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In brief

Thrift Shop

The Tyndall Thrift Shop, each week in February, highlights donated items from one spotlighted department that will be available for half price. Donated clothing items will be 50 percent off the entire month. Shopping hours are 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Wednesday thru Friday and 9 a.m. to noon the first Saturday of each month. Consignments are accepted on Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The Thrift Shop is located in Building 743. Any donated items may be left in the collection bin in front of the shop.

For more information, call 286-5888

Gulf Coast Salute 2004

"Showcasing America's Defenders; Five Forces, One Mission."

March 27-28 Tyndall Air Force Base will host the 2004 open house featuring the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels and many other military and civilian aerial demonstrations.

For more information, call 283-9726.

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Tech. Sgt. Dan Neely

Exercise gear

Tyndall airmen inventory the contents of their issued bags on a mobility processing line here Tuesday. The mobility line was one of many stops for airmen participating in the Crown Royal 04-1 operational readiness exercise. The week-long exercise tested 325th Fighter Wing units through a variety of realistic scenarios.

Helpline gives airmen vital info

MASTER SGT. EDDIE RILEY

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force expanded efforts to take care of its own Sunday with the 24-hour-a day "Air Force One Source" live helpline for airmen and their families.

The "beyond-the-gate" support and referral service is intended to help address personal and family support needs for active-duty airmen, reservists and Guardsmen.

Some airmen are not always near agencies that offer support with child care, finances, legal matters, deployment and other related issues.

Certified counselors will be available year-round to an-

swer questions, provide information or guide airmen and their family members to the appropriate resources.

The intent is to ensure all airmen and their families have the right resources they need, said Linda Smith, chief of Air Force family matters at the Pentagon.

"Air Force One Source gives them access to support at all times by telephone, the Internet and e-mail," Ms. Smith said.

Most base family support resources are only staffed to help the 20 percent of the population who typically require assistance at a given time, Ms. Smith said.

The Air Force One Source

staff provides access to these kinds of resources to those serving remotely, while augmenting the traditional on-base services, she said.

The Air Force One Source staff, contracted through Titan/Ceridian Corp, has nearly 30 years of experience handling geographically dispersed employee calls from Fortune 100 companies.

Counselors with licensed clinical social work and employee-assistance certifications, as well as advanced counseling degrees, will respond to Air Force One Source users.

"All (airmen and their families) with an (identification) card can use (the helpline) to

get help with a range of concerns," Ms. Smith said.

Some concerns that may be addressed include making plans to deploy or coming home from a deployment, resolving personal problems, or coping with challenges that come up during the course of a day, she said.

Air Force One Source is available anytime by phone in the United States at (800) 707-5784, internationally at (800) 7075-7844, internationally collect at (484) 530-5913 or at www.airforceonesource.com.

The Web site requires customers to log on by using "airforce" as the user ID and "ready" as the password.

Chief of Staff offers vision for shaping Air Force

(Editor's note: This is the Air Force chief of staff's latest *Sight Picture*, accessible on the Air Force issues Web page at www.issues.af.mil.)

GEN. JOHN JUMPER

Air Force chief of staff

Over the last decade, we've seen a dramatic change in our security environment. We reduced our active-duty force by nearly 40 percent — from 608,000 to 375,000 — while remaining engaged around the world at levels higher than at any time during the Cold War. To accommodate the changing world, we have completely transformed our Air Force, from one that dealt with the Soviet and North Korean threats into an agile Air Expeditionary Force, capable of rapidly responding anywhere, with tailored forces ready to deal with any contingency.

Our transformation has yielded outstanding results. But, for the past two years, we

have exceeded our mandated active duty end strength of 359,000. Under the President's declaration of a national emergency, our excess numbers are appropriate. While this is a temporary situation fueled by the Global War on Terrorism, we now need a plan to return to the authorized levels. By the end of 2005, we should reduce the size of our active force by 16,000 people, and we must reshape the force to correct existing skill imbalances and account for a new range of missions in the GWOT.

I know it may not be clear why our active duty end strength needs to decrease while we are still heavily engaged around the world. Let me explain how we got to this point and what we are doing to fix it.

As a result of several years of high operations tempo, we were given some latitude on how quickly we came down to the legal end strength limit of 359,000. We also suffered

an unprecedented recruiting problem during the 1990s. Recruiting has traditionally not been a problem for the Air Force, but a robust economy late in the 1990s had us falling short of recruiting goals for the first time since 1979. As a result, we took in thousands of people using skill mix assumptions that are no longer applicable to the demands of the GWOT.

We now have several career fields overmanned, while suffering shortages in others. Our task now is to reduce the force while also fixing this skill mix imbalance.

One area that has affected our end strength is Stop Loss — a program we used in 2002 and 2003 to stop people from separating. When Stop Loss was lifted, many of those airmen who intended to separate elected to stay.

Other policies associated with the GWOT also influenced our end strength. We swelled

the force by implementing programs that brought prior-service members and ARC volunteers on active duty to fill known critical skill shortages. Perhaps the most significant factor affecting our strength was, and still is, retention. Our goal for first term-enlisted retention is 55 percent, but, at the end of fiscal 2003, it was 61 percent.

Across the board our retention is up, and for good reason! In addition to an increased sense of patriotism, the tax and pay changes — some implemented for GWOT — really work. Imminent Danger Pay, Hardship Duty Pay, Combat Zone Tax Exclusion, Family Separation Allowance and a host of others, plus bonuses we pay to ensure we can retain critical skills, all add up to a very attractive compensation package that turned the tide toward staying in uniform. We are proud of our retention rates and that our people are

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Awards, events highlight Team Tyndall week

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW

325th Fighter Wing commander



I have some great news, as several people and programs have earned command recognition as the best of the best. The following individuals won 2003 Air Education and Training Command Mission Support Awards: Capt. Benita Arceneaux, AETC Outstanding Chief of Social Actions award. Master Sgt. David Brett, family support center individual award; Tech. Sgt. Lisa Graves, Outstanding Personnel Technician Award and Gerald Havel was selected for the Most Outstanding AETC Personnel Testing Achievement Award. Also earning command recognition was the 325th Contracting Squadron as they earned the Outstanding Pricing Team Award. Individual recognition was earned by the following people: Tech. Sgt. Todd Cook, Staff Sgt. Ronald L. King Contingency Contracting Award, enlisted category; Tech. Sgt. Doug Pick, Outstanding Contracting Enlisted Member Award, NCO Category; Airman 1st Class Paul Szymanski, Outstanding Contracting Enlisted Member Award, airman category; Melissa Sanders, Out-

standing Contracting Support Award; and honorable mention recognition went to Dixie Bankston in the GS-12 and above category. Congratulations and well deserved. We've got great people in this wing and it is an honor to be part of such a great, award-winning team.

Thanks to all for your hard work during this week's exercise. Since Tyndall will be supporting several Air Expeditionary Force deployments this year, we need to make sure we are identifying and eliminating any shortfalls to maximize our error-free support for the warfighting mission. It is important that everyone on base continue an expeditionary mindset.

General Donald Cook, AETC commander, expects each of us to be training focused and AEF ready. While not everyone will deploy, folks need to know their role and how deployments will impact people and organizations. As Air Force trainers, it is important to remain connected and involved in deployments in order to provide the Air Force and combat air forces with the best possible products and people.

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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. 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

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● **FROM SHAPING PAGE 2** electing to continue to serve.

To start our reshaping effort, we have set new targets for recruiting, from 37,000 this year to 35,600 in fiscal 2005 and 34,500 in fiscal 2006. We are also working on fixing our stressed career fields. Where we are short of people for the rotational requirement, we've taken action to direct more of our recruits into the stressed career fields. However, we know we can't replace 5- and 7-levels with people right out of technical school.

Part of our force shaping will have to be done by retraining and shifting experienced people from over-staffed career fields. Many of our airmen are willing to make the shift, and we will encourage retesting and support for waivers to qualify for retraining into critical skills. But in some career fields, our ability to absorb more people is often limited by training facilities and capacity. We will work to unclog any training backlogs. I am dedicated to reducing our stressed career fields and putting in place the right incentives to retain the people we task the most.

In addition to looking at retention, recruiting, and retraining, we are also looking at where our people are — we have airmen serving in jobs outside the Air Force

who don't deploy as part of our AEF. Some of these, such as joint positions and some defense agency positions, require uniformed people, and we benefit by having an airman's perspective in those jobs. Others, however, may not require a uniformed person, or a military person at all. These are positions that we are working to legitimately reclaim into our ranks.

Until very recently, we had not made all the manpower cuts we agreed to during the

“Our task now is to reduce the force while also fixing this skill mix imbalance.”

GEN. JOHN JUMPER
Chief of Staff of the Air Force

1990s. We've now made the adjustments in our books — over 13,000 positions eliminated — but we still need to move some of the people. That means we have airmen with advanced training and professional skills filling positions that no longer exist. It's hard for me to argue to the Congress that we don't have enough people when we should be using some of our airmen in other required positions.

All of these efforts will be combined with several additional force shaping tools to get to our authorized manpower levels and to get the right skills in the right places. We will include initiatives such as restricting reenlistment in overage career

fields, voluntary transfers to the ARC, shortening service commitments, limiting officer continuation for those deferred for promotion, commissioning ROTC cadets direct to the ARC, limiting reclassification of those eliminated from technical school, rolling back separation dates, and officer and enlisted retraining.

We are out of balance for the contingency world in which we live. I recently returned from the AOR where I met people who had been deployed for more than 200 days. They take great pride in the job they are doing, but we are being unfair to them and their families.

If at all possible, our goal is to give every qualified airman who wants to stay in the Air Force the opportunity to do so. In addition, we will use every tool to shape the force we have available to avoid the extreme measures that were used in the early 1990s.

Saddam Hussein buried his airplanes in the sand rather than face your Air Force. That's respect, and you continue to earn it every day. Secretary Roche and I are proud of you, and are honored to serve with you.

We will continue to remain closely engaged on these issues to ensure that we reshape the force into one that is suited for the 21st century while sustaining the standards of excellence and morale that are emblematic of the world's greatest Air Force.

President's proposed budget shows Air Force path

TECH. SGT. DAVID JABLONSKI
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The fiscal 2005 Defense Department budget provides the foundation upon which the Air Force will continue the war on terrorism.

Maj. Gen. Stephen Lorenz, Air Force deputy assistant secretary for budget, discussed how the service's budget priorities would allow airmen to be a better air and space force and support joint warfighting capabilities. General Lorenz recently discussed budget proposals to demonstrate to American taxpayers which critical-mission programs will receive emphasis and add to the safety and security of America.

"The budget is the lifeblood that helps us take care of our people, funds our transformation, and allows us to continue to fight the global war on terrorism," General Lorenz said.

Defense Department officials announced Jan. 23 that President George W. Bush would request a \$401.7 billion defense budget for fiscal 2005.

General Lorenz is responsible for planning and directing Air Force budget formulations. The fiscal 2004 budget was \$91.4 billion (excluding contingency op-

erations), and the 2005 budget will request a slight increase. The Air Force budget continues DOD's transformation to strengthen combined and joint warfighting capabilities and streamline business processes.

"This budget will ensure we can continue rebalancing personnel and take care of the world's premier fighting force," General Lorenz said.

Overall, about a third of the fiscal 2005 budget is for military and civilian pay and entitlements, with pay raises fully funded. Money will also go toward increasing the basic allowance for housing, bringing out-of-pocket expenses for housing to zero.

"An example of rebalancing includes

taking a hard look at our military career fields and re-adjusting, ensuring military members can concentrate more on the warfighting mission," General Lorenz said.

The emphasis on people also includes more dollars requested for Air Force Institute of Technology programs.

"We will continue to grow the 'Vector Blue' AFIT slots, ensuring our active-duty people have more opportunities for graduate degrees," General Lorenz said. "We will also triple our technical intern student program that is designed to help re-

cruit technical students for a military or civilian career in the DOD."

Just under a third of the budget request will go for readiness and daily operating expenses. This money addresses increased

costs of flying and space operations, operating unmanned aerial vehicles, further protecting communications, and facility repair and modernization.

About a third of the budget is allotted to continue to develop and buy transformational weapon systems. This area of the budget receives the largest increase over fiscal 2004. Substantial investments in the C-17 Globemaster III, the F/A-22 Raptor, the Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle, global positioning system, Global Hawk unmanned aerial vehicle, and RQ-1 and MQ-1 Predator system programs are in the proposal.

Finally, General Lorenz said there would be a sizable increase in funds dedicated to transformational communications.

"Most of the communications technology that makes high-tech, precision-guided munitions possible is owned by the Air Force," General Lorenz said. "That includes sustaining the global positioning system network of satellites used by both the joint warfighter and civilians around the world."

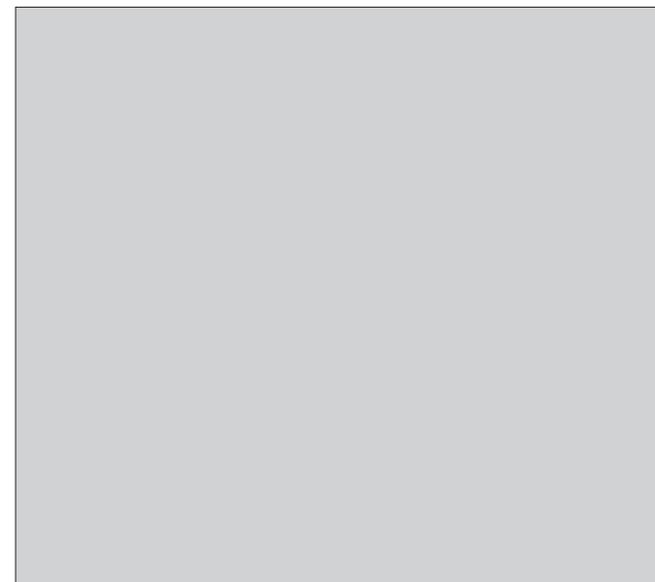
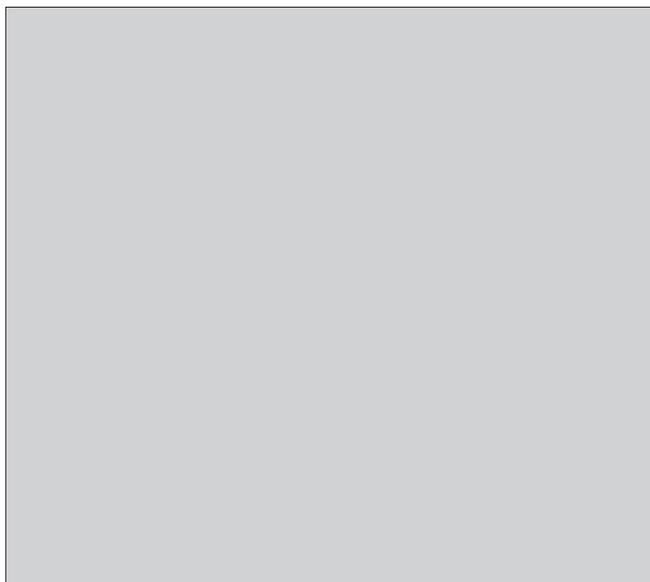
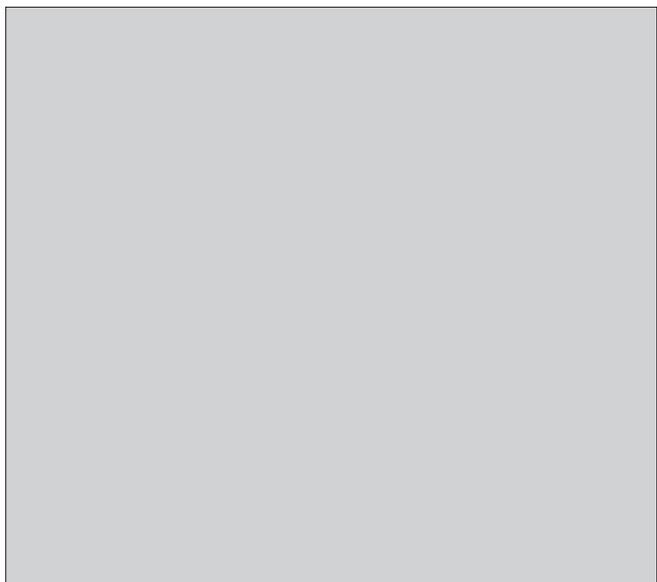
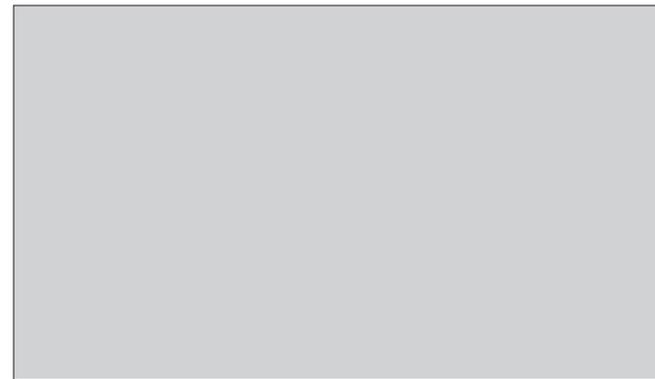
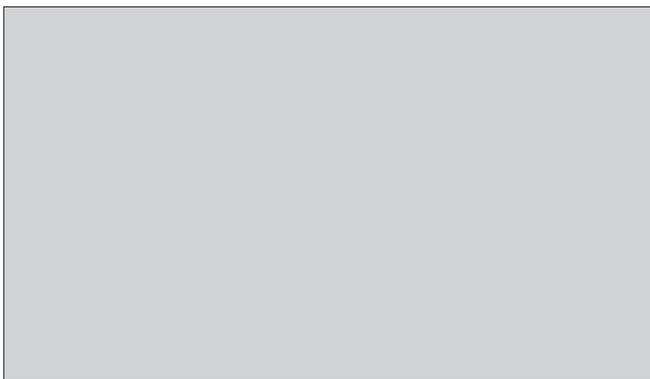
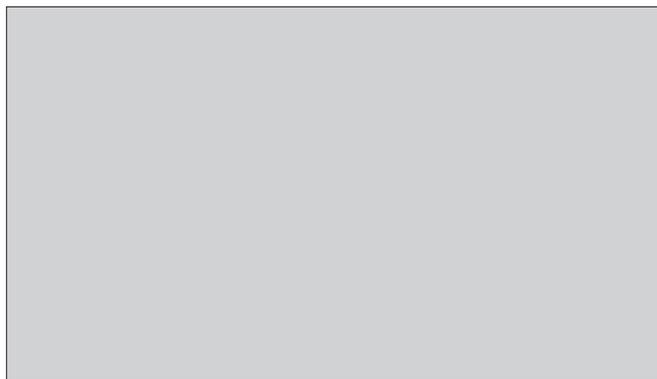
A breakdown of the Air Force share of the Defense Department's fiscal 2005 authorization will be announced after the president delivers his request Feb. 2.

\$402.7 billion

- *One third of the proposed budget is to be reserved for military and civilian pay entitlements, with pay raises fully funded.*

- *Just under a third of the budget request will go towards readiness and daily operating expenses.*

- *About a third of the budget is slated to be used to continue to develop and buy transformational weapon systems.*



December Team Tyndall re-enlistees

Master Sgt. Albert Boykin, 325th MG
 Senior Airman Michael Clair, 325th SFS
 Senior Airman James Chestnut, 325th MDSS
 Tech. Sgt. Edward Fett, 83rd FWS
 Senior Airman Dale Fogle, 325th FW
 Tech. Sgt. Zachary Holt, 325th MSS
 Airman 1st Class Nicholas Kermgard, 325th SVS
 Senior Airman Ben Labarge, 325th CES
 Tech. Sgt. Jacob Leos, Det. 2, 28th TS
 Tech. Sgt. Wuman Pledger, 325th MOS
 Senior Airman Keenan Pullin, 325th ACS
 Staff Sgt. Remedio Lyndon, 325th CES
 Master Sgt. Elvira Simpson, 325th MDOS
 Tech Sgt Kurt Schmidtman, 325th OSS
 Senior Airman Amanda White, 325th CS

Checkertail Salute

Tech. Sgt. Amy Vandergriff



Lisa Carroll

Tech. Sgt. Amy Vandergriff is awarded the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award by Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing

The Checkertail Clan salutes Tech. Sgt. Amy Vandergriff for her many accomplishments. She has aggressively led the claims section, fine-tuned the inventory discharge program, guided her team to peak performance for processing Article 15s and

Duty title: *Military Justice NCOIC*

Unit: *325th Fighter Wing Judge Advocate General's office*

Time on Tyndall: *Three years*

Time in service: *13 years*

Hometown: *Oil City, Pa.*

Hobbies: *Spending time with family, involvement in community activities*

Goals: *To become a senior NCO*

Favorite thing about Tyndall: *My Co-workers*

Favorite movie: *Grease*

has acted as the Victim Witness Assistance Program liaison for a dependent child of an abusive military member, and met all the child's needs. She has also helped the command garner an 80 percent on-time processing rate for 12 courts martial.

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.

DFAS clarifies retro civilian pay raise

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFPN) — The additional 2.1-percent pay raise for civilian employees authorized by the president Jan. 23, will be retroactive to Jan. 11.

However, before it can take effect, an executive order must be issued addressing how the increase will be split between base and locality pay, said Defense Fi-

nance and Accounting Service officials. After the executive order is issued, the Office of Personnel Management will publish new salary tables based on that guidance.

These tables must then be integrated into the personnel system before any retroactive pay adjustment processing can begin, officials said. Once the adjust-

ments are processed by the personnel system, calculation of employee pay increases by payroll systems can begin.

As in 2003, not all employees will receive the retroactive part of the pay increase at the same time. Because of transaction volume, payroll processing of this change must take place over the course of multiple paydays, DFAS officials said.

Retiree's spouse wins commissary award

JIM WESLOWSKI
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Serving on active duty for more than 20 years, retired Petty Officer 1st Class Tracy Trussel moved his family eight times to restart a home while serving in the Navy.

According to Petty Officer Trussel, each time the military gave him new orders his wife Dianna Trussel gave up career opportunities, helped pack-up the family, supported his career and volunteered more than 15 years with the Navy and Marine Corps Society helping others at various assignments.

He now works for Air 1st Aviation Companies Inc., at Tyndall Air Force Base and remembers the sacrifices his family made for his career.

One day as he visited the base commissary, he got another opportunity to brag about his wife.

Petty Officer Trussel took the time to fill out the 9th Annual American Veteran Awards package that was being handed out at the commissary.

He was able to tell

AVA organizers how great he thought his spouse was.

Among the several contest categories, he felt the Spouse Award for Military Retirees was just right for his wife.

The American Veteran Awards committee also thought his wife was special and named her their Military Retiree Spouse honoree for 2004.

The American Veteran Awards is a project of Veterans Foundation, Inc., a nationally recognized, non-profit, non-political, public benefit organization founded in 1980.

"Dianna is able to work full time and pursue her career opportunities without worrying about permanent change of orders any longer," said Petty Officer Trussel. "So, I chip in whenever I can with household chores, and shop at the commissary once or twice a week on the way home. When I was given a chance to fill out the awards package, I didn't hesitate. I just wrote about how she keeps our family together and what



Dianna Trussel

she means to me. She was always a winner in my book. It's nice to see that others feel the same."

"It was a surprise to me when the AVA selection committee contacted us," said Mrs. Trussel.

"Supporting Tracy and living as a military spouse is a way of life. I will never forget our assignments and adventures. I never thought I was doing anything spe-

cial."

The 9th Annual American Veteran Awards: A Tribute to Freedom, will air nationally on The History Channel at 6 p.m. Sunday and worldwide on American Forces Radio & Television Services at a later date. The show will highlight all award categories and recipients.

For more information about AVA, visit www.avashow.com.

2003 Team Tyndall Annual Awards Banquet

Team Tyndall will host the 2003 Annual Awards Banquet Feb. 19 at the Pelican Reef Enlisted Club.

The social begins at 6 p.m. and dinner begins at 7 p.m.

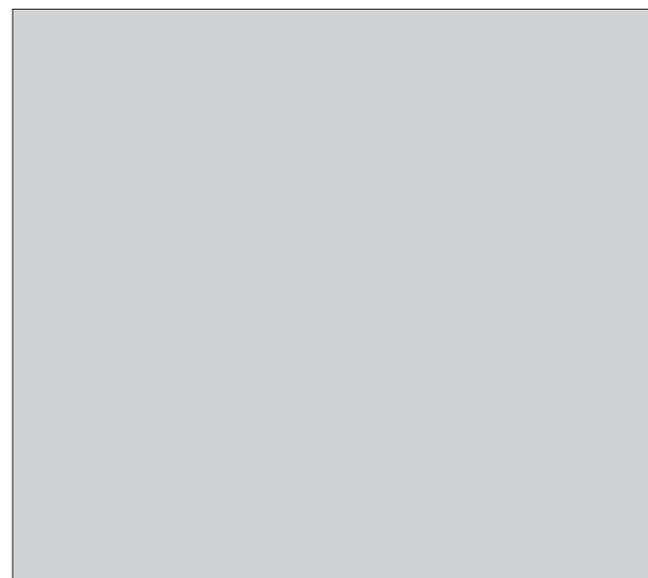
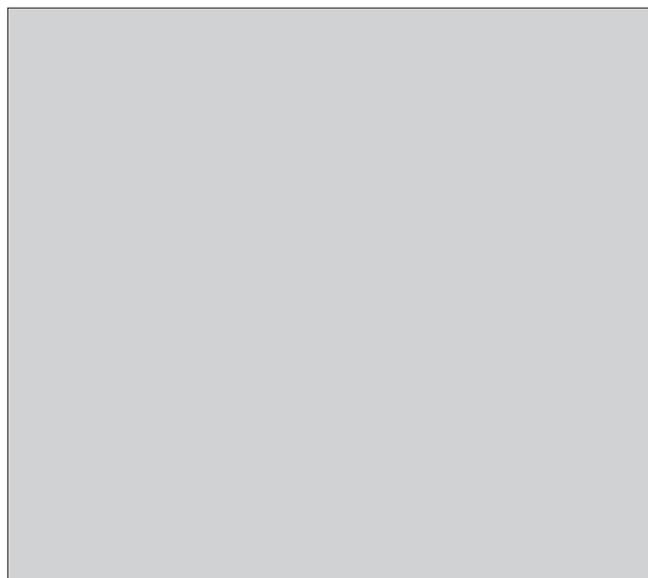
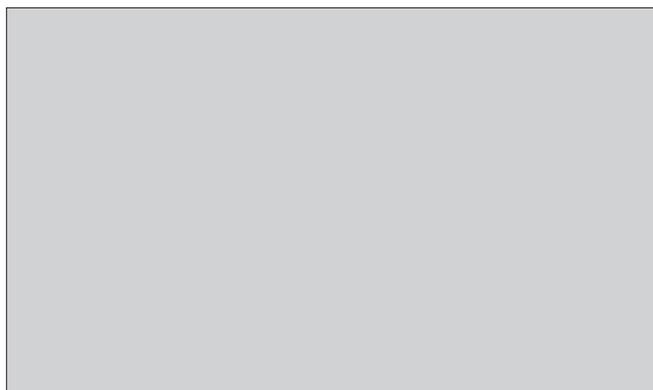
Dress is mess-dress for military and semi-formal for civilian.

On the menu for the night is London broil or stuffed chicken breast.

The cost for members is \$19.50 and \$22.50 for non-members.

Tickets are available through unit first sergeants.

"I encourage you to attend the Wing Annual Awards celebration and support to recognize the wing's superstar performers. I'm sure each of them would be quick to mention that individual recognition is tied ever so closely to outstanding teams," said Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander. "The event promises to be a first-class affair."



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Exercises provide us a valuable opportunity to do just that and help ensure those tasked to deploy, as well as those remaining home, are able to execute their assigned mission.

I encourage everyone to identify areas in which you and your organization can improve to make us a better, more efficient team.

In the coming weeks, there will be several events folks will have an opportunity to get involved in.

There are many exciting events on the horizon, such as a visit by retired Air Force Gen. Lloyd "Fig" Newton. General Newton is a former commander of Air Education and Training Command. He will be speaking at the annual Black History Month luncheon at the enlisted club.

For more information on this event, contact Bettye Varnado at 283-3252, Master Sgt. Waldlena Schmidt at 283-6378, Bernice Milton at 283-4202, or 1st Lt. Joseph Harris at 283-3375. I highly encourage everyone to attend this event. The general is a great speaker and I'm sure he will have a lot of information that will benefit you



"We've got great people in this wing and it is an honor to be part of such a great, award-winning team."

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW
325th Fighter Wing commander

begins at 6 p.m.

Finally, I would like to thank all those involved in hosting Secretary of the Air Force James Roche.

It is always an honor to be able to showcase Tyndall and those who perform the mission each day. And Secretary Roche was definitely impressed with the airmen charged with executing our mission as am I.

Thank you for all you do for Team Tyndall and our Air Force.

Have a great week!

throughout your career.

Additionally, Tyndall will host its annual Gulf Coast Salute March 27-28. The theme of this year's open house is "Showcasing America's Defenders; Five Forces/One Mission."

I also encourage you to attend the Wing Annual Awards celebration to support and recognize the wing's superstar performers as I'm sure each of them would be quick to mention that individual recognition is tied ever so closely to outstanding teams.

The celebration takes place Feb. 19 at the Pelican Reef Enlisted Club. It will be a *m e s s d r e s s*, semi-formal affair. Social hour

'Force Shaping' means some can leave active duty early

MAJ. JOHN THOMAS

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFP) — There is good news for thousands of airmen considering leaving active duty who thought they couldn't because of existing service obligations.

An effort dubbed "force shaping" is opening the exit doors to officers and enlisted servicemembers in select career fields and year groups by waiving some active-duty service commitments previously incurred for events like government-funded education, permanent changes of station and promotion.

Force shaping includes opportunities to transition to the Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard, and can relieve some people of their active-duty service commitments.

Rules for leaving active duty early will be the least restrictive for anyone wanting to transfer to the Guard or Reserve through the Palace Chase program.

Some bonus payback requirements may also be waived, officials said.

Applications for any of the force-shaping early release programs must be made through local military personnel flights by March 12.

More than 16,000 additional people — 12,700 enlisted and 3,900 officers — currently projected to leave will be allowed out to help the service return to its authorized active-duty force size by Sept. 30, 2005. The goal is to get within authorized end strength while avoiding "extreme measures" that "wreak havoc" with mission and morale, officials said.

Active-duty airmen wanting to transfer to the Reserve or Guard will be able to apply for a waiver of an active-duty service commitment regardless of their career field.

"We're a total force, and for our active-duty airmen who would like to separate early

and still retain a connection to their Air Force, the Palace Chase program provides the perfect vehicle to preserve operational capability while reducing active-duty end strength," said Maj. Gen. John Spiegel, the Air Force's director of personnel policy at the Pentagon.

"We're focusing a big part of our efforts there because it keeps (servicemembers) and their expertise in the total force, while allowing them increased stability and a chance to continue working toward a military retirement," the general said.

Some applications may not be approved.

Because of manning shortages, 29 officer and 38 enlisted specialties will not qualify for many of the waivers.

Among those are pilots, navigators, air battle managers, aerial gunners, fuels specialists, nurses and first sergeants. The complete list of "stressed" career fields that are excluded from many of the waivers is posted at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/retsep/shape/.htm.

"We don't want to break any career fields during our force-shaping efforts or create problems in future years similar to the ones caused by the downsizing in the early 1990s," said General Spiegel.

"Approval authority for miscellaneous enlisted separations will rest at the personnel center, to centrally review applications and ensure compliance with manning needs," said Maj. Dawn Keasley, chief of retirement and separation policy at the Air Staff.

Details and career counseling are available from unit career assistance advisors at each base. People can also call the Air Force Contact Center at DSN 665-5000 or toll-free (800) 616-3775 for more information. (Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News Service)

Serving Tyndall's women

Women's health clinic mixes commitment, hi-tech to provide top-quality health care



Photos by Airman 1st Class Sarah McDowell

Vicky Figueroa, women's health clinic nurse practitioner, briefs Staff. Sgt. Suzanne Cournoyer, clinic technician, on how to operate the Colposcope. The Colposcope machine is the most efficient way of detecting cervical abnormalities, resulting in earlier detection of cancer.

(Editor's note: This is the final story in the three-part feature series highlighting the 325th Medical Group's family practice, flight medicine and women's health clinics.)

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

"The 325th Medical Group is committed to taking care of Team Tyndall's medical needs today, no matter what clinic," said Lt. Col. Charles Carlton, 325th Medical Operations Squadron commander.

The 325th MDOS Women's Health Clinic, which sees about 60 patients a day, is no exception to the statement. It's three providers, to include a reservist nurse practitioner, aim to foster an environment for women's gynecological and some obstetrical services.

Since the clinic's inception three years ago, its members have maintained relationships with patients and upgraded the clinic's systems and technologies to make visits pleasant and efficient.

"Women's health is a specialty on its own," said Maj. Patricia Jones, women's health clinic nurse practitioner. "Women need to know that this clinic is a place they can come to have some understanding of their concerns."

The mission of the clinic is to provide gynecological services to all female patients from adolescent to geriatric. The clinic routinely conducts gynecological examinations, general gynecology, postpartum care, family planning, contraceptive counseling and transitional obstetrical care.



Ms. Figueroa takes the blood pressure of Pamela Rodrigues during the screening process.

One new process at the clinic is the management of pregnancy testing. This will allow the women's health clinic and the pediatrics clinic to capture well baby exams and postpartum follow-ups after delivery, which is essential care for mother and baby.

The clinic has also streamlined the Contraceptive Injection Program (Depo-Provera) ensuring more efficient and quality care with one-stop shopping, Colonel Carlton said.

Another service in the clinic is follow-up for patients with abnormal pap tests. The WHC has a hi-tech medical device called a Colposcope, which uses a camera to search for cervical cancer in a painless, efficient procedure. The incorporation of this technology, along with Thin Prep testing, as opposed to the older version pap test, has allowed the clinic to track more than 1,000 diagnostic procedures to detect cervical cancer in its early stages. The improved technology has helped extend lives and prevent prolonged suffering, according to Capt. Andrea Moore, women's health clinic nurse practitioner. "This technology also allows us to follow our population within the facility and not have to refer them downtown," Major Jones said.

Additionally, to make sure all of the patients' needs are met, the clinic has worked to improve patient access, increasing appointments by almost 40 percent, according to Colonel Carlton.

"We are listening to Team Tyndall's concerns, and we are currently locked on ways to improve our appointment system," Colonel Carlton said. "It is our number one concern to make the system user friendly."

"I do believe that women need to have a place especially for them to discuss their needs and concerns, and we provide that for them on a daily basis," Major Jones said. "We want them to be comfortable with coming to see us and feel they have been taken care of when they leave."

Continuing the care

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

The next step for new mothers who are cared for by the 325th Medical Group Women's Health Clinic is the Pediatrics Clinic.

"We work closely with the women's health clinic to provide close following for pregnant women after delivery to ensure newborns have a smooth transition into the pediatric clinic family," said Capt. LaRhonda Gray, pediatric clinic element leader.

In addition to working with the WHC, they care for more than 3,000 beneficiaries from infancy to 17 years old.

"The pediatric staff is totally committed to delivering comprehensive health care to include preventative medicine and referring children to specialty care when needed," Captain Gray said.

An important program implemented by the clinic for children who need such specialty care is the Asthma Education Class. The program is directed by Dr. (Capt.) Kimberly Johnson. The class explains asthma and what triggers it, along with an explanation of medicines and their uses.

The clinic also offers several types of appointments for its patients, including: acute appointments, follow-up visits, and well visits for children ages 2 weeks; 2 months; 4 months; 6 months; 1 year; 18 months; then yearly after age two.

It also offers physical exams for school and sports year round, but appointments for them should be made 30 days in advance.

"Our mission is to provide primary care, resulting in rapid response to patient needs – right care, right time, right place," Captain Gray said.

To schedule an appointment, call, 283-2288.

New F-15 programs in full swing

And what the future holds for the 95th Fighter Squadron

CHRISTINE SULLIVAN

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Although the F-15 is an aging aircraft, members of the F-15 program continue to push ahead with improved technology installations and upgrades.

The newest capability added to Tyndall's F-15C and F-15D aircraft is the Fighter Data Link, which allows fighter aircraft to transmit and receive data link messages with multiple platforms.

"The biggest advantage is that it dramatically promises to increase the pilot's situational awareness by providing a real time battlefield picture," said Capt. Jason Hinds, 95th Fighter Squadron chief of weapons and tactics. "It's a quantum leap in capability."

"Without a doubt, the Fighter Data Link is our most important upgrade at this time," said Lt. Col. Patrick Huber, 325th Fighter Wing Fighter Data Link project officer. "This allows us to participate in the data links' architecture, tying all our forces together on the modern battlefield."

"It's a secure system that sends data from one fighter to another, as well as to Airborne Warning and Control Systems, ground stations and NATO aircraft," said Capt. Matthew McCarty, 95th FS pilot. "It reduces the need for radio transmissions and increases the warfighter's situational awareness."

Each squadron currently has about seven jets that have already been modified. The goal is for the 325th Fighter Wing to modify 70 percent of its jets by the end of the year.

"The 95th Aircraft Maintenance Unit modified six aircraft quickly and professionally, allowing the instructor pilots to begin flying sorties with these jets and testing the systems," said Captain McCarty.

"The maintainers are making all this happen for us," said Colonel Huber. "In particular, our FDL modification dock team has done an exceptional job modifying our aircraft to operate with FDL terminals."

Captain Hinds, the squadron's expert on weapons, on-board systems and tactics, also developed a spin-up program that includes academics, simulator training and in-flight experience with Team Tyndall's FDL fleet.

"Captain Hinds has done a great job getting us up to speed in the F-15 — the technology he's getting for us is critical to the success of our mission," said Colonel Huber. "In order to provide a quality product (near mission-ready F-15 wingmen) to the Combat Air Force, we need the same technology as fielded by the CAF F-15s."

Tyndall does not plan to stop with the FDL, though. Currently in the works is another vital piece of upgraded technology in a new generation of air-to-air missiles.

"The next upgrade for the F-15 program will be the AIM-9X, scheduled for installation in 2005," said Captain Hinds. "It gives us a high off-boresight, short-range infrared missile



Courtesy photos

The AIM-9X Sidewinder, the newest generation of launch and leave air-combat weapon, is being touted by the Raytheon Corporation as the world's best dogfight missile for the world's best fighter pilots."

capability — something enemy aircraft have now and we are just getting."

The AIM-9X is a launch-and-leave air-combat missile that uses infrared energy to acquire and track targets. It can be employed in both the within-visual range and near-beyond range arenas. It is the latest member of the AIM-9 Sidewinder short-range missile family which has been in existence since 1964 and is already used by more than 40 nations throughout the world. The new technology is currently being used at Elmendorf, Lakenheath, and Nellis AFBs.

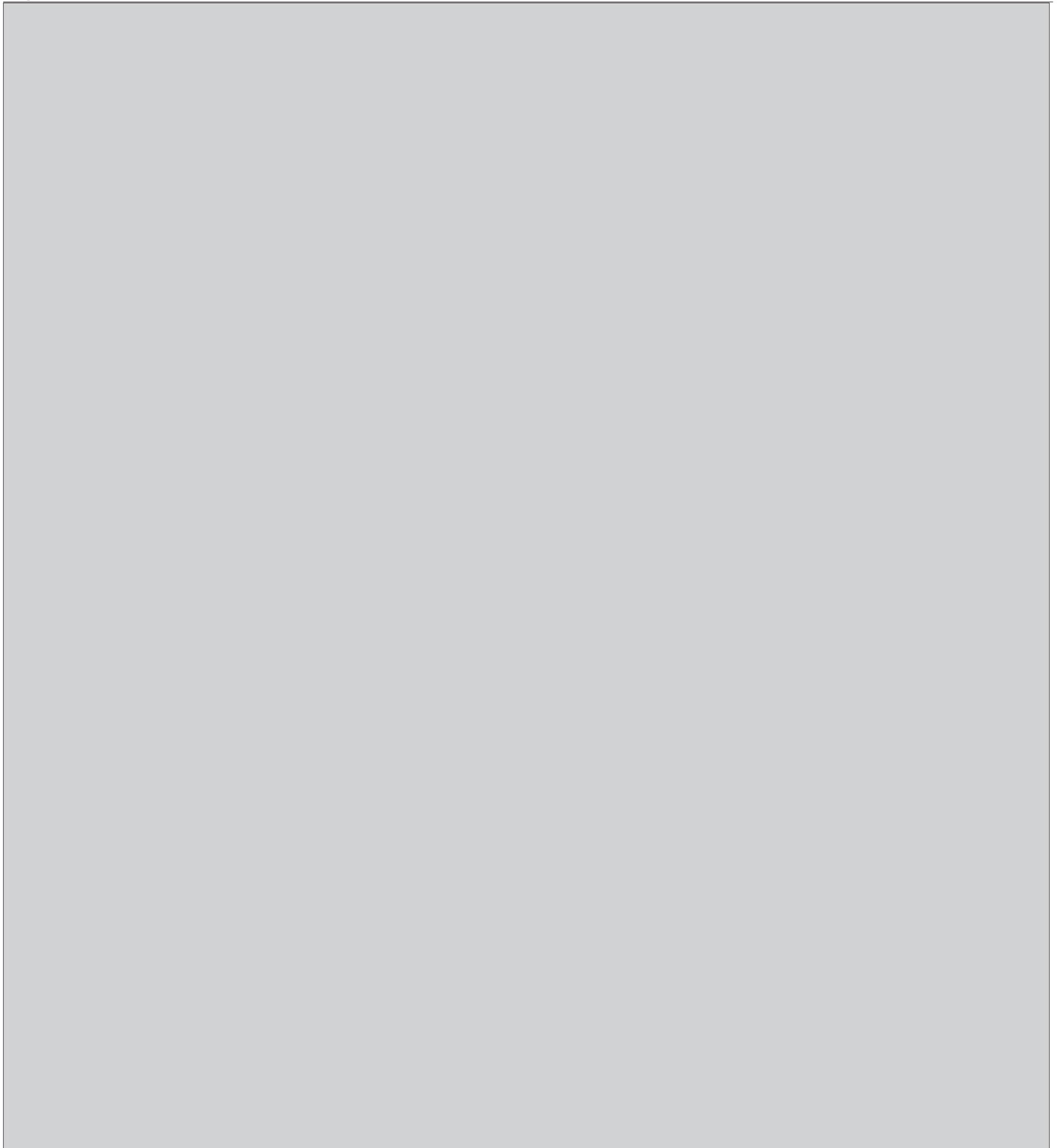
Currently, Tyndall is using the AIM-9M, an all-aspect short-range missile. The upgrade to the 9X will utilize components of the 9M to include the rocket motor, warhead and fuse, making it more cost effective.

Finally, another wave of fighter jet upgrades will come to Tyndall in the form of night vision lighting for pilots.

"The NVIS lighting is very close to completion and should be implemented within the next few months," said Captain Hinds. "This will improve training missions conducted at night and the pilots' ability to see and maneuver in low-light conditions."

"The F-15 Eagle has 104 air-to-air kills and zero losses to date," he added. "These upgrades will ensure it stays that way."





Team Tyndall Winners: 2003 AETC Mission Support Award winners announced

Air Education and Training Command recently announced the winners of the 2003 Mission Support Awards, and Team Tyndall was well represented.

Capt. Benita Arceneaux, 325th Fighter Wing staff, Master Sgt. David Brett, Tech. Sgt. Lisa Graves, and Gerald Havel, 325th Mission Support Squadron, all received top honors in their respective mission support categories.

Captain Arceneaux, the base Military Equal Opportunity chief, won Outstanding Chief of Social Actions. Among other noted accomplishments, Captain Arceneaux was recognized for creating, designing and authoring the MEO newsletter, *Utopia Minutes*, and designing and implementing an in-house training program for the Equal Opportunity Training and Human Relations programs, resulting in an error-free complaint process and a more efficient case-file management system. Her innovativeness and efforts contributed

to the unit's outstanding rating during last year's Operational Readiness Inspection.

Sergeant Brett, assistant chief of the 325th Family Support Flight, received the individual award for the best Family Support Center Family Readiness Office. Sergeant Brett superbly managed 14 Transition Assistance Program seminars, providing 236 transitioning members the tools to succeed in civilian life. He saved the government \$35,000 in civilian pay by creatively augmenting FSC manning with casual status military, and planned and conducted three Family Readiness NCO Qualification Courses for 75 students. He also won the 2003 Pitsenbarger Award for academic excellence at Tyndall.

Sergeant Graves, customer service superintendent, won Personnel Manager of the Year (personnel technician category). Sergeant Graves was recognized for providing timely and accurate assistance to more than

23,200 walk-in customers last year and issuing nearly 13,000 identification cards. The wing commander lauded her for her superb work orchestrating the Provider Appreciation Day for Tyndall daycare providers.

Mr. Havel, the test control officer for Tyndall, was selected for the Air Force Personnel Testing Achievement Award. Mr. Havel oversaw testing for more than 1,420 enlisted members last year, as well as 450 tests in areas such as foreign language, electronic processing, officer qualification and the Basic Attributes Test. He was recognized by local Air Force recruiters, ROTC detachments and Naval Coastal System Station, for outstanding support in administering the Air Force Officer Qualification Test.

The winners of the 2003 AETC Mission Support Awards will go on to compete in the Air Force-level competition expected to be announced in May.

ARTICLE 15s

The following adverse actions took place at Tyndall in January.

Article 15s:

→ An airman first class received a suspended reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$100 pay per month for two months, 15 days extra duty, and a reprimand for leaving his place of duty without authorization and making a false official statement.

→ An airman first class received a reduction to E-1, 30 days restriction to Tyndall AFB, and a reprimand for three violations of the Air Education and Training Command phase program.

→ An airman first class received a

suspended reduction to E-2 and a reprimand for three violations of the AETC phase program.

→ An airman first class received a suspended reduction to E-1, suspended forfeitures of \$50 pay per month for two months, and 30 days extra duty for underage drinking.

→ A staff sergeant received suspended forfeitures of \$1,183 pay per month for two months, 30 days extra duty, suspended, and a reprimand for incapacitation for duty due to prior over-indulgence in alcohol.

→ An airman first class received a reduction to E-1, forfeitures of \$298

pay per month for two months, 30 days extra duty, 30 days restriction to Tyndall AFB, and a reprimand for marijuana use.

Administrative discharges:

→ An airman received a general discharge for minor disciplinary infractions.

→ An airman basic received a general discharge for minor disciplinary infractions.

→ An airman received a general discharge for drug abuse.

→ An airman first class received a general discharge for failure in the ADAPT program.



Tech. Sgt. Dan Neely

Free tax assistance

Maj. Tim Schulteis, volunteer income tax assistant, (right), helps customers prepare their tax return inside the Tyndall Tax Center Monday. The tax center is located in the Community Activities Center (Marsh Room). Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., weekdays through April 15. To make an appointment or for more information, call 283-9192/9193/9194/9195. 1040 EZ form filers are welcome for walk-in service.

Events

Talent show

The Tyndall Black Heritage Committee is sponsoring an annual variety show Feb. 28 at the Enlisted Club. This is a great opportunity to showcase talents. Contact Staff Sgt. John Phinisey for more information, at 283-2663 or e-mail at john.phinisey@tyndall.af.mil, or Crystal Lewis at crystal.lewis@tyndall.af.mil.

Moms, Pops and Tots

An informal group for parents and their children aged from birth to preschool school can gather at the Community Activities Center (Bldg. 1027) 9-11 a.m. every Wednesday. There will be playtime, arts, crafts, outings and guest speakers. For more information, call Laurie Cambell at 286-6501 or Melissa Dyle at 785-4966.

Smooth Move workshop

There will be a Smooth Move workshop at the family support center classroom 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday. The workshop explains helpful hints on making your permanent change of station successful. For more information, call 283-4204.

Services

Base operations relocated

Base operations, Bldg. 149, will be relocated for nine months due to renovation. Base weather and meteorological navigation will be operating out of the trailer in front of building 149 and Airfield Management will be operating out of Bldg. 131. For more information, call 283-4244.

Anger Management

A four-session anger management course will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 23, and March 1 in Bldg. 1305. For more information or to sign up, call 283-7511.

Tyndall Officers' Spouses' Club college scholarship

Tyndall Officers' Spouses' Club college scholarship applications are now available for qualified college-bound high school students and military spouses. Application packets can be picked up at the Tyndall Education Office or in the high school guidance counselor's offices. Deadline for the application is noon Feb. 27. For more information, call 286-1212.

Heart Link Session

The quarterly Heart Link Session is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Feb 13 at the Enlisted Club's Classic Lounge.

Heart Link is a free, fast-paced, fun-filled, information-packed orientation for spouses affiliated with the Air Force for five years or less. Spouses of permanent party members or students are invited. Members with five or more years may come on a space available basis. For more information, call the family support center at 283-4204 or 4205.

Classifieds

VW Jetta

For Sale: 97 VW Jetta, 59k miles, new tires, \$5,000. For more information call Jeff at 874-9384.

Laptop computer

HP Pavillion laptop K6AMD, 500MHZ Processor, 64megs RAM, Windows 98 SE with battery, power adapt-

ers and leather carrying case. Asking \$300 OBO. For more information call Jim at 286-1413 or 774-9293 and leave a message.

Mazda 626

1999 626 Mazda, automatic, AM/FM/CD, beige, cruise, 70k, excellent condition, asking \$4,000. For more information call Regina Jackson at 747-9355.

PT Cruiser

2002 PT Cruiser, 5 speed, AM/FM/CD, black, cruise, only 19k miles, excellent condition; \$12,500 retail, asking \$10,000. Call 850-785-3449 ask for Philip Kissling

Astro Conversion Van

1996 Astro Conversion Van with raised roof. 7 PAX, TV/VCR, power everything, rear bench seat makes bed. Looks & runs great. Excellent family vehicle. Only 64K miles. \$7,200. 850-249-7249.

Pontiac Grand Am

1999 Pontiac Grand Am, \$6,500 or better offer, great condition. interior and exterior, call 276-3013.

Super Beetle

1974 red Super Beetle, new paint, sunroof, 45k on rebuilt engine. 105k miles total, in excellent condition. Moving and need to sell, \$6,500. Call Jonathan at 215-2279.

Ford Aspire

1994 Ford Aspire, standard, am/fm and cassette. 95k, runs well. \$550. Call Mark or Amie at 286-2285 or 624-4823.

Chevrolet Camaro

1995 Chevy Z-28 Camaro Convertable LT1, auto a/c/ps/abs. Leather, silver/black, 144k miles, \$6,000 negotiable. Chrome brush guard for 94-98 Dodge truck, \$250, call 286-4728.

Household items

Coffee table for \$50; Dining room table with three chairs for \$60; Vinyl love seat and lounge chair for \$80; lawnmower for \$40. All prices are negotiable. For more information, call Steve at 286-4288 after 6 p.m.

Retiree News

Many military retirees to see pay Increase

An estimated 150,000 military retirees saw an increase in their pay on Monday. The National Defense Authorization Act, enacted in November 2003, significantly modified a long-standing law preventing retirees from receiving full-retired pay if they also received disability pay from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The new law allows concurrent receipt of military retired pay and VA disability pay for retirees with more than 20 years of service and a disability rating of 50 percent or greater. This restored pay will be phased in over a 10-year period that began on Jan. 1, 2004.

For more details regarding who is eligible for the restored pay and how payments will be made, visit www.dfas.mil and see the topics under "Retired and Annuitant Pay," or visit the *myPay* Web site at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

Source: AFRETIREE News Service

Club hosts Mardi Gras celebration

New Orleans style food and entertainment on menu

STEVE RIDDLE

325th Services Squadron
publicist

New Orleans won't be the only place to find Mardi Gras this year. The Tyndall Officers' Club will also be offering up its own unique Cajun celebration Feb. 20.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. in the Tyndall Officers' Club ballroom.

All officers, retired officers and Depart-

ment of Defense employees who are officer equivalent and their spouses are invited. The party will feature a buffet of New Orleans-style cuisine, a gypsy fortune teller, DJ music, door prizes, and of course, lots of beads.

"There's definitely going to be a Mardi Gras feel to the party,"

said 2nd Lt. Randy Lindemyer, Services Squadron, who is the event project officer.

The menu will have a strong Cajun flavor, according to Sean O'Hara, club food and beverage director.

O'Hara knows Creole cuisine, and said he will be serving crawfish boil, shrimp etouffee, chicken gumbo, red beans and rice, andouille sausage, jambalaya and more.

Contests and door prizes will add to the Mardi Gras flavor and décor, according to Joni Geels, commercial sponsorship coordinator.

"We'll have a table float contest," Geels said. "A team of four people will make a table centerpiece designed like a Mardi Gras float. We'll give prizes for the top three designs."

Prizes will also be

given for the best display of Mardi Gras spirit, and masks and beads will be provided.

Costumes are encouraged, but both Geels and Lindemyer were quick to point out that people don't have to wear a costume to come to the party.

Cost in advance is \$6 for members, \$9 for non-members. Club members get in at the door for \$9, non-members \$12. Advance

reservations can be made at the O' Club by Feb. 17. For more information call 283-4357.

Teens 'Cross into the blue'

USAFA Teen Aviation Camp registration begins

STEVE RIDDLE

325th Services Squadron publicist

Not only will they learn to fly, they might even take the first steps toward an Air Force career.

Air Force Services and the United States Air Force Academy will hold their fifth Air Force Teen Aviation Camp June 5-11 at the academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. Tyndall teens, who will be high school sophomores or juniors next year, are eligible to submit an application to attend.

"The Teen Aviation Camp is for teens who are interested in attending the Air Force Academy or making the Air Force a career," said Michelle Pierce, teen coordinator for the Tyndall Youth Center.

And just like an Air Force career, the camp will offer challenges to both mind and body, according to Pierce. For five days the teens there will be given a huge variety of outdoor and classroom experiences.

Part of the five days will be spent on flight simulators, taking courses on land and water survival, and a Ropes Course challenge.

Teens will also learn about Air Force history, principals of flight and other academic subjects.

Eligible teens have until March 1 to complete their applications. According to Pierce, there are several steps to the application process; so interested teens should apply as soon as possible.

Applicants must provide a resume listing any extracurricular activities and community service, Pierce said. A letter of recommendation from a teacher, principal, coach or other significant figure and a

two-page application sheet must also be included.

Pierce also conducts a required interview with each applicant from Tyndall. Observations from that interview go into a package with the application, resume and recommendation letter. That package eventually makes its way to Headquarters Air Force Services, where the final selections will be made.

According to Pierce, hundreds of teens from Air Force bases around the world apply to go to the Teen Aviation Camp every year. There are 36 available slots for this year's camp.

For more information on how to attend or to get an application, call 283-4366.

**Men's varsity softball tryouts will be
Feb. 17 at 5 p.m. at Falcon Field.
For more information, call
Staff Sgt. Eddie Tirota at 283-0685**

Team Tyndall Basketball Standings

Intramural

Team	Won	Lost
COMM	9	1
SFS	9	2
WEG	8	2
AMXS1	7	2
OSS1	7	3
MDG	6	4
83 FWS	4	6
AMXS2	3	8
ACS1	3	8
CES	3	8
MXS	2	8
SEADS	0	9

Over 30

Team	Won	Lost
SEADS	6	0
MSS	5	0
AMXS	4	1
ACS1	3	4
MOS	2	4
CONR	2	4
AFCESA	2	5
COMM	0	6



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Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

2004 Baseball/Softball Registration

Open to all youth ages 5-14 yrs. Runs until Feb. 14. A birth certificate will be needed at the time of registration.

Community Activity Ctr.

☎ 283-2495

Muay Bplam Jiu-Jitsu Club

Are you board with traditional martial arts? Come be a part of the next generation in fighting systems.

8-Ball Tournament

February 7, 1 p.m. Best 2 out of 3. Double elimination. Awards for 1st & 2nd place.

Marina Club

☎ 283-3059

Best Salad Bar on Base

Tuesday-Thursday: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Only \$4.75. Includes Soup.

Free French Fries

Buy a sandwich entree valued over \$3.50 and get free fries.

Marina Club Annual Fishing Tournament

Jan. 1, 2004-Dec. 31, 2004. Entry fee is \$30. Cash prizes will be awarded.

The Enlisted Club Advisory Council presents:

Project Rezzurrection 5.0 Mind Moods / Underground Unit

at the Enlisted Club

**Saturday, February 7th,
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Comin' straight out of T-Town is the infamous DJ Dap on the one's and two's spinnin' the craziest mix and hottest hitz. So come fresh to def with the best nothinless to the jam fest. MMP is in full demand prepare yourself for the rezzurrection is at hand

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\$5 for non-members
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Enlisted & Officers' Membership Night at the Tyndall Officers' Club February 12, 5 p.m.

Free Food Tasting
Member & Spouse Free

Door Prizes
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All Ranks, Members Only

Valentine's Dinner

at O' Club Sat., Feb. 14

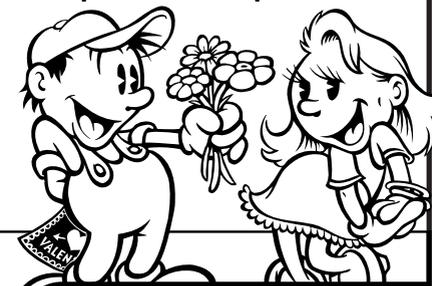
Specialty Salad with Red Wine
Vinaigrette Dressing Sliced Tenderloin,
Lobster Tail & Glass of Wine

Cheesecake with Strawberry Topping

\$34.95 per Couple

Limited seatings at

5:30 p.m and 7:15 p.m



Reservations strongly recommended

283-4357

Gulf Coast Salute Booth Sign-up

Base organizations have the opportunity to earn income for their unit. Apply with the Services Squadron to work a booth. Requests are honored on a first come first basis, with official military units assigned to Tyndall given priority. Applications should be hand carried to the Community Center, (Bldg. 1027) All applications must be received by close of business Feb. 20. For more information call Rudy Wallace 283-2495.

Fitness Center

☎ 283-2631

Women Varsity

Ladies sign up for varsity softball at the Fitness Center. Coaches also needed for this program. Call TSgt Byers or Lou South at 283-2631 or 283-2543.

Cosmic Bowling

Every Friday: 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m.

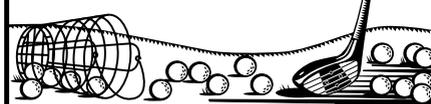
Every Saturday: 10:30 p.m.-1 a.m.

283-2380

Golf Course Pro Shop

Can't decide what to get that special golfer? Remember the golf course pro shop offers gift certificates.

283-4389



The Officers' Club Advisory Council presents:

Mardi Gras

at the O Club For Officers and Civilian equivalents

Friday, Feb 20, 6-10 p.m.

\$9 per person in advance by Feb. 17 • \$12 at the door

Club members, look for the coupon on page 3 of your copy of the February Services Magazine to save \$3.

Food - DJ - Contests

Centerpiece Contest:

Teams up to four people enter a centerpiece designed like a Mardi Gras float. Top three will win a prize

Best display of Mardi Gras spirit:

Prize will be awarded

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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

Family Child Care

☎ 283-2266

Red Cross Babysitting Course

A babysitting course for youth ages 11 to 18 will be held on the Saturdays, February 7 and 14 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Youth will also receive infant and child CPR training. Cost is \$40 per person. Sign up at the Youth Center.

FCC Provider Listing

An updated list of providers is available. Call 283-2266 or e-mail: 325svyd@tyndall.af.mil. The FCC Office is open Mon - Fri from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. or by appointment.

License Requirement

The Air Force requires persons who care for children to be licensed to provide care.

Graphic Impressions

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200 Full Color Business Cards: \$20
Color Copies 50 cents each

283-2228

Tigers split with Eagles, face Hurlburt for conference title

The Tyndall Tigers men's varsity basketball team split their two-game set versus the Eglin Eagles in Southeastern Military Athletic Conference action last weekend. The split dropped Tyndall into second place, as they host the first-place Commandos of Hurlburt Field this weekend with the regular season conference title and the coveted No. 1 seed in next week's post-season tournament on the line.

Eglin 95, Tyndall 84

In Saturday's game, Eglin snapped Tyndall's six-game winning streak as the Eagles battled back in the closing minutes of the first half to erase the Tigers' 11-point lead and trail by two points 43-41 at the intermission. In the second half, the lead swung back and forth until Tyndall experienced a four-minute scoring drought that enabled Eglin to open up an eight-point lead with 3:30 remaining in the game.

The Eagles went into their delay, which forced Tyndall to foul, and connected on their free throws down the stretch to take the victory.

Israel Figueroa and Omar Johnson paced the Tigers in scoring with 21 points each, followed by Tommy Nixon and Tarrance Garner with 12 points each and Scott Moore with 11 points. Figueroa and Moore led in rebounding with 14 and 10 respectively and Johnson led in assists and steals with 11 and five. Andrew David led Eglin in scoring with a game high 33 points.

Tyndall 82, Eglin 76 (OT)

In the second contest, Tyndall again jumped out to an early lead behind the scoring of Johnson and Garner who scored 11 and 10 points, respectively, in the first half as the Tigers led 39-31 at the half.

In the second half, the Tigers maintained a 4-6 point lead for the majority of the half until several errant free throws and a three-pointer by Eglin's Andrew David knotted the score at 66-66 with 14 seconds remaining in the contest. Tyndall Tiger Scott Moore's shot attempt at the buzzer was no good — sending the game into overtime.

The Tigers dominated overtime play as they outscored Eglin 16-10 behind the shooting of Marvin Gamble. Gamble dominated in the paint on both offense and defense to take the hard-fought victory and set up a showdown with Hurlburt Field.

Garner and Johnson led Tyndall in scoring with 20 and 19 points, respectively, followed by Figueroa and Gamble with 15 points each, and Moore with 10. Gamble and Moore led the Tigers in rebounding with 15 and 10, respectively. Johnson led in assists with 10. David again led the Eagles in scoring with a game-high 26 points.

Game times for the showdown with Hurlburt Field are: 3 p.m. Saturday and, if necessary, noon Sunday to decide the SEMAC regular season championship.

(Courtesy of Tyndall Tigers)

SEMAC men's basketball tourney

For the second consecutive year, Tyndall hosts the 2004 King Aerospace/Southeastern Military Athletic Conference Men's Post Season Basketball Tournament Feb. 14-16. Teams vying for the championship trophy will be as follows: Keesler Dragons, Moody Falcons, Robins Hawks, Maxwell Warriors, Hurlburt Field Commandos, Eglin Eagles, and the host Tyndall Tigers. The opening tip-off is scheduled for 9 a.m. Feb. 14; the championship game is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Feb. 16. For more information, call the Tyndall Sports and Fitness Center at 283-2631.



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Score!

(From left) Mark Meyer, Evan Bazeley, and J.J. Stanley show their appreciation of a Carolina Panther touchdown at the Pizza Pub Sports Bar during the second quarter of Super Bowl XXXVIII Sunday. Bazeley won the inflatable football at the Pizza Pub during one of their door prize drawings.

The Enlisted Club lounge "The Zone" was also filled with football fans for Sunday's game. The Enlisted Club held a chili cook-off, and provided free hot dogs, chips and salsa, and popcorn.

Robert Fisher won this season's Community Activities Center Pigskin Picks contest, taking home a 20" flat-screen TV and a DVD player.



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

