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Defense leaders urge proper funding to face threats

DONNA MILES

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - Acknowledging that the president's budget request for fiscal 2005 represents "an enormous amount of money," Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld told Congress Feb. 12 it funds investments that ensure the nation's ability to face future threats, including those posed by terrorists.

Secretary Rumsfeld told the House Appropriations Committee's Defense Subcommittee that the \$401.7 billion budget request will cover operations and initiatives needed "because our nation is engaged in a struggle that could well go on for a number of years."

To ensure victory, he said, the United States must ensure it has "the best-trained, best-equipped fighting force in the world." Likewise, he said the country must provide fair pay and benefits to the

volunteers who make up the force.

Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, praised the "dedicated soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who are working hard to defeat global terrorism," and urged the committee to ensure that the force has what it needs to "stay the course and finish the job."

During his testimony, Secretary Rumsfeld outlined priorities in the proposed budget that he said will ensure a stronger, more efficient military force. These include managing demand on those in uniform, reshaping global defense posturing and basing, transforming military capabilities and streamlining management processes.

The budget request also includes funding for technologies and initiatives to strengthen intelligence capabilities, including improving human intelligence.

Secretary Rumsfeld praised the work of the intelligence community, which he said is asked "to penetrate the darkness of closed societies and organizations and to try to learn things that our adversaries don't want them to know." It's their difficult job, he said, "to connect the dots before the fact until actions can be taken to protect the American people."

And, in the war on terror, the secretary said the intelligence community has contributed greatly to "the speed, the precision, the success" of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and has "saved countless lives."

Thanking Congress for its past support of the war on terror, Secretary Rumsfeld said the 2005 budget request will ensure that the military remains ready to confront terrorism and other threats to U.S. security.

He said he is "convinced that the

president did the right thing in Iraq," emphasizing that it was Saddam Hussein — not the United States — who chose going to war.

Secretary Rumsfeld said Saddam ignored 17 U.N. resolutions, passing up his final opportunity in Security Council Resolution 1441 to show the world that he had ended his weapons programs and destroyed his weapons. "Only then did the coalition act to liberate Iraq," Secretary Rumsfeld said.

Now, with U.S. troops on the offensive, not only in Iraq, but also in Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa, General Myers said, it's critical for the United States to maintain its focus and provide proper funding for the force.

The war on terror, the chairman said, "will be a long war" that can't be won by dwelling on past successes. "We must stay the course and finish the job," he said.

Character: the courage to do the right thing

(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

Our Air Force has a proud history of accomplishments that traces directly to the quality of people that make up the total Air Force team. At every base, wing, and deployed site our airmen rise to challenges every day demonstrating their loyalty and dedication. I am proud to be part of this prestigious team. But, I am always dismayed when I learn of an airman who, as a result of a bad decision, faces disciplinary action. I wonder if there was a way to help this person, or if someone sitting down with this airman could have prevented this situation. Because of this, I feel it is essential to reinforce the full meaning of our concepts of character and the standards our core values provide us.

Character comprises the emotional, intellectual, and moral qualities that distinguish one group from another — and the judgment to discern them. Our core values and the unique demands of military service

undergird our Air Force character. These values — Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do — endure as the fundamental standards of behavior of our Air Force team. But, character can be an

ness your actions. Our actions over time define our character, just as our character delineates our lasting reputation. When we make the wrong choices, both our character and our reputation are damaged.

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GEN. JOHN JUMPER

Air Force Chief of Staff



elusive concept not readily apparent, as it encompasses so many qualities. The true foundation of character is not merely knowing the right thing to do, but also having a firm conviction and the courage to act upon such knowledge. This conviction requires solid moral fiber and ethical strength to do what is right even if no one is there to wit-

ness your actions. Our actions over time define our character, just as our character delineates our lasting reputation. When we make the wrong choices, both our character and our reputation are damaged.

tal values in our daily conduct and help develop those attitudes in others. If you see a fellow worker or friend cut corners and don't say anything, you are condoning what they are doing. Failing to correct or report instances where the rules are broken, selectively enforcing rules, or turning a blind-eye to marginal behavior or performance can perpetuate negative attitudes that can infect organizations.

We are all responsible for each other and it is essential that we all share a collective sense of mission, values, and culture. If we don't, we become part of the problem, and jeopardize the mission and the lives of our men and women. Every member of the Air Force must embrace our core values as the guiding light that drives what we do. I challenge each of you to apply this philosophy in your service to the Air Force and this great nation.

Building character is a lifelong journey — remember, it is not just knowing the right thing to do; it is having the courage to do it. We have a responsibility to ourselves, the Air Force, and our nation to maintain a team of unquestionable character.

Command awards, programs highlight week

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW

325th Fighter Wing commander



This is an exciting time of year for me, as I am given the opportunity to recognize folks each week for a job-well-done. Our string of command-level awards continues this week as I get the opportunity to congratulate a part of our team that works a cross-section of issues behind the scenes and ensures the Team Tyndall and Air Force stories are told. The Air Education and Training Command Awards for Public Affairs were recently announced, and our own wing public affairs office, once again, is a big winner. Capt. Chris Karns, chief of public affairs, and his staff had a banner year in 2003, achieving back-to-back “Outstanding” ratings during the AETC Operational Readiness Inspection, planning and executing a truly remarkable F/A-22 arrival event and

ceremony, and superbly handling sensitive and day-to-day community and base-impacting issues, as well as highlighting Tyndall's people, programs and policies with outstanding professionalism.

Of course, the hallmark of these awards is the ability to tell the Team Tyndall and Air Force story. For the fourth year in a row, the PA office was named Best Large Wing Public Affairs office in AETC. There is no team more deserving of this recognition.

Captain Karns was named AETC's Public Affairs Company Grade Officer of the Year, and Herman Bell, deputy chief of public affairs and chief of community relations, was named AETC's Senior Grade Public Affairs Civilian of the Year. Additionally, Airman 1st Class Sarah McDowell was named AETC Feature Writer of the Year and 2nd Lt. Al Bosco took third place in the sports writing category. This award winning team also

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Larry D. New

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took awards for the best Community Relations program in the command, Single Planned Event and Program category for the F/A-22 arrival ceremonies and associated public affairs products, the Crisis Communications award for superb crisis communication following the aircraft accident and

best Environmental PA program for AETC. Again, thanks to all our PA team members for your

hard work and dedication. Congratulations and well deserved.

Speaking of winners, another way to be a big winner at Team Tyndall is to join your club system. The 325th Services Squadron is working diligently to ensure your voice is heard and your needs are met. Military clubs are a part of our Air Force's heritage, and our Services team is doing their part to ensure the club has something for everyone and that the tradition of having a place where military-affiliated folks can socialize and build camaraderie continues. Also, each Friday the club provides free food to club members and Friday evening cash giveaways. The Officers' Club Advisory Committee, led by Col. Armand Grassi, 325th Fighter Wing inspector general, and 325th Services Squadron leadership work diligently to ensure Team Tyndall voices are heard and suggestions such as having a karaoke DJ and other events are implemented. The best aspect of their efforts is innovation,

and they have a lot of ideas that are showing great results. For instance, tonight, the Officers' Club is hosting a Mardi Gras celebration. The event takes place from 6-10 p.m., and if you haven't already purchased your ticket, you can pay admission at the door. Events include a table float centerpiece contest and best Mardi

Gras spirit award. There will be crawfish and shrimp to eat and you can dance to music provided by Running



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Wild. Don't forget to wear your best Mardi Gras attire or casual dress. For information call 283-4357.

Finally, next month we will kick off the annual Air Force Assistance Fund campaign. This fund is near and dear to many of our hearts as it comes back to our Air Force and Tyndall family in terms of assistance. Thousands of dollars are used annually through this program to assist Team Tyndall members, and your contribution is critical to the continued success of this worthwhile program. I highly encourage you to make contact with your unit representatives and get involved in AFAF activities. This fund helps airman and their families with educational pursuits, during an emergency leave situation, financial hardship, or during a difficult change in assignment.

There's no greater gift than to help those you live, work and share off-duty time with. Thanks for your support and have a great week!

Former AETC commander visits Team Tyndall

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS

SARAH McDOWELL

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Retired Gen. Lloyd "Fig" Newton, former Air Education and Training Command commander, visited Tyndall Air Force Base Feb. 11 and served as keynote speaker at the Annual Tyndall Black History Month Luncheon.

General Newton has accomplished many things during his career, most recently serving as the commander of Air Education and Training Command.

He earned his commission through the Tennessee State University Reserve Officer Training Corps program in 1966 and went on to train in F-4D Phantoms, which he flew 269 combat missions from Da Nang Air Base, South Vietnam, including 79 missions over North Vietnam. The general was also the first African-American to fly with the Thunderbirds. Additionally, he has been an Air Force congressional liaison officer with the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington D.C, commanded three air wings and an air division, has held numerous staff positions, and served as the director of operations, J-3, for the United States Special Operations Command.

The general said he has had the opportunity to see the Air Force evolve over the years from a time when race relations were "taboo,"

to a time of equal opportunity for all members.

"Whether we are talking about race relations or gender relations and so on, our Air Force is very different now, and I am very proud of it, because it has worked very hard at resolving these issues," said the general. He also said he is proud to know he was involved in how the policies, rules and regulations for these matters were shaped.

"We can't solve all the problems of the world, but we should be all about working on how we can make this a better Air Force tomorrow than it is today," he said.

General Newton believes anyone can be a role model for all members of the force, and each should strive to be.

"We tend to think of a role model as someone in the military who is in a very high position, but we have role models at all levels in our Air Force. We have leaders at all levels, and any one of us can be a role model," he said. "It doesn't matter if you have been around for a short period of time or a long period of time, the length of time is not important, it is what you are doing with your life."

The general believes that the Air Force gives its airmen plenty of options for what they can do with their life.

"The Air Force offers a whole

spectrum of opportunities, realizing that each of us as individuals will have different desires, goals and objectives," General Newton said. "The opportunities are knocking at the door, they are just waiting for someone to open it and take advantage of them."

And, AETC is the first door to the Air Force that new airmen walk through.

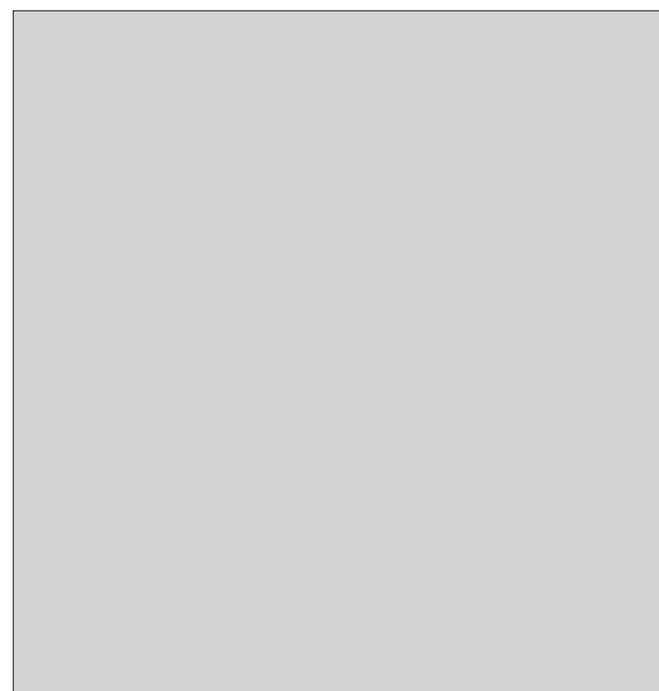
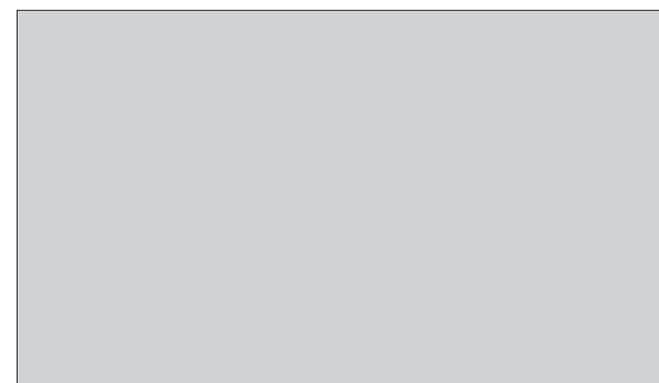
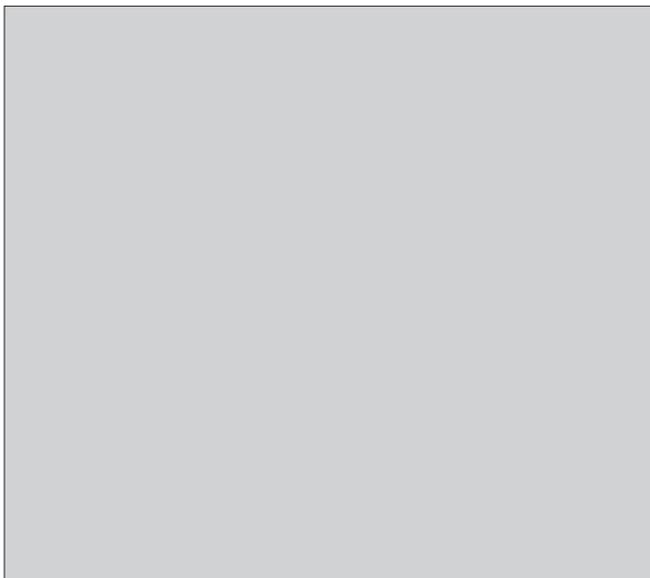
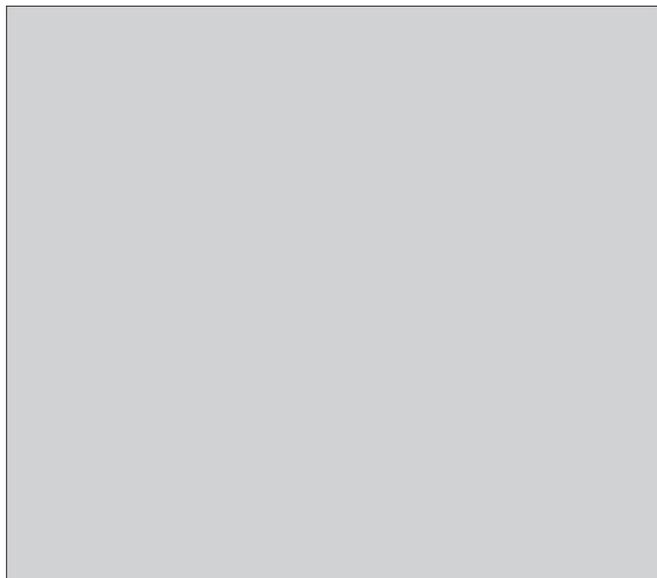
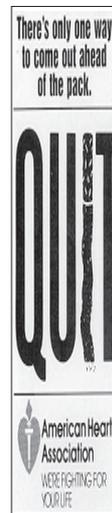
"AETC has always been a dynamic command. It is the first place where anyone who comes into the Air Force really gets started," General Newton said. The former AETC commander got an opportunity to see the F/A-22 mission while he was here, which enabled him to see a program he was involved in come to fruition. Bringing on new systems to help train people to handle an ever-changing world and potential threats will help prepare for a better Air Force as it moves into the future, General Newton said.

"The mission here has always been right at the forefront of our national defense," he said. With all of the different missions here at Tyndall, from the F-15 and F/A-22, to ROTC training and maintainer training, Tyndall has always been one of the Air Force's key bases, he added. "It hasn't slowed down since I left. In fact, I think it has gotten better since I left, and it is great to come back and see how well you are doing."



Tech. Sgt. Dan Neely

Retired Gen. Lloyd "Fig" Newton, former AETC commander speaks about the changes he has seen in equal opportunity since his entrance into the Air Force in 1966 and now. The general was able to see how the programs he was involved in at Tyndall evolved since he retired in 2000.



LES changes may reduce identity theft

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFPN) — Leave and earning statements for all servicemembers and Defense Department civilians, and paychecks for military retirees will soon have more identity theft protection. Over the next several weeks, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service will drop the first five digits of a person's Social Security number from all pay statements and checks to guard against identity theft.

"The changes apply to everyone," said Patrick Shine, acting director of DFAS.

The proposal "originated internally and will be phased in over the next couple of pay periods."

Reports of identity theft have substantially increased in recent years, according to the Federal Trade Commission, which monitors the issue.

This change is to be for all hard copy leave and earning statements. This does not apply to electronic copies of statements found on myPay, the online system for access and control of customers personal pay information.

Five years ago, the number of identity theft complaints to the FTC was roughly 23,400. By 2001, the rate had more than tripled to about 86,200. Based on figures released in January, the number of complaints of identity theft nearly topped 215,000 for 2003.

Checkertail Salute

Senior Airman Melody White



Steve Wallace

Senior Airman Melody White is awarded the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award by Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander.

The Checkertail Clan salutes Senior Airman Melody White. She won Team Tyndall's Honor Guard Member of the Quarter for the second quarter and has been nominated for the third, assisted in the rewriting of the Air Control Squadron scheduling procedures for 500 missions. She also completed her Career Development Courses in three months and completed two CLEP exams while pursuing an associates degree in Space Operations Technology. Additionally, she designed the 325th Contracting Squadron's coin. She is a member of the squadron's Disaster Preparedness Group and is a Shelter Management team member.

Duty Title: Instructor weapons technician/ current operations scheduler

Time on Station: Three years

Time in Service: Three years

Hometown: Murphy, N.C.

Hobbies: Painting, sculpting, skydiving, running, hiking

Goals: Earn a master's degree, become a professional painter

Favorite thing about Tyndall: The beach and the funny people

Favorite book: Anne of Green Gables

Favorite movie: The Gods Must Be Crazy

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.

Team Tyndall clubs making a comeback

MELISSA HARTLE

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Once a gathering place for airmen to unwind after a hard day or week at work, according to reports last year the only thing winding down in many Air Force clubs has been membership numbers.

Tyndall Officers' and Enlisted clubs management and respective advisory committees have been working hard to reverse that trend here, and their efforts are paying off.

"Both clubs have seen an increase in membership," said Jerry LaFrance, business operations flight chief for the 325th Services Squadron. "We're consistently trying to solicit new members. Our recruiting efforts ... and active advisory committees have helped us do that."

New club membership goals were established for Air Education and Training Command bases last year in response to the dwindling membership numbers. The AETC goals for Tyndall are 50 percent of the base's officers and 30 percent of enlisted personnel.

As of January, the Officers' Club had already exceeded its goal with a 56.5 percent membership. Mr. LaFrance attributes this increase in large part to the Officers' Club Advisory Committee.

The more than 25 active committee members from squadrons and organizations throughout the base meet monthly and brainstorm ideas that will bring people into the club.

"The members of the council get ideas from, and information to, squadron members," said Col. Armand Grassi, 325th Fighter Wing Inspector General and the Officers' Club Advisory Committee president.

"One of the ideas that came out of the advisory council is a quarterly group-sponsored event," said Colonel Grassi. Each quarter, a group from the wing will host a themed event. Tonight, the 325th Mission Support Group is sponsoring a Mardi Gras celebration, which will include New Orleans-style food and entertainment. Other groups are planning events such as a M.A.S.H. Bash in May (325th Medical Group), a casino night, and a homebrew contest in October to celebrate Oktoberfest.

In addition to these quarterly events, the committee suggested expanding social hour on Friday evenings. The club now offers free food and a weekly cash giveaway starting at \$100. Members must be present to claim the cash prize or \$25 is added to the pot for the next week's drawing and a \$25 consolation prize is given to a member

who is present via a special drawing. The Enlisted Club also offers a social hour on Fridays.

The committee also revived the all-ranks membership appreciation night at Tyndall. The first such event took place last week and members and their guests enjoyed free food and live entertainment at the Officers' Club. Colonel Grassi said the plan is to hold a membership night quarterly with the next one scheduled for May 13.

Colonel Grassi said these ideas couldn't come to fruition without the support of club management.

"The club manager, Chris Saladin, has supported everything we've asked of him," said Colonel Grassi. "He and the entire club staff are doing a fantastic job."

On the enlisted side of the house, things are looking up

"We're trying to generate enthusiasm, our endgame is to get the members on this base to rejoin, or join, the club."

CHIEF MASTER SGT. RALPH BROCK
Enlisted Club Advisory Committee chairman

as well. Membership is continuing to increase and the club is less than 5 percent shy of the target goal.

To continue to improve business and better those numbers, Enlisted Club assistant manager, Djuana Donaldson, has gone directly to the customer for ideas. "The focus of 2004 is to find out what the Tyndall enlisted audience is hungry for so we know what to feed them," she said. "We're trying to respond to changing climates, audiences and generational changes."

Ms. Donaldson attends meetings, such as the Tyndall Active Airmen Association meeting and quarterly commanders' calls, and hands out surveys soliciting feedback from airman.

The Enlisted Club Advisory Committee is another source of ideas. Chief Master Sgt. Ralph Brock, chairman of the committee, said committee members are a direct link to squadron members.

"We're trying to generate enthusiasm," Chief Brock said. "Our endgame is to get the members on this base to rejoin, or join, the club."

To appeal to younger members, the committee has suggested such venues as Karaoke nights, X-box tournaments and live entertainment with regionally renowned disc jockeys and artists. The committee also suggested a comedy night. Club management listened and has lined

up comedy act Chuckey and Hamburg for mid-April.

"Our short-term goal is to open the club several nights a week, with various venues to attract various (demographics) each night," said Chief Brock. "We might have country music playing in one room and hip-hop playing in another."

Chief Brock said once enlisted club membership is between the 60 -75 percent, the plan is to open the club up for meals — breakfast, lunch and dinner. Members, of course, would receive a discount on those meals.

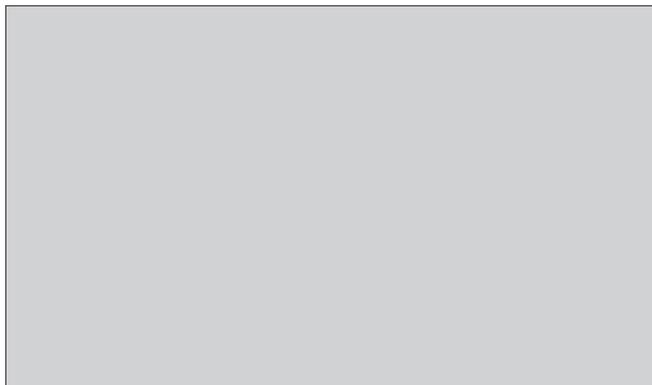
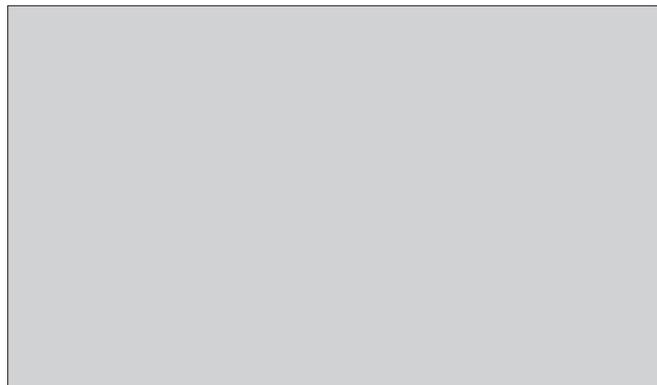
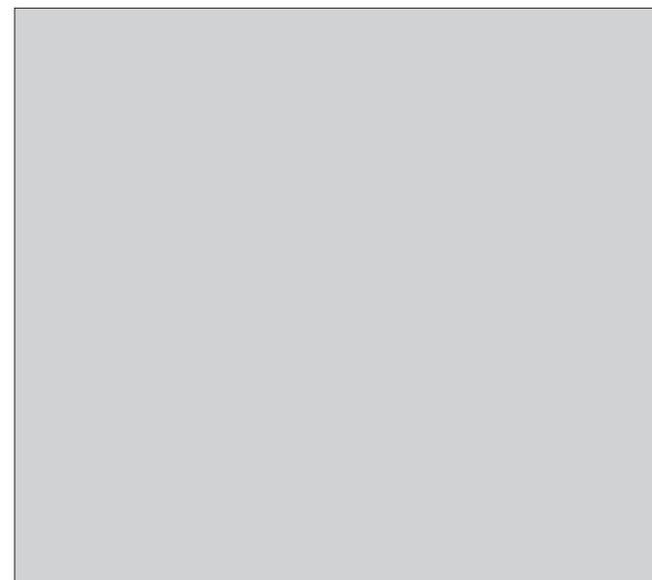
But, club members receive more than just a discount on meals and special event ticket prices; they also receive coupons each month, valued from \$35 - \$50, for discounts at the clubs and other Services facilities around the base, including the Raptor Lanes Bowling Alley, Bonita Bay Marina and the Pelican Point Golf Course.

"The coupons more than make up for the cost of membership," Chief Brock said.

Members can also take advantage of club catering services, no fee party rooms for special ceremonies and events, full cashier services at the clubs, scholarship programs and discounts at clubs throughout the Air Force.

Membership fees are \$18 per month for the Officers' Club and \$8 per month for the Enlisted Club. Airmen in grades E-1 through E-3 and 2nd lieutenants get their first year of membership at Tyndall free.

To become a member, pick up an application at the Enlisted or Officers' Club. For suggestions or to join the club committees, contact Colonel Grassi at 283-4646 or Chief Brock at 283-4057



'Transformation Flight Plan' gives airmen roadmap to future



MASTER SGT.
SCOTT ELLIOTT
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Staff officials have put the finishing touches on the "Transformation Flight Plan," which spells out the future direction of the Air Force.

The TFP, a 176-page document, can be accessed through a link on the Air Force's Internet home page at www.af.mil or on the Office of Force Transformation Web site at www.of.t.osd.mil. "Transformation is using new things and old things in new ways, and achieving truly transformational effects for the joint warfighter," said Lt. Gen. Duncan McNabb, Air Force director of plans and programs.

In conjunction with joint partners, the Air Force is transforming by making capabilities-based changes in its operational concepts, organizational structures and/or technologies to expand the nation's military capabilities, the general said.

"The flight plan digs down

into each of these areas in some detail, then links them all together to present a clear picture of where our Air Force is going in support of combatant commanders," General McNabb said.

Since the flight plan is a "living document," officials plan to update it annually. This version is the second, superseding the one published in May 2002.

"Transformation is a process, a journey, not a destination," said Col. Allison Hickey, of the Air Force plans and programs directorate's future concept development branch. "Transformation describes how we change and adapt our military to meet the new challenges of our changing world, as well as taking advantage of the dramatic advances in technologies."

The flight plan is a "snapshot in time," Colonel Hickey said, which reflects service leader's thoughts and efforts on transformation. Besides targeting technology, it also examines transformation in concepts and organization.

Officials hope the flight plan will help Air Force people gain a perspective on the kind of skill sets and abilities they need to develop to help the service achieve its transformational goals.

"The flight plan can help all airmen, as well as our civilian members, understand where we are going and where the Air Force leadership believes emphasis must be placed in the future," said Lt. Col. James McCaw, from the plans and programs directorate's transformation branch. "It is the one unclassified document that presents an overarching picture of Air Force transformation. It will help the reader understand where the Air Force is going, and why we chose this path."

Colonel McCaw said the flight plan also illustrates that the service is working hard to ensure airmen have the tools necessary to defeat a wide range of new threats and adversaries across the spectrum of conflict.

Because the plan is an update to the 2002 document,

action officers within the future concept development branch were able to incorporate several "lessons learned" from operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom to the new edition.

"The Air Force is making great progress in our transformation," Colonel McCaw said. "The Air Force has a great head start and will continue to work with (its) colleagues across the Department of Defense to ensure (it continues) to make the whole team better."

The genesis for the Air Force's Transformation Flight Plan is direction from DOD's Transformation Planning Guidance.

"The service transformational roadmaps are a key part of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld's strategy of transforming the military," Colonel Hickey said. "The flight plan is a reporting document that enables the secretary to evaluate and interpret the Air Force's (progress) toward transformation."



Tech. Sgt. Dan Neely

Tech. Sgt. Lisa Graves, 325th Mission Support Squadron, picks up the pace during the final lap of a squadron practice run on the base track Tuesday. Earlier, she was one of Team Tyndall's airmen who ran all the way to a perfect 100 PT test score under the Air Force's new test system.

'Fit to Fight'

Initial PT tests underway; top finishers share results, thoughts on more 'physical' fitness program

TECH. SGT. DAN NEELY

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

(Editor's note: The Gulf Defender interviewed a random sample of eight Team Tyndall members who finished with the 90-100 (excellent) score range in their first attempt at passing the Air Force's new physical fitness training test. They were asked to share their results and preparation, as well as their thoughts about the program's primary goals.)

When the Air Force rolled out its new physical fitness testing program, airmen worldwide immediately began working out in record numbers. They hit the gym or the local track, feverishly prepping for the new program, which consisted of running, pushups, sit-ups and abdominal circumference measurements.

In the opening months of 2004, Team Tyndall airmen joined their fellow bluesuiters worldwide in taking this more "physical" fitness test for the very first time.

Some Tyndall members, such as Col. (Dr.) Sean Murphy, 325th Medical Group commander, and Tech. Sgt. Lisa Graves, 325th Mission Support Squadron, got off to a blazing start, acing the test on their first attempt with perfect scores of 100.

When Tyndall's top doc was asked how it felt to lead by example with his perfect result, Dr. Murphy responded, "It feels great to feel healthy – that's the real issue. I think it is everyone's responsibility to lead by example, so that part is very satisfying to me." The commander, 44, said he finished with a low 10-minute run and more than 50 pushups and sit-ups.

Dr. Murphy shrugged off attributing his score solely to hard work. "The truth is that hard work will get you a high score – above 75 – but, the waist

measurement is something that many may not be able to overcome no matter what they do. Anyone who makes the pushups, sit-ups and run is a 100 in my book."

For the females, Sergeant Graves, 34, reached the century mark thanks to her 11:52 run, 45 pushups, 45 sit-ups and a top score in the taping.

While Dr. Murphy cited the tale of the tape to be a likely challenge for some, Sergeant Graves attributed her success quite the opposite.

"I think one thing I have in my favor is my waist measurement. I know many people do great on their run, pushups and sit-ups, but they lose points in their waist."

The NCO said she felt confident going into her first testing session, but was surprised at reaching a perfect score.

"I knew I was going to do well," she said, "but, when I put my numbers on the spreadsheet I was pleasantly surprised to see 100."

Tyndall's top cop, Lt. Col. Scott Enold, 325th Security Forces Squadron commander, attained a 97.5 result. Despite finishing so close to the perfect score, the colonel was anything but disappointed. He even shared a humorous perspective of his result. "At age 40, I can still improve the stamina end of the physical envelope for personal satisfaction," he said. "However, I'm afraid my middle-age midsection is losing its race with gravity. I'm not surprised by the (high) score, but I'm grateful I can still push my tired, old body."

Colonel Enold's test result was anything but laughable, especially for the forty-something crowd. He cranked out a time of 10:08 in the 1.5-mile run and maxed his age group category in the sit-ups and pushups with



Airman 1st Class Sarah McDowell

Col. (Dr.) Sean Murphy, 325th Medical Group commander, does pushups during one of his daily workouts at the base fitness center. Tyndall's top doc showed he prescribes leadership by example with his 100 PT test score.

60 each.

High PT test scores weren't surprising for some of Tyndall's younger members, whose daily workout regimens clearly showed high degrees of athleticism.

The workout schedule for 25-year-old (triathlete) 1st Lt. David McGraw, Air Force Research Laboratory, consists of a staggering 30-50 miles of running, 50-150 miles of biking and one to three miles of swimming each week, not to mention hitting the weight room twice a week. A competitive runner since age 13, he recorded a 95-point total and maxed his age category with a 9:32 run, 74 pushups and 65 sit-ups, slipping only slightly against the tape. "I love chocolate cookies, and especially ice cream," the lieutenant admitted. "This is a visual indicator of the need to be a little less liberal with my portions when snacking."

Also from AFRL, 1st Lt. Lindsey Sorensen, 24, puts strong emphasis on a busy physical fitness routine. It showed in her 94-point PT test score.

"I try to balance a workout routine with about three to four cardio sessions a week, about 30 minutes

each, really getting my heart rate up," she said. "Two to three weightlifting sessions a week help keep my bones strong, and most important to me is flexibility. I really enjoy taking yoga classes to help keep everything flexible and relaxed," Lieutenant Sorensen said.

All the Tyndall interviewees agreed with the chief aim of the Air Force's new physical fitness test – to ensure all its members stay "fit to fight."

"I think that the new program will help airmen be the best airmen that we can be," said Capt. Benita Arceneaux, chief, 325th Mission Support Squadron. "We will start to look sharper in uniform and feel sharper," said the 35-year-old captain, who logged a 90.5 test score. It will help us reach peak performance both physically and mentally. Being physically fit improves mental fitness. It improves our self image and increases our self esteem."

For Tech. Sgt. Robert Corrigan, a Tyndall NCO Academy instructor, the need for physically fit airmen is critical to the success of the Air Force's global mission.

"... American citizens trust that we are fit enough to accomplish appointed tasks in defense of our freedom," said Sergeant Corrigan, who landed a 99.75 score. "The Fit-to-Fight initiative will strengthen their faith. As a fit force, we will gain a greater degree of respect and admiration from the civilian populace."

1st Lt. Robert Prausa, 325th SFS, called the new PT test "outstanding," and long overdue. He matched the test effort of his commander, Colonel Enold, with a 97.5.

"Finally, a physical fitness program directed from the top downward, complete with emphasis at the wing, group and squadron level," he remarked. "Readiness requires a lifestyle change. We have always placed so much emphasis on the mental and administrative aspects of readiness, but prior to the new program, our emphasis on physical readiness was severely lacking. It's easy to see the impact the new program has on our readiness. Everyone can watch our readiness simply by driving around the installation."

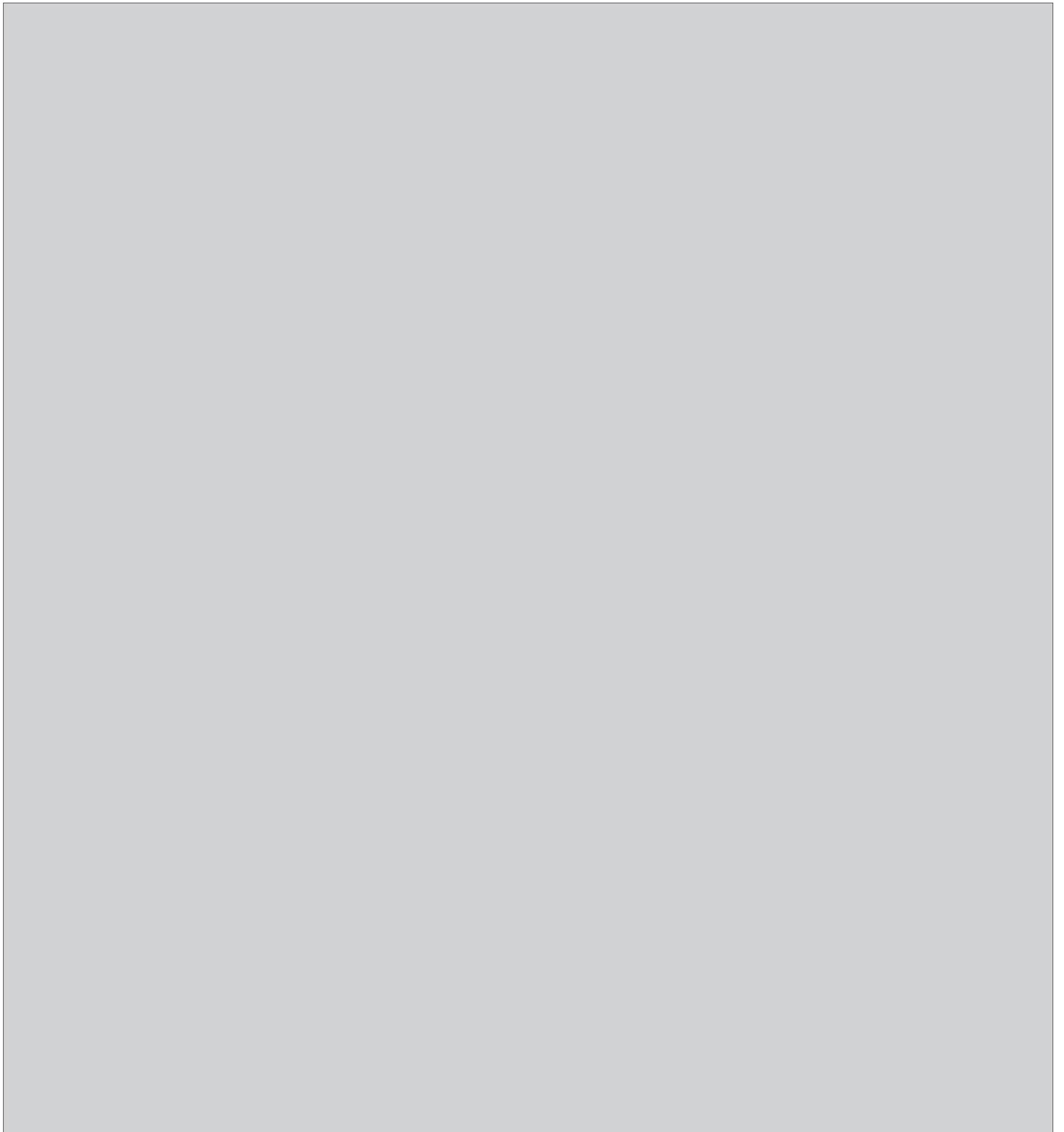
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CAPT. BENITA ARCENEUX
325th Mission Support Squadron



Tech. Sgt. Dan Neely

Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander, strides on the first lap of the 1.5-mile run during his PT test here Tuesday. He finished with a 93.5 total score.



AF Move: New Web site designed to make PCS moves easier

STAFF SGT. MELANIE STREETER
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Relocating an Air Force family can be challenging. To ease the strain, Air Force officials recently launched "AF Move," a Web site designed to put as much moving-related information as possible only a mouse-click away.

"This is an absolutely outstanding Web site," said Maj. Gen. Craig Rasmussen, Air Force director of logistics readiness.

"It is the gold standard for our Air Force personnel to use before, during and after their personal property move has been completed."

While many units have local sites to help Air Force families in the moving process, this site aims to give people Air Force-level guidance.

"We want this site to become institutional, so that anyone in the Air Force, military or civilian, can go there to search out information," said Randy Teske, Air Force personal property and passenger policy traffic management specialist.

"Let's face it, we only move now every three or four years, so we become out of touch because processes and entitlements change.

"The site links users to everything

from making permanent-change-of-station moving arrangements to tracking a personally owned vehicle shipment.



Other links connect Air Force families to the claims offices at either end of their move.

"Sometimes our members transfer to an area that's handled by another branch of military ser-

Making Team Tyndall's PCS moves easier

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

- *There is additional PCS information on the Tyndall Web site at <http://www.tyndall.af.mil/Information/information.htm#>.*

- *The AF move Web site is available and will help plan moves with less headaches, in addition to the briefings and local Web sites and can be helpful in explaining the process. The Web address is <http://afmove.hq.af.mil>.*

"You can go into the carrier industry and trace your shipments," said Jim McAllister, personal property and passenger policy division chief. "You can even go in and see local laws on certain items that may be restricted."

vice," said Sharon Goodson, traffic management specialist.

"This gives them not only the phone numbers, but keeps them in touch with Air Force policy, so if they have a question, they can go back to what the Air

Force requirements are and get back on track.

"The site's usefulness does not end there. When people use it early in the PCS process, they can plan the move intelligently, Mr. McAllister said. "We've tried to make it one-stop shopping, the best we can," he said. "It helps you ask the right questions. It may even satisfy all your questions, even before you go in and get personal counseling.

"It also serves as a great tool for remembering what items were briefed during that counseling, Mr. McAllister said. "You might say to yourself, 'What was that they were telling me?' And then you can go to the site and there it is," Mr. McAllister said.

The site also contains links to a toolbox full of technical information that Air Force personal property specialists can reference. This allows officials to quickly disseminate information to offices in the field and serves as an invaluable resource, Mr. McAllister said.

"We're already starting to get rave reviews from the folks in the field," he said.

The next time PCS orders drive Air Force members to pack up personal property and head for a new base, <http://afmove.hq.af.mil> can help keep the headaches and hassles to a minimum.



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before
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Air Force Assistance Fund

- *AFAF at Tyndall will be from March 8 to April 16.*

- *Last year Tyndall contributed \$45,398 to the AFAF and, in turn, received \$272,028 in direct assistance to its members.*

- *The point of contact for AFAF here is Master Sgt. William Canfield at 283-4123 or e-mail william.canfield@tyndall.af.mil.*

- *The alternate point of contact is Master Sgt. Elvira Simpson at 283-7716 or e-mail elvira.simpson@tyndall.af.mil.*

- *More information will be available at commander's calls.*

Events

Tyndall Officers' Spouses' Club

The Officers' Spouses' Club hosts the second annual Time, Talent and Treasure Silent Auction 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4:30 to 8 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Tyndall Officer's Club. Auction items include crafts, gift certificates to area restaurants and beauty salons, gift baskets and products from area businesses. All proceeds will go to support college scholarships for military dependents and spouses.

Thrift Shop

Each week in February, the Tyndall Thrift Shop will highlight 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 - 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

Book signing

The Base Exchange will be having a book signing event featuring Lady Victorious today and Saturday and Carl Smith today-Sunday.

Talent show

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

"Left Behind" Protestant study

A Protestant study based on the "Left Behind" movie series will start at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Chapel 2 conference room. The study, which is conducted by Chaplain (Capt.) Scott Tyman, will continue through May 13. For more information, call the Tyndall Chapel at 283-2295.

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. Monday, 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. Applications 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.

Gulf Coast Community College

Applications are now being accepted for the 2004 summer term at Gulf Coast Community College. Active-duty military must submit a copy of orders with application. Schedules will be available April 15 for the summer and fall terms. The next placement test will be administered at

the Tyndall Education Center at 1 p.m. March 11.

Classifieds

1974 Red Super Beetle

New paint and interior, sunroof, 45K on rebuilt engine, excellent condition. Moving and must sell, \$5,500 OBO. Call anytime, 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 Convertible 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.

Yamaha Dirt Bike

2003 Yamaha TTR-250 dirt bike, ridden only once. Bike has been kept in a garage and is in showroom condition. Asking \$3,800. For more information, call Chris at 286-1741.

Maxum Open Bow

1994 18' Maxum Open Bow. 3.0L, 4Cyl, 135 hp, low hours. Includes life vests, extra prop, 2 anchors, cover, \$6,400 OBO. Call 286-3837.

Ford Ranger

2000 Ford Ranger Extra Cab XLT. White, A/C, AM/FM/CD, 5Spd, Bed liner and cover, 34,000 miles. Asking \$8,800. Call 286-3837.

Enterprise Tires

Four used 80,000 mile 205/70R14 Enterprise tires used them for 2,500 miles, asking \$135 OBO. For more information, call Rob at 286-1828 and leave a message.

Toyota Tacoma PreRunner

Xtra Cab, automatic, black, AM/FM/CD. Runs great. 50K miles, must sell, asking \$13,000. For more information, call Isreal at 522-1665 or 276-9778.

Television set

19" Sony flat tube monitor. \$150. 874-9179.

Chapel Schedule

Catholic services will be 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.

Protestant services at Chapel 1:

Religious Education, 11 a.m. Sunday.
Communion service, 9:30 a.m., Chapel 1
Religious Education classes, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Building 1476
General Protestant service, 11 a.m., Chapel 2.

Volunteer of the Quarter

Senior Airman Dennis Maldonado



Airman 1st Class Sarah McDowell

Senior Airman Dennis Maldonado received Volunteer of the Quarter for his involvement in many volunteer projects, such as Airmen Against Drunk Driving, the Enlisted Club Advisory Council, Habitat for Humanity and Tyndall Active Airmen Association.

Duty Title: Commander's Support Staff

Unit: 325th Security Forces Squadron

Time on station: 10 months

Time in service: One year

Volunteer projects: AADD, E-Club Advisory Council, Habitat for Humanity, TAAA

Reason for volunteering: It gives me something to do

Hometown: Lindsay, Calif.

Hobbies: DJing, running, video games

Goals: To be retired by age 40, with a master's degree

Favorite thing about Tyndall: The beach

Tyndall Tigers repeat as SEMAC Champs

The Tyndall Tigers men's varsity basketball team added to their impressive trophy collection of the past two seasons as they repeated as champions of the King Aerospace/Southeastern Military Athletic Conference Men's Post Season Basketball Tournament hosted here last weekend.

Tyndall 89, Maxwell 78

In their first game versus the Warriors, Tyndall guard Elvin Walker poured in 17 first-half points, boosting his team to a 54-30 halftime lead. In the second half, the Tigers kept a big lead until Maxwell threatened by pulling within eight points with 2:25 remaining at the game. Tyndall regrouped to take the double digit victory.

Tyndall scoring leaders: Israel Figueroa (25); Walker (21); Johnson (16); Garner (11); rebounds: Figueroa (15); assists: Garner (8).

Tyndall 98, Keesler 92 (OT)

In their second game, the Tigers faced a Keesler Dragons squad that had previously knocked off the No. 2- and No. 3-seeded teams in the tourney. Tyndall jumped out to an early lead with Walker's 16 first-half points, only to see the Dragons' guard Kenny Dukes respond with 20 of his own. Keesler battled



Steve Riddle

Tyndall Tiger players score a bucket during the final game of the Southeastern Men's Athletic Conference basketball tournament here Monday.

back to take an eight-point lead before the Tigers went on a late run to close the deficit to 45-44, at the half.

In the second half, Keesler took a 69-56 lead with nine minutes remaining. The Tigers then turned up their defensive pressure, forcing a 75-75 tie with 4:10 on the clock. From there, the lead see-sawed, with neither team enjoying more than a three-point lead. Tyndall scored with 32 seconds remaining in the contest to knot the score at 81-81, then got the defensive stop to force the game into overtime. In the overtime period the Tigers outscored Keesler 17-11 to seal the victory.

Tyndall scoring leaders were: Walker (30), Johnson (24); Figueroa (23); rebounds: Scott Moore (13); Figueroa (13); assists: Johnson (8).

Tyndall 74, Maxwell, 58

In the championship game, the undefeated Tigers again faced Maxwell, who advanced through the losers bracket by defeating Keesler 62-41. Maxwell jumped out to an early lead, only to see Tyndall fight back with sixth man Tommy Nixon, who connected on two three-pointers to trim the Warriors' lead to 34-31 as the half-time buzzer sounded.

In the second half, Maxwell's lead climbed to 11 points, but after a Tigers timeout Tyndall went on a 22-4 run, highlighted by a rim-rattling dunk by Moore to shut the door on the Warriors and delivered another SEMAC championship banner to Tyndall. (Courtesy of Tyndall Tigers.)

Tyndall Tiger Awards

Tournament Most Valuable Player: Israel Figueroa

Most Outstanding Player: Elvin Walker

Additional Tyndall player on All-tournament team: Omar Johnson

Most Outstanding Coach: Tyndall Tigers Head Coach Rica Page

SEMAC All-Conference Team: Tyndall Tigers

Johnson, Walker and Figueroa

Conference MVP: Figueroa

Conference Coach of the Year: Page

Notes: The Tigers finished their 2003-04 season with a 29-9 (.763) overall record. They won 12 of their last 13 games.



Championship game scoring leaders

Figueroa (21); Walker (21); Johnson (12); Nixon (10); Moore (10); rebounds: Moore (13); Figueroa (13); assists: Johnson (12).

Funshine NEWS

February 20, 2004

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The Officers' Club Advisory Council presents:

Mardi Gras

at the O Club For Officers and Civilian equivalents

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

\$12 at the door (members \$9)

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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325th Mission
Support Group

283-4357

The Tyndall Base Library Presents: Professional Storyteller

Ann Newman

10 a.m. Sat., February 28

telling these Traditional
Folk tales:

- How Anansi Got the Stories
- Anansi's Good Day

Community Activity Ctr.

☎ 283-2495

St. Paddy's Treasure Hunt

Starts Mar. 2. Deadline to sign up is Mar. 5. Grand prize: New Microsoft X-Box. This event is open to all active members, DoD civilians, contractors, military dependents, & retirees. Call for more details.

Blarney Stone Contest

Guess the weight of the Blarney Stone & you could win an All You Can Eat Pizza Buffet for Two. Starts Mar. 2. One entry per person. Winner will be announced Mar. 17 at 3 p.m.

Base Level Billiards Tournament

Mar. 13, Starting at 11 a.m. This event is open to all active duty members, DoD civilians, contractors, military dependents & retirees. Awards for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place.

Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

Tennis Anyone?

Ages 5 and up and learn basic skills in a friendly group environment. Program runs Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27, at 9 a.m. Cost is \$30 and all equipment is provided.

Start Smart Soccer

Mar. 10, 12, 17, 19 at 10 a.m. Cost is \$30. Open to youth ages 3-5 yrs.

Tyndall Invitational Paintball

Tournament

March 6 & 7

Double Elimination

3 person teams

Pre-register by

Feb. 28

Cost is \$20

Door Prizes & Trophies

283-3199

Family Child Care

☎ 283-2266

Provider Class

The next Family Child Care provider class will be offered in March. Contact the Family Child Care office to schedule an orientation and register for the class.

Help Wanted

Tyndall needs Family Child Care (FCC) providers to care for children under age two. Our next training class begins March 10. Contact the FCC office 283-2266 for details.

Golf Course Pro Shop

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

283-4389

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.

Sealed Bid Vehicle Sale

1994 Ford 15 passenger van, mileage: 69,993. Minimum bid \$500. Item may be viewed in the parking lot behind 113 Suwannee Bldg. 1129 room 10. For more information contact Elaine Mobley 283-2781. Item is sold as is. Bids will be accepted through noon February 27.

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Carnival Cruise Line

Bahamas sailings out of Miami. Starting at \$299

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Caribbean sailings out of Port Canaveral. Starting at \$399

Norwegian Cruise Line

Western Caribbean sailings out of New Orleans \$399/\$499

For more information call 238-3199

All Ranks Lunch

at the

Officers' Club

Mon.-Thurs.: \$6.95 ■ Friday: \$7.95
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Unlimited access to the daily buffet, salad bar, fountain soda, tea & coffee!

Includes Fresh, Hot, Carved Meat Sandwiches on Kaiser Roll

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| 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

Valentine's Couples Golf Outing

originally scheduled for February

15th has been rescheduled for

February 22, noon shotgun

\$20 per couple

283-4389

CSAF seeks improvements in warfighting

TECH. SGT. DAVID JABLONSKI

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper outlined new ways to make 21st century airmen faster, more efficient warfighters.

General Jumper spoke at the Air Force Association's 2004 Air Warfare Symposium in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., Feb. 12.

The general's key point in addressing future capabilities centered on exercising air and ground forces together in ways that ensure Army leaders know what air and space power can do for them.

"What the (secretary of defense) told us to do is work this notion of a standing joint force headquarters," he said. "One of the initiatives that we'll roll out is the future force structure, a structure designed to put our numbered air forces directly in the planning process of the joint forces commanders on a daily basis using our air operations center weapon system to network — set up around the world, 24-hours a day, seven days a week in close coordination.

"It would be set up so that when we deploy forces it would be these AOCs that monitor the deployment of air expeditionary forces into the (area of responsibility) just like they would if they were in combat," General Jumper said. "We don't have to set our combat command and control systems aside until it's time to go to war."

In the proposed new structure, the units would report to the numbered air forces who in-turn would report directly to the major command. The NAF could concentrate solely on its wartime missions.

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GEN. JOHN JUMPER

Air Force Chief of Staff

General Jumper said the Air Force can put together a suite of capabilities that would be the lynchpin in bringing together the command and control and the battle management that can link AOCs to get rapid decisions in the machine-to-machine global networking interfaces.

"In the future we will make this AOC weapon system smaller and lighter until we get to the point that when we deploy an AOC, it's a bunch of people getting on an airliner with laptops under their arms," General Jumper said. "They

can go set up virtually anywhere."

The general also discussed joint warfighting space. This concept suggests that military organizations with space capabilities can develop the ability to rapidly launch rocket payloads, such as micro-satellites with specific areas of operation for communication, or other sensors.

"Networked properly with national security space, this will continue to leverage our space capabilities to the advantage of the joint force commander," General Jumper said. "This operationalizes space power with features we value most — speed and responsiveness."

The general also said the Air Force wants to take a look at the kinetic capability of these rapidly launchable rockets. He described a conventional capability that will be focused on getting warheads on targets halfway around the globe in minutes or hours, instead of days or weeks. General Jumper also said that capability blends into the area of objectives that deal with long-range strikes.

"(Placing) ground forces deep behind enemy lines, as the new Army brigade combat team concept of operations says it will do, (will require them) to have something close overhead and within one flight of the problem areas," he said. "In this case we looked at a bridging capability to take us from where we are now, to what we might need to help us penetrate with a significant bomb load in those situations."

