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In brief

General New farewell

All 325th Fighter Wing and tenant unit enlisted members are invited to say farewell to Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th FW commander, at 3:30 p.m. today at the Enlisted Club.

MSS early closure

The Mission Support Squadron (to include the MPF) will close at noon today for an official function. If you have any questions, contact Capt. Benita Arceneaux at 283-9138.

Finance early closure

The Finance Office will be closing at noon today for an official function. For emergency service, call 914-1207 or 914-1082.

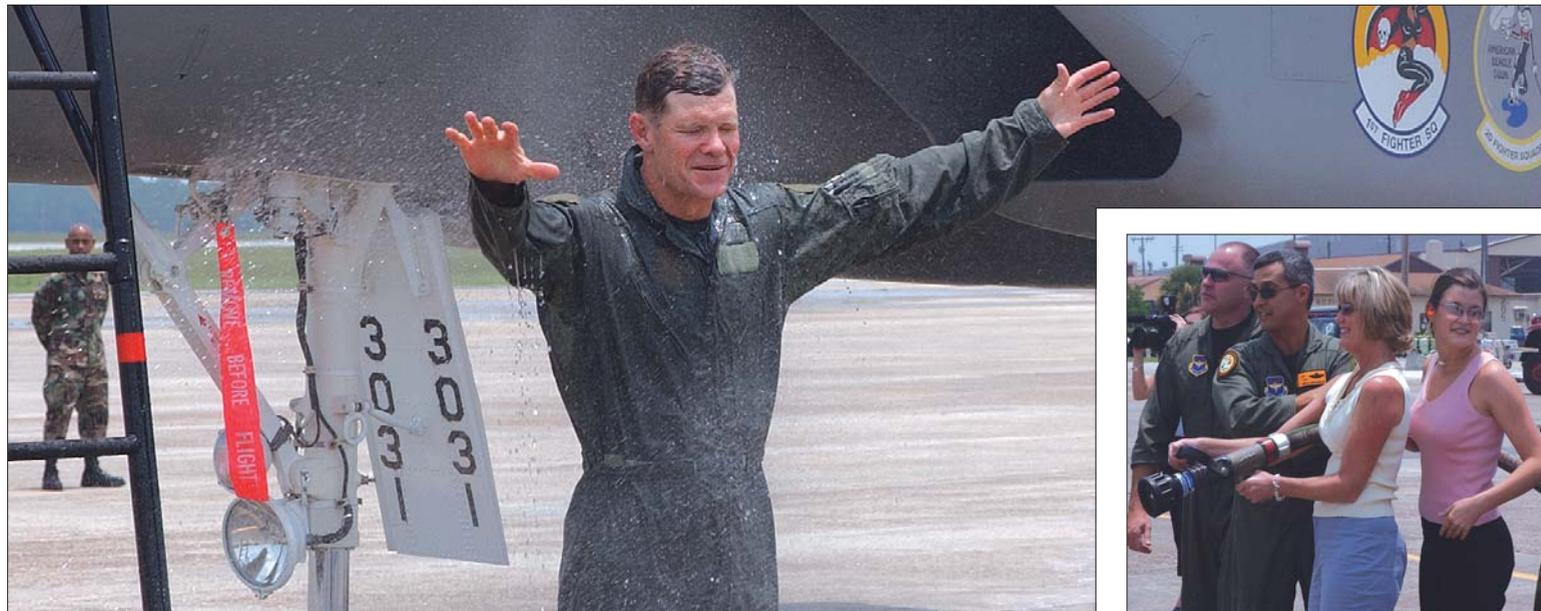
325th FW change of command

The 325th Fighter Wing change of command ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday in Hangar 2. Team Tyndall is invited to attend. Buses will start running at 8:45 a.m. from Bldg. 662, Bldg. 1270 (Air Control Squadron), the Enlisted Club and the Clinic. After the ceremony all buses will drop off at each location.

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1st Lt. Albert Bosco

What a blast ...

Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander, is greeted by a blast of water courtesy of wife, Diane, daughter, Cara, and the Base Fire Department following his final F-15 Eagle flight at Tyndall Thursday. The general is preparing to depart Tyndall for his next assignment in Larissa, Greece. For more on the general's highlights from Tyndall, see Pages 8-9.

Commander highlights wing's success stories

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

Many events and accomplishments take place during a wing commander's tenure, but it is not often a commander has the opportunity to play a role in Air Force history.

In the two years Brig. Gen. Larry New has commanded the 325th Fighter Wing, the "Checkertail Clan" set many precedents including transforming Tyndall from the "Home of Air Superiority" into the "Home of Air Dominance" and its people and programs earned recognition at Air Education and Training Command, Air Force and Department of Defense level.

"There are a lot of success stories," the general said, describing Team Tyndall. "You have a hard

time looking around and not finding a success story in the 325th Fighter Wing."

We train the Air Dominance team here for the combat Air Force. Our military successes, particularly in Air Superiority and Air Dominance, start right here at Tyndall, and we take our training role very seriously. It is what separates us from the other services," he added.

According to the general, some of the wing's notable achievements included the 325th Security Forces Squadron earning recognition as having the Air Force's best anti-terrorism program, the 325th Civil Engineer Squadron having the Air Force's best environmental protection program, the 325th Services Squadron receiving the Air Force's Eubank award, the wing's Public Affairs office being named best PA office in

the Air Force, and the base's beddown of the F/A-22 Raptor.

Additionally, the general highlighted the 2003 Operational Readiness Inspection, in which Tyndall was awarded an "excellent" rating by the AETC inspection team. However, he is quick to mention that Tyndall men and women fueled the mission accomplishments.

"We were tested a year ago to see if we were a good wing and we passed that test with flying colors. The people in the wing and the leadership in the wing are the ones who made it happen," he said.

He added people are what make Team Tyndall and the surrounding community such a special team.

"The people here have been fantastic, starting here within the Bay County community. They establish friendships and they embrace the

Tyndall community very well," he said. "It is nice to have that supportive infrastructure there."

The people are also what make Team Tyndall so special. The people of the 325th Fighter Wing not only accomplish the mission, they excel at training the best Air Dominance team in the world. The wing is extremely important to the nation's defense, and we have an outstanding team of leaders here, which I think makes us excel."

Although the general is proud of the wing's accomplishments, he added, there are also some challenges that lie ahead.

"Some of the future challenges we have laid out for ourselves in some cases," the general said. "We are going to go another step further to integrate Air Dominance team train-

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A time for reflection — a time for thanks

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW
325th Fighter Wing commander

Saying good-bye is never easy, but as I prepare myself and my family for a permanent change of station to Greece later this month, I cannot help but reflect upon the last two years I had the honor of commanding the 325th Fighter Wing. It is only fitting to thank all the Airmen, other service professionals, civilians and community members who have worked so diligently to ensure so many success stories over the past two years.

So many team successes stand out in my mind — the seamless beddown of the F/A-22 Raptor and the development of the next generation of Air Dominance training, last year's tremendously successful Operational Readiness Inspection, during which we received an overall rating of "Excellent," a flawless Gulf Coast Salute and air show, the establishment of the Honorary Commander Program and supporting deployments around the globe — the list goes on and on.

It has been an absolute honor to be a part of the beddown of the Air Force's number one priority acquisition program, but the greatest honor was having the opportunity to serve with the world's best Airmen and most military-friendly community! I

am extremely proud of the people at Tyndall and in the community who have ensured America has the best trained Air Dominance team in the world. It takes a total team effort to win our nation's wars, and it takes a total team effort to ensure

without the initiative, dedication and team-focused attitude of our Airmen, civilians and community that make Tyndall one of the world's best places to live and work.

Additionally, every single member of the Team Tyndall family has

Team Tyndall are fortunate as well, as he will bring a tremendous amount of knowledge and experience to Team Tyndall.

General Egginton is an experienced fighter pilot who knows the business of training and employing fighter aircraft. He has commanded at the group and wing levels, serving as the 47th Flying Training Wing commander at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas. He was also the executive officer to the Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. John Jumper. Most recently, he has been instrumental in the global war on terror as the commander of the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, which supports Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

I know the wing will be in great hands, and I want to wish each and every one of you life's best and thank you for making my assignment here a very rewarding experience. Diane and I will definitely miss all the people we've had the privilege of working with and meeting over the past two years. You are the reason why our Air Force has a reputation as being the world's finest. You're the best! You have definitely made this a memorable and rewarding experience for the entire New family. Thank you.

"I would like to thank every single member of Team Tyndall for the hard work they perform each day."

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW
325th Fighter Wing commander



these types of successes come to fruition.

I would like to thank every single member of Team Tyndall for the hard work they perform each day. You are the backbone of our Air Force, and your professionalism and devotion to the Air Force and Tyndall missions ensure our Air Force remains the best and most respected in the world! We have a very critical mission in producing the world's best Air Dominance team for America and people are at the heart of accomplishing this mission. Team Tyndall has accomplished many things during the past two years, but none of it would have been possible

helped to cement the positive relationship we enjoy with members of the Bay County and surrounding communities. It is through the trust and support of such organizations as the Bay County Chamber of Commerce and Military Affairs Committee that we are able to accomplish our mission of training the world's best Air Dominance team — something I'm confident will continue for years to come.

The 325th Fighter Wing will welcome a new commander during a change of command ceremony Tuesday. The incoming commander, Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, is a very lucky man but the community and

What does your conscience say?

COL. WALTER SAEGER JR.
Air-to-Surface Munitions Directorate director

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah (AFP) — How many times have you started to do something only to stop and ask yourself, "Should I really do this?" Maybe it doesn't happen too often for you, but it does for me.

Every time I have to decide what action to take, I hear this little voice that guides my

decision. Some people would call it my conscience.

The conscience is a wonderful thing when it's there and listened to. It can keep us from doing things that could get us in trouble.

But, it has to be there and it has to be listened to. Most people have a conscience that they listen to — at least I assume they do or we would have a lot more crimes being committed or laws being broken.

So why am I worried about whether you have a conscience or not?

It comes down to the business that we are in. Being in the Air Force — civilian or military — we are entrusted to perform a service for our country. How we perform that service depends highly on our conscience.

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Larry D. New

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW
325th Fighter Wing commander

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How many times have you stretched your coffee break an extra 15 minutes and thought it didn't harm anyone since you still got all of your work done for that day? How about the time you went TDY and came back when you were scheduled to even though the meeting ended early and you could have come back a day earlier? Hopefully no one reading this has been tempted to do the latter although I'm sure many people have done the former.

Both scenarios are examples of the Air Force being short-changed; in the first example it's "only" time while in the second it's both time and money. Maybe you work hard and rationalize that the Air Force owes you that much, but does it? If you were paying the bill, how would you feel then?

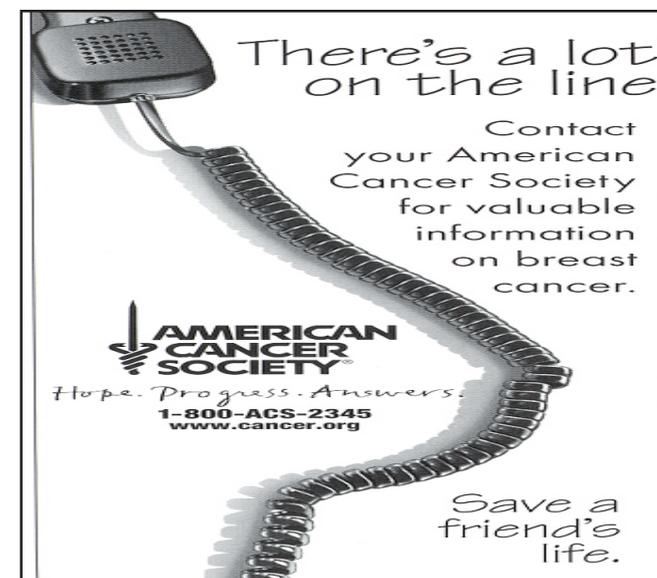
That is how you should look at everything you do. If I were paying the bill, would I still be willing to do what I am about to do?

Another way to ensure you do the right thing is the "60 Minutes" test. If someone from "60 Minutes" — the TV show with Mike Wallace — were to walk up and ask what you were doing and why, would you be willing to tell them everything and wait to see it on TV? Or better yet, have someone from your family see it on TV?

I've always asked myself why I would do something that I wouldn't want to read about in the newspaper or see on the TV news. When your actions can stand the "60 Minutes" test, you can be pretty confident that you're doing the right thing for the right reason. There will always be exceptions, but unless you're lying to yourself (and your conscience won't help you there), people will trust you.

Now I'm sure you're asking yourself, "What does all of this have to do with me?" It goes back to being in the Air Force.

Americans trust us to do our best to protect them and our way of life. This trust is based on each of us doing what is right, no matter what others may think or do, and you cannot always do what is right without guidance like your conscience or the "60 Minutes" test. Use them often enough and eventually you won't even hear them — it will just be natural to do the right thing all the time.



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Congratulations to Tyndall's NCO Academy distinguished graduates

Tech. Sgt. Keith Davis,
325th Mission Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Karrie Warren,
Southeast Air Defense Sector



Army recruiting departing Airmen

DONNA MILES
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — After they “Cross Into the Blue” Army officials said they hope Airmen leaving the Air Force will consider the “Army of One.”

A new program, Operation Blue to Green, seeks to recruit into the Army Airmen and Sailors leaving their service because of force reductions. The Army is temporarily increasing its ranks.

Plans call for the Air Force to reduce its numbers by 16,000 by the end of 2005, Air Force officials said.

An Army spokesperson called Operation Blue to Green an opportunity that “will definitely benefit the Department of Defense as well as these individuals.”

Details of the program are still being worked out, but an Army Web site says

the program tells potential recruits it “will allow you to continue to serve your country, to maintain the benefits of military service and to expand your hori-

says, “is dependent upon your service’s willingness to release you from your current active-duty obligation.”

New Soldiers recruited

Army,” the Army spokesperson said.

This new course in basic combat skills will substitute for the nine-week course currently used to train Airmen, Sailors and Coast Guardsmen enlisting in the Army, according to the Web site.

Bonuses will be offered to recruits for selected military occupational specialties, although details were not yet available.

While Army officials finalize details about the program, they are wasting no time getting the word out to potential candidates. An online information form encourages interested candidates to sign up for more information. However, the site notes, “Until formal policies have been approved, Army recruiters cannot accept applications, process paperwork or reserve training seats.”

‘Operation Blue to Green’

• *An Army spokesperson said the operation “will definitely benefit the Department of Defense as well as these individuals.”*

• *This is another option for those getting out of the Air Force due to force shaping actions.*

• *This option is only open to those who are honorably discharged from the Air Force.*

• *Bonuses will be offered to recruits for selected military occupational specialties, although details are not yet available.*

zons by gaining new training and trying new things.”

Candidates for the program are Airmen and Sailors in grades E-5 and below who qualify for an honorable discharge from active duty. Participation in the program, the Web site

under the program will go through a four-week “warrior transition course” being developed by Army Training and Doctrine Command officials.

“This will further orient them in terms of what it means to be a Soldier in the

Force development includes civilians

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — Career civilian employees will soon have more focused career guidance and expanded opportunities because of a new initiative taking place at the Air Force Personnel Center here this summer.

Civilian career field management is a part of force development that will align civilian and military career fields to develop future leaders.

“This is a big change in Air Force civilian career management,” said Gregory Den Herder, the center’s executive director. “We’ve realigned civilian management to provide a system-

atic approach to developing and sustaining the civilian workforce.

“The foundations of (the new program) were already in place within our civilian career program directorate,” he said. “Now we’ve tied development, analysis and employment together.”

Under the new program, all civilian positions have been assigned to a spe-

cific career field similar to military specialties. Each career field will have a career path that helps employees determine where to go or what to do to advance in their careers.

Similar to the officer corps, civilian career fields have development teams located at the per-

sonnel center. Twenty-four teams will fill positions and manage specific career fields.

The new program will enhance current opportunities for civilian professional education, advanced academic degrees, broader assignment experiences and upward mobility, personnel officials said. It will also identify cross-functional paths to expose civilians to a broader scope of operational activities to prepare them for senior-leadership positions.

“The main goal ... is to ensure that the right employee gets to the right job with the right skills,” Mr. Den Herder said.

(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

“We’ve realigned civilian management to provide a systematic approach to developing and sustaining the civilian workforce.”

GREGORY DEN HERDER

Air Force Personnel Center executive director



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before
you
drink.**



Checkertail Salute

Senior Airman Kelly Burke

Duty title: 325th Air Control Squadron
weapons technician

Time on station: Two years

Time in service: Three years

Hometown: Brooklyn, N.Y.

Hobbies: Shopping

Goals: Get a bachelor's degree in criminal
justice

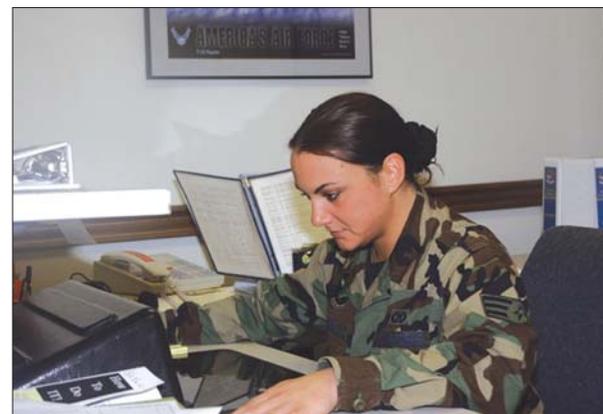
Favorite movie: "Goodfellas"

Favorite book: Any true crime books

Favorite thing about Tyndall: The beaches

Pet peeves: People who complain

Proudest moment in the military: When I
made senior airman below the zone.



1st Lt. Albert Bosco

Airman Burke received the Checkertail Salute award this week. She is a weapons technician for the 325th ACS.

The Checkertail Clan salutes Airman Burke who was selected for senior airman below the zone. She has scheduled 350 student and cadre personnel, re-designed the 325th Air Control Squadron activity report and tracked and logged 2,376 MU-2 flying hours. Airman Burke has orchestrated area monitor support during Eglin Air Traffic Control radar loss. She is a superior communications security monitor and was selected for instructor weapons technician upgrade. She is also pursuing a degree at Gulf Coast Community College.

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.

Seat belts increase chances of crash survival

Highway crashes occur when least expected. That is why it is important to wear safety belts all of the time. The majority of all highway crashes happen within 25 miles of home and happen at 40 mph. or less. Research has shown that lap/shoulder belts, when used properly, reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat passenger car occupants by 45 percent and the risk of moderate to critical injury by 50 percent.

Anywhere from five to 10 percent of vehicle occupants on Tyndall still don't wear their seat belts. Wearing a seat belt is a good habit not only for these reasons, but also because it is the law. The Air Force and the Department of Defense require the wear of safety belts for active duty personnel at all times on or off base. In addition, civilian personnel are required to wear safety belts while on any DOD Installation. In fiscal year 2003, the Air Force had 46 fatalities in motor vehicle accidents. Ten of those deaths were a direct result of the person not wearing a seat belt. That's 21 percent.

Six out of eight motor vehicle accidents in the local area were intersection related accidents. Fortunately, all were wearing their seat belts and survived.

Safety belts must be worn properly to provide the best protection. Lap belts should be low and snug on the hips with no slack in the shoulder harness. The shoulder belt should lie across the chest and over the collarbone with minimal slack. Do not wear the lap belt across the abdomen, and never place the shoulder belt under the arm or behind the back.

Buckle all children age 12 and under in the rear seat of the vehicle. Head-on crashes cause the greatest number of serious injuries, and a person sitting properly restrained in the back seat is the farthest away from the impact and less likely to be injured. Unbelted or improperly belted children can easily slide off the front seat during pre-crash braking, throwing them against the dashboard where the air bag can strike them on the head or neck with tremendous force before it's fully inflated.

Air bags are designed to be a supplemental restraint, but to be effective, they must be used in conjunction with a properly positioned safety belt. No one should ever place a rear facing infant's seat in front of a passenger side air bag.

The force of deploying air bags can severely injure

or kill an infant in a rear-facing infant seat.

Buckling up is extremely important to survival whether it is on a long road trip or just a short trip around town.

(Courtesy of 325th Fighter Wing Safety Office)



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

Team Tyndall bids farewell to 325th FW commander

Airmen, community highlight accomplishments during Brig. Gen. Larry New's tenure



Isaac Gibson



Lisa Norman

General New's son, Ryan, and daughter, Cara, "pin on" his Brigadier General epaulets during his promotion ceremony Aug. 1, 2002. The general frequently highlighted the importance of family and championed local programs to support Air Force families.

Above: General New speaks to troops about safe practices during the 325th Fighter Wing annual safety day picnic. The picnic was held to kick off and support the Air Force's "101 Critical Days of Summer" campaign.

Right: General New shakes the hand of Chief Master Sgt. James Wilkerson, 43rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit NCO in charge, following Raptor 18's arrival Sept. 26, 2003. The arrival of Tyndall's first F/A-22 ushered in a new era of Air Dominance training for the 325th Fighter Wing and the U.S. Air Force.



Lisa Norman

Wing highlights

- The 325th Fighter Wing was awarded an “Excellent” rating during the 2003 Headquarters Air Education and Training Command Operational Readiness Inspection.

- The 325th Fighter Wing trained more than 425 F-15 pilots, 351 Air Battle Managers, eight initial F/A-22 flying training unit cadre pilots, numerous F-15 and F/A-22 crew chiefs, air traffic controllers and intelligence personnel.

- The 325th Fighter Wing stood up the Air Force’s first operational F/A-22 squadron, various supporting academic facilities and established the foundation of America’s Air Dominance training for decades to come.

- The 325th Fighter Wing trained, prepared, equipped and deployed hundreds of Team Tyndall Airmen from various career fields in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

- The 325th Medical Group received the Air Education and Training Command Air Force Chief of Staff Team Excellence Award and selection as an Air Force “Best Practice.”

- The 325th Mission Support Group’s Family Support Center formed and maintained the Florida Inter-Service Family Assistance Committee for the entire state. The center created a Web site that was benchmarked by the Department of Defense.

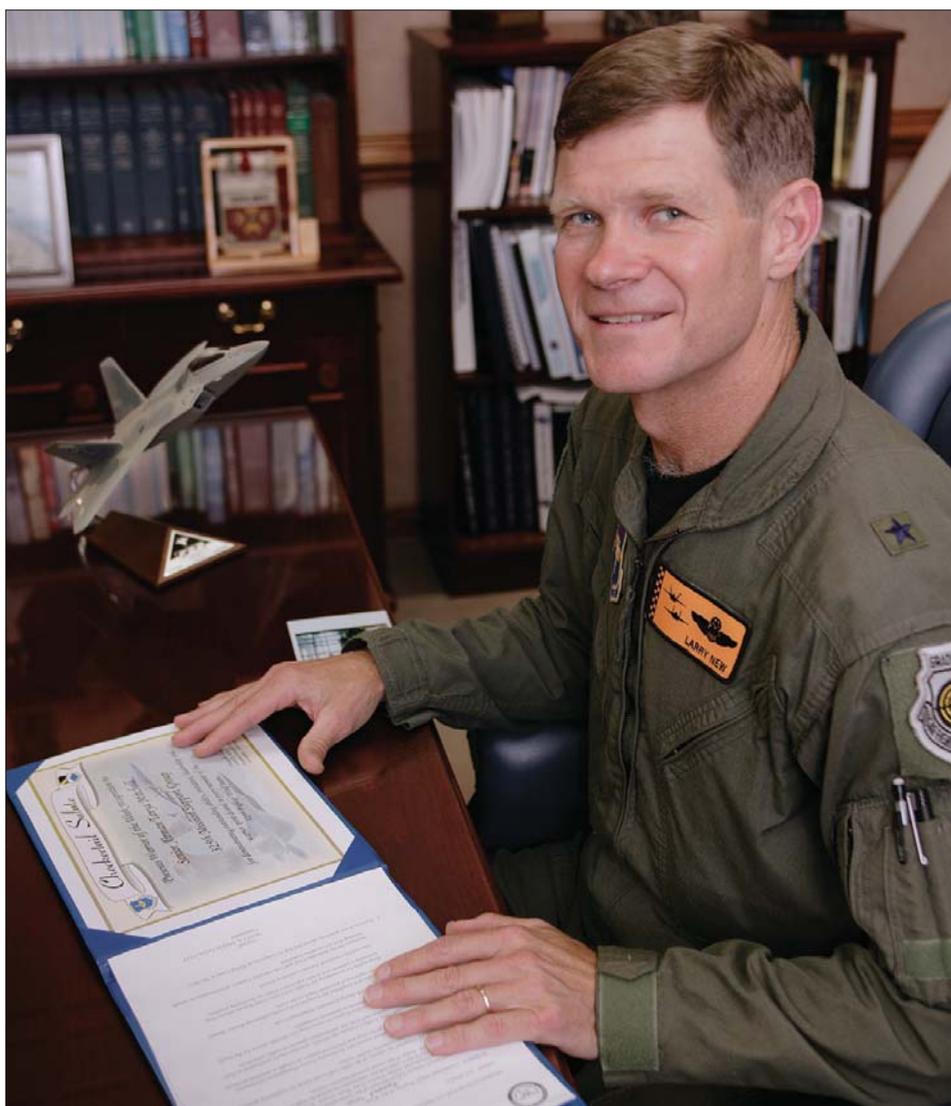
- The 325th Mission Support Group’s Family Support Center launched the Air Force’s first-ever Heart Link program to enhance the quality of life for new spouses.

- The 325th Contracting Squadron set an Air Force operational contracting squadron obligation record with \$523 million in procurements.

- Ensured a safety first mindset! Topped all combat air forces F-15 averages for key maintenance performance indicators to include the best fully mission capable rates, adherence to printed flying schedule, fewest in-flight emergencies and lowest abort rates during FY 2003.

- The 325th Fighter Wing represented our nation’s military to more than 70,000 people from Bay County and surrounding communities by hosting two Gulf Coast Salute open house and air shows.

- General New became the 30th F-15 pilot to amass 3,000 flying hours in the cockpit of the Eagle.



John Dibbs

Left: General New implemented a recognition program for troops called the Checkertail Salute. Each week he personally recognized a member of the 325th Fighter Wing for their exemplary performance in supporting the wing’s mission and community involvement.



Master Sgt. Mike Ammons

Above: A six-ship formation of 325th Fighter Wing F-15 Eagles and an F/A-22 Raptor fly above Tyndall during a special photo opportunity. The formation included flagships from the 325th Fighter Wing, 325th Operations Group and the 1st, 2nd, 95th and 43rd Fighter Squadrons. Inset: General New prepares for his final F-15 flight at Tyndall Thursday.



Balad first sergeants bare veins for IV training

STAFF SGT. JASON LAKE

332nd Air Expeditionary Wing public affairs

(Editor's note: Master Sgt. Rob Foley is the 325th Mission Support Squadron first sergeant here, he is deployed to Balad Air Base, Iraq.)

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq (AFP) — People assigned to the 332nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron received lifesaving medical training July 15 on the arms of first sergeants here.

More than six Balad first sergeants rolled up their sleeves and “took one for the team” to give a few patrolmen intravenous therapy training for severe dehydration or trauma.

Master Sgt. Michael Strickland of the 64th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron, and medics from the 332nd Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility, taught the security forces Airmen proper techniques for

finding a vein in a patient's arm while the first sergeants served as the guinea pigs.

The training was essential for the troops, especially in the desert, said Master Sgt. Robert Foley, the 332nd ESFS first sergeant and organizer of the event.

Sergeant Foley, who is deployed from 325th Mission Support Squadron at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., said on patrols, his troops are exposed to temperatures higher than 115 inside their Humvees. The protective equipment the Airmen wear only adds to the heat stress, he said.

In the past few weeks, there have been a few cases of dehydration out in the field, so he enlisted some volunteers to help sharpen the medical skills of his troops, Sergeant Foley said.

“It's very difficult to start an IV on dehydrated patients,” Sergeant Foley said. “Our combat life savers wanted to increase

their proficiency in starting IVs under adverse conditions.”

The first sergeant said he had a good idea where to look for volunteers — his first sergeant colleagues.

“As first sergeants, our job is to help our people. In this case, by lending our veins we show (the Airmen) we have faith in their abilities.”

MASTER SGT. ROBERT FOLEY

332nd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron first sergeant

“As first sergeants, our job is to help our people,” he said. “In this case, by lending our veins we show (the Airmen) we have faith in their abilities.”

Master Sgt. Nancy Clegg, first sergeant for the 332nd CASF volunteered her arm for the training.

“I told them that they would get four tries out of me,” she said with a hint of sarcasm.

The Airman training with Sergeant Clegg got the IV to take on the fourth try.

Afterward, Sergeant Clegg, who is also a medical evacuation technician, said she would

have lent her arm as long as it took to help.

“These guys are the ones that go outside the wire and protect us while I work behind my desk,” she said. “If I can help them by lending them my arm, then they can stick me almost as much as they want.”

Senior Airman Irene Atkins, one of the Airmen who received the training, said she learned an

easier way to get the needle into a vein. Airman Atkins and a few others also trained with the Army here in February.

“It was good practice,” she said. “This kind of training is important because we don't want to lose one of our own. It's as hot as an oven out there, and we don't want anyone to get sent home.”

Staff Sgt. Jason McQuarrie, another trainee deployed here from the 4th Security Forces Squadron at Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C., said the training could also be useful when he rotates back to the United States. Being a first responder back home, Sergeant McQuarrie said the training here could help save someone suffering from severe dehydration or trauma after a major accident.

“You never know when you're going to use it,” he said.

AETC comptroller flights now squadrons

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS) — Air Education and Training Command comptroller flights are now comptroller squadrons.

The flights were re-designated June 21 as part of an Air Force-wide initiative. Brig. Gen. W.P. Ard, Air Force director of manpower and organization, approved the change June 2.

The change from flights to squadrons should be fairly transparent to the customer, said Col. Dave Weinberg, AETC comptroller.

“There's no functional change with what we do and how we do our jobs,” Colonel Weinberg said. “The change is how comptrollers fit into the combat wing structure and

how they can improve financial management support to the wing commander.”

The number of military members in an or-

“The upgrade is a way to help make sure comptrollers stay in the loop and are involved in major issues.”

COL. DAVE WEINBERG
AETC comptroller

ganization typically determines its status as a flight or squadron, but this change was based on the scope of the comptroller's responsibilities versus the number of employees.

“Often times the required number of people was not indicative of the level of responsibility,” Colonel Weinberg said. “The responsibility of a comptroller to a wing commander doesn't change necessarily based on the number of people in the organization.”

Upgrading the flights to squadrons will help standardize base level comptroller support across the Air Force and provide each comptroller equal status regardless of the organization's size.

The change also ensures comptrollers have better access to wing senior staff and are included in the day-to-day functions of the base.

“The upgrade is a way to help make sure comptrollers stay in the loop and are involved

in major issues,” Colonel Weinberg said. “The vision is for comptrollers to have a seat at the table to ensure the appropriate level of financial management expertise and decision support is provided to the war fighter.”

The re-designation will also help foster relationships between the comptroller and various wing organizations, said Beverly Gembler, the AETC comptroller's plans and management chief here.

“Being an effective comptroller at a wing involves relationships,” Ms. Gembler said. “Working directly with the wing senior staff gives the comptroller different perspectives and keeps them up to speed on the various wing funding requirements.”

Understand proportional per diem while traveling

STAFF SGT. KRISTI SUNDSTROM

325th Comptroller Squadron

The proportional per diem rate for Air Force temporary duty travelers has been in effect since Oct. 1, 1996. PPD was implemented to simplify the travel process and was created to bring parity between officers and enlisted per diem, remove meal counting for determining per diem, and to coincide with a reduction in surcharge at military dining facilities. This rate is approved by the orders approving official, based on the availability of government meals at the TDY location. The approving official checks on the availability of meals in AFI 34-602 with mission requirements to determine which rate applies. The orders must state the payable meal rate. If the order does not state the payable rate then the member is reimbursed the locality full per diem rate.

When is proportional per diem payable?

Proportional meal rate can be paid when:

- A traveler is in government quarters on an installation, and at least one to two meals are unavailable in the government dining facility on that installation.
- When one or two meals are paid for in a conference fee or a registration fee.
- A traveler isn't entitled to per diem but must purchase a meal (the proportional meal rate is the ceiling against which the traveler's actual meal cost is compared - the lesser of the two being paid).

The approving official may make changes to the orders after the fact to reimburse the member at a higher per diem rate. This may only change if the traveler makes a reasonable request based on meal availability changes.

The following instances may warrant a change:

- Dining hall hours/availability were different than originally understood.
- Mission required abnormal work hours.

•Eating at the dining hall was too difficult given distance and transportation considerations.

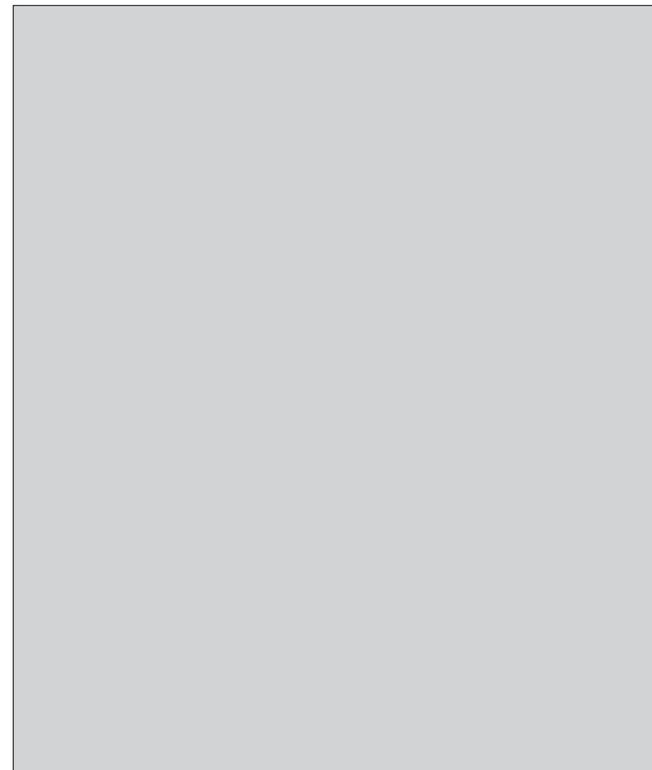
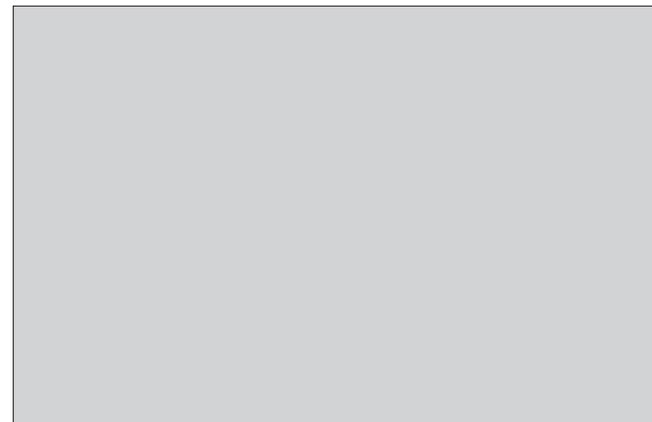
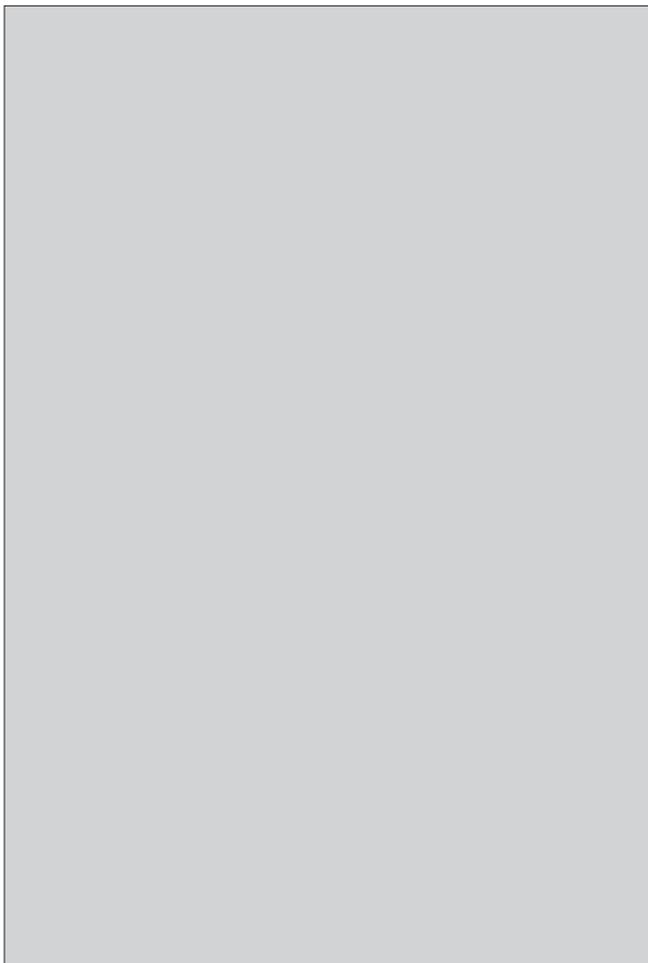
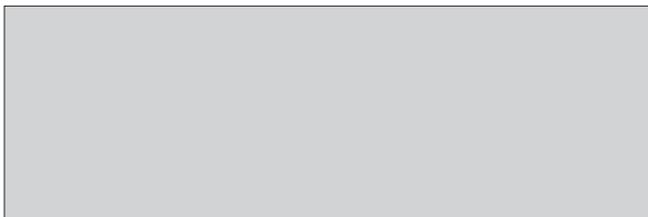
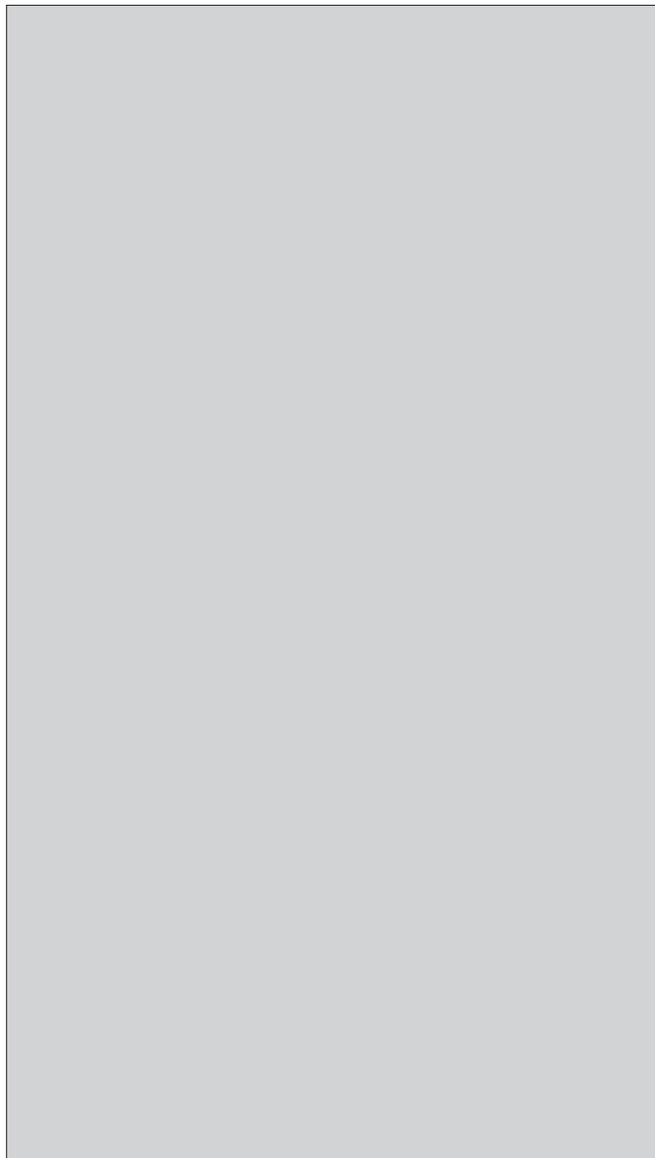
How is proportional per diem computed?

The government meal rate and the locality meal rate are averaged (rounded to the nearest dollar) and then the incidental rate is added. For example, the Tyndall AFB meal rate is \$40 per day, the government meal rate is \$8 per day and the incidental expense is \$3 per day. The proportional per diem would be computed as follows: $\$40 + \$8/2 = 24$. You would then add the incidental expense of \$3 to get the proportional per diem of \$27 per day.

How will I know if Government meals are available at my TDY location?

The Air Force published a directory that gives a listing of installations and the availability of Government Mess. This listing can be found on the per diem committee Web site [www.dtic.mil/per diem/ lodging.html](http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/lodging.html).

For more information, contact Sergeant Sundstrom, 283-2942.



Events

Men and Women's Varsity Basketball tryouts

Tryouts and practice for the 2004-05 Tyndall Tigers Men's Varsity Basketball team, will begin at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 16 at the Fitness Center. Tryouts for the Women's Basketball team will be 6 p.m. Aug. 23. Tryouts are open to all active duty military members. All interested individuals are encouraged to sign-up at the Fitness Center. For more information, contact the Fitness Center at 283-2631.

MPF appointments

The Military Personnel Flight Customer Service will now make appointments available for those needing common access cards and dependent identification cards. Walk-ins are still welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Tech. Sgt. Carr at 283-2276.

Senior NCO induction ceremony dinner

Tyndall Top 3 invites Team Tyndall members to its 7th Annual Senior NCO Induction Ceremony Dinner July 30. A social hour will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Menu - Prime beef and grouper: \$20 for club members and \$23 for non-club members. Chef salad - \$18 for club members and \$21 for non-club members.

Palace Chase information

The Air National Guard has part-time positions available throughout the country to military members separating or thinking about applying for Palace Chase.

Retraining is available, and members retain most of their benefits in addition to some state benefits such as 100 percent tuition assistance. For more information, contact Master Sgt. William Andujar at (850) 884-2729 or e-mail william.andujar@hurlburt.af.mil.

Air Force Reserve opportunities

The Air Force Reserve is hiring for part-time positions all over the United States. It is possible to continue receiving Air Force benefits while building toward retirement, perhaps in a totally different career field and in a different location. If you are thinking about sepa-



Jim Weslowski

Heritage jets have added mission

Lt. Col. Jerry Kerby, 82nd Aerial Targets Squadron commander, inspects his unit's newest QF-4 Phantom II. The fighter aircraft is the third of a total of six QF-4s that are being repainted in commemoration of airpower history. The jet arrived July 15 and has a Vietnam War-era jungle camouflage paint scheme reminiscent of its combat role during that period.

rating under the Palace Chase Force Shaping initiative or are approaching the end of your Active Duty commitment, contact Master Sgt. Randi Baum at 283-8384 to learn more about the opportunities in the Air Force Reserve.

E-8 testing window changes

Beginning in December, all master sergeants competing for promotion to senior master sergeant will test on the USAF supervisory examination Dec. 6-17. The testing cycle will no longer be conducted in January. Testing conducted after Dec. 17 will be considered out-of-cycle. For more information, call Master Sgt. Brian Chasse at DSN 665-2265.

Anger management

The next Anger Management Workshop series will be held Aug. 2, 9, 16 and 23 four consecutive Mondays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bldg. 1305 conference room. For more information or to sign up for classes, call 283-7511

Classifieds

Wanted

Part-time editorial assistant needed

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

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

Chow Chow/ German Shepherd

Free to a good home, one predominantly Chow Chow puppy, male, 4 months old, going to be big and strong. For a picture e-mail smcdowell@knology.net. For more information call Lauren at 866-0070 or Sarah at 819-4064.

Golf Clubs

Wilson Dyna Power II golf clubs with stand-up bag: used. \$100 or best offer.

1996 Dodge Diesel

3500 Club Cab Truck 4x4 5-speed A/C PS/PB P/W P/L cruise 125k miles, rhino liner, tool box, brush guard \$14,500

Contact William or Michelle at 286-4728.

1996 Honda Accord

Green, two door, in good condition, \$5,600. Call 233-3048.

Garage Sales

3647 Kisling Loop
3682 B Kisling Loop
2741 B Eagle Drive

Garage sales are held 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

Chapel Schedule

Catholic services held at Chapel 2:

Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday
Reconciliation (before Saturday Mass or by appointment)
Saturday Mass, 5 p.m.
Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m.
Religious Education, 11 a.m. Sunday.

Protestant services at Chapel 1:

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

Tyndall members dive into a whole new world

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS

SARAH McDOWELL

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

The Air Force provides many opportunities to travel to different countries, but one club at Tyndall affords its members the chance to explore a whole new world.

The Tyndall Dive Club, which is open to any Tyndall Marina Club member who has an open-water diver certification, frequently visits underwater locations in the local area on the weekends. To them, their experiences seem out of this world.

"There is no way I could tell you about just one thing in particular," said Tech. Sgt. Lee Weinberg, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron weapons standardization lead crew member and president of the Dive Club. "Every time I get in the water it is such an amazing experience, you never know what you are going to see."

Being able to share these experiences with others who appreciate them equally is another positive thing about the club.

"It is an opportunity to meet other people very interested in the sport," said Lt. Col. Paul Keddy, Tyndall's Canadian component commander with the 601st Air Operations Group

and member of the Dive Club. "It opens more doors for dive opportunities, and you learn, while having fun, to be a more safe and respected diver."

In addition, all agree that the club brings together a very diverse group of people.

"We are a group of people who enjoy diving and living life to the fullest. We have a unique, diverse and dynamic makeup of members. We all love to socialize and dive," said James Hayden, activities director for the club.

Aside from meeting new people, there are other locals under the water that divers often meet as well.

"The Goliath Grouper has to be the most interesting." Sergeant Weinberg said. "When will you ever have the chance to see a fish the size of a small car up close and personal?"

The experience of diving is different for everyone, said Mr. Hayden. "Even on the same dive, the stories may be vastly different."

To ensure members are able to expand their dive experience, the club plans a chartered trip once a month for members to enjoy a recreational dive. During dives members can often be found taking pictures, collecting

shells and spearfishing.

In addition to local dives, the club makes a trip out of the area about once a year, Sergeant Weinberg said.

"Last year the club took a trip to the Florida Keys in September, and we are planning a return trip this year as well."

Being a member of the club has other benefits, such as unlimited oxygen from the clubs air compressor, free ice, access to social events, discounted diving and discounted diving education opportunities.

"In order to dive with the club you must be certified through an agency, however, we can work with the local dive shops to get you certified." Sergeant Weinberg said.

Scuba diving is a unique experience, but there is some risk involved. One of the easiest ways to lower these risks is to always dive with a partner, and an even better way to lower



Don Mulders

Tech. Sgt. Lee Weinberg, president of the Dive Club, scuba dives during the New Year's Dive. The club dives mainly during the summer months, but special dives are available all year round.

risk is to dive with an experienced diver. The Dive Club incorporates safe practices by using an active training program in cooperation with local dive shops, Colonel Keddy said.

"We also develop a safe diving ethic by including discus-

sions on safety at our regular dive club meetings and appoint a member to focus on the topic of safety," he said.

For those who are seeking an experience that can't be found on land or air, the dive club maybe what their looking for.



Don Mulders

This shark is among many of the interesting creatures that a diver will come across in the Gulf of Mexico.



Bob Stapleton

Lt. Col. Paul Keddy, member of the dive club, holds up a lobster he caught while spearfishing on a dive with the Tyndall Dive Club. The lobster was released afterwards.

Funshine NEWS



July 23, 2004

www.325thservices.com

Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

Surfs Up

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

USA Tennis

Tennis anyone? Sign up for USA Tennis for ages 6 and up and learn the basics in a friendly group atmosphere. The program runs August 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 9 a.m. and the cost is \$30. Call 283-4366 for more details.

Start Smart

Hit a homerun or score a goal and sign up for Start Smart for ages 3-5. Work one-on-one with your child improving basic baseball and soccer skills. The classes run August 13, 20, 27 and September 3 at 10 a.m. and cost is \$30. Call Andy at 283-4366 for details.

Start Smart Baseball

Batter up for Start Smart Baseball for ages 3-5. Work one-on-one with your child improving basic skills. The classes run August 10, 17, 24, 31 at 10 a.m. and cost is \$30.

Community Center

☎ 283-2495

Ballroom Dance Classes

Starts Aug. 6, 6:30-8 p.m. Instructor: Russ Knight. Learn to Waltz, Cha-Cha, Swing, Slow Dance & Disco. Cost is \$65 per couple or \$32.50 for singles, per four week session. Deadline to sign up is July 30.

Guitar Lessons

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

American Tae Kwon Classes

Master: Clifford Kinchen. Mondays and Wednesdays 6-6:50 p.m. for 6-12 yrs., 6:50-7:40 p.m. for 13 yrs. old and up. Cost: \$5 per class or \$30 for 10 class punch card. Call for more information.

Moms, Pops & Tots

Parenting Group with Adult interaction and socialization for children. Wednesdays 9-11 a.m. Ages: birth to 5 yrs. (or school age). toys, crafts and snacks. Provided by Laurie Campbell 286-6501 or 283-2495.

Marina Club

☎ 283-3059

Best Salad Bar on Base

All you can eat with soft drink \$5.95.

Base Pool Events

■ Dorm Rat Pool Party

July 24. FREE. Free admission to swim beginning at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments, activities, music and more.

■ Family Fun Day

July 31, 2 p.m. until. All admissions are FREE Pool games & activities for all ages; adult participation a MUST! Prizes, fun for all.

Call 283-3199 for more details.



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Punches are given for every game bowled or large Coca-Cola fountain beverage purchased at Raptor Lanes snack bar now through August 31, 2004.



Start getting ready now

2004 Air Force Marathon September 18, 2004

Call the Fitness Center for details.

Or visit the official website at:

<http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil/registration.htm>

283-2631



New Computer Gaming Room

Sector-Six

Sector-Six games include Battlefield Vietnam & Unreal Tournament (2-way). This program is free to patrons 18 & older. Gamers under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Call 283-2495 for information

Youth Center National Kids Day and Back to School Block Party July 30, 5-9 p.m.

Fun Activities for the entire family! Hamburgers and hot dogs provided. Even number houses please bring a vegetable or salad and odd number houses please bring a dessert.

Dance the night away with a DJ
283-4366

Bonita Bay

☎ 283-3199

Water Aerobics

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 6:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesday: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Saturday 6-7 p.m. Shallow water is low impact. Deep water is no impact on the body. Check for prerequisites with Denise at butts_n_guts@hotmail.com Personal water aerobics training is also available for \$15 per half hour. Payments must be made at Bonita Bay.

Community Center Blackbeard's Treasure Hunt

Starts August 3
Signup by July 30.
Grand Prize is a
Microsoft X-Box
283-2495

Tyndall Base Library presents: The Librarian from the Black Lagoon

the 2004 Summer Reading program which will take place every Wednesday 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. from June 9 until August 4 this summer
Call 283-4287 for more information.

Crazy Cash Give-Away at the O' & E Clubs Fridays during Social Hour.

Beginning at 5 p.m.
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

NASCAR Pilot Program

Last day July 25
Races may be viewed at
the Pizza Pub in the
Community Center
July 25
Weekly Prizes valued at
\$150 & \$100
Prizes for participation will be given at
each event. Must be a current AETC Club
Member to win.

Grand Prizes: First place prize is a trip for two to attend the Ford 400 race on Nov. 21, 2004 at Homestead-Miami Speedway. It includes airfare, hotel accommodations, rental car and tickets to the race. 2nd place is \$500 and 3rd place is \$250 to purchase from the NASCAR website.

283-3222

Tyndall Enlisted Club

Shotgun Karaoke



Last Thursday of the month in the Zone 6-10 p.m.
Compete for prizes by singing a song randomly chosen for you.

Call for
more details
and information:
283-4357

Airmen donate \$6.7 million

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER - Air Force people are giving more than \$6.7 million to this year's Air Force Assistance Fund campaign — \$800,000 more than last year.

The fund raises money for four Air Force-related charities that benefit active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retired Air Force people, surviving spouses and families.

"The 2004 campaign raised more money than any other since 1989 when we had twice as many people in the Air Force," said Mr. John Lowrance, project officer for the AFAF campaign.

"The generous gifts donated by our active duty, Guard, Reserve and retired members shows a real appreciation for the help these charities provide our Air

Force family."

This year's campaign was helped by 18,000 new contributors.

About 71 percent of donations are designated for the

Tyndall comes through

Team Tyndall surpassed its goal of \$63,000 by 45 percent with contributions exceeding \$91,000.

Air Force Aid Society, the largest of the four charities said Mr. Lowrance.

"Its great news that this year's AFAF campaign was the most successful in years, and as a result, lots of Airmen and their families will benefit from these generous

contributions," said retired Lt. Gen. Mike McGinty, Air Force Aid Society's chief executive officer. "Once again it proves that Gen. Hap Arnold's 'Airmen-helping-Airmen' philosophy lives on in today's Air Force."

Airmen are asked during the campaign to contribute to one or more AFAF charities through cash, check or payroll deduction.

The charities include the Air Force Aid Society, the Air Force Enlisted Foundation, the Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund and the General and Mrs. Curtis LeMay Foundation.

This was the 31st year for the campaign.

For more information on the AFAF, visit www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund.

●FROM SUCCESS PAGE 1 ing and bring on a data link capability between the F-15, the F/A-22 and Air Battle Manager training that will spread across the Gulf Coast. This has already been recognized by the Chief of Staff of the Air Force and the director of operations as the way of the future, and it presents a lot of technical challenges we are already working on."

Another challenge, according to the general, is continuing to beddown the F/A-22.

"We will be working in the near future to continue the beddown of the F/A-22 with its mission and training and to do everything we can to provide trained warriors to Langley [Air Force Base, Va.]" he said.

The general also pointed out with all that is going on at

Tyndall, one can't help but learn.

"I have learned a lot from the people in the wing," he said.

He explained with the way the Air Force works, with its turn over of Airmen every few

"The people here have been fantastic, starting here within the Bay County community ... The people are also what make Team Tyndall so special."

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW
325th Fighter Wing commander

years, leaders need to stay in tune with the younger Airmen and learn how to communicate the mission in their terms so Airmen can in turn do the mission "in spades."

"You have to practice leadership, it doesn't come naturally. You have to practice it everyday and it is very reward-

ing," he said.

Although the general is leaving Tyndall, opportunities await him at Larissa, Greece, his next assignment. He said he will miss Tyndall, but he will miss the people more.

"When you are a commander, you get attached to the mission, but you also get attached to the people. They become family. When you see their great successes you feel proud of them, and I will miss the people that have been here supporting

our mission. Not only will I miss the people of Tyndall, but also the warm friendship we get from the surrounding community."

The change of command ceremony for the 325th Fighter Wing is scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday in Hangar 2. Team Tyndall is invited to attend.

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