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In brief

Wood Manor sewer project update

The 325th Civil Engineer Squadron will be working on the sewer system in Wood Manor. Residents who experience problems, or have concerns can call Huey Moore at 283-4206.

Heart Link

The next Heart Link session will be held 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sept. 17. Heart Link is a fast-paced orientation to the military community for spouses, which includes presentations from the 325th Fighter Wing commander, protocol, military personnel, finance, family support, services, legal, health and wellness, family advocacy, the chapel, and TRICARE.

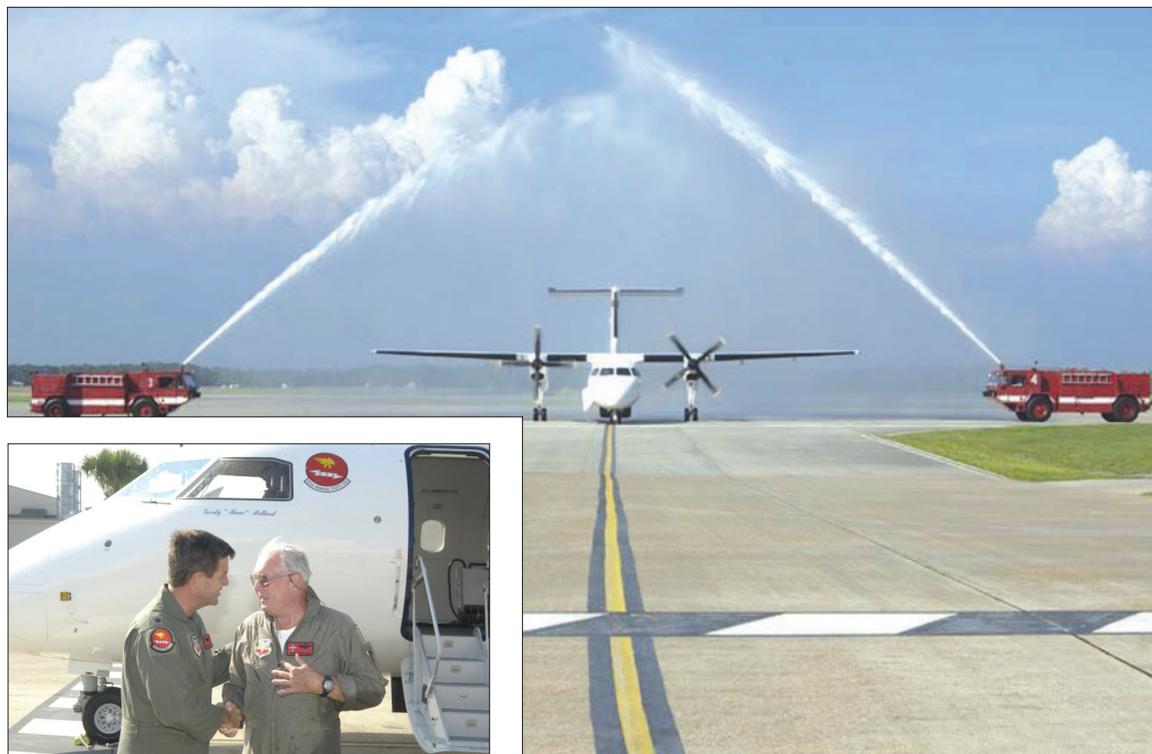
There are games, skits and prizes scheduled throughout the day. Learn more about the Air Force mission, customs, traditions, protocol, available resources and services. For more information or to make reservations, contact the Family Support Center at 283-4205.

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One wet Widget

Two Tyndall Fire Department firetrucks shoot a rainbow of water over an E-9 Widget after Gordon Pollard, an 82nd Aerial Targets Squadron E-9 pilot, flew his 3,000th hour Aug. 17 here. Inset: Lt. Col. Jerry Kerby, 82nd ATRS commander, congratulates Mr. Pollard following the flight. For more information on Mr. Pollard's milestone see Page 7.

Steve Wallace

'Eagle Eyes' program enlists Airmen, citizens in terror prevention program

MAJ. MIKE RICHMOND
OSI Public Affairs

WASHINGTON – A new anti-terrorism initiative from the Air Force Office of Special Investigations is taking root around the world.

Called "Eagle Eyes," the program aims to prevent terrorism by encouraging and enabling Air Force members and citizens to report terrorist planning activities they observe. The program also features processes for rapid follow-up investigations and information sharing to other echelons of command and other law-enforcement agencies as appropriate.

"Terrorism is always preceded

by planning steps, and those steps are observable if you know what to look for," said Maj. John Gamache, an OSI special agent working homeland security threat and investigative issues from OSI headquarters at Andrews AFB, Md. "This program seeks to educate the masses – both on base and off – on what those activities are, and then what to do about it if you see something suspicious."

Major Gamache said "Eagle Eyes" officially came to life April 18 when Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper signed a memo endorsing the program. Weeks earlier, however, OSI detachments and security forces

squadrons around the globe began establishing local reporting processes in anticipation of the program's launch.

The local reporting procedure has been established for Tyndall. During normal duty hours, individuals should contact AFOSI Detachment 419 at 283-3261. After hours, report all suspicious information to the law enforcement desk at 283-2254. Individuals reporting information to security forces should advise SFS personnel they have Eagle Eyes-related information.

"Security forces are full partners in this initiative," Major Gamache said. "Their participation is crucial to making this work

at the installation level."

"Our squadrons have the advantage of being manned 24 hours a day, all year round, so there's never a time that a person couldn't report a suspicious activity to us," said Maj. Mel Allen of the Headquarters USAF Security Forces Directorate.

Since the program began, Team Tyndall's AFOSI detachment has received numerous reports of suspicious activities, according to Maj. Marty DeStazio, AFOSI Detachment 419 commander.

"The information is dissemi-

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Patient care is med group's No. 1 priority

COL. SEAN MURPHY

325th Medical Group commander

Our Airmen are our greatest asset, and keeping them healthy is key to ensuring we remain a fit to fight force. That said, one of the most valuable benefits Airmen and their families receive is their healthcare benefit.

An important aspect of this benefit is understanding it. There have been changes to the pharmacy policy recently, but the important thing to note is that these changes only affect where you will get a prescription, not if you will get it. If you need a medication the pharmacy no longer carries, there are other ways to get it such as a mail order service or downtown pharmacy.

Likewise, there have been changes to our appointment system, but again, it's not a matter of if you will get an appointment rather where. When you call for an appointment, if you can't get a same-day appointment in our clinic you can go downtown, and under

Primecare, you'll have an appointment before you hang up the phone.

We will continue to go out of our way to ensure every member of Team Tyndall is receiving the highest quality care. In fact, in several cases, we've sent patients to specialized facilities throughout the U.S. so they can receive the best care possible at no cost to them or their families. This is definitely unique to the U.S. military and you will not see that benefit in other large civilian organizations.

While companies around the world are seeing a decrease in medical benefits offered to their employees, the benefits enjoyed by hundreds of thousands of military members are continually expanding. Additionally, the co-pays associated with most companies' health plans are increasing while we continue to pay the same amount – nothing for the majority of prime beneficiaries!

The Air Force medical plan is robust and the fact is no other company in the world offers what the

Air Force does. The 325th Medical Group is continually seeking new ways to improve patient care. In fact, over the past year, a number of changes have taken place here. The biggest change, of course, is the expansion of the main clinic to get

the refill pharmacy lines have decreased and the main pharmacy continues to improve waiting times as we learn our new system. The normal wait time for prescriptions from medical treatment facility providers is 15 minutes and 45 minutes

know who their provider is and see them on a regular basis. Eventually, this is something you will see throughout the medical group. Primary care teams will be attached to each unit and will attend commanders' calls and other events, allowing more interaction between the medical group and the people we are charged to take care of.

As with any change, there is always an adjustment period, and I thank each of you for your patience throughout this process. My number one goal is to foster a better relationship with all of Team Tyndall.

The 325th Medical Group is one of the premier medical units in Air Education and Training Command and the Air Force. We earned that distinction by making the patient our top priority, and we'll continue to make sure the medical needs of every military member and dependant are met with the highest quality service period.

Have a great safe and healthy weekend!

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all of our medical professionals under one roof and create a one-stop shop for all of Team Tyndall's medical needs. This will alleviate the need to drive from one facility to another for appointments and prescriptions.

So far, we've moved the pediatrics clinic to the main clinic and have expanded the pharmacy to better serve our customers and reduce wait times. Patients have noted that

for downtown providers. In the coming months we plan to move the optometry and physical therapy clinics into the main clinic to better serve beneficiary's needs.

Another change occurring within the medical group is the development of a new culture within the group. Currently, our flight medicine team is attached directly to the units they support. The folks in those units

Door to opportunity always labeled 'push'

CHIEF MASTER SGT. DOUG HODGE

65th Air Base Wing command chief

LAJES FIELD, Azores (AFPN) — Finance guru Tom Peters was right when he said, “If a window of opportunity appears, don't pull down the shade.”

For those of us serving in the Air Force, the sun shines brightly through a very large window. It overlooks many different prospects for change, promotion and advancement. From education to recognition, the door to opportunity is always labeled 'push.'

I've been fortunate to see many opportunities over the course my own career. I fin-

ished my Community College of the Air Force degree. I branched out from my career field and held positions in the professional military education field, including commandant of an Non-commissioned officer Academy.

Those same opportunities are available to you without discrimination. How close are you to a CCAF associate's degree? You may be closer than you think, and spring graduation is just around the corner.

No one can deny the military is the best deal for getting a bachelor's degree. With 100

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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 325th Fighter Wing Inspector General's Office, 283-4646.

Calls concerning energy abuse should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

BRIG. GEN. JACK EGGINTON

325th Fighter Wing commander

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Security Forces on lookout for drunk drivers



Courtesy photo

(From right) Airman 1st Class Marc Llafet, 325th Security Forces Squadron patrolman, demonstrates a field sobriety test on another Airman.

Anyone planning to make alcohol part of their Labor Day celebration plans had better have a sober ride home.

The 325th Security Forces

Squadron announced today its plans to participate for the third consecutive year in the *You Drink & Drive, You Lose* campaign.

The nationwide crack-

down is scheduled from Aug. 27 to Sept. 12.

This is the first campaign since all 50 States and the District of Columbia have enacted a .08 Blood Alcohol Content limit law for impaired driving.

Uniform BAC laws strengthen the hand of law enforcement agencies in the arrest and prosecution of dangerous drunk drivers to the fullest extent of the law. Additionally, for the first time, the crackdown will take place throughout the Labor Day holiday period with the intention of targeting the end-of-

summer impaired driving offenders.

In 2002, more than 55 percent of fatalities in motor vehicle crashes that occurred during the Labor Day weekend were alcohol-related.

"You can be sure base entry controllers and mobile patrols will be out in force," said Staff Sgt. Al Wiley, 325th SFS NCO in charge of police services.

"Our civilian police counterparts will even direct random checkpoint operations throughout the local area. Chances are extremely good that if you drive impaired this

Labor Day, you will get caught. Refuse a sobriety test and you can lose your license on the spot and have your car impounded."

"Don't turn your holiday into a jail stay," said Sergeant Wiley. "Working in the community brings you closer to the people you serve. I see up close and personal when a family is torn apart by a tragedy such as drunk driving. Our message is clear – *You Drink & Drive, You Lose.*"

(Courtesy of 325th Security Forces Squadron.)

Security Forces reminds everyone:

- Be responsible and don't take unnecessary risks ... you will be caught.

- If you plan to drink, choose a designated driver before going out or use the resources available, such as Airmen Against Drunk Driving, mass transit or a taxi cab.

- Spend the night where the activity is held to alleviate the need to drive home.

- Report, impaired drivers to law enforcement agencies as soon as it's safe to do so.

- Always buckle up. It is your best defense against an impaired driver.

Club employee retires after serving nearly four decades

STEVE RIDDLE
325th Services Squadron publicist

The Tyndall Officers' Club holds many retirement ceremonies throughout the year, but Tuesday's event is for one of their own – and it is almost four decades in the making.

Juanita Faulk will retire after nearly 38 years as a civilian employee at Tyndall. Ms. Faulk works as a cook at the O' Club, and has always worked at one of the clubs on base.

She began in 1966, working nights as a dishwasher at the old NCO Club, which stood across the street from the base pool, towards the beach. When the new Enlisted Club was built five years later, she moved to that facility, and was eventually promoted to cook.

"I've seen a lot of changes," she said. "I've seen so many it's hard to remember them all."

Ms. Faulk said she had originally planned to work 40 years, but health concerns made her change her mind.

"I'll still be working at my church, running the kitchen and singing in the choir," she said. "And I really, truly love to work with older people, so I'll be volunteering my time by visiting the old folks in the hospital. I'll visit anybody of course, but the older people, I really look up to them."

When asked what she would miss most after she retired, Ms. Faulk answered, "I'll miss getting up and coming to work every day." Then she gave a laugh, just to show she wasn't entirely serious.



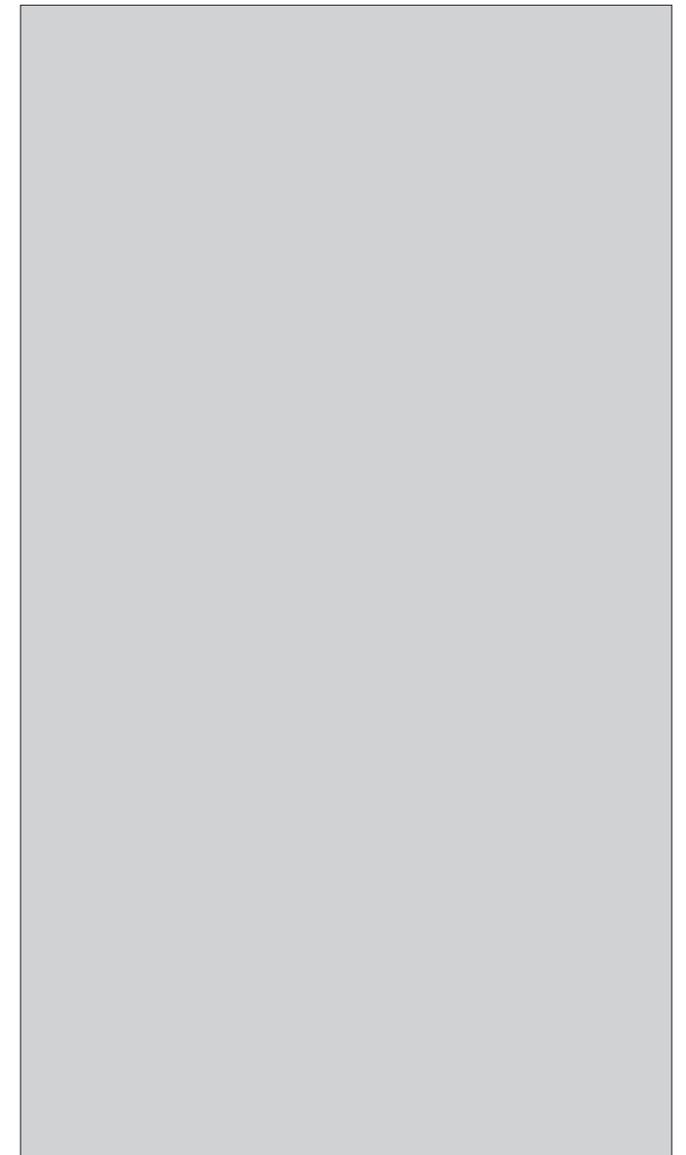
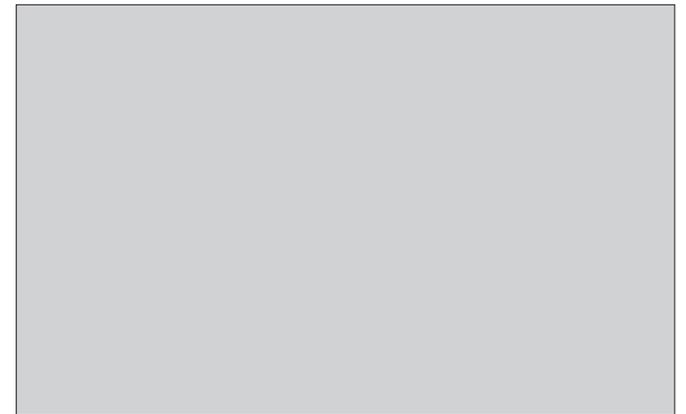
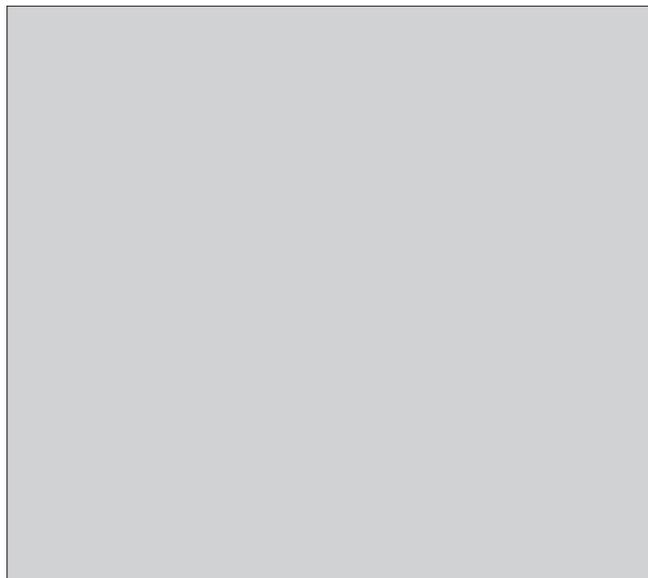
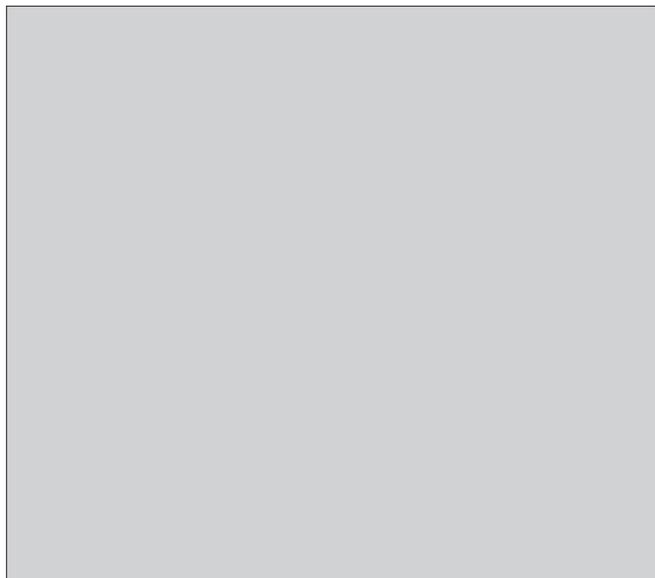
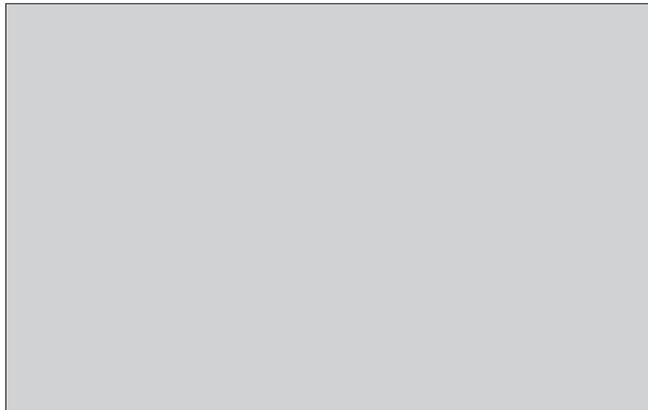
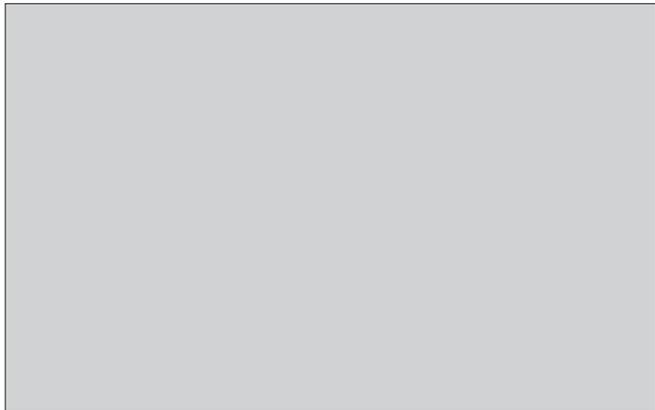
Steve Riddle

Juanita Faulk scoops hush puppies into the fryer Aug. 20 in the Tyndall Officers' Club kitchen. Ms. Faulk retires Tuesday after nearly 38 years of employment at Tyndall clubs.

What she is serious about are the people she has met and gotten to know during her time at the Tyndall clubs.

"I will miss coming here, and I'll miss the people, because I have so many friends on this base," she

said. "I've really enjoyed this base and I enjoyed my job. This base has been good to me. Since I've been here I bought my home, bought two or three cars – I've had a nice life here."



Get out and vote ...

“I encourage you to avail yourself of the right to vote for candidates and on the issues of your choice. No other single act is so fundamental to our form of government. Please register. Please vote.”

GEN. JOHN JUMPER
Air Force Chief of Staff

Checkertail Salute

Airman 1st Class John Williams Jr.



Isaac Gibson

Airman Williams receives the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award from Col. Brian Dickerson, 325th Fighter Wing vice commander.

The Checkertail Clan salutes Airman Williams, who is assigned as monitor of the 325th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Protection Flight's \$75,000 portable radio program. His accurate accountability ensured the flight's emergency response capabilities are at the highest level. Additionally, Airman Williams was the driver of the first-run engine company during an F-15 engine fire. He also volunteers in the community.

Duty title: 325th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Protection craftsman
Time on station: 13 months
Time in service: 18 months
Hometown: Edwards, Miss.
Hobbies: Softball, football, basketball, playing musical instruments and working out
Goals: Retire from the Air Force and teach secondary education
Favorite movie: "Saving Private Ryan"
Favorite book: "The Purpose Driven Life," by Rick Warren
Favorite thing about Tyndall: Working with fellow fire fighters
Pet peeves: Anything that is not neat
Proudest moment in the military: Graduating from Louis F. Garland Fire Academy

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.



Questions about career options?

Call Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey Kahapea, 325th Fighter Wing career assistance advisor, for answers to retraining or special duty questions at 283-2222.

New 'Tongue and Quill' now available online



1st Lt. Albert Bosco

Staff Sergeant Luther Brown, 325th Fighter Wing command section NCO in-charge, uses the Tongue and Quill, Air Force Handbook 33-337 to properly write a memo. The revised handbook is available online.

CARL BERGQUIST
Air University public affairs

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. (AETCNS)— What started as a research paper here nearly 30 years ago has become the Air Force's leading reference on writing and speaking.

In 1975, then-Air Command and Staff College stu-

dent Maj. Hank Staley submitted as his research paper the first version of what is now "The Tongue and Quill."

The latest revision of the handbook is now available online, said Sharon McBride, an Air Command and Staff College writer and editor who headed the revision effort. A hardcopy version will not be published.

"School officials liked the work so well they continued using the paper as a course study project," she said. "Within a couple of years, the Air Force decided the 'T and Q' was valuable as an all-encompassing guide for the Department of Defense, and because it was born here, it

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nated quickly to wing leadership, local law enforcement, and our security forces who can make determinations on how to best deter the threat detected by our community," Major DeStazio said. "Numerous security enhancements have been made to our Tyndall community and we have further "hardened" against terrorist attacks, but we cannot rest on our successes, as even one terrorist attack is too many."

It's important to realize that reporting suspicious activities is everyone's duty, not just servicemembers.'

"It's important that this campaign reaches as many people as possible, to include not just military people, but civilian workers, family members, contractors, off-base merchants, community organizations, neighborhoods, you name it," Major Gamache said. "Our agents can't be everywhere, and neither can the security forces personnel, so we're enlisting the eyes and ears of everybody. You know best what does or doesn't belong in your neighborhood, in your work area, on your drive to work, so you'll be able to spot something that doesn't quite look right and phone it in."

Major Gamache identified seven categories of suspicious activities that warrant reporting:

- **Surveillance.** Someone recording or monitoring activities. This may include the use of cameras (either still or video), note taking, drawing diagrams, annotating on maps, or using binoculars or other vision-enhancing devices.

- **Elicitation.** People or organizations attempting to gain information about military operations, capabilities, or people. Elicitation attempts may be made by mail, fax, telephone, or in person.

- **Tests of security.** Any attempts to measure reaction times to security breaches or to penetrate physical security barriers or procedures in order to

assess strengths and weaknesses.

- **Acquiring supplies.** Purchasing or stealing explosives, weapons, ammunition, etc. Also includes acquiring military uniforms, decals, flight manuals, passes or badges (or the equipment to manufacture such items) or any other controlled items

- **Suspicious persons out of place.** People who don't seem to belong in the workplace, neighborhood, business establishment, or anywhere else. Includes suspicious border crossings and stowaways aboard ship or people jumping ship in port

- **Dry run.** Putting people into position and moving them around according to their plan without actually committing the terrorist act. This is especially true when planning a kidnapping, but it can also pertain to bombings. An element of this activity could also include mapping out routes and determining the timing of traffic lights and flow

- **Deploying assets.** People and supplies getting into position to commit the act. This is a person's last chance to alert authorities before the terrorist act occurs

Special Agents from AFOSI stand ready to talk to your squadron, section, community group, on or off base, about this vital program. Please contact 283-3261 for a briefing or handouts or view the public web page at public.afosi.amc.af.mil/ under Eagle Eyes.



3,000 hours and counting ...

Tyndall pilot logs AF first

2ND LT. WILLIAM POWELL
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Three thousand is a number of little significance, unless we're talking about paychecks or patches.

Putting paychecks aside, a pilot's flight suit adorned with a 3,000-hour patch shows he has accumulated 3,000 flying hours in one type of aircraft. Recently, a Tyndall pilot reached this milestone, but the patch signifies an even greater accomplishment for him.

Gordon Pollard, an E-9 Widget pilot assigned to the 82nd Aerial Targets Squad-

ron, reached the 3,000 hour mark Aug. 17 on a mission supporting an air-to-air weapon system evaluation program here.

Mr. Pollards total flying time is equivalent to flying 24 hours a day for 11 months non-stop.

Mr. Pollard is the first E-9 pilot to amass 3,000 hours in the airframe, and has flown a third of the total flying hours for the two E-9s in the Department of

Defense inventory.

"I've been flying the E-9 since August 1988," Mr. Pollard said. "That's the year the airplane came into service. The two E-9s only have about 4,500 flying hours on each."

Mr. Pollard entered the Air Force through the aviation cadet program in 1957 and retired as a lieutenant colonel here in 1984 after serving in the 325th Tactical Training Wing.

Before flying the E-9, Mr. Pollard surpassed 5,000 hours in various fighters, such as the F-84, F-100, F-4 and others, racking up 586 combat hours in 321 combat sorties. His total flying time is equivalent to flying 24 hours a day for 11 months non-stop.

"His dedicated service to the Air Force has spanned five decades where he has flown over 8,000 hours in a myriad of aircraft," said



Steve Wallace

Jerry Pollard, with the help of a Tyndall firefighter, hoses down her husband, Gordon Pollard, 82nd Aerial Targets Squadron E-9 Widget pilot, after he returned from his 3,000th-hour flight. Mr. Pollard has accumulated more than 8,000 flying hours in numerous aircraft.

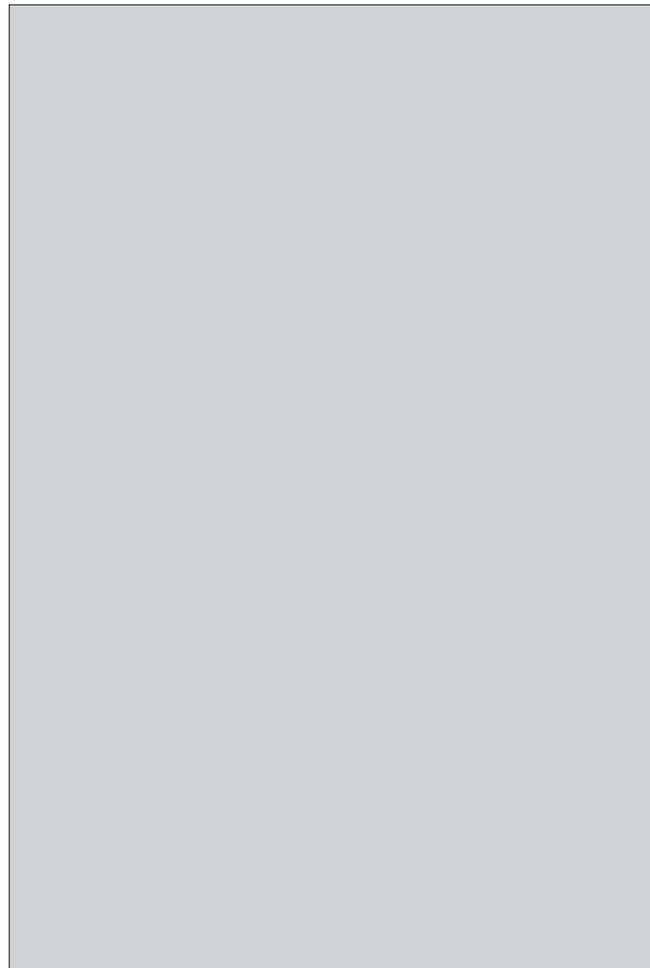
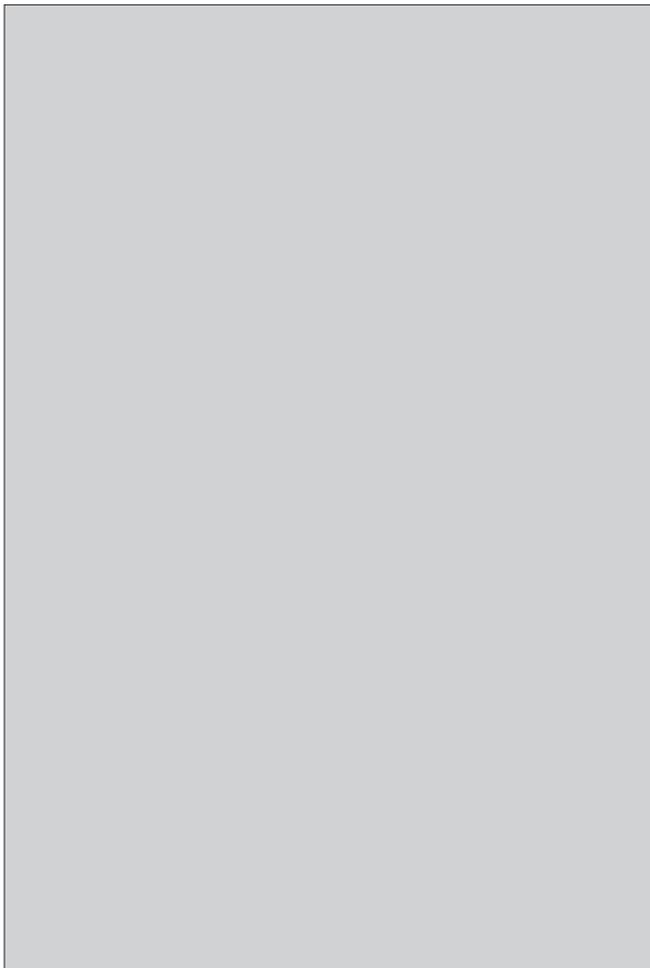
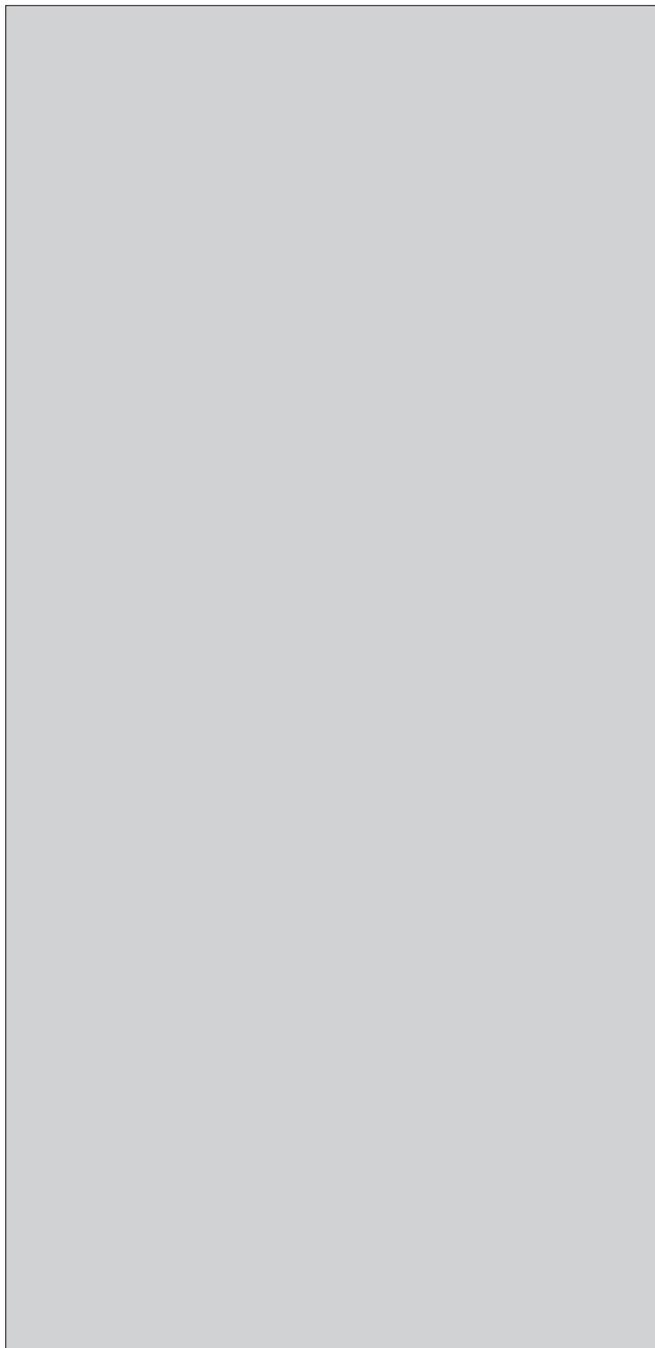
Col. Derek Hess, 53rd Weapons Evaluation Group commander. "He is the Air Force's core values personified and an example for Airmen all over the world."

Mr. Pollard supports the 53rd WEG's mission by en-

suring the Gulf of Mexico is clear of traffic before live air-to-air weapons are employed, and by relaying the telemetry information – or a record of what the weapons were thinking – back to the WEG's analysts,

said Colonel Hess.

But for Mr. Pollard, he's just doing what he loves. "I wanted to be a pilot since I was 12," he said. "As long as I can pass my physical and they let me fly, I'm going to continue to do so."



"Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Tea

Education paves way to civilian

Ed Center keeps students closer to dreams

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS
SARAH MCDOWELL
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Air Force members who want to broaden their knowledge and boost their promotion potential have always had a way – college education.

It may look as though, with at least a 9-hour work day, family, physical fitness, and other extra curricular activities, no one could possibly have the time to drive to a college for a few one-hour classes plus the half hour commute each way.

The Tyndall Education Center debunks this time-consuming notion, due to its proximity to the base, testing options and distance learning options.

"Associate, bachelor's and master's degree programs are offered by contracted institutions, all on base," said Dr. Fred Philp, Education Services Officer.

The education center also clears up fogged notions about officer programs.

"There are a variety of commissioning programs available to enlisted personnel. They include the Air Force Academy, Air Force ROTC program, Officer Training School, and the Airman Education and Commissioning Program," Doctor Philp said.

Although a bachelor's degree is required to become an officer whether earned through ROTC or other commissioning programs, commissioning is not the only reward of extending education.

"Furthering your education increases prospects for promotion, makes you a role model for colleagues, enhances your mentorship capabilities, promotes Air Force



Airman 1st Class Sarah McDowell

Pat Hendricks, Gulf Coast Community College English instructor, explains the day's lesson to Tech Sgt. Mark Andary, 325th Maintenance Squadron ammunitions instructor, during a class at the Tyndall Education Center.

quality of life programs and ensures that our country is better prepared with competent warriors to fight and win present and future conflicts," Doctor Philp said.

People who wish to remain enlisted or are already commissioned may also wonder what other students are saying about furthering their education, and how it has actually benefited them.

"Surveys of Community College of the Air Force graduates consistently indicate that completion of their degrees played a major role in getting promoted, completing other training with honors and becoming more efficient in their career field," Doctor Philp said.

Many are surprised at what this priceless education actually costs, because for a military member, tuition doesn't cost a thing. The Air Force provides 100 percent assistance for tuition and authorized fees, as long as semester hours do not exceed \$250 per se-

mester credit hour and quarter hours do not exceed \$166 per quarter credit hour, with an annual cap of \$4,500.

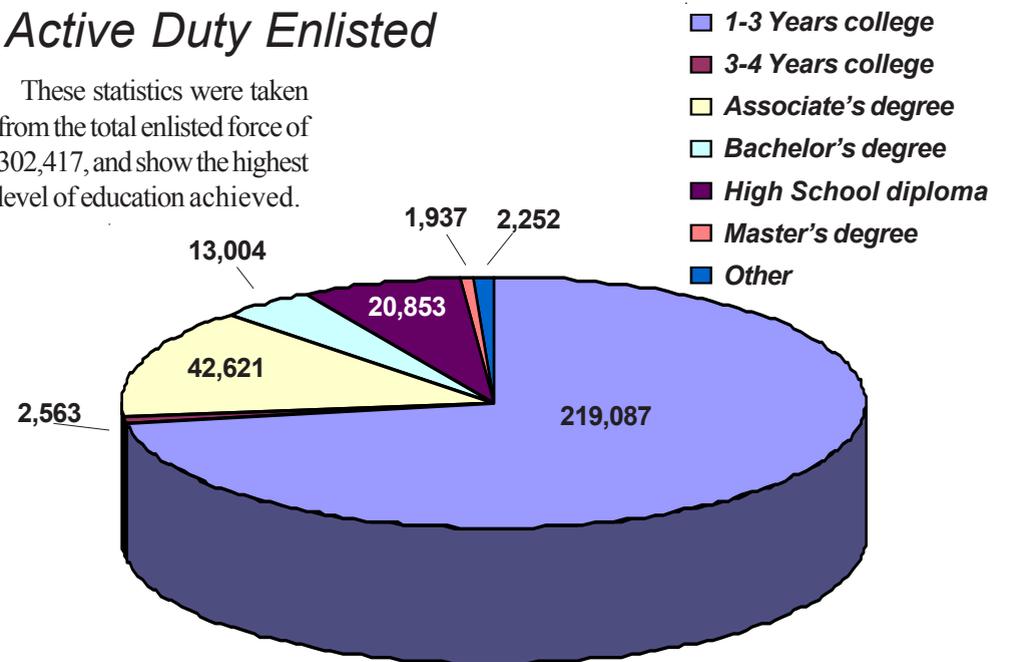
Students have many ways to pursue this free education provided by the Air Force through the Education Center. They can go to the institutions in the center, such as: Gulf Coast Community College, Troy State University, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University or Florida State University. Students can also choose to go the distance learning route, take credit-by-examination college level examination program and DANTES subject standardized test exams or complete professional military education requirements, Doctor Philp said.

With the free tuition, on-base location and available services, the Tyndall Education Center makes it easy for military member's to pursue education. All that's needed is discipline and willpower to begin pursuing dreams.

How education stacks up:

Active Duty Enlisted

These statistics were taken from the total enlisted force of 302,417, and show the highest level of education achieved.



The officer corps has opportunities for PME to expand their military knowledge and prepare them for higher levels of responsibility. Along with these core classes there are many other opportunities for education through fellowship and grant programs. For more information, visit www.afit.edu, or the Education Center

- Air and Space Basic Course
- Squadron Officer School
- Air Command and Staff College
- National War College
- Other opportunities
- Air Force Institute of Technology
- Army, Navy or Marine PME

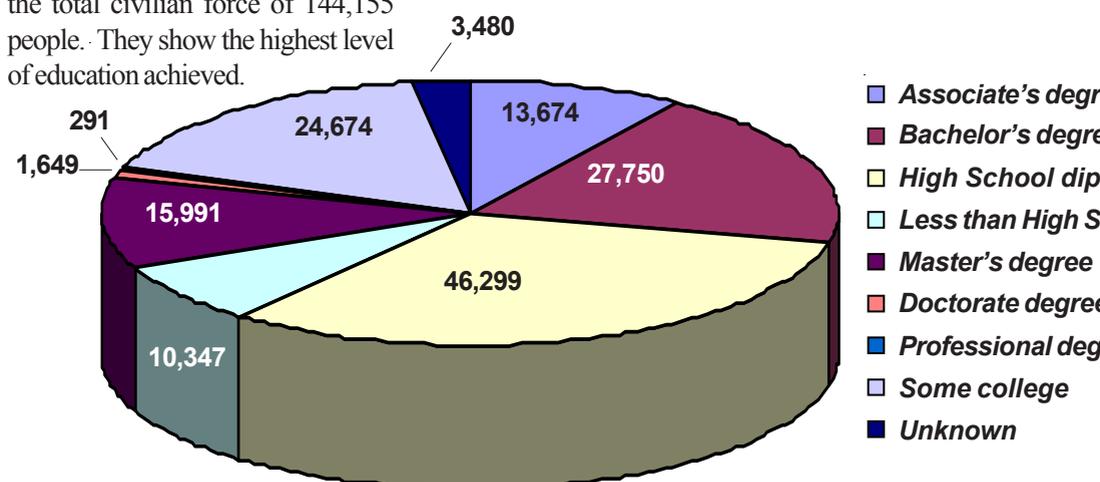
Officer

These statistics were taken from a total of 74,488 officer's in the Air Force. The statistics show the highest level of education achieved. One hundred percent of officer's have a Bachelor's degree.

- Bachelor's degree
- Master's degree
- Doctorate degree
- Professional degree
- Unknown

Civilian

These statistics were taken from the total civilian force of 144,155 people. They show the highest level of education achieved.



teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime.”

— Chinese proverb

man, military member success

isted members have many opportunities to expand their horizons from professional military education to earning college degrees through the Community College of the Air Force, or other colleges or universities.

There are some ways Enlisted members can get PME:

• 1st term Airman's Center

• Airman Leadership School

• NCO Enhancement Course

• NCO Academy

• Senior NCO Enhancement Course

• Senior NCO Academy

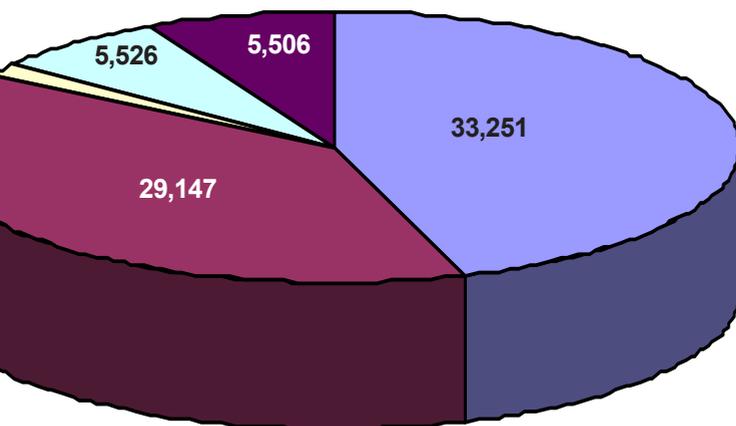
• Other educational opportunities (fellowships and grants):

• Community College of the Air Force

• Air Force Institute of Technology

• PME with other forces such as Army, Navy or Marines PME

For more information on these opportunities, contact the Education Center at 283-4285.



Department of Defense civilians have some of the same opportunities for military professional education as military members. These courses are important for promotion potential. For more information on civilian education programs, civilians can contact the Education Center or the Civilian Personnel Office.

- Air and Space Basic Course (Open to interns.)
- Squadron Officer School (GS-09 for 3 years.)
- Air Command and Staff College (by correspondence GS-11, in residence or seminar GS-12.)
- Air War College (by correspondence GS-12, in residence or seminar GS-13.)

* To attend in-resident courses, civilians must meet the military physical fitness requirements.

Going the distance - without the commute

REBEKAH YEAGER

Grantham University

Twenty years ago, a college education almost always meant dorm rooms and football games. The average freshman was eighteen years old, fresh from high school and away from home for the first time.

Now, the face of education is changing, and for many Airmen, the change is good.

From the high-tech systems aboard a fighter jet to the self check-out line at the local grocery store, technology has altered the way Americans live. It should not surprise most that education has been impacted by technology as well. More Americans are turning away from traditional universities and choosing distance education instead everyday.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, enrollment in distance education courses has more than doubled since 2000. In the past, distance learning meant taking courses through audio or video feeds. Today's technology has allowed schools to offer more and more courses using the Internet. This new distance learning model is ideal for military personnel who are deployed, move frequently because of temporary duty assignments, or whose duty schedules make it difficult to attend traditional evening classes.

Master Sgt. Jim Anslow and Staff Sgt. Jacqueline Doherty are two of the many students at Tyndall who are finding that distance education works for them in a way that traditional universities didn't. Both are students at Grantham University, located in Slidell La., and neither Sergeant Anslow nor Sergeant Doherty has ever set foot on

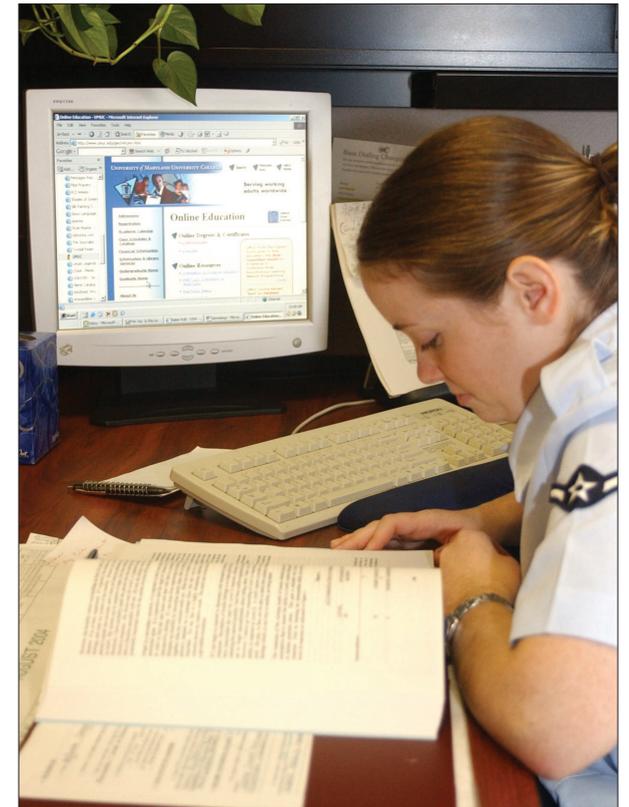
the school's campus. They've never needed to. All of their educational needs—from taking tests to communicating with professors—can be met online.

The reasons people choose this type of distance education vary.

Sergeant Anslow has found this solution since his life has revolved around his family and his job and forced him to put his college plans on hold. Now, with distance education, he has found time to spend with his family, excel in his career, and earn his degree.

“The concept of distance learning is ideal for military personnel,” Sergeant Anslow said. Due to the variety of work schedules, deployments, and other obligations, most personnel find it very difficult to attend the necessary classes in a traditional education.

Sergeant Doherty agrees. She left college years ago to join the Air Force to travel, and for the tuition assistance the military provides to students. Though she has been thrilled to see the



Airman 1st Class Sarah McDowell

Kristen Johnson, 325th Comptroller Squadron financial services technician, looks at online classes. People are able to study, communicate with teachers and take quizzes and tests online through various distance education programs.

world while traveling to locations, such as Honduras and Saudi Arabia, deployments and a busy schedule didn't leave her much time to sit in a classroom.

“I like distance learning because it gives me the flexibility to get an education while working a full-time job,” she says. “I'm able to study and do homework whenever I can fit it in.”

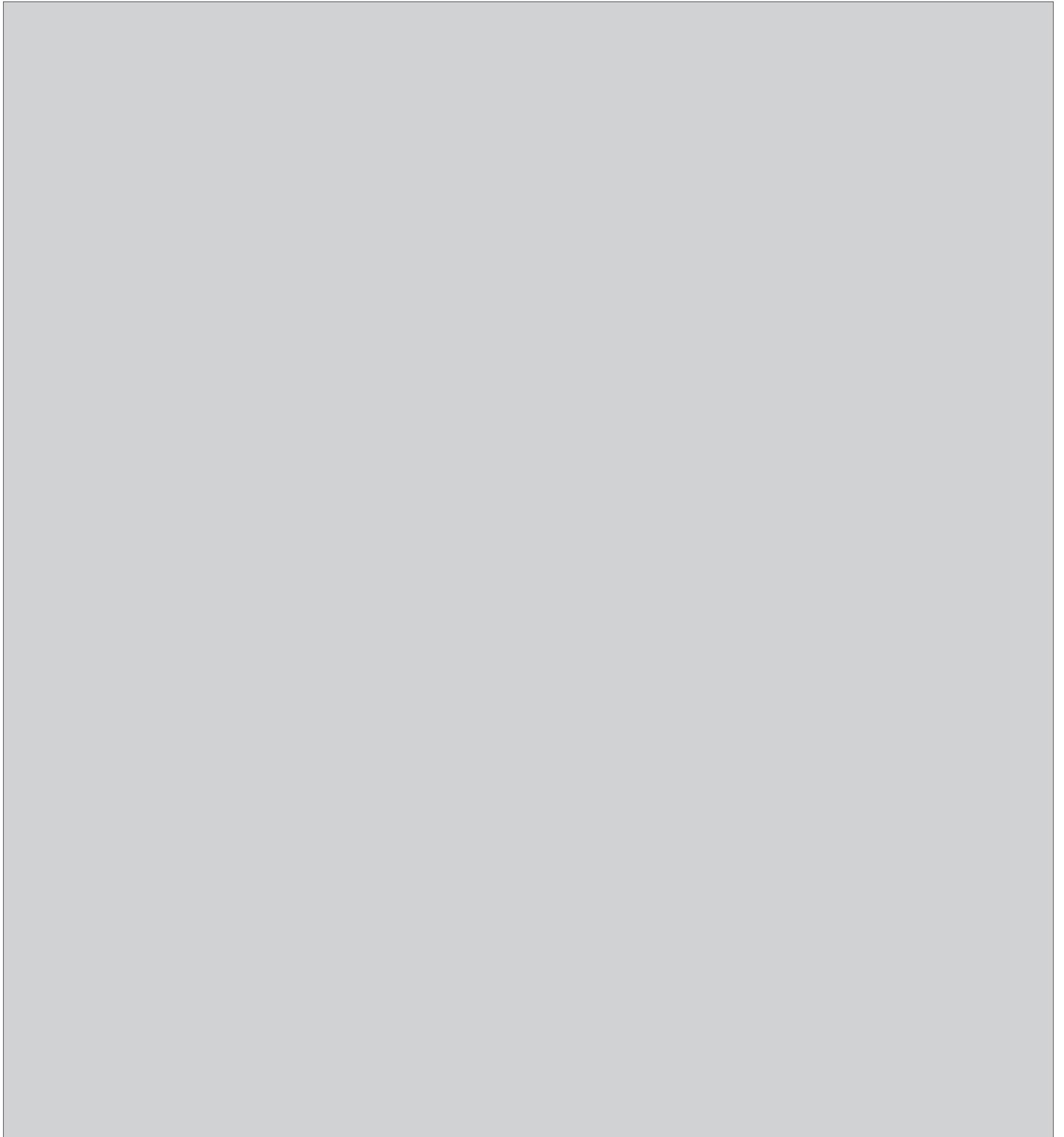
Considering distance education

When researching distance education programs, experts suggest that military servicemen and women should look for the following in a university:

- An accreditation that is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education
- Established record of working with the military
- Help that is available from real people in real time: make sure that the faculty and staff is readily available to answer questions and provide guidance.
- Portable, self-paced, and flexible

Financially manageable To learn more about distance education and the many programs available to military personnel, prospective students should contact the base education office.

More information about Grantham's programs is available at www.grantham.edu or by calling (800) 955-2527.



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percent tuition assistance and classes that flex around your schedule, the education office and the schools offering advanced degree programs are ready to serve.

Meanwhile, training opportunities abound. Have you attended the First-Term Airman Center class? Have you gotten Airman Leadership School out of the way? When are you headed to the NCO Academy?

Sometime after you read this, look at the jobs available to you on the EQUAL Plus list. How many will you find?

Special duty assignments as military training instructors, military training leaders, professional military education instructors,

office of special investigation agents, recruiters and more await.

Seek and engage the hundreds of volunteer openings at your base. Every day I see something new from a burger burn to a car wash. Awards dinners, celebrations, ceremonies and other events are always looking for people with energy, ability and a smile.

But, there is so much more. The education counselors, career adviser supervisors, first sergeants and others are your first stop to pushing the door open.

As we continue our mission providing support to the world's premiere air and space force, remember to leave the shade up on the window of opportunity that's open to you.

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stayed here.”
For the most part, the 2004 edition retains most of the writing and speaking tips of past editions. Revisions include improved organization of the information; a rearranged layout; updated quotes, art and word lists, and new information on writing and speaking such as persuasive communications, meetings, briefings and electronic communications.

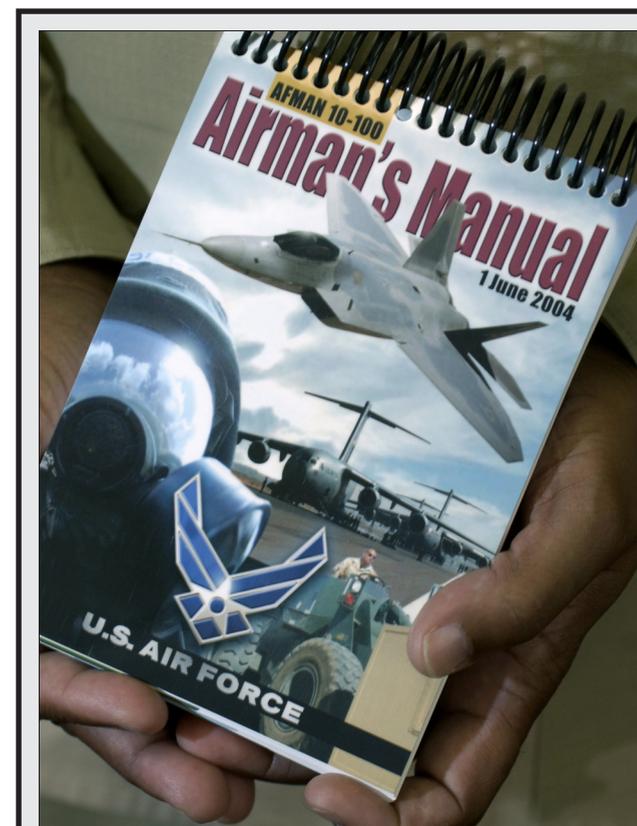
Ms. McBride said many changes came from reader feedback and talking with people who do a lot of writing and public speaking.

“I often get e-mails and feedback sheets from people saying, ‘Sharon, we aren’t

doing it that way anymore,’” she said. “I encourage customers to use the feedback sheet found in the book to make suggestions that will help us produce a better product in the future.”

Ms. McBride and a team of researchers in the department of communications studies at ACSC started work on the revision in 2000. The last version of “The Tongue and Quill,” known formally as Air Force Handbook 33-337, was published in 1997 with 100,000 printed copies. The next revision is scheduled to hit the streets in early 2007.

The current edition is available online at the Air Force Publications Web site at www.e-publishing.af.mil.



Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

Revised Air Force Manual

The new *Airman's Manual* has been published and is available in orderly rooms. According to AFI 10-2501, *Full Spectrum Threat Response Planning and Operations*, the *Airman's Manual* must be carried during all deployments. The revision of AFI 10-2501 will also require personnel to carry and use the manual during all attack response exercises and inspections.

Only one manual will be handed out to each Airman.

For further information, contact the 325th Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness Flight at 283-2010.



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Creating the perfect storm

Clay Hudson and Michael Chiles, Red Line Fire Protection fire technicians, assessed the fire suppression system Aug. 20 in Hangar 5 to make sure it works properly, as well as obtain information for future design. Each deluge fire suppression system takes water from four tanks that pump 2,400 gallons of water per minute each.

Briefs

Corneal Refractive Surgery available for aviators and special duty personnel

Effective immediately, Wavefront Guided Laser Assisted In-Situ-Keratomileusis (LASIK) is authorized for eligible aviator and special duty personnel who request such surgery as part of the WFG LASIK for Aviators and

Special Duty Personnel Program at the AF Laser Centers. Implementation of this program is described in AF/SG Policy letter 04-001.

Permissive temporary duty is authorized for aviation and special duty personnel (excluding pilots and boom operators for whom unit funds will be used) for this procedure contingent upon squadron commander authorization and military medical treatment facility eye care provider recommendation.

Commissary update

The Tyndall Commissary will be open normal hours Sept. 7, following Labor Day.

The Commissary will have a case lot sale in conjunction with retiree appreciation days Sept. 17 - 19 during regular store hours. Flyers of possible items will be distributed Tuesday and are currently on the commissary Web page www.commissaries.com.

Tyndall Thrift Shop

The Tyndall Thrift Shop, 743 Suwannee Rd., is open for business 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon the first Saturday of each month. Consignments are accepted from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call 286-5888.

Florida Coastal Cleanup

The Friends of St. Andrews State Park invite the public to help keep the park and Shell Island beautiful 8-11 a.m. Sept. 18 at the "Florida Coastal Cleanup." Volunteers are invited to enjoy free park admission on the day of the event. Volunteers should meet at the boat ramp or jetty picnic area and should bring sunscreen. For more information, call the Friends office at (850) 233-5117 or visit www.friendsofstandrews.org.

Fingerprinting notice

Due to the increase in security clearance processing, the 325th Security Forces Squadron will no longer provide fingerprinting services, other than Department of Defense-related fingerprinting. For more information, call the Personnel Security Office at 283-9911 or 283-9914.

ERAU classes begin

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University announces the start of Federal Aviation Administration Airframe and Powerplant classes beginning Oct. 18. For more information, call 283-4557.

New voucher

Effective Wednesday, the new DD Form 1351-2, dated July 2004, will be the only manual travel voucher the 325th Comptroller Squadron will accept for payment of temporary duty assignments. This form must be signed by the traveling member's supervisor who must ensure members are splitting bal-

ances of their government travel card to their GTC and making sure all information is accurate and proper for payment. All prior forms will be returned to the member for filing with the new voucher. For more information, call 283-2942

Tuition assistance

Sept. 15 is the last day to submit a tuition assistance request for fiscal year 2004 funding. The deadline for officer professional military education, course 12 for master sergeants and education center testing for CLEP/DSST and SAT/ACT is Sept. 23.

Classifieds

Wanted

Part-time editorial assistant needed for weekly *Gulf Defender* newspaper serving Tyndall AFB. Duties include proofreading, editing, inputting copy submissions and performing mailouts of approximately 100 papers weekly. Needed for Wednesday afternoon, and Thursday and Friday morning hours.

Applicants should possess strong spelling and grammar skills. Knowledge of Associated Press style a plus. Position is hired by the Panama City News Herald. To apply, contact 1st Lt. Al Bosco at 283-8597.

Garage Sales

Garage sales must be coordinated and approved by the housing office before being advertised in the *Gulf Defender*. Garage sales are held 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

Chapel Schedule

Catholic services held at Chapel 2:

Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday
Reconciliation (before Saturday Mass or by appointment)

Saturday Mass, 5 p.m.

Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m.

Religious Education, 11 a.m. Sunday.

Protestant services at Chapel 1:

Communion service, 9:30 a.m., Chapel 1
Religious Education classes, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Bldg. 1476

General Protestant service, 11 a.m., Chapel 2.

Caught in the middle



Photos by Airman 1st Class Sarah McDowell

Joshua Smith, left, and Derek Hojohn, right, from the 325th Comptroller Squadron team, dart toward Anthony Massey, middle, from the 81st Test Support Squadron team, as he tries to receive a pass during the intramural flag football game here Tuesday.



(From left) Luther Brown and Branden Belush, 325th CPTS team, ambush 81st TSS team quarterback Victor Stevens, and successfully tackle him during the game.

AF Club drive: 'Get In On It'

This year during its annual membership drive, Air Force Clubs is asking club members to "Get In On It".

"What we mean by 'Get In On It' is for new and existing members to take advantage of all that their club has to offer," said Chris Saladin, Tyndall Officers' Club manager.

as well as the various activities the clubs offer.

The "Get In On It" campaign offers free cash rewards to both existing as well as new members. Both new and current members are eligible for club card account cred-

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CHRIS SALADIN
Tyndall Officers' Club manager

purchase off base. As points accumulate, members redeem points for select merchandise.

"Each MAJCOM is awarding a total of six prizes," said Mr. Saladin.

"There is one grand prize drawing for \$3,000; two drawings for \$1,000 and three drawings for \$500 for a total of \$6,500.

There is one drawing for new members and one for current members."

For more information about the "Get In On It" membership campaign, see your base club manager.

Federal endorsement of sponsor not intended.

(Courtesy of the 325th Services Squadron.)

"There are a lot of benefits that club membership provides, but folks may not be aware."

The 2004 Air Force Club Membership Campaign kicks off Wednesday and runs through Nov. 30. As always, the goal is to increase worldwide club membership and inform the Air Force community about the benefits of club membership

its, being distributed during prize drawings held by each major command.

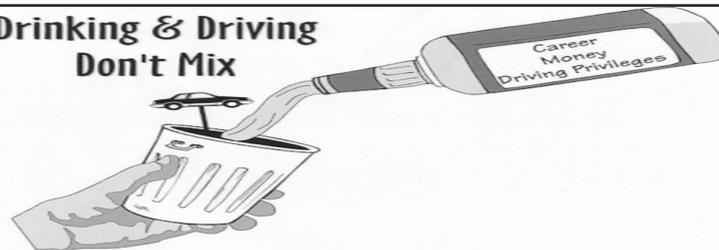
During the campaign, Bank One (sponsor of the Air Force Club card) is offering a free cash rewards program. Members earn two points for all purchases in Services activities as well as the Base Exchange. They earn one point for any

Intramural flag football standings

as of Wednesday

Squadron	Won	Lost	Pct.
43AMU	3	0	1
MXS	3	0	1
COMM 1	2	0	1
WEG	2	0	1
TEST	1	0	1
ACS	2	1	.667
MDG	2	1	.667
SFS	2	1	.667
AMXS	1	1	.5
CPTS	2	3	.4
OSS	0	0	0
SEADS	0	0	0
CES	0	1	0
COMM 2	0	2	0
1 AMU	0	2	0
CONS	0	2	0
83 FWS	0	3	0
SVS	0	3	0

**Drinking & Driving
Don't Mix**



Funshine NEWS

August 27, 2004

www.325thservices.com



Seafood Extravaganza
All Ranks at the O' Club
Sept. 10
5:30-8:30 p.m.

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



Market Price: \$18.95*
Children ages 6-11: \$9.95*
5 & Under: \$4.95*
* Members receive a \$3 discount.

Retiree Night
Sept. 18
Retirees receive a 25% discount on food



Events Schedule

Officers' Club
September 6: Club Closed
September 7: OSC Board Meeting
September 10: Seafood Extravaganza
September 17: Warrior Call Mongolian BBQ
September 18: Retiree Appreciation Night
September 19: Sunday Brunch
September 21: OSC Luncheon
September 29: O' Club Advisory Meeting
September 30: Warrior Welcome

Enlisted Club
September 2: ESC Board Meeting
September 3: NCO Induction Ceremony
September 6: Club Closed
September 9: E' Club Advisory Meeting
September 10: Seafood Extravaganza at the O' Club
September 11: Retiree Appreciation Night
September 16: ESC Social
September 17: Mongolian BBQ
September 19: Sunday Brunch at the O' Club
September 23: E' Club Advisory Meeting



Get In On It
All Ranks Membership Night
at the Officers' Club
Sept. 2, 2004 • 4-8 p.m.
For Enlisted and Officers' Club Members

FREE food & Beverages
Entertainment & Door Prizes
Susan Stewart - Jazz Acoustic Performer
Call 283-4357 for more information.

Community Center
283-2495

Guitar Lessons
Instructor: Ric Higgins. For beginners to advanced. Cost is \$20 per 1/2 hour session or \$30 per hour. Call for more information.

American TaeKwonDo Classes
Master: Clifford Kinchen. Mondays and Wednesdays 6-6:50 p.m. for 6-12 yrs., 6:50-7:40 p.m. for 13 yrs. old and up. Cost: \$5 per class or \$40 for 10 class punch card. Call for more information.

PET FAIR
August 28, 8 a.m. until noon
at the Veterinary Clinic

- Military Working Dog Demonstration
- Agility Demonstration
- Pictures of the Kids with Clifford the Big Red Dog
- Best Trick Contest
- Owner/Pet Look Alike Contest
- Vet Clinic Open House
- Lectures
- Door Prizes
- Discounted Microchips.

Join us for all the fun at Bldg 1309 Suwannee Road. If you have any questions feel free to call us at **283-2434**



STRIVE
SMART STRENGTH™
Strive Selectorized Weight Equipment
at the Fitness Center
Offers a full body strength and cardio workout.
Call 283-2631 for details

Skills Development
Air Force Photo Contest
The Skills Center will be accepting entries all month. This contest will be judged in September for base level and then sent off to Command Level in October. Open to all base personnel and dependents. Sponsored in part by:

Nikon **PPA**
Professional Photographers of America
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Annual Artist Craftsmen and Photo Contest
Now accepting entries all month. This contest will be judged in September for base level and then sent off to Command Level in October. Open to all base personnel and dependents.

Deadline for entries for both contests: **Sept. 8.**

For more details **283-4511**



Football Frenzy at the Pizza Pub
Bldg. 1027 on Louisiana Ave.

Every Sun. and Mon. is your chance to win trips to the Atlanta Tampa Bay game, Pro Bowl and even the Super Bowl!

Week 1: **Sept. 9 starts at 8 p.m.**
Sept. 12 starts at 11:30 a.m.
Sept. 13 starts at 8 p.m.

Prizes include: an XBOX system, T-shirts, coolers and hats for Club Members!
Any question call Amanda at 283-3222 / 283-2814



Air Force Services Clubs **AA** **DOUBLE TREE HOTEL** **Live Responsibly** **Miller Lite**
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Youth Center
283-4366

Surfs Up
Schedule a class and learn basic techniques and ocean awareness in a safe environment. Classes are held at St. Andrews State Park and transportation is provided. Cost is \$40 per 2 hour session.

Other Upcoming Events
August 27: Movie and Pizza Night. Cost is \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members. Price includes pizza, popcorn, and beverage.

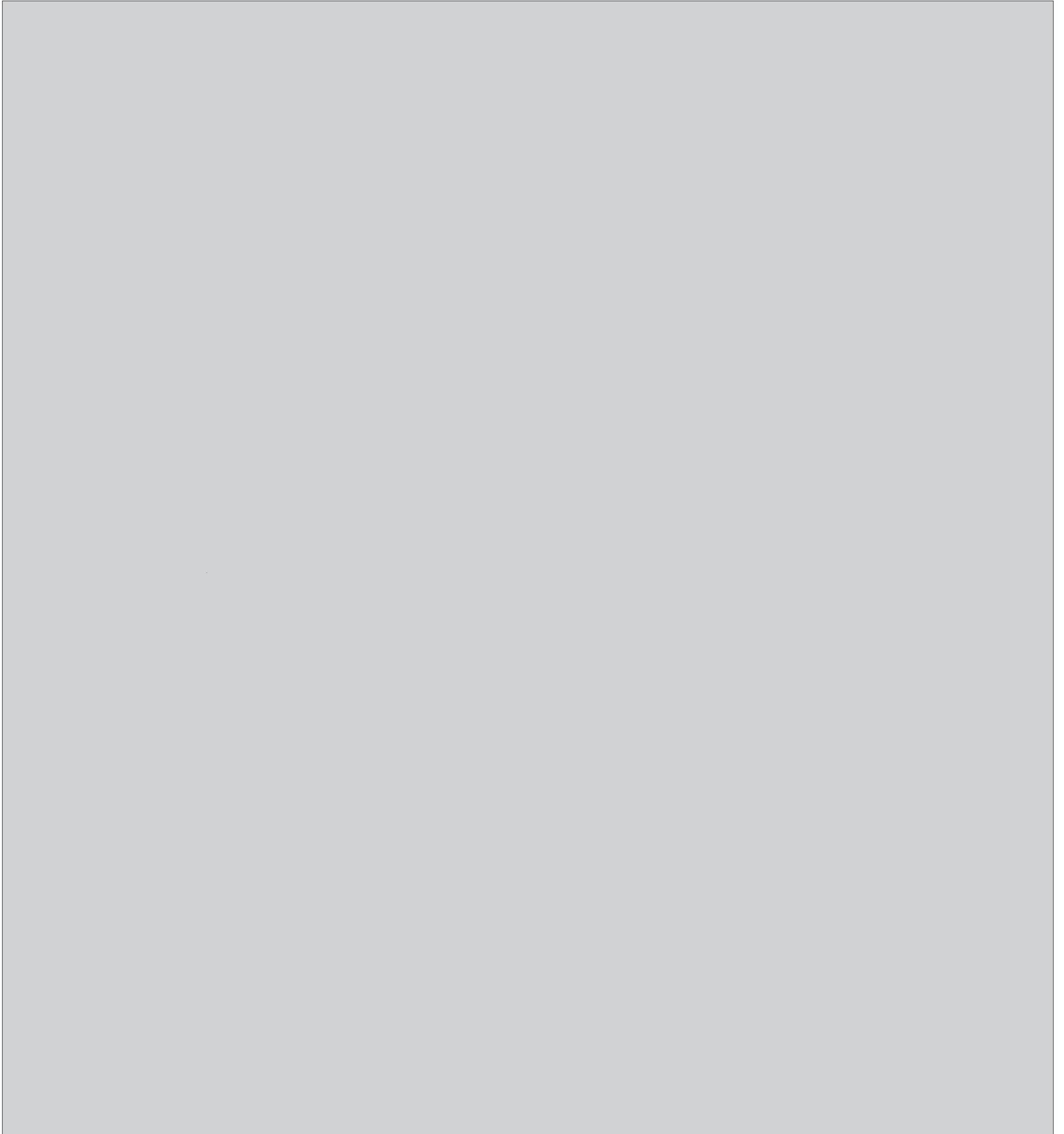
Smart Start Baseball
Is your 3-5 year old ready to hit a homerun? Sign up for Start Smart Baseball and work one-on-one with your child developing basic skills. Classes run Sept. 9, 16, 23, & 30 at 10 a.m. Cost is \$30.

Smart Start Basketball
Is your 3-5 year old ready to shoot some baskets? Sign up for Start Smart Basketball and work one-on-one with your child developing basic skills. Classes run Sept. 8, 15, 22, & 29 at 10 a.m. Cost is \$30. Call Andy at 283-4366 for more details.

Skate Like a Pro
Learn basic and advanced tricks taught by World Freestyle Amateur Champion John Leathers. This class is open to youth ages 8 yrs. and older. Call for details and registration information.

Punt, Pass & Kick
Signup for the NFL, Punt, Pass & Kick Competition, Sept. 24 at 3:30 p.m. at the Youth Center. Four age divisions 8-9 yrs., 10-11 yrs., 12-13 yrs., and 14-15 yrs. with boys and girls competing separately. It's FREE and top competitors can win a trip to the NFL Playoffs. Call and or sign up at the Youth Center.

Marina Club
283-3059
Best Salad Bar on Base
All you can eat with soft drink \$5.95.



Don't get caught in these crooks' 'phishing' nets

1ST LT. DANIEL VAILLANT

81st Training Wing Staff Judge
Advocate Office

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss.

(AETCNS) — Fishing is an activity enjoyed by many people, but “phishing” is angling of another sort.

“Phishing” is an Internet e-mail scam that tricks individuals into revealing personal information, including Social Security numbers, bank account numbers and passwords.

Typically, the e-mails involve Web sites with familiar logos and companies, like Citibank or PayPal. The Web sites are replicas, and once

Internet users enter, they're often urged to “confirm” bank account information, identification numbers or passwords that were supposedly lost or misplaced. After users provide the information, their identity is compromised and money starts disappearing.

To protect themselves, Internet users need to first recognize the e-mail as a scam. See below for several indicators

For more information on how to protect personal information, go to the Federal Trade Commission Web site at www.ftc.gov/ftc/consumer.htm.

Avoiding at all cost ...

Some indicators of scam e-mails include:

- The e-mail doesn't address you by name.
- The e-mail doesn't reference a partial account number.
- The e-mail warns your accounts will be closed unless you reconfirm your information immediately.
- The e-mail warns you've been the victim of fraud.
- The e-mail contains spelling or grammatical errors.

Other ways to protect personal information include:

- Contacting the business and verifying the message is genuine.
- Adopting a general rule not to send personal information over the Internet unless you've made contact first.
- Contacting legitimate businesses that are being victimized to put them on alert.
- The e-mail asks for personal information, like Social Security numbers, bank account numbers or passwords. Legitimate businesses don't request such information through e-mails. Banks and credit card companies don't need people to provide that information; they already have it.