appropriate and what's not.

Alongside more targeted education on risk factors, young women need to learn the importance of reporting immediately, Dr. Storey said.

If attacked, regardless of any associated misbehavior, a victim should immediately report to an emergency room for medical assistance and to begin the investigative process. Early reporting of sexual assaults is an important factor in gathering timely evidence related to the crime.

"Victims may spend a lot of time worrying about other peoples' opinions or the consequences of revealing their misconduct at the time," Dr. Storey said. "The longer they wait, the less chance of a conviction."

Every Air Force installation has established programs, procedures and communication channels to report assaults of any nature. Victims are provided medical, legal, emotional and spiritual help. Specifically, life skills center providers are available to provide individual counseling services to deal with some of the emotional consequences of what happened.

Life skills providers also encourage victims to seek group counseling from any available community rape crisis center. According to Dr. Storey, one of the components of recovery is for victims to realize they're not alone and to diminish the sense of isolation, embarrassment and shame. Community crisis centers allow victims to talk to other victims about their experiences, and to begin to change their beliefs and normalize their reaction to the traumatic event.

## AFPC works to keep people connected

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN)** — For those having problems with computer connections, technicians at the Air Force Personnel Center have some words of advice.

Instead of assuming what is tripping up the computer connection, report it.

"We've had cases where customers trying to take care of personnel business on the Web assume our computer system here at AFPC is down, but in fact the problem may be on the customer's end," said Bob Bushnell of the directorate of personnel data systems at AFPC. "And the unfortunate thing is that not reporting the problem may delay getting it fixed."

In some cases, the problem resides on local servers or even on an individual's desktop computer, he said.

"The only way to know is to call it in so the appro-

locally, they'll give us a call, and we can usually get things running again

New automated processes across the military have increased hardware and software incompatibility, network bottlenecks and bandwidth problems.

Officials recommend the following steps when reporting a personnel-related computer system or connection problem:

— Contact the local personnel flight system manager to determine if the AFPC system is down. Ask if AFPC has sent out a notice to airmen.

— Contact the local network control center to ask about base-level network outages.

— If neither of the previous suggestions resolves the problem, call the personnel system operations control center at AFPC to report the problem. The center provides around-the-clock support at DSN 665-3995 or commercial (210) 565-3995. (*Courtesy of AFPC News Service*)



### Fixing the problem:

- Each building on Tyndall has an appointed workgroup manager to be used as a first point of contact for computer issues.
- The next step for such issues is to contact the communications help desk at 283-2622.
- The last step is to report the issue to AFPC. Around the clock support is available at DSN 665-3995.

priate computer folks can diagnose the cause(s)," Mr. Bushnell said.

"If it can't be remedied

fairly quickly."

There are many variables between AFPC and the end user, officials said.

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Air Force Contact Center at (800) 616-3775.

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**Civilian**

Contribution limits are based on which retirement system an employee has. For the current open season, the following contribution rates apply:

— Federal Employees' Retirement System employees may contribute up

to 14 percent of basic pay each pay period. Once eligible, the government provides matching funds of up to four percent as well as an automatic one percent each pay period, whether the employee contributes or not, making the government's contribution five percent.

— Employees covered by the Civil Service Retirement System may contribute up to nine percent of basic pay, but do not receive any agency contributions.

— The percentage FERS and CSRS employees may contribute will be restricted by the Internal Revenue Code's

annual limit of \$13,000 this year, said Ms. Thomas.

— Specific information is available for civilian employees from the Thrift Savings web site at [www.tsp.gov/](http://www.tsp.gov/) or the BEST homepage at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST/menu.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST/menu.htm).

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[BEST\\_GRB/EBIS.htm](http://BEST_GRB/EBIS.htm).

Hearing impaired employees may contact BEST by calling TDD (800) 382-0893 or commercial 565-2276 within San Antonio, Texas.

Overseas employees enter the AT&T Direct Access Number for the country they are calling from and then enter 800-997-2378.

AT&T access instructions can be obtained from [www.att.com/business\\_traveler/guides\\_and\\_access/dialing\\_instr.html#outside](http://www.att.com/business_traveler/guides_and_access/dialing_instr.html#outside).

Counselors are available weekdays from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Central Time.

## Seven small ways to stop one big problem

*Everyday pressures of parenting build up to the point where lashing out might seem like the only way to release tension. Here are some ideas provided by Family Advocacy that can turn a potentially harmful situation during interaction with a child into a more healing one:*

1. Take deep breaths and remember who the adult in the situation is. This can be helpful to clear the mind before reacting.
2. Step 'inside' the child's shoes for a moment and think about what he or she is about to hear. It may cause a different reaction.
3. Count to 10 or 20 while pressing down lips, providing time to cool down.
4. Phone a friend to vent off stress, and maybe get a second opinion. This can also help.
5. If someone can watch the children, go outside and take a walk.
6. If feeling out of control, step out of the situation until it is regained.
7. Keep in mind that children will model what they see.

*Children are very impressionable and it is the adult's responsibility to make sure they are provided with the most positive environment possible. Everyone must do their part to put a stop to child abuse.*

### Child abuse prevention ribbon authorized for wear

•In recognition of April being Child Abuse Prevention Month, Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander, has authorized the wear of the blue ribbon while in uniform.

•During the month of April, a blue ribbon may be worn centered one-half inch above the name tag or name tape. While in the Battle Dress Uniform wear the ribbon on the right lapel if a squadron patch is worn centered over the name tape. Wear of the ribbon should not obscure or interfere with any other device, rank or accoutrement on the uniform.

•Ribbons can be picked up at the Child Development Center, the Chapel or the Life Skills Development Center.



# 1st Air Force: Providing top cover for America

**2ND LT. ALBERT BOSCO**

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

While much of the U.S. Air Force is engaged overseas in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, executing the war on terror, one organization has remained behind to fulfill a mission equally important.

Executing Operation Noble Eagle, the homeland air defense mission aimed at preventing terrorist attacks in the United States, 1st Air Force, headquartered at Tyndall Air Force Base, is charged with maintaining air sovereignty and defense over the continental U.S. It is a mission they have been fulfill-

willing to use airborne objects to attack the U.S.," said Maj. Gen. Craig McKinley, 1st Air Force commander.

One of four numbered Air Forces assigned to Air Combat Command, headquartered at Langley AFB, Va., 1st Air Force is also the lead air defense agency for the Continental United States North American Aerospace Defense Command Region (CONR), a bi-national organization consisting of U.S. and Canadian forces, and a sub-unit of U.S. Northern Command.

Following the horrific terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, 1st Air Force operations went

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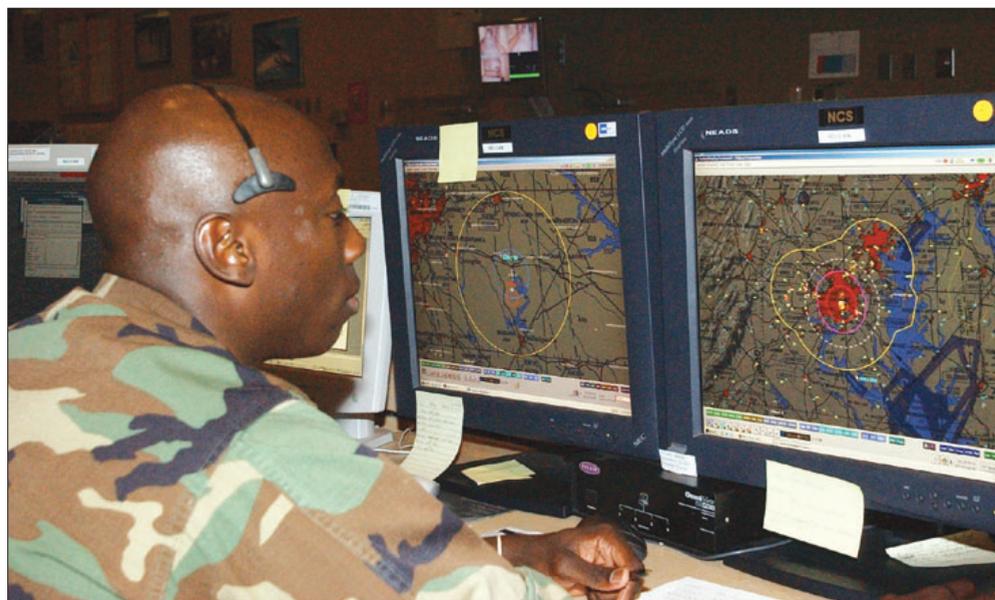
**CANADIAN FORCES BGEN. CHARLES BOUCHARD**  
CONR deputy commander

ing for the past 2.5 years. Surprisingly, the organization is not comprised exclusively of active-duty components as one might expect, but Air National Guard, active-duty and Canadian military members across the continental U.S. in 10 fighter wings and three command and control centers.

“We have a steady-state mission of protecting the continental U.S., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands from airborne attack by terrorists or any state actors who would be

into high-gear to protect the continental U.S. from further terrorist aggression, both inside and outside our borders. Since that day, the 1st Air Force mission has grown, and they continue to provide Americans the security vital to their everyday lives.

“While Sept. 11, 2001 was a tragic day, from a professional military experience, it was amazing to witness the awakening of this U.S. giant,” said Canadian Forces BGen. Charles Bouchard, CONR deputy com-



**2nd Lt. Vernard Jenkins, a Combined Air Operations Center defense display technician, monitors air traffic in each of the United State's three air defense sectors. Defense display technicians coordinate information between the 1st Air Force commander, air operations group and SEADS commanders, and technicians and commanders in the individual sectors.**



**Col. Kevin Burman, 601st Air Operations Group commander, briefs an Airman on operations in the Combined Air Operations Center, co-located with SEADS.**

mander. “We began the morning of Sept. 11 with about 14 jets defending the U.S., and by that evening, we had more than 400 fighters, 60 tankers and numerous Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft in the air.”

Although 1st Air Force is the driving force behind ONE, it has drawn support from throughout the Air Force in addition to several key government agencies in order to execute the mission. In fact, many of the missions flown in support of ONE are conducted by regular Air Force units.

“We monitor more than 6,000 flights at any given time, and we have flown more than 34,000 sorties since Sept. 11, 2001,” said General McKinley. “These sorties were conducted by ANG and active duty units alike.”

According to General McKinley, the level of support that has been made available to carry out the homeland defense mission is astonishing. For example, regular Air Force units have helped immensely by flying necessary combat air patrols over areas of specific interest, since they have large air wings and resources capable of meeting the demands associated with these important missions. In turn, ANG assets sit airstrip alert at strategic locations throughout the U.S., he said.

Additionally, 1st Air Force has formed

partnerships with such agencies as the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation and Secret Service.

“Before Sept. 11, 2001, we looked outward, primarily focusing on defending our Air Defense Identification Zones from penetration outside the U.S.,” General McKinley said. “Our posture was limited to responding to and defending against those threats.

“Now, our focus is internal. Through our partnerships, we can see and communicate with tracks of interest anywhere in the country. It took a lot of inter-agency cooperation to do that.”

At the heart of 1st Air Force are its air defense sectors and combined air operations center, strategically located throughout the U.S. The Southeast Air Defense Sector is one of three facilities charged with monitoring air traffic across the U.S. SEADS area of responsibility is the southeastern portion of the U.S., spanning nearly one million square miles of airspace and 3,000 miles of coastline from Virginia to Texas.

Inside the SEADS facility, controllers utilize the latest computer technology to identify and track aircraft 24 hours a day.

“We have 200 full-time and 80 traditional Guardsmen in the facility,” said Col. Charles Campbell, SEADS commander. “Their job is to monitor the scopes and de-



Photos by 2nd Lt. Albert Bosco

**Tech. Sgt. Christie Watson, a Southeast Air Defense Sector air surveillance technician, monitors air traffic in the southeastern portion of the United States from Virginia to Texas via a radar monitor. The monitor displays various information pertaining to aircraft such as identification number, altitude and squawk code. Controllers are integral for supplying information on unknown flights to air operations center controllers and intercept pilots.**

cipher what's out there."

Since the FAA is the primary controller of U.S. airspace, a representative is on duty in the SEADS facility to assist commanders with interagency coordination. In the event an aircraft cannot be identified by the FAA through conventional means, such as radio or radar, the FAA can coordinate with commanders and controllers to scramble aircraft from one of their alert locations to rapidly intercept and identify the unknown track.

In order to facilitate the SEADS mission, the CAOC must plan resources for mission execution. According to Col. Kevin Burman, the 601st Air Operations Group commander, the CAOC maintains operations 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and 365 days a year with the mission of planning the 1st Air Force

homeland defense mission.

"We're the senior Air Force command and control agency here," Colonel Burman

of Airmen who monitor the skies over the U.S. and coordinate with government agencies such as the FAA. Based on the location

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**MAJ. GEN. CRAIG MCKINLEY**  
1st Air Force commander

said. "We operate a complete air tasking order cycle from strategy and plans to execution."

Much like SEADS, the CAOC consists

and number of assets available, plans are generated to determine how 1st Air Force will best be able to conduct its air defense mission.

When you put it all together, it's easy to see 1st Air Force brings the skill, knowledge and ability to carry out a mission most never envisioned, but that's something the organization has done, and continues to do well. Ensuring Americans are able to live normal lives, uninhibited by the threat of airborne terror, is the bottom line for the men and women who make up the organization, and they, like every other military member, take their jobs very seriously.

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## New era in survivability

# F/A-22 Raptor important to all Airmen

MASTER SGT. MARK HAVILAND

Air Combat Command public affairs

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AFPN) — To Air Force people who do not fly or maintain aircraft, the oft-repeated characteristics of the F/A-22 Raptor, “stealth, supercruise, agility, integrated avionics, and supportability” probably mean about as much as “independent front suspension” and “aluminum alloy heads” mean to someone who is not really into cars.

Not much.

“So what,” they might argue, “I’m just a (fill in duty title of choice). The F/A-22 isn’t going to affect me or how I do my job.”

But they would be wrong — dead wrong — and what the “meanest, baddest bird on the planet,” as it is described, contributes to America’s warfighters, can be summed up in one word.

Survivability. It is a commodity other “legacy” fighters — the F-15 Eagle and F-16 Fighting Falcon — will be less likely to provide in future conflict, according to senior leaders.

“I get a lot of comments on the F/A-22,” said Gen. John Jumper, Air Force chief of staff. “Mostly they say, ‘You know general, you guys are so good, the Iraqi air force threw its arms up and quit the first day of the war. They didn’t even fly a single sortie. You had four guided surface-to-air missiles fired during the entire war so you’ve got what you need. What’s the problem?’”

In response to that kind of questioning, General Jumper often refers to two axioms: first, that you should not fight the last war; and that people who do not remember history are doomed to repeat it.

“Too many are content to rely, potentially for too long, on yesterday’s technology in the majority of the aircraft we use to fight our nation’s battles,” said Dr. James Roche, secretary of the Air Force.

The Air Force has enjoyed some widely publicized successes in the Balkans, Middle East, and Afghanistan during the last decade and a half. However, people like Steve Dunn,

a former weapons system officer who now serves as an air threat analyst for Air Combat Command, say that swift, one-sided victories against enemies who have not upgraded their arsenals for the last 15 years are not certainties in future conflicts.

“We’ve spent the last decade fighting an enemy in the Middle East (who) has tended to anchor our thoughts about what we need in the future,” Mr. Dunn said. “If we use that

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**“Because of the capabilities it brings to the fight, the F/A-22 will result in direct tangible benefits and less loss of blood on the battlefield.”**

GEN. HAL HORNBURG

Air Combat Command commander

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as a lesson for the future, we’re making a big mistake.”

That potential mistake is poised to manifest itself in the form of next-generation fighter aircraft and integrated air defense systems that are already, or will soon be, available to governments willing to pay the price, he said.

“You might have a starving population,” Mr. Dunn said, “but you can pick up some advanced fighters.”

Those “advanced fighters” include the latest Russian Sukhoi-series fighters and a handful of European-built aircraft that are all rolling off of the showroom floor with features that put them on par with, or ahead of, some Air Force aircraft.

“From time to time, we get our hands on these airplanes (the Russian Sukhoi-series) and we put our very best pilots in them up against our very best pilots from the Navy, the Marine Corps, and the Air Force flying our own F-15s, F-14s, F-18s, and F-16s,” General Jumper said. “The fact is that our guys flying their airplanes beat our guys flying our airplanes every single time.”

Mr. Dunn said that systems already on the market have the ability to engage as many as six different targets — old

systems could only engage one. He also said that maximum engagement ranges have increased from 25 nautical miles in legacy systems to 100 nautical miles in modern systems.

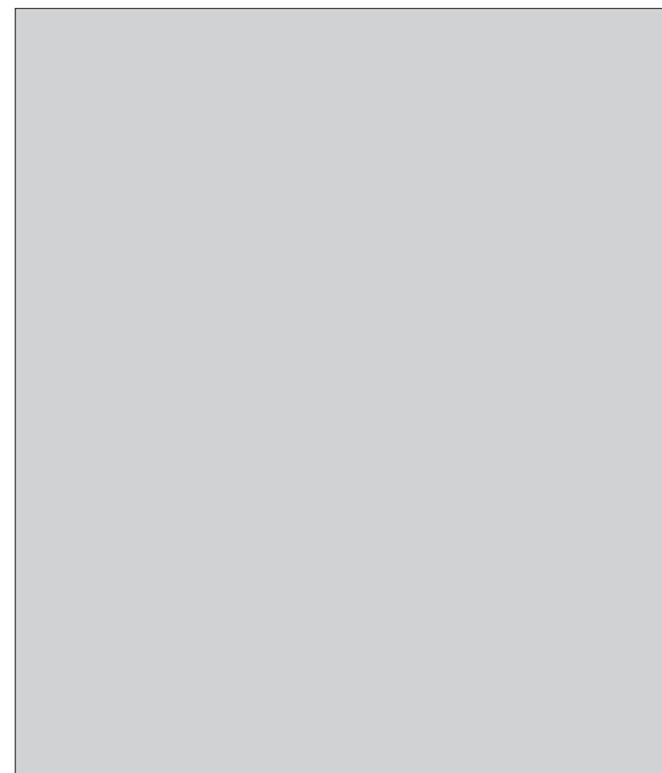
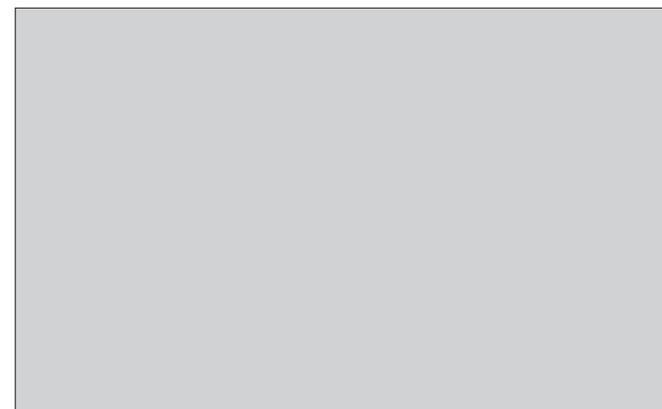
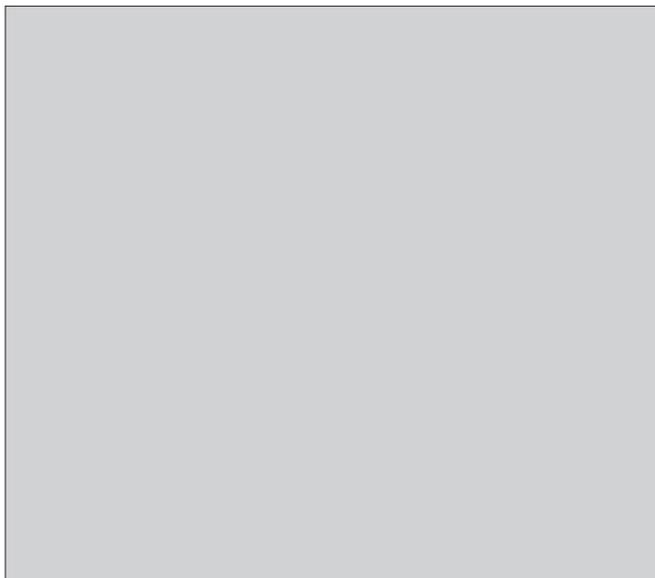
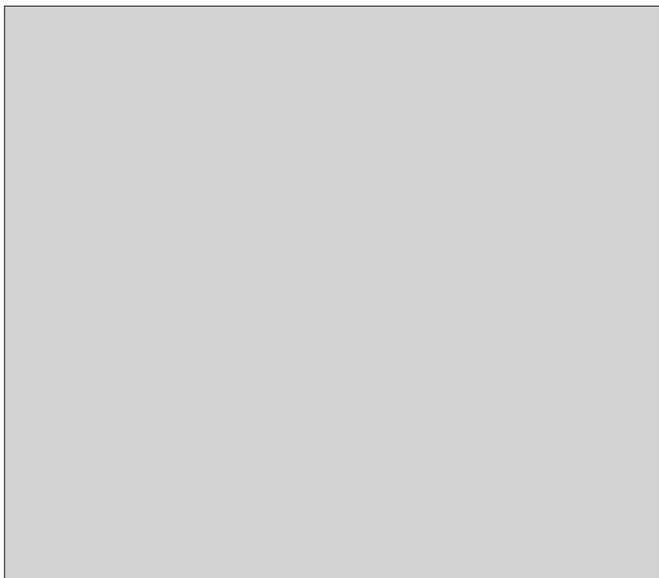
In a future threat environment, Mr. Dunn said state-of-the-art aircraft linked with equally advanced radar systems and surface-to-air missiles will present a fully integrated, overlapping, and redundant air defense. This will be a more than formidable challenge for America’s legacy aircraft.

Secretary Roche and General Jumper, people who know the fickle nature of economics and politics make advanced technology ripe for proliferation, knowing where those challenges will materialize is not nearly as important as being prepared to face and defeat them.

Between the two seemingly opposed axioms there is a “tightrope” between “jumping to tactical conclusions too quickly” and taking the time-tested lessons of air power into the future, General Jumper said.

One of those time-tested lessons is the concept of “air superiority.” To the uninitiated, it is the concept of controlling the airspace over the battlefield so that air, land and sea

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# Officials discuss new civilian system in open letter

**JIM GARAMONE**

American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON (AFP)** — A letter signed by Defense Department leaders asks DOD civilian employees to be patient as teams work to make the new National Security Personnel System a reality.

The April 1 letter, signed by David S.C. Chu, undersecretary for personnel and readiness, and Navy Secretary Gordon England, stresses that DOD sees the new personnel system as a combined effort.

The system, passed as part of the fiscal 2004 National Defense Authorization Act, allows DOD officials to transform the civilian personnel system to make it more agile and responsive.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld

said the new system would make it easier for the department to make new hires and keep highly skilled employees. It also would allow DOD to move workers to shortage specialties as national security concerns change, he said.

In the letter, Mr. Chu and Secretary England state, "We are determined to take the time necessary to do the job right."

Taking time will allow the department to consult with employees, managers and unions, a DOD spokeswoman said. The letter encourages people interested in the system to present their thoughts, ideas, views and concerns.

Department officials are also working with other government agencies as they develop the new system. They are consulting with people at the Office of Per-

sonnel Management, the Office of Management and Budget and the Government Accounting Office as the new system takes shape. They are also taking lessons from the Department of Homeland Security, which built its own personnel sys-

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**DAVID S.C. CHU**

Undersecretary for personnel and readiness

**AND NAVY SECRETARY GORDON ENGLAND**

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tem after it was formed last year.

Five teams within DOD are looking at process, personnel, programs, requirements and communications, officials said. A sixth team will draw recommendations

from these five together in one package. That proposal is scheduled to be presented to Secretary Rumsfeld and other senior leaders in April.

Once approved, senior leaders will work with Congress on implementing the system.

Mr. Chu and Secretary England said that the system still is being formed, and few details about how the system would work are available because there is no system yet. Concepts and proposals will change over time and department leaders will do their best to keep employees informed, they said.

Information will be available on the DOD and DefendAmerica Web sites, the Pentagon Channel and local commanders' television programs. The new system also has its own Web site.

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forces can conduct operations without interference from enemy forces.

In the history of American military aviation, it is a concept that is so fundamental to the application of airpower that retired Gen. William Momyer, a former commander of Tactical Air Command, characterized it as "...the most important contest of all, for no other operations can be sustained if this battle is lost."

In General Momyer's more than 30 years of service, he saw the machines and doctrine of airpower evolve from massed bomber formations over Europe to the fast-moving war of jets and surface-to-air missiles over Southeast Asia. Though he retired from the Air Force long before operations Desert Storm or Allied Force, the observations he recorded in his 1978 book, "Airpower in Three Wars" seem almost prophetic today.

"Our experiences suggest that superiority in equipment and superiority in tactics must be viewed as two elusive goals to be constantly pursued ...," he wrote. "We are not apt to have marked superiority in both equipment and tactics

for an extended period; neither side is likely to corner the market on ingenuity for long."

Ironically, General Momyer recorded those words three years after the F-15 entered active service, and almost 30 years later it is still America's frontline fighter.

"Not since Orville and Wilbur flew in December of 1903 have we operated an Air Force this old," said Gen. Michael Moseley, Air Force vice chief of staff.

In the aftermath of operations Desert Storm, Allied Force, and Iraqi Freedom, Air Force leaders no longer talk about air superiority; instead, they often refer to "air dominance."

Air dominance is sending less people in harm's way and making sure those who go are safer than ever before, Secretary Roche said.

"It's not just the parents of Airmen who are going to be glad we have the F/A-22," said Gen. Hal Hornburg, ACC commander, "it's going to be the parents and the husbands and the wives of Soldiers, Sailors and Marines. Because of the capabilities it brings to the fight, the F/A-22 will result in direct tangible benefits and less loss of blood on the battlefield." (*Courtesy of ACC News Service*)



Tech Sgt. Dan Neely

## The inside track

From left, Ray Merrill, a show car display representative, tells retirees Jack and Mary Brewer about NASCAR driver Ricky Craven's No. 32 Tide Chevrolet Monte Carlo "cutaway-view" stock car displayed in front of the Tyndall AFB Commissary Wednesday. In conjunction with a promotional visit, commissary customers got a unique, close-up look at the mechanical workings of a typical NEXTEL Cup Series race car.

## Events

### Pharmacy update

All new prescriptions, including civilian prescriptions, will be processed through the Main Clinic Pharmacy starting April 19. The Satellite Pharmacy in the Base Exchange will only provide refill service. For more information, call 283-7577.

### Talent show

The Tyndall Black Heritage Committee is sponsoring an annual variety show April 17 at the enlisted club. According to organizers, this is a great opportunity to showcase talents. Contact Staff Sgt. John Phinisey for more information, at 283-2663 or e-mail john.phinisey@tyndall.af.mil.

## Services

### New beach signs

The Tyndall beaches, including the marina, Crooked Island, NCO beach, Bonita Bay, Air Force Research Laboratory Launch, Eagle Drive, the water treatment plant and Dupont Bridge now have new signs that clearly warn visitors of the dangers of visiting and swimming in the waters of unguarded beaches.

### Employment opportunity for veterans

The Family Support Center has openings in the VA Work Study Program. The program offers tax free compen-

sation to veterans who are full time students. The FSC is seeking applicants with Microsoft Office and customer service skills. This is a great opportunity to build experience and earn money at the same time. Contact the Family Support Center for more information at 283-4204.

### Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop will be closed today for the Easter weekend. Call 286-5888 for business hours or further information. The Thrift Shop is located on Suwannee Drive in Bldg. 743 across from the post office.

## Education

### SIUC classes

A Southern Illinois University of Carbondale representative will be available at the Tyndall Education Office 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 6. For more information contact Tracy Deming or Ray Nolan at 581-9840 or e-mail ithurlburt@fwb.gulf.net or visit the Web site [www.howard.engr.siu.edu/outreach/outreach.htm](http://www.howard.engr.siu.edu/outreach/outreach.htm).

### Gulf Coast Community College

Gulf Coast Community College is now accepting applications for the summer semester. Active duty military will need to turn in a copy of their orders with the application. Schedules will be available Monday, and registration at the Tyndall Center will be April Wednes-

day. For more information, call 283-4332.

## Classifieds

### Toyota Tacoma 1998

4x4, V-6, 5 spd., ext. warranty, 59k miles, bed liner, elec. sliding rear window, brand new frt brake pads, runs/looks very good, well-maintained truck, \$10,500 OBO. Call 527-1372, leave message.

### 2001 Yamaha XL 800 Waverunner

With Westco trailer; 64.2 operating hours; new battery; just tuned up for summer; excellent condition; \$6,000; call Stephen or Lesa at 769-3849 for details

### 2003 Dodge Ram SLT Quad cab

Hemi, nerf bars, tow package, 21K miles, graphite, beautiful truck, asking pay off, approx. \$24,500. (850) 648-3068.

### Husky stand up scooter

3.5HP Briggs & Stratton (25 mph), hand brakes, fun to ride, \$150. Call 648-3068.

### Wanted:

White wicker furniture set. Call 648-3068

### Household items

Sofa, loveseat and large chair, floral

pattern, \$200 OBO; King-size waterbed, headboard has lights and mirror + California-king pillow-top mattress, \$300 OBO. Call 784-2029.

Kenmore washer and dryer. Great condition/works great. Five years old. \$100 each or best offer. Contact Tech. Sgt. Gray or Krista at 286-4277.

## Retiree news

### DFAS online pay system marks four years

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service's online pay account information system, *myPay*, recently celebrated four successful and expansive years.

DFAS officials point out that as of March 1, 2004, figures showed 445,732 military retirees of all services with customized personal identification numbers (PINs).

That's only 20.4 percent of the total military retiree population. Among annuitants, just under 11,000, or 4 percent, have tried myPay.

Customers can view, print and save their leave and earnings statements, make adjustments to federal and state tax withholdings and update bank account and electronic transfers, all online, by accessing myPay at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

## Chapel Schedule

### Catholic worship opportunities in Chapel Two

#### Good Friday Service

3 p.m.

#### Easter Vigil

10 p.m. Saturday

#### Easter Mass

9:30 a.m. Sunday

### Protestant worship opportunities

#### Good Friday Service

5 p.m. Friday (Chapel One)

#### Easter Sunrise Service

6 a.m. Sunday

(Behind the Shoal point shoppette across highway 98 from Beacon Beach Road. In case of rain, it will be held in Chapel 2)

#### Liturgical Easter Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday (Chapel One)

#### General Protestant Easter Service

11 a.m. Sunday (Chapel 2)

# Services plans egg-citing day for Tyndall children

STEVE RIDDLE

325th Services Squadron publicist

Even a big bunny would need help with this many eggs.

Youth center workers and volunteers have been working for weeks, stuffing more than 15,000 plastic eggs with candy, toys, and coupons for prizes in preparation for this year's Big Bunny Egg Hunt.

The event begins 11 a.m. Saturday at the Tyndall Youth Center for children ages 1 – 2 and 3 – 4. Children ages 5 – 6 and 7 – 8 will begin at 1 p.m., and children ages 9 – 10 and 11 – 12 start at 3 p.m. Parents are asked to bring their children to the youth center for registration about one hour early.

The youth center didn't forget the teenagers of Tyndall either. A glow-in-the-dark egg hunt will be held for those ages 13 – 18 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Teens are asked to bring their own flashlight, and attendees at both events will need to bring their own basket for the eggs they find.

"For our grand prizes, we have bikes

for the kids and a DVD player for the teens," explained Alma Hooks Tyndall Youth Center director. "And for the little ones, we have a wagon and small inflatable toys."

This is the eighth year for the Big Bunny Egg Hunt, the biggest event of the year for the youth center. Last year's event had more than 800 children, and youth center staff expect even more this year.

The action begins when a group of children walks to the baseball fields beside the youth center. The plastic eggs are scattered across the field. The children line up along the outfield fence and wait for the signal. When the whistle blows, they descend on the field, scooping up every egg in a matter of minutes. Then it's back to the youth center gymnasium to count their loot. The staff will make sure there is plenty for children to do once they have opened all their eggs.

"We'll also have various crafts for the children to do, and games for them to play too," Ms. Hooks said. "It's a



Steve Riddle

Children work fast to gather as many eggs as they can during last year's Big Bunny Egg Hunt at the Tyndall Youth Center.

nice event for the children of Tyndall, and our way of giving back to the community."

For more information on this event or any other Tyndall Youth Center program, call 283-4366.

## Tuning up

Rick Vannoy (left) helps Ken Tuepker replace a head gasket on Tuepker's '92 Jeep Cherokee Wednesday at the Auto Hobby Shop in the Tyndall Skills Development Center. Vannoy, the Auto Hobby Shop manager, frequently gives advice and assistance to customers.

The Auto Hobby Shop also offers car care classes on the last Thursday of each month. April's class will be on oil changes. May will feature instruction on how to service an automatic transmission, and June's class will be on front brake pad replacement. July will have a tire rotation and balance class, and people can learn how to drain and fill their car's cooling system in August.

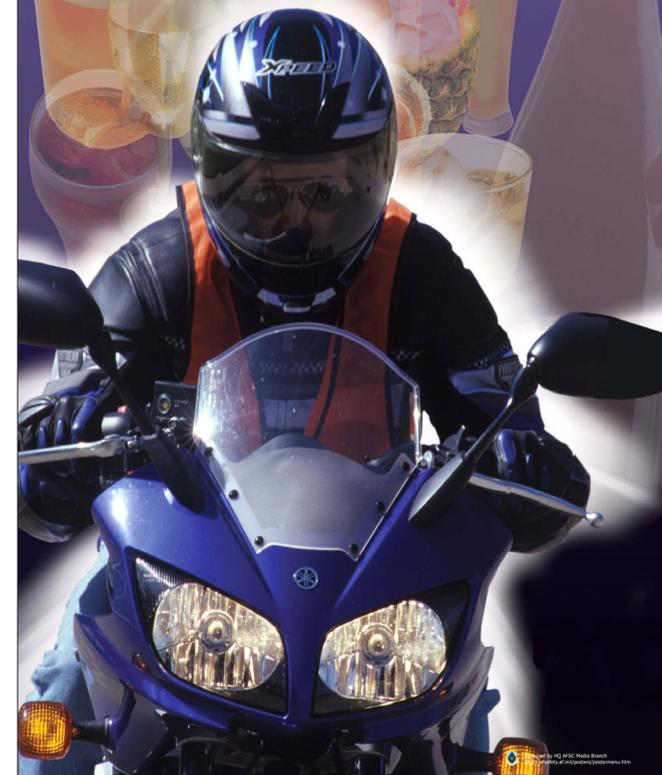
For more information, contact the Skills Development Center at 283-4511.



Steve Riddle

## Bottles & Throttles Don't Mix

Nationwide, seven percent of alcohol-related motor vehicle crash deaths are motorcyclists. That's 1,175 people each year who will never ride again.





# Funshine NEWS

April 9, 2004

www.325thservices.com



## Upcoming E' Club Entertainment

**Karaoke in the Zone**

April 15, 22, 6-10 p.m.

**Classic Rock night**guitarist recognition night  
April 10, Starting at 6 p.m.**Live All Ranks Comedy Show**April 16, 7 p.m.  
in the Ballroom**Security Forces Night***(National Police Week Recognition)*  
April 17, 7 p.m.**All-Dance Night**April 17, 7 p.m.  
free dance lessons for club members,  
\$2 for non-members.  
Learn line dancing,  
Latin, Swing and more.**ITT Travel Expo in Ballroom**

April 28, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Karaoke in the Zone**April 29, 6-10 p.m.  
Featuring a Shotgun  
Karaoke Contest  
*(members only)*  
Compete for prizes.

## The Pelican Reef Enlisted Club Jam Productions

### Presents A Laugh & Party Weekend

Friday, April 16, Doors open  
at 9 p.m., Showtime 10 p.m.Starring: "Bro Man" & "Hamburger"  
Seen on: The Bernie Mac Show,  
HBO DEF Comedy Jam  
& BET Comic ViewAdvanced Tickets for Members \$15  
Tickets for Non-Members \$18  
Day of the show for everyone \$20A big after party will follow the show!  
Tickets can be purchased at the cashier's cage!  
**For more information call 283-4146****Vet Clinic**

☎ 283-2434

**Shot Clinic**April 20, 4-7 p.m. by appointment only. Call  
283-2434 to schedule.**Leisure Travel**

☎ 283-2864

**Cruise Alaska**May 31. 7-nights, fees, port & taxes,  
roundtrip air & transfers plus more starts at  
\$1820 per person. Call for additional  
perks and pricing.**Sporting Event Tickets**Through a joint program with Hurlburt Field,  
we have tickets and transportation to  
several sporting events such as the  
Kentucky Derby, NASCAR series, and  
baseball spring training.

## Air Force Club Scholarship Program



**First place  
is \$6,000**

**Entry deadline  
is July 15.**

Six scholarships will  
be awarded to AF  
Club members or  
their eligible family  
members.

Applicants must be accepted by, or enrolled in, an  
accredited college or university graduate or  
undergraduate program by fall of 2004. Information  
packages with complete instructions and  
requirements are available from the business office  
Tyndall Officers' Club.

**283-4357**

**for more information  
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## Berg-Liles Dining Facility Spring Bling

Semi-annual Birthday Meal

**April 23, 5 p.m.**

Menu: Steak, Lobster tail, Shrimp, Twice  
Baked Potato, Onion Rings, Corn on  
the Cob, Broccoli, Sauteed Mushrooms  
and Onions, Shrimp Cocktail,

Dinner Rolls, Ice Tea, Cake and Ice Cream  
**Eligibility:** SIK Customer and one guest  
SIK customer must have had a birthday  
between Nov. 03 and April, 2004  
If the guest is BAS, the cost of  
the meal is approximately \$22

**Questions? Call 283-2239.**

**Community Center**

☎ 283-2495

**Balloon Bouquet Special**Admin. Professional Day Special: April 21, 1  
mylar and 3 latex balloons for \$4.**Bonita Bay**

☎ 283-3199

**Squadron Challenge Swim Meet**April 30, Base Pool. 4 events: There will be  
a sports rep meeting 1 p.m. April 2 at the  
base library, Freestyle; Backstroke;  
Butterfly; and 4 person Relay team (two  
women and two men).**6th Annual Travel Expedition**April 28, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.: at the Enlisted  
Club; goodies & door prizes**Kayak Lessons**

April 18, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$45 per person

**Youth Center**

☎ 283-4366

**Start Smart**Is your 3-5 yr. old ready for recreational  
sports leagues? Develop your child's basic  
baseball and soccer skills.**USA Tennis**FREE tennis anyone? Come out to the USA  
Tennis and learn basics, have fun, win  
prizes, and meet new friends. Wed., April 21  
at 3 p.m. on the Youth Ctr. tennis courts.**SEALED BID NAF VEHICLE SALE**

1991 Chevy Astro Van CS Model  
111,936 miles. Minimum Bid \$1400  
Location: 113 Suwannee Ave.,  
Behind Bldg. #1129

Sold as is - Bids will be accepted until  
noon April 16, 2004.  
POC: Elaine Mobley 283-2781

**8th Annual**

# Big Bunny Egg Hunt

**Saturday, April 10**

At the Youth Center, Bldg. 3223 on Sabre Drive

BYOB (bring your own basket)

**11 a.m. age categories 1-2, 3-4**  
**1 p.m. age categories: 5-6, & 7-8**  
**3 p.m. age categories: 9-10 & 11-12**

*Wood Manor and Felix Lake housing participants  
are encouraged to walk to the center due to  
limited parking around the center complex.*

**Glow in the Dark Egg Hunt (For Teens only)**  
**Saturday, April 10 at the Youth Center**

BYOFL (bring your own flash light)

BYOB (bring your own basket) 7:30 p.m. for ages 13-18.

I.D. may be requested to check age.

Sponsored in part by: Tyndall Federal Credit Union.  
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**For more information call 283-4366.**



**Prize filled eggs will contain candy, toys,  
or coupons for a variety of prizes.**

**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**

**Crazy Cash Give-away**

**at the O' & E Clubs Fridays  
during Social Hour.**

Jackpot starts at \$100. The first member name  
drawn is for the jackpot. If there is no winner  
\$25 will be added to next week's  
jackpot (max. \$500). Once the name is  
drawn the winner has 5 minutes  
to claim their prize. If the winner fails to  
claim their prize a second drawing will  
be held from bar receipts for \$25.

**283-4357 for details**

# ARTICLE 15s

## The following adverse actions took place at Tyndall in March:

### Article 15s:

- An airman first class received a reduction to E-2 and a reprimand for committing indecent acts and consensual sodomy.

- A captain received forfeitures of \$2,215 pay per month for two months and a reprimand for disobeying two lawful commands and two violations of a regulation.

- A senior airman was reduced to E-3 for underage drinking.

- A senior airman was reduced to E-3 for marijuana use.

- An airman first class received a suspended reduction to E-2, forfeitures of \$100 pay per month for two months, and 30 days extra duty for government computer violations (por-nography).

- A senior airman received a reduction to E-1, 45 days restriction to base, 45 days extra duty, and a reprimand for failure to go, failure to obey an order, and making a false official statement.

### Administrative discharges:

- An airman first class received a general discharge for minor disciplinary infractions.

*Courtesy of Base Legal Office*

## Zero tolerance: Drug-related crimes at Tyndall don't add up

Two Tyndall Airmen were recently convicted of drug-related crimes, demonstrating the consequences of drug use in a zero-tolerance Air Force.

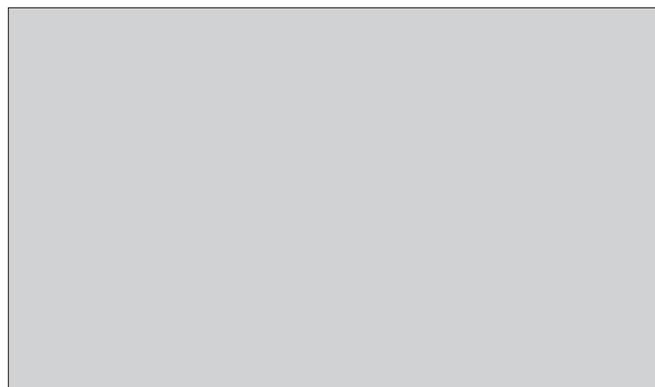
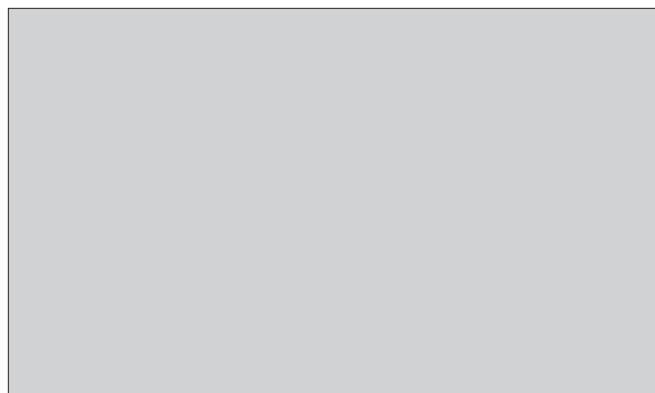
In a special court-martial held here Feb. 27, Airman 1st Class Michael Lawson, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, pled guilty to using cocaine while on a trip to New Orleans in November 2003. Following arguments from the government and defense counsel, the court members returned a sentence of a reprimand, reduction to E-1, forfeiture of \$600 pay per month for nine months, confinement for 90 days, hard labor without confinement for 90 days, and restriction to the limits of Tyndall for 45 days.

In another special court-martial, held here on March 29, Airman 1st Class Matthew LeCroy, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, pled guilty before a military judge. He admitted to using both marijuana and cocaine in the Spring of 2003. After re-

viewing documentary evidence and hearing arguments from both the government and the defense counsel, the Judge returned a sentence of three months confinement, reduction to E-1, and a bad conduct discharge.

In addition to serving time in jail, both Airmen will have to report a federal conviction for the rest of their lives. Moreover, A1C LeCroy will have a punitive discharge on his record. Such punishments may very well adversely impact future civilian employment opportunities.

"It's disappointing to see Air Force members succumb to the temptation of drugs," stated 1st Lt. Rob Caridad, assistant trial counsel for Airman LeCroy's case. "These cases are stark illustrations that the Air Force is a 24/7 job, and drug use is wholly incompatible with the responsibilities of being an Airman." (Courtesy of the Base Legal Office)



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