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In brief

Swim meet at base pool

There will be a fitness swim meet July 9, open to all eligible DOD employees, active duty, retired, and family members 18 years of age and older. Teams are not limited to squadron specific participation. There will be a meeting at noon today at the base pool. Registration deadline is July 2. For more information, call Daniel Mix at 283-4315. Copies of rules and events are available at the pool.

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.

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Jim Weslowski

Two-hundred and counting ...

Airmen 1st Class Cassandra Goldurs and Martin Vosseller, 43rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chiefs, prepare Raptor 19 for a sortie. The Raptor program at Tyndall reached another milestone June 18 when the 43rd Fighter Squadron flew its 200th F/A-22 sortie.

DOD wasn't geared to internal threats on 9/11

JOHN BANUSIEWICZ
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - National policy that geared the Defense Department toward external threats was part of the reason DOD couldn't do more to prevent some of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff told the 9/11 commission here today.

"Our military posture on 9/11, by law, by policy and in practice, was focused on responding to external threats - threats originating outside of our borders," Air Force Gen. Richard Myers told the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States.

"All the policy guidance (before Sept. 11) was that we treat terrorism primarily as a criminal event, and

the role of the Defense Department was to defend our forces - primarily, it was force-protection antiterrorism, not counterterrorism," the general said. The FBI was responsible for domestic counterterrorism, and external counterterrorism was the CIA's responsibility, he added.

Another factor, General Myers said, was that threat perceptions at the time did not include using hijacked aircraft as guided missiles.

In a written statement he submitted to the commission, the chairman said the spring and summer of 2001 saw a "significant increase in terrorist threat reporting" that clearly indicated a major al Qaeda terrorist operation was in the works. "To the extent that the warnings pointed to specific areas, they pointed to the Arabian Peninsula," the statement

said. The Federal Aviation Administration issued warnings in the months before the attacks, the statement continued, but those warnings also were nonspecific and focused primarily on threats against U.S. citizens abroad and traditional hijackings.

The intelligence was not specific enough to warrant the North American Aerospace Defense Command increasing its alert status or placing additional forces on alert, the chairman's statement said.

Air Force Gen. Ralph Eberhart, commander of U.S. Northern Command and NORAD, also testified. He said in assessing the threat and formulating a response, the possibility of shooting down an innocent aircraft had to be considered.

"We were very concerned about

the ability to shoot down a hijacked airplane," he said, "but frankly, we were just as concerned about making a mistake. And if you think this is an interesting session here this morning, ... had we made a mistake on that morning or (in) subsequent days, I would offer it has a much different content."

General Myers said erroneous reports as events unfolded also hindered DoD's response.

"We fought many phantoms that day," he said. "There were many phantoms. I remember getting to the (National Military Command Center), and we got the call that a bomb had gone off in front of the State Department. So you think, 'Oh, my goodness, what else is happening in

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Wing welcomes new vice commander, announces E-6/E-7 promotions

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW
325th Fighter Wing commander

Team Tyndall received some great news this week as 125 of our Airmen were selected for promotion to technical sergeant and another 71 to master sergeant. It's great to see so many of our outstanding Airmen achieve this significant milestone.

Along with this promotion comes added responsibility and opportunities to continue to make a difference.

Congratulations to all the selects, and I wish you all the best in this new chapter of your career. For a list of Tyndall's selects, see Page 8.

The leadership of Team Tyndall continues to change

as the PCS season moves forward, and today Team Tyndall bids farewell to another of our squadron commanders.

Lt. Col. Robert Gargiulo, 325th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron commander, relinquishes command to Lt. Col. Paula Corrigan at 8:30 a.m. at the Officers' Club.

Colonel Gargiulo is retiring after more than 20 years of honorable service in the Air Force. Thanks for all you have done for Team Tyndall and our Air Force, and best of luck to you and your family!

Colonel Corrigan joins Team

Tyndall from Canberra, Australia, where she served as a staff officer for aviation medicine policy in the Royal Australian Air Force's Australian Defense Health Service Branch through the Air Force Exchange Officer program. Paula, welcome to the team.

Monday, the Checkertail Clan welcomed a new vice wing commander, Col. Brian Dickerson. Colonel Dickerson recently left

involvement, the community has planned several Independence Day celebrations and I'd encourage everyone to get involved as this area definitely offers many opportunities for family fun and entertainment.

Since there are so many opportunities to see fireworks and get involved in activities downtown, we will not be hosting Heritage Day this year. We are instead planning for an "End of

Summer Celebration," which promises to offer a lot of family fun.

When making Independence Day plans, please remember fireworks are prohibited on Tyndall. If you plan to celebrate

with them in the community, ensure you obey all laws and follow safety guidelines to prevent injury. Also, mixing alcohol and fireworks is a recipe for disaster, so if you plan to drink, leave the fireworks to the pros! It's just not worth injuring yourself or possibly others because your judgment is impaired.

As always, as you make summer plans please consider and include measures to keep you and your family safe. Each and every member of Team Tyndall is critical to our mission success, so stay safe and have an enjoyable weekend.

the Pentagon, where he served in the Special Access Programs Branch and the Program Integration Division.

Colonel Dickerson is accompanied by his wife, Donna, son, Matthew and daughters, Samantha and Cassandra. Brian, Donna, Matthew, Samantha and Cassandra, on behalf of the men and women of Team Tyndall, welcome. I know you'll be amazed with the men and women who make up Team Tyndall, but also the hospitality and world-class support provided by our local community!

Speaking of community in-

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BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW
325th Fighter Wing commander



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For fraud, waste and abuse calls, you should talk to the 325th Fighter Wing Inspector General's Office, 283-4646.

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

Larry D. New

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW
325th Fighter Wing commander

Proud to serve in the military

1ST LT. STEVEN JAMES

745th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron

SOUTHWESTASIA (AFP)—Duty, honor, integrity, commitment and sacrifice. Our deployed units across the world are constantly reminded of these five simple, yet significant words. Recent images of our fight against terrorism have invoked strong emotions in the hearts and minds of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines.

In front of the world, newspapers, magazines and televisions show our struggle to bring peace and stability to the Middle East.

We see and read about ambushes of coalition convoys, roadside bombs, civilian contractors being tortured and killed, and flag draped coffins carrying the remains of our fallen heroes. While family and friends are left with these images, a seemingly heavy blow to our nation's morale, let there be no question of our will and determination to protect America, its allies and interests.

Our resolve remains steadfast in the face of international terrorism. Those who have paid the ultimate price wouldn't want it any other way. The commitment to protect our way of life and to stop the spread of terror is as strong now as it was on Sept. 11. Let there be no doubt. Our sacrifices are too great.

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this town? We got many aircraft calls inbound that morning that turned out to be phantoms.” In his written statement, General Myers outlined some actions the Defense Department has taken to adapt to the post-Sept. 11 world:

- Refined procedures are in place for communication between the National Military Command Center and the FAA.
- A mature plan now exists to protect against future airborne attacks originating from inside the United States.
- U.S. Northern Command activated in October 2003, and the U.S. Special Operations Command’s budget increased by about 36 percent.
- Within the Joint Staff, a new deputy directorate and a national military strategic plan for the war on terrorism has been created, and coordination has improved among strategic planning, operations and intelligence.

The chairman also put forth a series of recommendations to the commission in areas he said warrant further attention.

“While we have accomplished a great deal since 9/11, I believe several areas warrant further attention,” his statement said. “First and foremost, we must bear in mind that this war on terrorism can’t be won by the military alone. We need to ensure that we bring to bear all our instruments of national power and the instruments of power of the international community in a coherent, synchronized manner.”

General Myers recommended that an independent, comprehensive review of the U.S. government – one he likened to the Goldwater-Nichols review of DOD – be conducted to determine what organizational, procedural and resource management changes are necessary.

The chairman also urged continued U.S. and international focus on countering the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and dramatically accelerating progress in intelligence collection, analysis and sharing.

He emphasized, though, that the separate intelligence agencies in place today should be maintained “to retain the mission focus each of these components brings.” DoD, he said, must retain influence to ensure continued intelligence support crucial to combat operations.

The outdated concept of “collector as owner of information” in the intelligence community needs to give way to a user-oriented focus, the chairman said. “The ‘need to share’ needs to replace the concept of ‘need to know,’” his statement said.

In his statement’s conclusion, General Myers laid out the difficulty of the challenges posed in today’s world and praised the work of DOD’s people. “Violent extremists who use terrorism as their weapon of choice have a decided advantage in this struggle, at least in the short term,” the chairman’s statement said.

“A small number of people, with inexpensive weapons and equipment, can plan attacks at the place and time of their choosing. They are flexible, adaptable and patient, and they only have to succeed once in awhile.

“Our task, in contrast,” the statement continued, “is enormous. We have to defend across the country and beyond, all the time, and can accept not a single failure. I applaud all the men and women in the Department of Defense, especially our troops in harm’s way, for their selfless and tireless efforts to defend our freedom and way of life.”

Reserve volunteers needed for force-protection

GARY EMERY

Air Force Security Forces Center
public affairs

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFP) — Reserve component enlisted Airmen in any career field are eligible for a unique program allowing them to help protect Air Force bases nationwide.

The air reserve component force protection volunteer program gives individual mobilization augmentee, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard members in grades E-6 and below the opportunity to serve tours with security forces units at most stateside bases, said Maj. Scott Parker, the air reserve component force-protection liaison officer at Air Force Security Forces Center headquarters here.

Volunteers will perform force-protection duties such as manning entry-control and vehicle-inspection stations at base gates as well as other duties, Major Parker said. Assignments will vary

from base to base.

“People in all (Air Force specialties) are eligible,” he said. “Security forces volunteers will hit the ground running, while volunteers from other career fields will go through a one- or two-

week security forces ready training program before assuming their duties.”

“The list of bases is a moving target, but just about all (continental U.S.) bases have a need for volunteers,” he said. “We have a capable staff that can place individuals at or near their desired location.

Volunteers have a wide range of locations to choose from, Major Parker said.

This program has many benefits, Major Parker said.

volunteer for locations where they would like to go, and the force-protection needs of the Air Force are met as well. It works out well for everyone concerned,” he said.

About 2,100 volunteers are already serving in the program, and at least 400 more are needed this fiscal year, Major Parker said. He said he anticipates the program will be funded again next fiscal year for up to 3,000 volunteers.

A checklist with requirements and procedures for volunteers is available at afsf.lackland.af.mil. Air National Guardsmen who wish to volunteer or get more information on the program can call Major Parker at (210) 925-7051 or DSN 945-7051.

Air Force Reserve Airmen can call Tech. Sgt. David Kahler at (210) 925-0305 or DSN 945-0305.

Volunteers cannot be on physical profile, must meet Air Force physical fitness standards and must have a government travel card.

SFS Augmentee duty available for reservists:

- Volunteers will perform force-protection duties such as manning entry-control and vehicle-inspection stations at base gates as well as other duties
- Volunteers have a wide range of locations to choose from.
- A checklist with requirements and procedures for volunteers is available at afsf.lackland.af.mil.

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Tour lengths are variable based on each volunteer's availability, Major Parker said. The minimum tour length is 30 days, while those who are available for longer periods can begin serving immediately and stay on duty un-

til at least Sept. 29, he said. The Air Force is funding all travel and per diem costs for program participants.

“People get a chance to

Officials take second look at ‘code-C’ limitations

STAFF SGT. MELANIE STREETER

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Following a review of the new force-shaping policy, Air Force officials rescinded the enlisted date-of-separation rollback for Airmen with an assignment limitation code “C.”

“The secretary and chief of staff of the Air Force decided we should take a harder look at code-C limitations, and the medical conditions that drive (the codes), to see if we can come up with a long-term solution, rather than a short-term, force-reduction tool,” said Col. Michael Hayden, the chief of the Air Force military policy division at the Pentagon.

Initially, the force-shaping program's Phase II assigned a DOS of no later than June 30, 2005, for enlisted Airmen who possessed this limitation and had more than 20 years of service as of that date. Feedback from around the Air Force regarding the policy was part of what made leaders reconsider, Colonel Hayden said.

“We want to look at the deployment and assignment of Airmen worldwide and structure the policy to apply to both officers and enlisted, while still taking into consideration the needs of the Air Force as well as the needs of the Airmen,” he said. Because the service is becoming more of an expeditionary force, the idea behind the policy is still a factor, Colonel Hayden said.

“We need to look at how we can shape our force to meet the (air and space expeditionary force) construct,” he said.

One for all: Tyndall's pro organizations form one alliance, make better base for Airmen

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS SARAH MCDOWELL

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Two heads may be better than one, but at Tyndall, 11 groups of heads are best when it comes to organizing events to benefit its Airmen.

As of May 11, professional organizations on Tyndall have started to come together to voice ideas about activities that will benefit both the organizations by working together, and Team Tyndall members by having better products as result.

The group, which meets the first Wednesday of every month at 10 a.m. in the Community Activities Center, usually has one representative from each professional organization and welcomes all Tyndall members for input.

The types of issues discussed in the meetings span upcoming organizational events, current positive and negative trends in the wing and Air Force, as well as updated professional organization news, said Senior Master Sgt. Jeff

Kahapea, 325th Fighter Wing career assistance advisor.

A good example of how this new committee has and will continue to benefit Tyndall happened when the organizations learned the Dorm Council, the Tyndall Active Airmen Association and Focus 56 were all planning separate dorm parties. As a result of their communication at the combined committee meeting, they were able to pool their efforts and funds together to offer a single event, which will be better, said Sergeant Kahapea, who is the chairman of the committee and a member of AFSA.

Together the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, the Air Force Sergeants' Association, the Dorm Council,

Tyndall's Active Airmen Association, Top 3, Focus 56, Tyndall First Sergeants Group, Tyndall Chiefs' Group, the Enlisted Spouses' Club, the Officers Spouses' Club and the Company Grade Officers' Club make up the professional organization's committee.

"Each group has so much to offer its individual members, but there is so much more that could be done working together and helping each other out. We are just seeing the potential and the benefits," said Staff Sgt. Sean Goward, 372nd Training Squadron F-15 aircraft mainte-

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Getting involved:

Airmen, retirees and family members can participate in professional organizations and use the opportunity to mentor Tyndall Airmen which will help make Tyndall a better place to live and work. For more information, contact the following organizations to get involved:

NCO Association ... Master Sgt. Robert McAfee ... robert.mcafee@tyndall.af.mil

Air Force Sergeant's Association ... Master Sgt. Al Lewis ... albert.lewis@tyndall.af.mil

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Tyndall Active Airmen's Association ... Senior Airman Vesta Anderson ... vesta.anderson@tyndall.af.mil

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Company Grade Officers' Club ... 2nd Lt. Carolyn Czepiga ... carolyn.czepiga@tyndall.af.mil

Checkertail Salute

Staff Sgt. Mark Curtis



Lisa Norman

Sergeant Curtis receives the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award from Col. Doug Cochran, former 325th Fighter Wing vice commander.

The Checkertail Clan salutes Sergeant Curtis. He provides core automated maintenance system training. He also manages 28 courses and 16 tests for the 325th Maintenance Group and part of the development of five F/A-22 courses, including the first F-119-PW-100 uninstalled engine run course in the Air Force. Additionally he is the NCOIC of distance learning and maintenance training resource center, has completed two Community College of the Air Force Degrees and participates in the community.

Duty title: Maintenance instructor

Time on station: 20 months

Time in service: 5.5 years

Hometown: Dallas, Texas

Hobbies: Spending time with family and playing sports

Goals: Finish my bachelor's degree

Favorite movie: "The Shawshank Redemption"

Favorite book: "Junction Boys"

Favorite thing about Tyndall: The beach

Pet peeves: Slow Drivers

Proudest Moment in the military: Finishing my Community College of the Air Force Degree

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.

Back to basics

Q. Do enlisted members have to salute ROTC cadets or instructors?

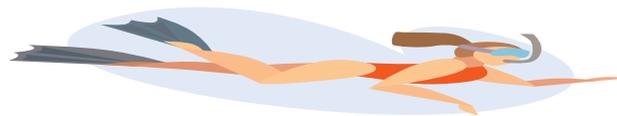
A. During the summer months, Tyndall is visited by college ROTC students, who are training to become officers.

With regards to college ROTC students, and Cadet Training Assistants and rendering the appropriate customs and courtesies, here are the following guidelines:

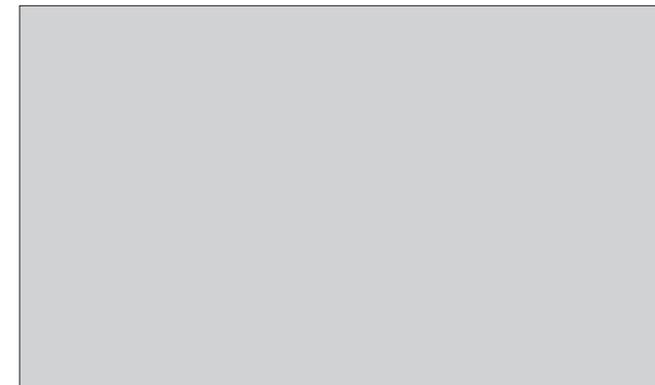
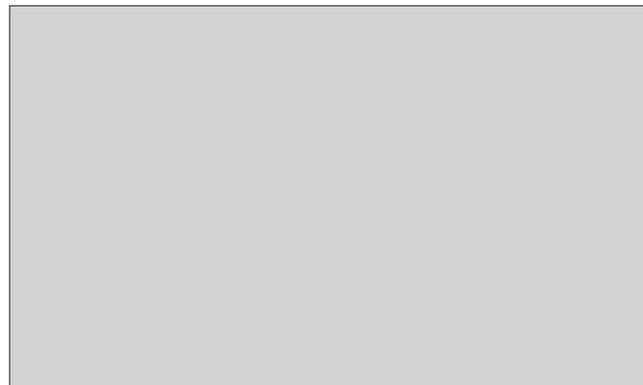
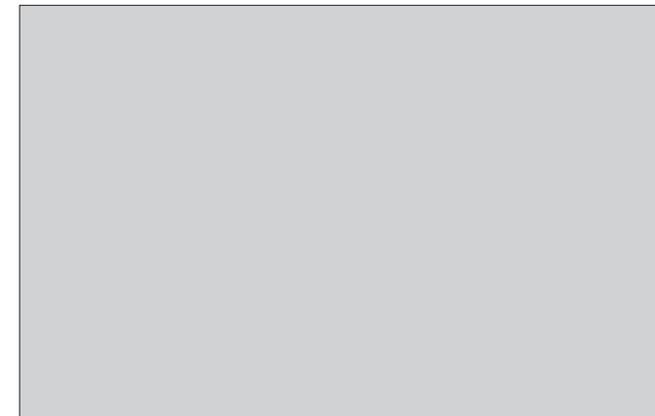
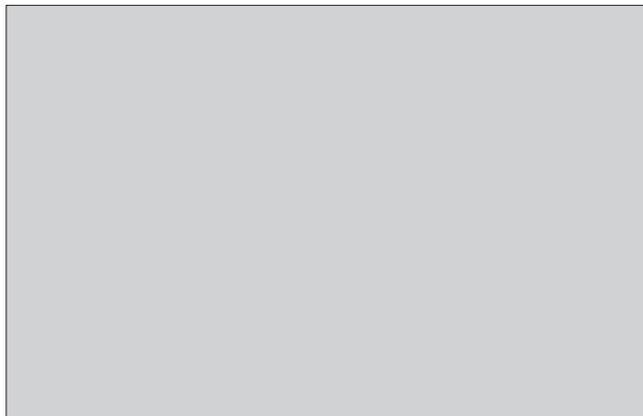
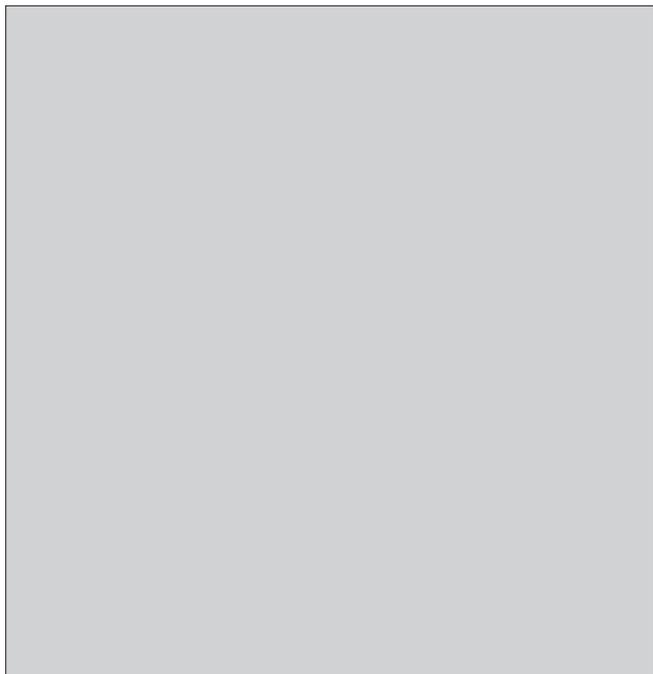
1. Active duty personnel are not required to salute any cadet or CTA.
2. Cadets are required to salute commissioned officers.
3. Commissioned officers wearing thier subject uniforms (white polo-style shirts with black shorts and baseball-style caps with rank,) should be saluted.
4. If an enlisted member opts to render a salute to any cadet or CTA, it is appropriate and it will be returned. Remember the old saying "When in doubt - salute."

Back to basics is a column highlighting proper military customs and courtesies.

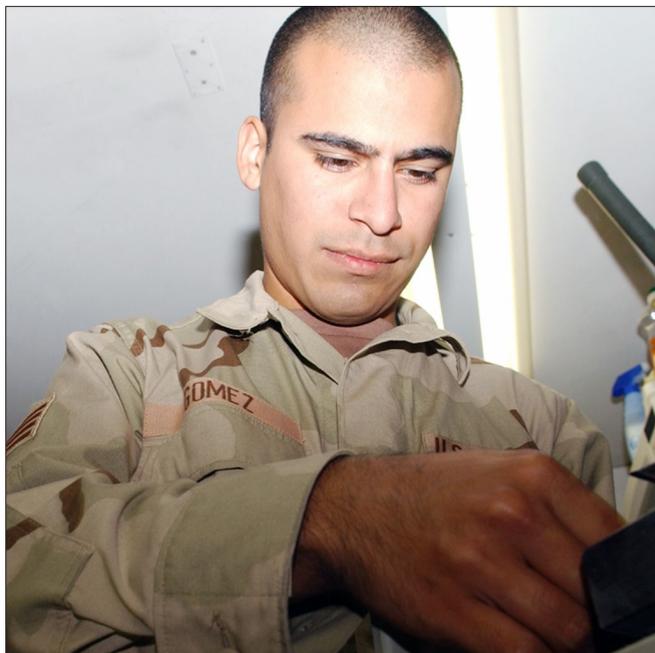
(Courtesy of Tyndall NCO Academy)



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



LMR – Can you hear me now?



Master Sgt. Andrew Gates

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan — Staff Sgt. Dan Gomez, 455th Expeditionary Communications Squadron, repairs a radio base station, part of Bagram's land mobile radio network. Sergeant Gomez, deployed from Tyndall Air Force Base, oversees about 300 mobile radios and 12 base stations at Bagram.

MASTER SGT.

ANDREW GATES

455th Expeditionary Operations Group
public affairs

(Editor's note: Two Team Tyndall members from the 325th Communications Squadron are currently deployed to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. This is a story about the work they perform while deployed.)

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan – “Can you hear me now?”

Keeping in constant communication is necessary to accurately conduct operations in a war zone.

And, as highlighted in a long-running cell phone commercial, making sure the signal is constant and clear is equally important.

That's where the communications Airmen in the land mobile radio, or LMR, section come in here.

“We maintain and track all

the hand-held radios, base stations and associated equipment,” said Staff Sgt. Dan Gomez, 455th Expeditionary Communications Squadron LMR maintenance. “We ensure people can stay connected.”

This is vital to many aspects of life at Bagram, Sergeant Gomez explained.

“For example, maintainers need to be able to get information on weather warnings, or to get tools and equipment brought out to an aircraft they are repairing. A telephone team working on wiring has to make sure the signal gets from one end to the other.”

“It's impractical for everyone to stay next to a telephone,” said Airman 1st Class Steven Wilkerson, 455th Expeditionary Communications Squadron LMR maintenance. “Using radios gives people mobility – it makes a lot of sense.”

Although the network is somewhat small – the team supports 300 radios and 12 base stations – it touches many people at Bagram. “This is the first time I have actually worked on LMRs, but I like it,” said Airman Wilkerson. “You get to meet a lot of different people on the base and help them out.”

The biggest interaction with base people is programming the equipment – making sure each radio is able to contact the appropriate networks.

“There are about 20 nets on Bagram,” said Sergeant Gomez. “As we set up each radio, we make sure only certain people have access to those networks.”

This is important at Bagram, where coalition partners and other services have radio networks set up as well.

“We interact with the

Army and other coalition forces regularly,” said Sergeant Gomez. “We also set up some radios to communicate on their nets if we need to.”

Setting up new radios is fairly simple, as the Airmen do much of the programming by computer, he said.

They also repair all radio equipment – and often find they have other, non-radio, pieces of equipment to repair as well. “If it uses electricity and communicates, people tend to bring it to us – especially if they don't know who can fix it. For example, yesterday, someone was asking if we could look at a security camera – and most likely, we'll be able to get it working.”

In the deployed environment, the two Airmen find they are doing a lot more

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196 Tyndall Airmen make the gr

Team Tyndall's 125 technical sergeant selects ...

Wendy Aldridge, 325th Mission Support Squadron
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 Jeremy Garrett, 28th Test Squadron
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 Donnel Graham, 325th Communications Squadron
 Michael Graves, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Shawn Hamel, 372nd Training Squadron
 Charles Hargett, 325th Contracting Squadron
 Rodrick Hills, 325th Mission Support Squadron
 Richard Horner, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
 William Irwin, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
 Mark Isaacs, 372nd Training Squadron
 Haylee James, 361st Training Squadron
 Scott Jessen, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
 Jamar Jordan, 325th Maintenance Squadron
 Tonya Kerfien, 325th Air Control Squadron
 Raymond Kubeczka, 325th Security Forces Squadron
 Earl Lancaster, 325th Maintenance Group
 Paola Larocca, 361st Training Squadron
 Raisean Lasenberry, 325th Air Control Squadron
 Nick Ledesma, 361st Training Squadron
 Tory Lynch, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
 Kevin Lynch, 823rd RED HORSE Squadron
 Rocky Magee, 325th Communications Squadron
 Darren Maring, 325th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron
 David Marquez, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
 Sonja Martin, 325th Fighter Wing
 Kevin McCarthy, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
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 Samuel Parr, 325th Security Forces Squadron
 Michael Patterson, 823rd RED HORSE Squadron
 Robert Paul, 66th Training Squadron
 Ryan Phipps, 325th Maintenance Operations Squadron
 Robert Pimentel, 372nd Training Squadron
 James Pope, 325th Maintenance Group
 Dennis Price Jr., 325th Civil Engineer Squadron
 Tonette Pryor, HQ AFCEA
 Arthur Renaud, 325th Maintenance Squadron
 Christopher Riffle, 325th Maintenance Group
 Shawn Robertson, 325th Operations Support Squadron
 Jeffrey Robison, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
 Danny Rodriguez, 325th Air Control Squadron
 Scott Rogan, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
 Frank Roman, 823rd RED HORSE Squadron
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 Eric Sanders, 325th Maintenance Squadron

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 Jon Appleton, 313th Training
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 Patrick Beaudion, 325th Airc
 Steven Beebe, 325th Aircraft
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 Donald Brannan Jr., 325th Me
 Ritchie Butcher, 325th Aircra
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 Raymond Clinger, 361st Train
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 Beverly Demmerly, NCO Academy
 Donald Elmore, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
 Pedro Feliciano, 325th Maintenance Squadron
 David Fischer, 325th Maintenance Group
 Mark Gatgens, 28th Test Squadron
 Ricardo Gibson, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
 Brian Goad, 313th Training Squadron
 Rosemarie Goodall, 325th Fighter Wing
 Richard Goode Jr., 325th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron
 Michael Griffith, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
 Craig Grogan, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
 Anthony Hall, 325th Maintenance Group
 Steven Harbison, 325th Maintenance Group
 Charles Henry Jr., 325th Civil Engineer Squadron
 William Hilton, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
 Jack Howard, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
 David Howland, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
 Daniel Jaques, 325th Contracting Squadron
 Randy Johnson, 823rd RED HORSE Squadron
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 Todd Keller, 313th Training Squadron
 David Larrabee, 325th Maintenance Squadron
 Jonathan Lohrenz, 325th Maintenance Squadron
 Andrew Lucas, 325th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron
 Martin McFaul, 325th Maintenance Group
 Eric McKinley, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
 Harvey McLean, 372nd Training Squadron
 James Melton, 325th Medical Dental Operations Squadron
 Dennis Montros, 325th Communications Squadron
 David Nye, 372nd Training Squadron
 Kevin Oliver, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
 Ronald Pandullo, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
 Joe Perez, 66th Training Squadron
 Rickey Rivers, 95th Fighter Squadron
 Bennie Sanders III, 325th Mission Support Squadron
 Steven Schieber, 372nd Training Squadron
 Jeffrey Simpson, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
 Leighton Sinclair, 325th Mission Support Group
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 Alfred Venditti, 372nd Training Squadron
 David Viskochil, 325th Maintenance Operations Squadron
 Tami Viskochil, 1st Fighter Squadron
 William Walker, 325th Services Squadron
 Andre Warfield, 372nd Training Squadron
 Jeffery Weller, 325th Maintenance Group
 James Weston, 325th Medical Dental Support Squadron
 Michael Woodrow, 372nd Training Squadron

Promotion statistics at a glance

Technical sergeant

Air Force-wide
 Number eligible: 42,248
 Number selected: 9,114
 Selection rate: 21.57%

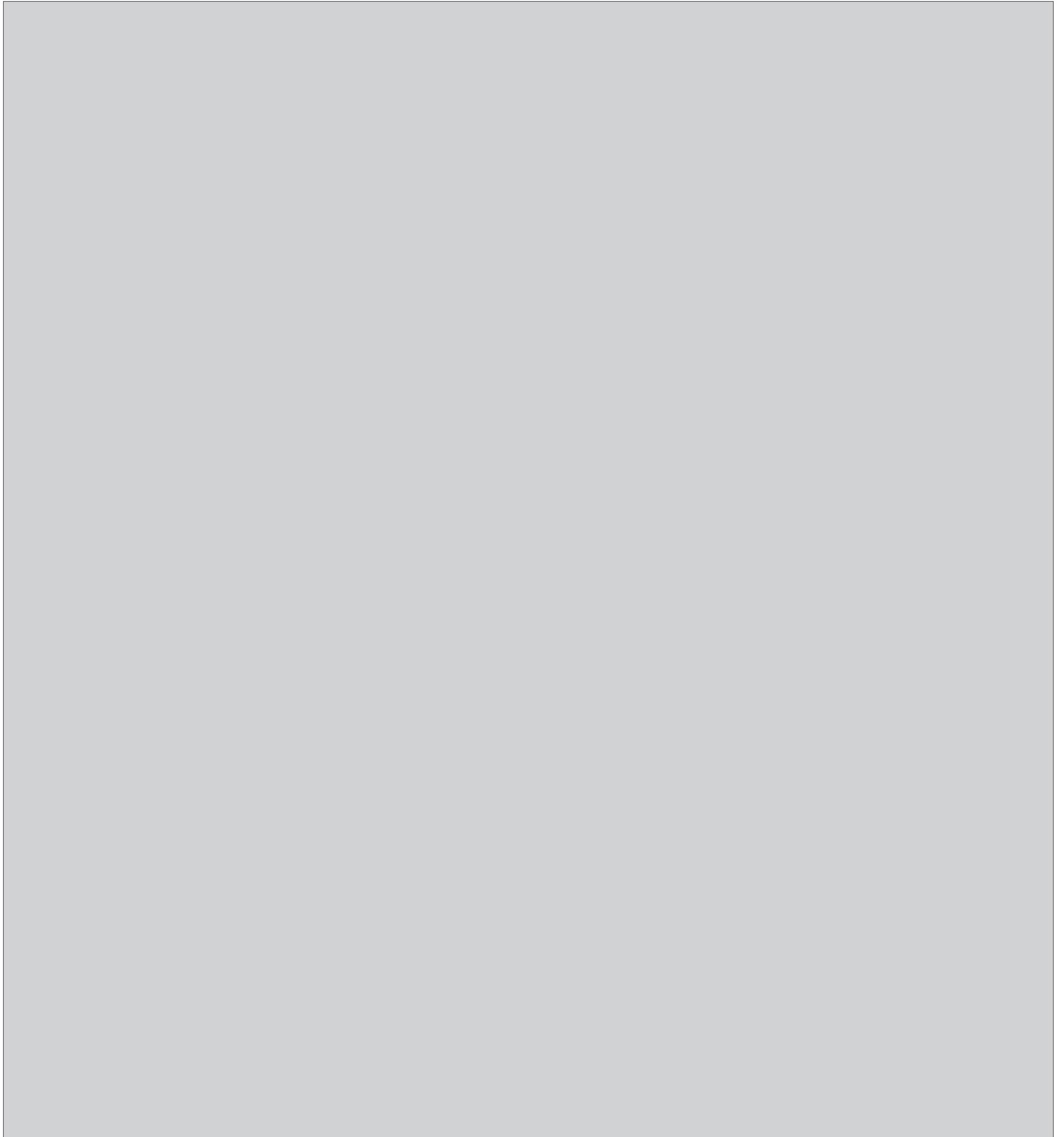
Tyndall
 Number eligible: 546
 Number selected: 122
 Selection rate: 22.34%

Master sergeant

Air Force-wide
 Number eligible: 23,956
 Number selected: 6,217
 Selection rate: 25.95%

Tyndall
 Number eligible: 311
 Number selected: 71
 Selection rate: 22.8%

Congratulations to all of Team Tyndall's technical and master sergeant selects!



Common sense ensures holiday plans not spoiled

The Fourth of July holiday weekend will once again test our resolve to remain mishap free. A major contributor to holiday mishaps is a lapse of common sense. Holiday weekends should be enjoyed and not be spent in an emergency room.

Regardless of the activity, it is up to each and every one of us to ensure our own safety, and this holiday weekend will present us with the many familiar challenges and decisions. Most importantly, will we take responsibility for our actions and ensure our own safety? It is a choice that will likely determine the kind of weekend you will have and perhaps whether or not you will have another.

Always use common sense when making a decision. If you get the feeling an activity doesn't "feel right," there's probably a reason. Analyze the situation more closely and consider all aspects of safety.

Likewise, if you happen to be a bystander witnessing a potentially unsafe situation unfold, be a friend and provide an extra helping of common sense.

(Courtesy of 325th Fighter Wing Safety Office)

Ensure a festive Fourth of July

Fireworks and celebrations go together, especially during the Fourth of July. But fireworks can be dangerous, causing serious burns and possible eye injuries.

In an effort to reduce the number of firework-related injuries the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and its national and state partners strongly recommend leaving the use of fireworks to the professionals.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, an estimated 8,800 people were treated for fireworks-related injuries in 2002. More than half of those injured are children. Surprisingly, us-

ers aren't the only people injured. Forty percent of all fireworks mishaps injure bystanders.

One of the primary reasons fireworks injuries continue to occur is because people don't consider how dangerous these devices can be. People often don't realize - until they are injured - that the risk of blindness or injury outweighs the excitement of taking risks with fireworks. And giving fireworks to young children can mean a trip to the hospital emergency room.

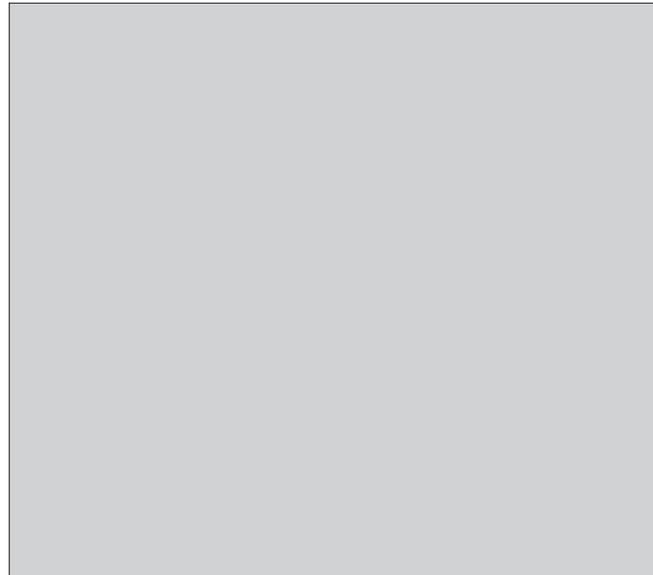
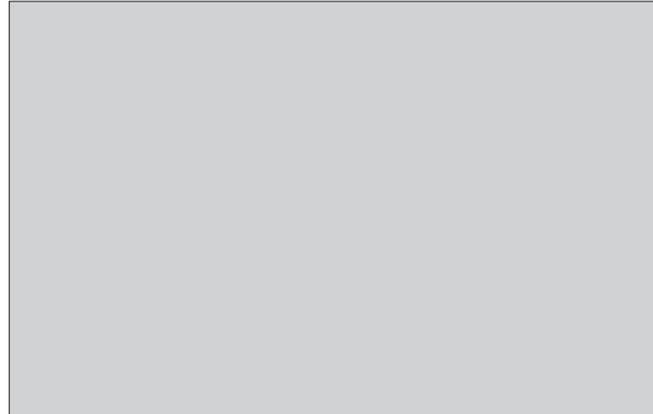
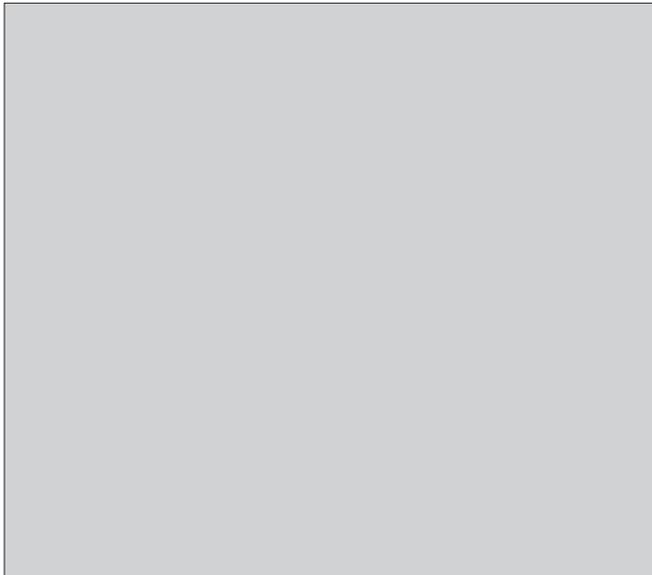
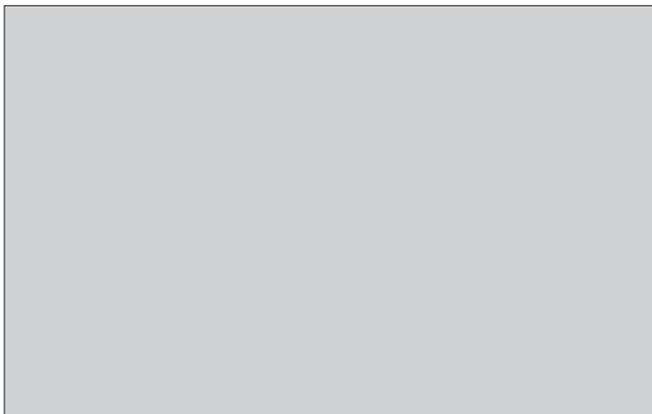
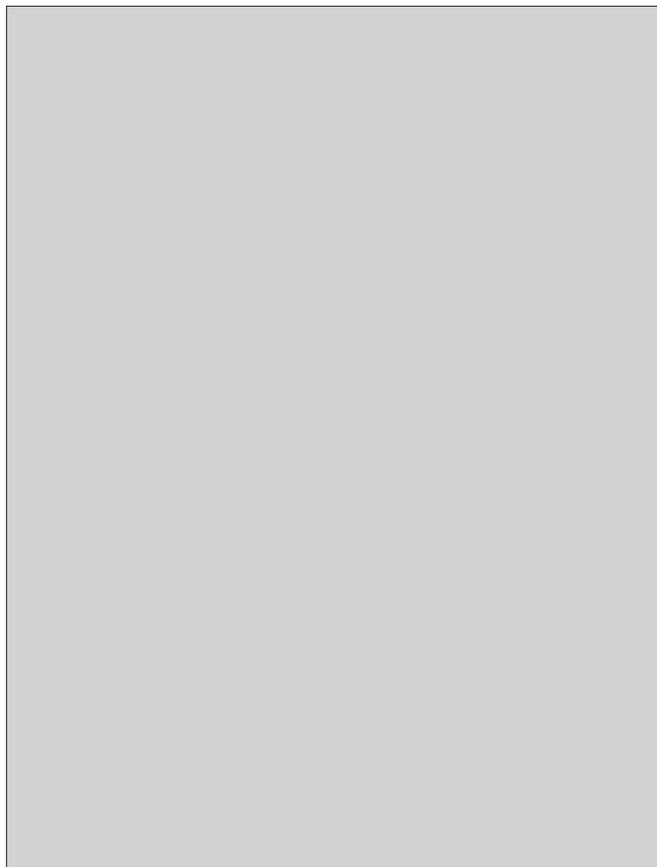
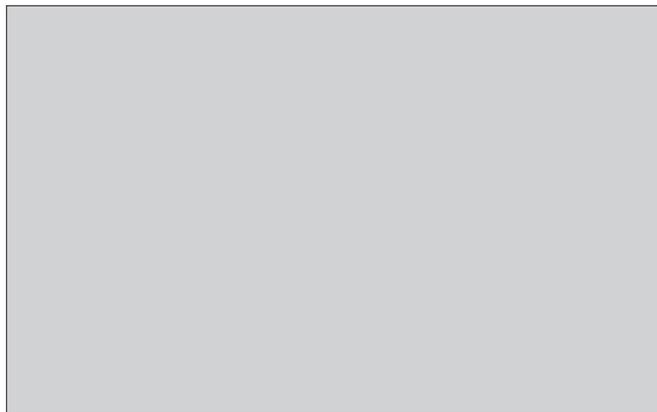
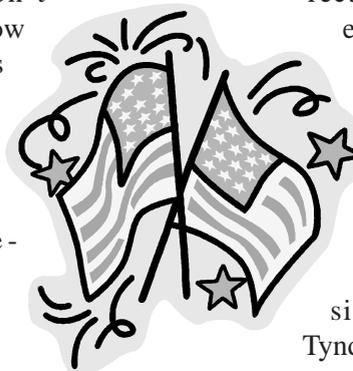
The three types of fire-

works that keep hospital emergency rooms busy during this holiday period are bottle rockets, firecrackers, and sparklers. Bottle rockets and firecrackers can fly in any direction prior to exploding and sparklers burn at extremely high temperatures. For people residing on Tyndall Air Force Base, the use and/or storage of fireworks is strictly prohibited.

If you live in an area where fireworks are legal and your Fourth of July plans include them, use common sense and exercise extreme caution.

The following safety tips can help:

- Never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks.
 - Read and follow all warnings and instructions.
 - Be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks.
 - Only light fireworks on a smooth, flat surface away from the house, dry leaves, and flammable materials.
 - If a firework fails to perform, never attempt to dismantle or re-ignite it.
 - Have a bucket of water available to dispose of used fireworks and prevent a fire from occurring
- (Courtesy of 325th Fighter Wing Safety Office)*



Events

Fighter Wing retirement ceremony

There will be a retirement ceremony for Senior Master Sgt. Rob Fuller, 325th Fighter Wing public affairs superintendent, 3 p.m. July 1 at the Classic's Lounge in the Enlisted Club. For more information, call 283-2983.

Contracting squadron retirement ceremony

There will be a retirement ceremony for Tech. Sgt. Todd Cook, 325th Contracting Squadron officer, 1 p.m. July 1 at the Community Activities Center. For more information, call 283-8626.

Change of command ceremony

Lt. Col. John Cote, 325th Air Control Squadron commander, will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Dennis McDevitt Jr. during a ceremony 8:30 a.m. July 1 in Hangar 2. For more information, call 283-2672.

Thrift Shop

A summer clearance sale takes place all month at the Tyndall Thrift Shop. All donated items will be half price throughout June. The shop will close for a summer break at close of business today and reopens Aug. 18. The Thrift Shop is located at 743 Suwannee Dr. across from the post office. For more information, call 286-5888.

Retiree News

AMVETS open house

American Veterans Post 2298 will hold a public Open House July 3 at the post's home at 5510 East Highway 22 in Callaway. The post is located across the street from Saint Andrew Bingo off Tyndall Parkway and Highway 22.

Festivities begin at 11 a.m. and feature a variety of family fun including raffles and games. Reasonably priced food and beverages will also be available. For more information, call 784-0066.

Tricare information

The new Tricare Retail Pharmacy program began nationwide operations with Express Scripts Inc., St. Louis, Mo., on June 1. Within hours, signifi-

cant problems arose for all ESI customer accounts, including Tricare beneficiaries.

Beneficiaries who experience difficulty with their prescriptions during this initial period may contact the Tricare Retail Pharmacy Customer Service Center at (866) 363-8779.

For those who purchased their medications at full price, they may file a paper claim (DD Form 2642) to:

Express Scripts
PO Box 66518
St. Louis, Mo. 63166-6518.

Form is available on the Tricare Web site: www.tricare.osd.mil/

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.

2000 Jeep Wrangler

Yellow with black wheels on 33x12.50 BFG A/T. 6-inch lift, cold air intake electric fan, flow master. Stock and bikini soft tops included. Asking \$14,000 OBO. Call 624-7647 or 215-8840.

Furniture

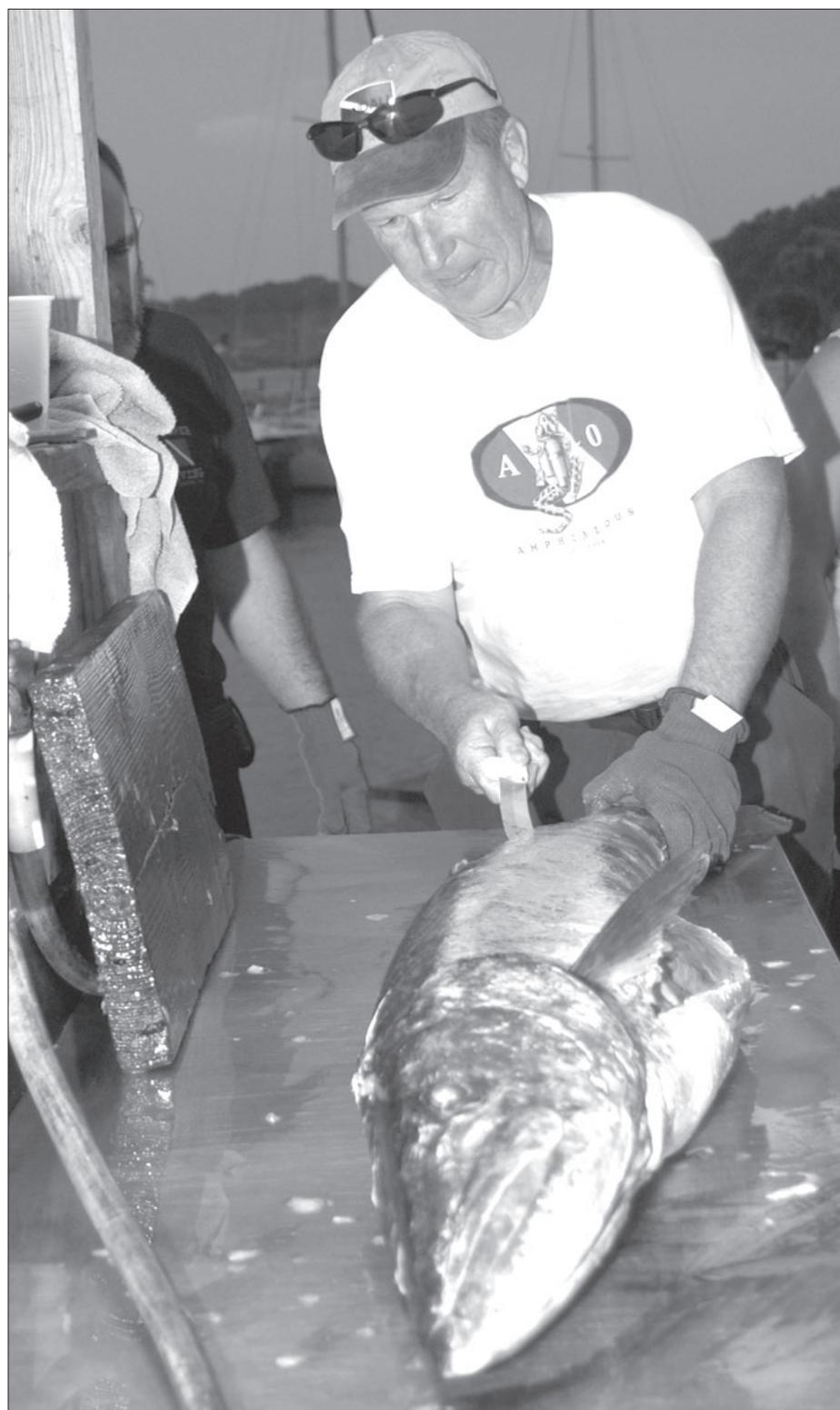
New sofa and loveseat set \$700. Washer and dryer set in good condition \$200. Call 850-624-7647.

Washer & Dryer

Maytag Washer - beige, \$50. Kenmore Dryer - 1998, white, extra large capacity, electric, \$175. Both in good condition. \$200 for both. Call Jeff or Shannon at 249-9805.

Yamaha piano

French provincial console, \$1,200 obo. For more information, call Joanie at (850) 230-1067.



Lisa Norman

The one that didn't get away ...

Bob Stapleton, Tyndall Dive Club member, cleans the winning baracuda from the Spearfish Tournament here June 18. The fish from the tournament were used in the following Sunday's fish fry.

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.



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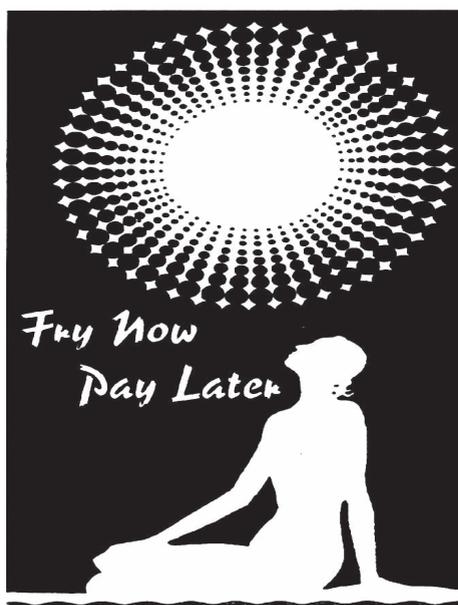
Squadron softball standings

American Division

	WON	LOST
MOS	6	1
SEADS	5	1
TEST	5	1
MXS	6	1
CONR/1AF	4	2
AMXS2	6	2
CES	3	3
COMM	3	3
SFS	3	3
SVS	1	4
ACS2	1	6
83 FWS	0	9
2FS	0	8

National Division

	WON	LOST
WEG	7	0
AFCESA	7	1
AMXS3	6	2
MDG	6	2
MSS	7	3
OSS	5	4
LRD	5	5
RHS	4	5
83 FWS2	2	5
AMXS	2	5
MXS2	1	5
ACS	2	7
COMM2	0	7



Skate camp rolls to Tyndall

STEVE RIDDLE

325th Services Squadron publicist

Starting Monday, the kids of Tyndall (and adults too) can add one more sport to the list of those taught here – skateboarding.

The Tyndall Youth Center will offer a weeklong skateboarding camp taught by professional skateboarders Falco Baltys and Erynn Stott that will end July 2 with a skating demo by top U.S. amateur skateboarder John Leathers. The classes will run each day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Plans are also in the works to have Mr. Leathers, a civilian worker here, teach skateboarding classes on a regular basis to both children and adults, but next week's program is designed to help introduce skateboarding to beginners and help the advanced kids learn some new tricks.

"Our extreme skateboard camp next week will be taught by two professional skateboarders," said Andy Wallace, Tyndall Youth Center fitness coordinator. "They'll be teaching all the moves of the pros – from the basics to the more advanced moves like grinds, ollies and freestyle movements. They'll work with the class no matter what their skill level is."

Mr. Baltys has taught skateboarding in the past to children from both Nellis AFB, Nev., and Offutt AFB, Neb., and said in a recent interview with the Offutt base newspaper, "Air Pulse," that he truly enjoys seeing a student practice and finally perform any skateboard trick.

"There's nothing better than watching a kid learn a new trick and seeing their face light up," he said in the interview. Both he and Mr. Stott have competed in numerous competitions and been a part of several skateboarding tours.

The camp will wrap up July 2 with Mr. Leathers demonstrating some of the most advanced freestyle skating tricks, but will also mix it up with techniques from the early days of skateboarding. These techniques will also be some of what students can learn in his upcoming classes.

"When I teach the classes, I'll start with the basics, like how to stand on the board," Mr. Leathers explained. "I'll also teach the different technical aspects, variations on flips, and all different types of skateboarding."

Mr. Leathers began skating back in 1973 when he built a skateboard ramp in his backyard. He began competing in 1977, and has won or placed in many skateboarding contests, including taking first place at the 2002 World



Steve Riddle

John Leathers performs an aerial stunt inside the eastbound span of the Hathaway Bridge Tuesday. Mr. Leathers was skating inside the bridge for an upcoming video that will be part of his professional skateboarder promotional package. He will also give a skateboarding demonstration July 2 at the Tyndall Youth Center as part of their weeklong Skateboard Camp.

Freestyle Skateboarding Association Championship in Charlotte, N.C., and a second at the 2003 WFSA Championship in Long Beach, Calif.

Mr. Leathers said he will travel to Pasadena, Calif. in August to compete in this year's WFSA event, and if he finishes in the top two, he will immediately turn pro. However, turning pro is something he will do soon regardless of his finish. He has been a strong amateur for several years now, and has his own skateboard design that will be in production soon.

For more information on the upcoming skateboard camp or classes, contact Andy Wallace at the Youth Center at 283-4366.

Tyndall hosts 'M.A.S.H. Bash' at O' Club

STEVE RIDDLE

325th Services Squadron publicist

The Tyndall Officers' Club may look like a casualty treatment area tonight, but it's all in fun as the 325th Medical Group hosts a M.A.S.H. Bash party.

Attendees can come dressed as either their favorite M.A.S.H. character, wearing uniforms from the Korean War era, or simply in a casual Hawaiian shirt, as some of the characters did in the TV series and movie. The event is open to all officers and civilian DOD employees whose job ranking is officer equivalent, and will run

from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

"We're going to have a chow-style dinner, M.A.S.H. trivia throughout the night, a prize for the best costume, a table-top decorating contest, and a relay race," explained Capt. Judy Manno, a 325th Medical Group optometrist who headed up the planning of tonight's event. "Basically it's a party based on the old M.A.S.H. TV series."

Joni Geels, commercial sponsorship coordinator for the 325th Services squadron and co-planner of the M.A.S.H. Bash, said although many jokes were made on the show about the quality, or

lack thereof, of the food served to the TV characters, the O' Club cuisine will be much better than what could be expected from a typical tent chow hall.

"The dinner will be served chow hall style on trays, but it's guaranteed to taste better than a regular Army chow hall tent," Ms. Geels stated.

The relay race should be a big hit with partygoers, according to Captain Manno. The race will consist of several legs, each with a medical flavor.

"We're going to have things like a litter-carry, racing on crutches, and one leg to see how

fast people can apply bandages," Captain Manno said.

Prizes for the different contests include coupons for on-base bowling, golf, boat rentals and meals.

Tickets for the event are \$6.95 for club members, \$9.95 for non-members. Tickets can be purchased from the Officers' Club or contact Capt. Brian Katen at 283-7019. People may also purchase tickets at the Physical Therapy office located at the corner of Suwannee and Mississippi avenues. For more information, contact the Officers' Club at 283-4357.

Funshine NEWS

June 25, 2004

www.325thservices.com

Firework Cruise

July 1 & 4

Bring Food and Drink.
No facilities on board.
Swimming will be allowed.

FREE - Limited Space

Reservations Required

Call Bonita Bay at 283-3199 for more information.

Officers' and Civilian Equivalents at the Tyndall Officers' Club MASH BASH

Tonight, 6-10 p.m.

\$6.95 members

\$9.95 nonmembers

Come dressed as your favorite
MASH character

and compete in Group Challenges

**Be prepared to
meet the challenge!**

Call the Club for more details:

283-4357

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

Air Force Club Scholarship Program



**Entry deadline
is July 15.**

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

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

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

**283-4357
for more information**

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Tyndall Enlisted Club

Deep Concentration
One Blissful Night of Neo-Soul,
Saturday, July 3, 2004 Old Skool Hip-Hop & Funky Club Grooves
283-4357

No Cover Charge
Specials All Night Long

Chillout Session starts at 6 p.m.
Dance Party Kicks off at 8 p.m.

NASCAR Pilot Program

Now until July 25

Races may be viewed at

the Pizza Pub in the
Community Center

July 3, 11 & 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.

Skills Development Ctr.

☎ 283-4511

Youth Arts & Crafts Camp

July 15-17: Fee is \$10 for three days (Tues.-Thur.) 1-3 p.m. Fee includes summer camp t-shirt and supplies to make a different art project each day. June 15, Orientation tour of the facility with an embroidery machine demonstration. Students will design their own t-shirt. June 16, Students will construct bookends in the wood shop. June 17, Students will design their own print and learn to frame the print properly in the frame shop. The camp is open to children 8 yrs. and older. Max. of 8 per session. Must register by June 8. If you cannot attend all three days, you may register for one of the days. Cost is \$5 per day.

Family Fun Day At The Pool

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



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Ship Fed Ex with Us!

Fed Ex Express Services
Which include:

Priority Overnight Economy 2 Day
Standard Overnight Express Saver 3 Day

Our rates beat the others!

Packages must be at the Community Center by 1:30 p.m. for Overnight. Exclusions exist. Limit 10 lbs.

Call the CAC for details: 283-2495

Extreme Skateboard Camp

June 28-July 2

Learn the moves of the pros.

Cost of the camp is only \$10.

Camp size is limited to

the first 27 youth

ages 10-16 who register.

Training will be

9 a.m.-1 p.m. each day.

Participants must have

their own skateboard

and protective equipment.

283-4366



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

Fitness Swim Meet • July 9

Open to all Tyndall active duty and reservists personnel, DoD employees, their spouses and family members 18 years or older. Check in is at 11 a.m. First event starts at noon. Based upon your critique during our first swim meet in April, we have revised the meet to support your requests: The following events will be offered in a men's, women's and senior division, pending adequate participation. Freestyle: 50, 100, 200 and 500 yard. Backstroke: 50, 100, 200 and 500 yard. Breaststroke: 50, 100, 200 and 500 yard. Butterfly: 50 yard. Individual medley: 200 yards (50 yards per stroke) Male/Female Freestyle Relay: 200 yards. Senior Division (if enough register) 35 years and older. This is not a squadron challenge (intramural event)...participants on teams may be comprised of members from different squadrons. Deadline to register is July 2 at the base pool. If you have any questions please see Daniel Mix, Headguard at the pool.

Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

Volleyball Clinic

June 21-24 for ages 10-16 yrs. Cost is \$10 and includes T-shirt, open to the first 18 to sign-up.

Surf's 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.

MLS Soccer Camp

July 19-23. Open to youth ages 4-18 yrs. Cost is \$45 for 4-6 yr. olds and \$65 for everyone else. Campers receive a MLS ball and T-shirt. Applications are currently available at the Exchange Mall and the Youth Center.

Start Smart Baseball

Is your 3-5 year old to play ball? Sign up for Start Smart baseball and work one-on-one with your child developing basic skills. The program runs July 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 9 a.m. Cost is \$30. Call Andy at 283-4366 for more information.

Missoula Children's Theater

Auditions: June 28th starting at 9:30 a.m. Performance July 2nd at 7 p.m. in the Youth Center Gym. Free - Open to all. The play that will be presented is Snow White on Friday, July 2 at 7 p.m. The cast consists of professional actors and youth from the Tyndall community.

Start Smart

Help your kids get ready for sports.

Baseball: July 7, 14, 21, & 28
at 9 a.m. Cost is \$30. Open to
youth 3-5 yr. olds.

Golf: July 10, 17, 24 & 31 at 9
a.m. Cost is \$30. Open to
youth 4-7 yr. olds.

Soccer: July 9, 16, 23, 30, at 9
a.m. Cost is \$30. Open to
youth 3-5 yr. olds.

283-4366

● FROM LMR PAGE 7



Master Sgt. Andrew Gates

Airman 1st Class Steven Wilkerson, 455th Expeditionary Communications Squadron, programs a mobile radio. Airman Wilkerson, who is deployed from Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., is responsible for programming and maintaining about 300 radios at Bagram.

hands-on work than they did at their home base of Tyndall. "At home, we get a job and we usually pass it on to contractors. Here, if we need to set up an antenna, we can do it ourselves. We've troubleshot problems with radios, we've run cable, and done everything we need to do to keep people communicating."

This makes the job worthwhile to the two Airmen working in the section.

"I like the responsibility of getting the chance to do the job and do it right," Sergeant Gomez said.

Airman Wilkerson agrees. "This job gives me a great opportunity to learn something new, everyday - I am getting experiences I can't get anywhere else, and I can use them throughout my career."

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nance instructor. Another benefit of the committee is an Airman's ability to express concerns or ideas for improvement to all of the organizations at once, which means improvements will begin to happen more quickly, said Sergeant Goward, one of the founders of the new committee and member of Focus 56.

"We can also go to meetings, pick up information on different activities around base and bring it back to our respective organizations," he added.

In addition to benefiting Team Tyndall, professional organizations and this new committee, the meeting of groups seems to benefit individual Airmen as well.

"By having the different organizational group leaders, such as the First Sergeants, Chiefs, Top 3, there is a lot of mentoring going

on for the younger Airmen," Sergeant Kahapea said. "All Airmen can learn how to communicate better and network easier through their mentors in these professional organizations. Getting involved will also provide better

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opportunities for promotion for Below the Zone or the Stripes for Excellence program."

Mentoring not only helps the individual Airman to develop professionally, but helps the organizations they are in grow as well.

"Some of the younger organizations, such as the Active Airmen As-

sociation and Focus 56 are trying to do things that I, or someone else in the professional organization council has already done, so we give them examples of how to do it better. It is up to the group to decide how to do it though, we just provide examples," Sergeant Kahapea said

These benefits are only side-effects from the main purpose of the professional organization committee, which is to bring people together to make Tyndall better.

"There is very little people can do on their own," Sergeant Goward said. "This executive council and each attending organization do not belong to one or two individuals. The success of these groups depends exclusively on the combined effort of dedicated individuals who come to the meetings and who organize and attend the activities. They give of themselves to make Tyndall better."

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