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## In brief



### Gulf Coast Salute 2004

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

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

For more information, call 283-9726.

### Tyndall gate update

The Illinois and Tyndall Gates, originally scheduled to open this month, are now scheduled for completion in mid-May and mid-June, respectively. Accommodations have been made for the public to use the gates for pedestrian traffic during this year's Gulf Coast Salute. For additional information, contact 2nd Lt. Brian Desautels at 283-4595.

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Tech. Sgt. Dan Neely

### Exercise inferno

Tyndall firefighters work to extinguish a blaze that was set to simulate an aircraft mishap during the Crown Special 04-01A major accident response exercise Wednesday. For more photos covering this event, see pages 8-9.

## Rumsfeld thanks troops, civilians for supporting war

**DONNA MILES**  
American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON (AFPN)** — Today is the one-year anniversary of the war in Iraq, and the secretary of defense thanked members of the military community March 12 for transforming lives, not only in Iraq and Afghanistan, but in America too.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld told servicemembers and DOD civilians at a Pentagon town-hall meeting that the struggle for freedom "has transformed the lives of the people of Afghanistan and Iraq," freeing millions of people from tyranny and oppression.

But, Secretary Rumsfeld said, the war on terror is transforming America too.

"As a nation we are rediscovering our character and our courage, qualities so profound that

even the youngest (people) among us recognize and understand that something momentous is happening, not just in the mountains and the deserts of the Middle East but in our own neighborhoods and communities," he said.

The secretary said U.S. servicemembers worldwide fighting the war on terror are following in the footsteps of the Minutemen who launched America's first fight for freedom over tyranny. It is a fight he said Americans have never abandoned since the Minutemen launched the "shot heard around the world" at Lexington Green, Mass.

"(Today) marks the first anniversary of another fight for freedom — Operation Iraqi Freedom," Secretary Rumsfeld said. "Its opening shots, if not heard or at least seen around the world, can remind us that Americans are still

willing to fight to ensure that freedom will endure."

Secretary Rumsfeld said that, like the patriots of 1775, Americans "do not come easily to war. But also like them, neither do Americans take freedom lightly."

The fight for freedom has never been easy, Secretary Rumsfeld said, but it has been worth every sacrifice that battle has demanded.

"Freedom is worth defending; and, if it is not defended, it dies," he said.

He said history will prove that the sacrifices Americans are making in Iraq and Afghanistan are equally worthwhile.

"At the end of the day, when freedom and self-government have taken root in Iraq and that country becomes, as it will, not a threat but a force for good in that region of the world, the rightness

of the coalition's efforts will be ... clear," he said.

The secretary said he personally thanked servicemembers on the front lines of the war on terror during his recent visits to Iraq and Afghanistan. Today, he said, was the time to thank those more removed from the front lines but just as important to the terror war.

"Today, I thank you — those here in the Department of Defense in Washington and elsewhere around the globe ... because you are the men and women behind the troops, the ones who enable them to do the jobs that they do every day," he said.

"We say to all of them and to all of you here today, thank you for fighting freedom's fight; and, know that millions of Americans believe in you," he said.

## Core values, safety ensure mission success

**BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW**

325th Fighter Wing commander



I'd like to begin this week by congratulating all of Team Tyndall's senior master sergeant selects. By achieving this grade, you have distinguished yourself as being in the top two percent of our Air Force's enlisted corps, and I commend your accomplishment. I encourage you to continue to strive for excellence in all you do. Use this new grade to fully develop your leadership skills, take on new challenges and opportunities, but most importantly, share these skills with those who aspire to be where you are now.

One of the foundations of leadership is reaching back and helping others to hone their careers, paving their way to become future leaders. For more on our senior master sergeant selects, see page 3.

An integral part of developing future leaders is teaching them to embrace our Air Force core values. One of the core values, service before self deals with not only putting the needs of the Air Force before your own and knowing professional demands and duties take place over personal desires, but other areas also. Subsets of service before self include rule following, having respect for others, maintaining proper discipline and self-control. As of late, a few in our service may have forgotten these values as allegations of sexual assault have surfaced at another AETC installation.

Fortunately, Tyndall has not had a problem in this area,



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due in large part to the men and women who fulfill the tasks of training and informing folks to ensure we all work in an equal opportunity and violence-free environment. Assault of any kind is a criminal act, and we can not tolerate any behavior that violates respect for human dignity. The Air Force maintains a zero tolerance for any kind of assault, and the 325th Fighter Wing will aggressively enforce that.

Acts of assault not only impact unit cohesion; they also degrade unit morale and the overall climate within the organization. As such, we all have a moral responsibility to ensure these acts don't occur, but more importantly, to report them if they do. The wing has various agencies at its disposal to ensure victims receive proper care and treatment, and individuals guilty of assault are punished accordingly. Remember, it is incumbent upon all of us to ensure one another's safety and well-being.

Speaking of safety, as we begin the final week of airshow preparation, I want to thank you all for your hard work and dedication during this week's major accident response exercise. It is critical that we are prepared to handle any type of contingency safely and efficiently. It is imperative that everyone exercise operational risk management as safety is always our top priority. No matter what the situation is, please ensure you are taking care of yourself and those around you.

Lastly, if you haven't already made plans to attend the open house, this year's will definitely be exciting, and I encourage everyone to attend. I know Maj. Joel Carey, this year's Gulf Coast Salute project officer, and the rest of his staff, have been working hard to ensure the event is fun and

offers something for the entire family. Although uniform wear is not mandatory for everyone attending, I encourage our Air Force members to proudly wear your blue uniform. You'll be glad you did when you see the pride of our public in their military members that protect our freedoms. For information on events and activities scheduled to occur, visit the Web site at [www.gulfcoastsalute.homestead.com](http://www.gulfcoastsalute.homestead.com) or call the airshow office at 283-9726.

Thanks for all you do for our Air Force and have a great week.

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Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers. If you're not satisfied with the response or you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For fraud, waste and abuse calls, you should talk to the office of inspections, 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

## Ambassadors represent our best

**BRIG. GEN. ARTHUR ROONEY**

82nd Training Wing commander

**SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN)** — In this month's Worth

magazine, Michael Wise wrote about the U.S. State Department's efforts to confront anti-Americanism around the globe by using authors, musicians, actors and sports figures as "ambassadors."

Participants are part of a worldwide series of government-sponsored performances, classes, workshops and panels aimed at "turning leading exponents of American creativity into inspirational mentors for young foreigners," Mr. Wise wrote.

Our ambassadors are reinforcing the uniquely American values of personal free-

dom, upward mobility and democratic openness.

The benefits of this "cultural diplomacy" are many. Human interaction and person-to-person communication are powerful ways to cultivate positive images of the American people, democracy and freedom.

We are all aware of the distorted view foreign consumers of American pop-culture have of us. Contrary to our television programs, Americans don't all live on the beach or have the zip code 90210, drive

sports cars or own mansions.

By harnessing the power of the arts, our "ambassadors" help break down stereotypes and combat disinformation, while keeping the lines of communication between the United States and other nations open and clear. The strongest military in the world can win wars, but as Mr. Wise pointed out, the American spirit wins the hearts and minds of our foes:

"When measured in military power,

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# February re-enlistments

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Tech. Sgt. Rosemarie Goodall, 325th FW  
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Staff Sgt. Sean Goward 372nd TRS  
Tech. Sgt. Lisa Graves, 325th MSS  
Tech. Sgt. Gary Hall, 325th AMXS  
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Master Sgt. William Johnson, 325th MXS  
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Senior Master Sgt. Richard Lane, 81st TSS  
Staff Sgt. Lisa Lang, 325th MDOS  
Staff Sgt. Raisean Lasenberry, 325th ACS  
Master Sgt. David Little, HQ AFCESA  
Tech. Sgt. Andrew Lucas, 325th ACS  
Senior Master Sgt. Stephen Lynch, 325th MOS  
Tech. Sgt. Joseph Martin, 81st TSS  
Tech. Sgt. James Melton, 325th MDOS  
Tech. Sgt. Mark Morgan Jr., 823rd RHS  
Master Sgt. Daniel Mosley, 325th AMXS  
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Master Sgt. William Nooney, 325th MXS  
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Master Sgt. Michael Resier, 82nd ATRS  
Tech. Sgt. Norman Shaw, 372nd TRS  
Staff Sgt. Casey Schmid, 325th MXS  
Tech. Sgt. Jeffery Staggs, 325th CS  
Master Sgt. Dennis Staubs, Det 2, 28th TS  
Tech. Sgt. Todd Swift, 325th AMXS  
Tech. Sgt. Howard Teesdale, 325th OSS  
Senior Master Sgt. Micheal Trevino, HQ AFCESA  
Master Sgt. Donald Williams, 53rd WEG  
Senior Master Sgt. Michael Wright, 325th AMXS

# Scam targets local area families

**JIM WESLOWSKI**

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Many base members are falling victim to an elaborate automobile related scam, according to Tyndall officials from the Office of Special Investigation.

Selling vehicles to overseas buyers on the Internet has cost at least three military members a lot of grief, and in another case, a local resident a lot of money, according to Special Agent Dannie Bowen of AFOSI Detachment 419.

"In most cases the scammer responds to a Web-based car or boat for sale advertisement from a private seller," said Special Agent Bowen.

"He then makes a deal on-line and includes a long distance shipping charge in the purchase price. The buyer explains to the seller, by including the shipping fee in the sell price, he will be able to recoup his expense. So, he tells the

seller, when he receives his check, to send a check from the seller's bank account for the shipping fee by FedEx back to him.

The buyer hopes the seller deposits the bogus check into his a c - count

Agent Bowen.

According to AFOSI officials, in most cases, once the check has been cashed and the scammer has the cash there is no way to recover the money.

"The Internet has given criminals an opportunity to feed on technological advancements," added Special Agent Bowen.

"This particular scam has been around this area for about six months and in many cases originates in Nigeria. There is little recourse once the check is cashed and the criminals live in another country. We don't have much authority in a foreign nation."

Anyone needing additional information can contact SA Dannie Bowen at telephone number 283-3261 or visit [www.secretservice.gov/financial\\_crimes.shtml](http://www.secretservice.gov/financial_crimes.shtml) and [www.ustreas.gov/usss/financial\\_crimes.shtml](http://www.ustreas.gov/usss/financial_crimes.shtml).

## Protecting your money:



- **Scam artists typically try to rush their victims. Make sure you take your time when making business transactions.**
- **Exercise precaution when selling vehicles on the Web.**
- **Cyber space has become the new frontier for scam artists, because it is easy for them to mask themselves. Always insist and confirm proper identification.**
- **If you receive a check, verify it with the issuing bank to make sure it is legit.**

The shipping fee can be several thousand dollars."

In most cases the transaction and buyer's check appears legitimate.

"The scam is that the buyer's check is no good.

and sends the shipping fee by FedEx right away. In a few days the seller learns the check bounced or the buyer's account does not exist and his personal check has been cashed," said Special

# Some personnel services become web-only

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN)**

- Airmen no longer have to stand in line to accomplish a personnel records review or several other common tasks.

In fact, confident from successes with last year's move of the Record of Emergency Data to the Web, officials have made six different personnel services available only on the Web.

Military Personnel Flights can point customers toward the internet if they want to Apply for a change to an assignment or change a Report Not Later Than Date;" Apply for certain curtailments of Date Eligible for Return From Overseas;" Accomplish a Humanitarian or Exceptional Family Member program application;" Request for a 'proof of service' letter, often needed for home loans;" Make simple updates to common information like home address, home telephone number, religious preference, race, ethnic group, foreign language self-assessment, duty and personal e-mail addresses.

Questions can be answered for people transacting these services 24 hours a day online or by a toll-free call to the Air

Force Contact Center.

The Air Force Personnel Center commander says the changes indicate the maturing of the vMPF concept and realities of how busy Airmen are now with fighting the war on terror.

"The primary goal of our virtual services is to save time for



## vMPF

- *Airmen can access the virtual MPF through the Air Force Portal, at [www.my.af.mil](http://www.my.af.mil) at the "careers" tab.*

- *The virtual MPF is also available at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil).*

- *For more information, call the Air Force Contact Center at (800) 616-3775.*

our Airmen and commanders in the field." said Maj. Gen. Thomas O'Riordan. "These transactions are simple and direct. We'll achieve better accuracy and save the airman a trip to the MPF."

The director of operations for the center said this is part of an evolution in the way personnel services will be delivered to Airmen in the future.

"We've been headed in this direction for a long while," said Col. Dale Hess. "Our Air Force Contact Center has positioned itself to pick up some of the services by phone or online that people used to have to stand in line for and we're aggressively upgrading our online capabilities," the colonel said.

It is expected that more online services will mean less work on both sides of personnel flight help desks. Officials anticipate the average time spent waiting in line for other services will decrease for customers visiting personnel flights.

"We are very concerned about creating more work under the rubric of automation," the general noted. "The goal

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## Civilian employees can make fitness part of their work day

**2ND LT. ALBERT BOSCO**  
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Civilian employees at Tyndall Air Force Base have received great news pertaining to their participation in physical fitness activities during duty hours.

On March 9, Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander, signed a physical fitness policy letter allowing appropriated fund civilian employees the opportunity to "participate in officially sanctioned events while in duty status" during a six month test period.

Supervisors may now permit civilian employees the opportunity to use up to three hours of duty time to participate in physical fitness activities, something military members have enjoyed since Gen. John Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff, created the policy in 2003.

The letter signed by General New cited the Air Force's position regarding physical fitness, which states "health promotion programs and participation in physical fitness programs typically improve individual energy levels, job attitudes, work performance and overall morale."

"This is truly an exceptional

opportunity, and all full-time regular or term appointed appropriated fund civilian employees are encouraged to participate," General New said.

While the program is available for civilian employees, it is not mandatory and participation must be on a strictly voluntary basis. Suitable activities should address cardiovascular/aerobic endurance, muscular strength, endurance, flexibility and body conditioning.

According to the 325th Fighter Wing civilian personnel office, acceptable activities include biking, running, walking, weight training and yoga.

"Of course, participants are not limited to these activities, and any activities must first be approved by the employee's supervisor before participating in the program," said Michelle Reeter, human resources specialist. "Supervisors must determine whether a requested fitness activity, such as golf, promotes employee health and ultimately aids mission accomplishment."

Additionally, prior to participating in a program, civilians are urged to get a fit-

ness assessment from their primary care provider/physician.

"Civilians wanting to participate should begin slow and get some guidance from their military counterparts," said Col. Sean Murphy, 325th Medical Group commander. "There have been some of our active duty folks who, after filling out cardiovascular risk indexes, have had cardiac stress tests and failed and have received significant cardiac intervention.

"The new Air Force exercise program is designed to encourage a healthy lifestyle through habitual exercise. Exercise definitely improves quality of life, builds "esprit de corps." With that in mind, civilian employees should participate in their sections' scheduled fitness activities rather than exercise on their own."

"Hopefully, we will find that a few hours of fitness time during the week will help to make Tyndall civilians part of a healthier Air Force," Ms. Reeter said.

For information regarding this program, and for complete details of the policy, contact Michelle Reeter at 283-3203.

## Civilian-pay: DFAS to process retroactive increase

**ARLINGTON, Va. (AFPN)** — Defense Finance and Accounting Service officials will soon begin processing the 2.1-percent retroactive pay increase for the federal civilian employees they serve.

President George Bush signed an executive order March 3 identifying the new pay-increase percentages. The updates will be processed into the DFAS pay system as soon as they are received from personnel offices, officials said.

Because of the number of general-schedule employees involved, DFAS officials said they will process the retroactive portion of the increase for prior paydays during at least two pay periods. The increase is retroactive to Jan. 11 for general-schedule employees.

To maintain quality control in processing the hundreds of thousands of pay ac-

tions related to this retroactive increase, agencies and major commands will be designated to a specific pay period for processing.



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Because of the relatively small size of some activity types, some processing will be completed during the first pay period.

The large sizes of some agencies and major commands require their pay actions be processed during two pay periods.

DFAS officials will publish a timetable for the payroll changes once processing is ini-

tiated.

For federal wage-system employees, DFAS said they anticipate completing all of the retroactive increases during the pay period in which the personnel action is received and processed by the pay system.



## Airfield Operations takes AETC awards

CHRISTINE SULLIVAN  
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Members of the 325th Operations Support Squadron have much to be proud of after they came out on top with winners in three different categories of the 2003 Air Education and Training Command Annual Airfield Operations awards.

Tyndall's airfield operations flight took top honors throughout AETC for best airfield operations flight complex for the second year in a row. Tech. Sgt. Howard Teesdale was named air traffic control watch supervisor of the year and Tech. Sgt. Kurt Schmidtman was given the honor of terminal instrument procedures specialist of 2003.

"Winning best complex in AETC, two years in a row, is a testament to the ability and personal drive of each and every member of the flight," said Lt. Col. Steven Schneider, 325th OSS commander. "From the flight's newest three-level to the chief, it took the work of every single flight member to win this award."

Benchmarks of the flight team's success included over 3,000 work days of deployments and the manning of all Iraqi airfields with flight volunteers. They also provided air support leading to the capture of Saddam Hussein and the ambush of his two sons.

The team responded to 164 in-flight emergencies last year, supported 178 intercept missions and safely expedited 20,800 commercial airline passengers.

They also implemented the first fully operational tower simulator system, overseeing \$48 million in flightline construction and improvement projects. This feat earned them the "best seen to date" rating across the board during the Head Quarters AETC Air Traffic System Evaluation Program review.

Sergeant Teesdale, 325th OSS watch supervisor, won best the top spot because of his superior skills in managing a facility crew of 46 controllers. He was

also recognized as a top supervisor during his deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

His team, during Operation Soda Mountain, supported an airborne raid on 141 objec-

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**LT. COL. STEVEN SCHNEIDER**  
325th Operations Support Squadron commander

tives that led to the capture of 754 Saddam loyalists and 639 weapons. He single-handedly ensured procedures passed inspection which resulted in the opening of the first dual runway capability in Iraq since the beginning of the war.

Sergeant Schmidtman, 325th OSS terminal instrument procedures specialist, garnered his 2003 award for mission performance that included the development of global positioning system instrument procedures six months ahead of the scheduled beddown for the F/A-22 program. He also aided members assigned to the tower with an easy-to-read visibility chart, improving distance measurements that allow for precise information. That helped the airfield operations flight in its selection as the AETC 2002 complex of the year.

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strength is unparalleled. But while this may evoke fear and respect, it does not necessarily engender affection. The vitality and ingenuity of American artistic creation and ideas are a wellspring of inspiration.

By helping present a realistic picture of democracy's benefits, they offer a way to export hope

instead of fear."

In our Air Force, you, too, are an ambassador.

Every time you step off base, people know you represent the proud tradition of the military. Whether it is your haircut or simply your demeanor, some people just "look military." That is a real compliment.

It means our members conduct themselves with dignity and class. When you

interact with people in the community, you are representing all of us.

One program that really focuses the power of personal interaction is mentoring. I encourage you to become a mentor to a young child, a coworker or someone in need. Just like the U.S. State Department abroad, we can make a big difference in the lives of people around us.

# One hot test

Right: Base firefighters use a truck-mounted water cannon and separate hoses to extinguish giant flames billowing from a mock transport aircraft during the Crown Special exercise here Wednesday. The annual major accident response exercise tests Tyndall members' readiness to respond to aircraft and other large-scale accidents that result in high numbers of casualties.



*Tyndall gets 'fired up' during major accident response exercise*



Firefighters evacuate an accident "victim" from the simulated C-130 aircraft fire.

Tech. Sgt. Dan Neely



Staff Sgt. Kelsi Basom, 325th Medical Operations Squadron, applies first aid to abrasions on the face and neck of Tech. Sgt. David Shaw, 325th



Tech. Sgt. Dan Neely



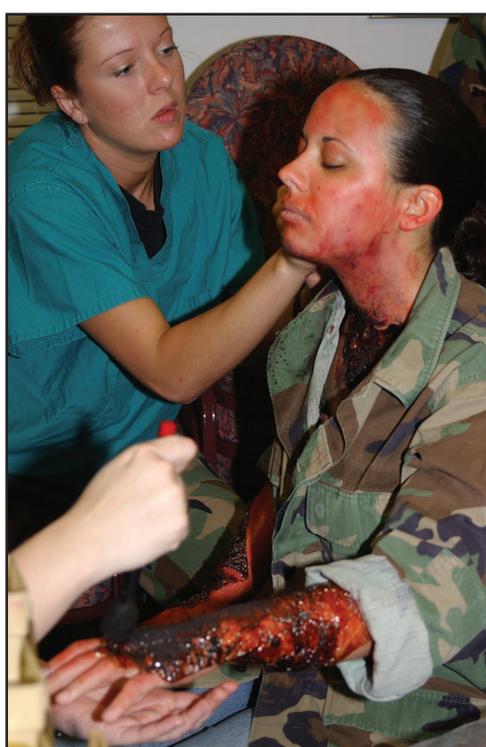
Tech. Sgt. Dan Neely

Master Sgt. Frank LaBroad, 325th Fighter Wing superintendent of exercises and lead Exercise Evaluation Team member, confirms via radio that the MARE has officially kicked off.



Senior Master Sgt. Rob Fuller

Senior Master Sgt. Rob Fuller applies moulage simulating cuts, burns and other injuries to participants in the Mission Support Squadron.



Senior Master Sgt. Rob Fuller

Staff Sgt. Brandy Hiner, 325th MDOS, helps apply second- and third-degree burn moulage to Airman 1st Class Kathleen Earnest, 325th Medical Support Squadron.



Tech. Sgt. Dan Neely

Col. Martin Sayles, 325th Mission Support Group commander, responds to interview questions about the accident from Melissa Hartle, 325th Fighter Wing public affairs, who plays the role of a television reporter.

# On the move: Take the stress out of your permanent change of station

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS

SARAH McDOWELL

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Taking the stress out of permanent change of station moves is not always an easy task, even for the "pros" who have done it often throughout their military careers. But, there is a base agency that can prepare airmen and their dependents for state-side and overseas moves.

The Family Support Center offers a "Smooth Move" workshop that can help members obtain information that will prevent them from making costly mistakes during the moving process.

"The biggest thing people get out of the workshop is organization, which can actually save them money," said Jodie Schwartz, Family Support Center flight chief. "The organization skills can also save them a lot of time too."

The workshop brings base agencies to participants of the program, which eliminates the need for the member to run around.

"This workshop started with the idea to have one-stop shopping and have all the agencies come to you in a three-hour workshop instead of having to run around for a

week," Ms. Schwartz said. "It will help you find out what the government can do for you to save you money."

Other agencies focus on monetary and material issues. The base legal office's main emphasis is claims and

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**JODIE SCHWARTZ**

Family Support Center flight chief



Illustration by Bob Goode

Even though there are usually a large number of people in attendance, the workshop is geared towards one-on-one interaction in a workshop environment, said Ken Horton, family support center community readiness consultant.

Members are given pamphlets and books explaining ways to make the move easier, and there are briefings and question-and-answer sessions from places such as family advocacy, whose main point is avoiding and dealing with stress during moving, and the sponsor program, which lets them know what their sponsor should be doing for them.

how to understand deadlines for claim reimbursement for damage to household goods or vehicle shipments; the finance office briefs customers about using the government travel card, advance pay and entitlements; the traffic management office discusses entitlements; and lodging talks about billeting entitlements and how many days members should be allotted. Additionally, Tri-care is on-site to discuss enrollment.

There are also briefings on spouse employment, changes that occur frequently such as entitlements and allotments, and information on the destination bases.

"These agencies explain things that would be like a foreign language to young airmen," Mr. Horton said. "We have people that have moved 20 times to airmen who haven't moved at all, and we brief their responsibilities."

The questions that can't be answered during the workshop will be answered during the follow-ups which are done by the presenters.

"I have moved five times, and it is easy to say that you know how to do it, but things change. The basic process may be the same, but the details frequently aren't," Ms. Schwartz said.

The workshop is here to clarify such changes and is most effective when used as a planning tool.

"You should come open-minded and not wait until the last minute so that you have time to use everything you learn," Ms. Schwartz said.

Unexpected occurrences can be better avoided by a person who has educated and prepared themselves on the situation, and the workshop is a way to gain information for a smooth transition and to get a good start on PCSing.

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is to slash time across the system, and not simply outsource the workload to the Airman."

The changes do not mean that Airmen will not have applications for these programs reviewed. The level of approval isn't changing; instead approvals will be routed electronically by the personnel center to the correct approving officials.

For instance a DEROS change requested online on vMPF will now be routed to the Contact Center, which then coordinates the request through the member's gaining and losing commanders.

"These processes should also move much quicker," said Mr. Jan McIntosh, vMPF functional manager here. "The nice thing is the member could initiate these actions at any time - even at 3 a.m. from home if they wish."

Colonel Hess emphasizes that Airmen will not be turned away from the local MPF. "We'll make sure our customers are guided through the processes and it's explained to them," said the colonel. "Airmen nowadays are very adaptable and computer literate. In no time this will be second nature to everyone," he said. *(Courtesy of AFPC News Service).*

## Senior master sergeant promotions

### 325th Fighter Wing selects

David Ashley, 325th MDSS  
 Christopher Boies, 325th AMXS  
 Mark Coker, 325th AMXS  
 Wanda Daniels, 325th MDSS  
 Michael Dye, 325th AMXS  
 Scott Enander, 325th OSS  
 John Fields III, 325th CS  
 Craig Henderson, 325th MOS  
 Steven Lantz, 325th OSS  
 Mark Lemond, 325th AMXS  
 Jesse Maanao, 325th CS



Denise Richardson, 325th MOS

Timothy Sterba, 325th AMXS

James Stewart, 325th MDSS

Deborah Taylor, 325th MXG

John Trachte, 325th FW

Daniel Trahan, 325th SFS

### Associate Unit selects

Steven Foster, AFCESA

Martin Janssen, AFCESA

Forest Lisner, AFRL

Thomas Niznik, 82nd ATRS

Mark Wykes, 313th TRG SQ

## Korea vets recognized with medal

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN)** — A new defense medal will be issued to servicemembers who served in South Korea, or adjacent waters, after July 28, 1954. This includes those serving there today, and those serving up to a not-yet-determined future date.

The Korea Defense Service Medal will be awarded to those assigned, attached or mobilized to units operating or serving on all the land area of South Korea, and the continuous waters to 12 nautical miles from shore and all airspace above those areas. Recipients may include active duty, Reserve, Guard, veterans and retirees. This medal is not to be confused with the Republic of Korea War Service Medal.

Individuals will only be awarded one KDSM regardless of amount of time spent in Korea, said Air Force Personnel Center officials here. The medal does not have any associated promotion points under the Weighted Airman Promotion System. It is directly above the Armed Forces Service Medal in precedence.

Procedure for receiving the KDSM varies.

The medal will be issued to Air Force active-duty, Reserve and Guard people by their servicing military personnel flights beginning in the fall. Questions should be addressed to the contact cen-

ter at DSN 665-5000 or (800) 616-3775.

Veterans, retirees or their next of kin may claim entitlement by writing to: National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132-5100. Requests should include documents clearly proving service and dates in Korea such as orders, performance reports, DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, flight records, a decoration citation or other official documents. Veterans and retirees should address questions to the NPRC customer-service center at (314) 801-0800.

Air Force Reserve and Guard veterans, retirees and next of kin may submit their request with supporting documentation to: Headquarters Air Reserve Personnel Center, 6760 Irvington Place 4000, Denver, CO 80280-4000. Reserve and Guard veterans and retirees younger than 60 should address questions to ARPC headquarters at (303) 679-6134.

Reserve and Guard veterans and retirees older than 60 and next-of-kin of deceased Reserve and Guard veterans and retirees must send requests to the NPRC with supporting documentation. Questions should be addressed to the NPRC customer-service center at (314) 801-0800. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

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# FOD RUN / WALK

## 2004

March 29

### 7 a.m. - Bus pick-up locations:

Hospital, Bldg. 662, base exchange/commissary parking lot, 325th Air Control Squadron parking lot, hangar 4 and the 43rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit hangar.

### Schedule:

7 a.m. - Bus pickups

8 a.m. - Run starts followed by FOD pickup

10 a.m. - All personnel and buses off runway

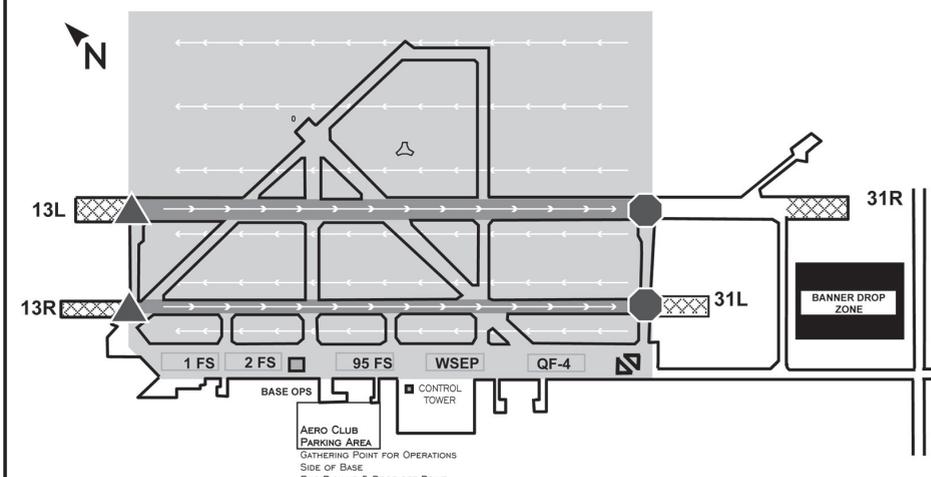
*Earn recognition and awards*

*For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Richard Bruck at 283-2423/624-9751*

## AIRFIELD DIAGRAM

BUSES WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORT TO START AREAS PARTICIPANTS WILL RUN FIRST THEN SPREAD OUT AND WALK BACK PICKING UP FOD

- ▲ START RUN/BUS DROP-OFF
- RUN PATH
- FINISH RUN
- FOD PICK-UP AREA



Graphic illustration by Isaac Gibson

## Events

### Basics of investigating

The basics of investing class will be held in the Family Support Center classroom, Bldg. 743, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 23. For information and reservations, call 283-4204

### Talent show

The Tyndall Black Heritage Committee is sponsoring an annual variety show April 17 at the Enlisted Club. According to organizers, this is a great opportunity to showcase talents. Contact Staff Sgt. John Phinisey for more information, at 283-2663 or e-mail at [john.phinisey@tyndall.af.mil](mailto:john.phinisey@tyndall.af.mil).

## Services

### Base operations relocated

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

### Child care during PCS

Up to 20 hours of childcare in an on-base, licensed Family Child Care home can be paid for by Air Force Aid with a copy of permanent change of station orders. Call the Family Support Center at 283-4204 for more information.

### Thrift Shop

The Tyndall Thrift Shop will be closed Wednesday-March 26 and April 9. Regular Thrift Shop hours are 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon the first Saturday of every month.

Consignments are accepted from 9:30-11:30 a.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays only.

For more information, call 286-5888

## Education

### SIUC classes

A Southern Illinois University of Carbondale representative will be available at the Tyndall Education Office 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 1 and May 6. For more information contact Tracy Deming or Ray Nolan at 581-9840 or e-mail [ithurlburt@fwb.gulf.net](mailto:ithurlburt@fwb.gulf.net) or visit the Web site <http://howard.engr.siu.edu/outreach/outreach.htm>.

### Gulf Coast Community College

Applications are now being accepted for the 2004 Summer term. All active duty must submit a copy of orders with the application. Schedules will be available for the summer and fall terms April 15th.

### Scholarship opportunity

Jodi Callahan Memorial Graduate Scholarship provides a \$1,000 scholarship to an Air Force active duty, full time Guard or Reserve (officer or enlisted) pursuing a Masters Degree in a non-technical field of study. Applications are to be post-marked no later than June 30. A two page essay describing academic goals and how the degree one is seeking will enhance the Air Force is required. For more information, contact the Education Center at 283-4285.

## Classifieds

### 1999 Z71

4x4; pewter; extended cab; 96,500 miles. For more information, call (850)819-2392

### 2001 KIA Sportage

"Limited Edition," Champagne in color, standard, 4Dr, only 28K miles, keyless entry alarm, automatic everything, fully loaded, safety features, maintenance kept, great sound, tinted glass, tilt/alloy rims, roof rack, excellent condition (interior/ex-

terior), \$9,800, very affordable payments, must sell. For more information call, 276-1782 or 785-2292, best at evenings.

### Household items

Whirlpool washing machine for sale, \$50, call Steve or Lesa @ 769-3849 or 624-3848..

Sofa & loveseat good condition, \$800 OBO, Kodak Advantix C700 camera \$30, JVC digital video camera, \$400 OBO. Call 850-286-4951. For more information, call 286-4951.

Kenmore washer and dryer. Great condition/works great. Five years old. \$100 each or best offer. Contact Tech. Sgt. Gray or Krista at 286-4277.

## Garage sale

- 2743 B Eagle Drive 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

## Chapel Schedule

The 11 a.m. Protestant Worship Service will be in Chapel 1 Sunday following the 9:30 a.m. Liturgical Service. This Sunday only.

### Catholic services will be held at Chapel 2:

Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday  
Reconciliation (before Saturday Mass or by ap pointment)  
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 Building 1476  
General Protestant service, 11 a.m., Chapel 1

# Spring Break: cautious drivers make more survivors

Many signs of spring are popping up on local beaches recently, and some of them aren't pretty.

While the beautiful beaches and the attractions bring herds of Spring Breakers every year, this time of year is especially hazardous due to amplified traffic congestion and more drunk-driver incidents than normal.

But, there are ways to survive as a local in the midst of the craziness.

Being an observant and defensive driver is always encouraged around the Bay County area, especially during the Spring Break season.

A defensive driver should always be

scanning the road for potential hazards such as stopped traffic, other vehicles attempting to enter the roadway, or vacationers walking on the sides, and sometimes in, the roads.

Drivers should also make sure they have ample time to get from one place to another to avoid rushing, which can increase the urge to punch through yellow lights. It isn't worth it.

Also, local drivers know the roads better than travelers and should understand vacationers don't always know when and where to stop or yield.

It is important to watch out for the other guy and be aware at all times.

Since March 1 there have already been several accidents on the new Hathaway bridge and the in the surrounding area.

The heavy road construction, along with traffic congestion, makes this area a hazard.

Planning extra travel time when going this route is a wise decision, as it can take up to an hour to get over this few-mile stretch.

Spring Break can be fun and eventful, but safety is always a priority and it is everyone's responsibility.

*(Courtesy of 325th Fighter Wing Safety Office.)*



- Have ample time to get from one place to another, especially on Front Beach Road.
- Expect heavy traffic and indecisive drivers.
- Keep your eye on other drivers, and be defensive.

## Gulf Coast Salute golf tourney



Steve Riddle

John Winebar, Pelican Point Golf Course manager swings from the practice bunker Tuesday in preparation for today's 2004 Gulf Coast Salute Golf Tournament at Pelican Point Golf Course. Winebar will team with Don Williams, Al Mills and Larry McDermott in the four-man, select-shot competition.

### STEVE RIDDLE

325th Services Squadron publicist

The 325th Fighter Wing is hosting its annual Gulf Coast Salute Golf Tournament today at the Pelican Point Golf Course.

The tournament starts at 11 a.m. with lunch at the clubhouse.

The golf course will provide free driving range golf balls for warm ups. Play begins at noon with a shotgun start.

Along with the tournament championship, players have a chance to win prizes with two "Closest to the pin" contests on hole 9 and hole 15. There will also be a "Longest drive" contest on hole 8.

For those wanting to learn the game or improve golf skills, Pelican Point offers lessons with local golf pro Tommy Thomas. Lessons cost \$20 per hour, and are made by appointment only.

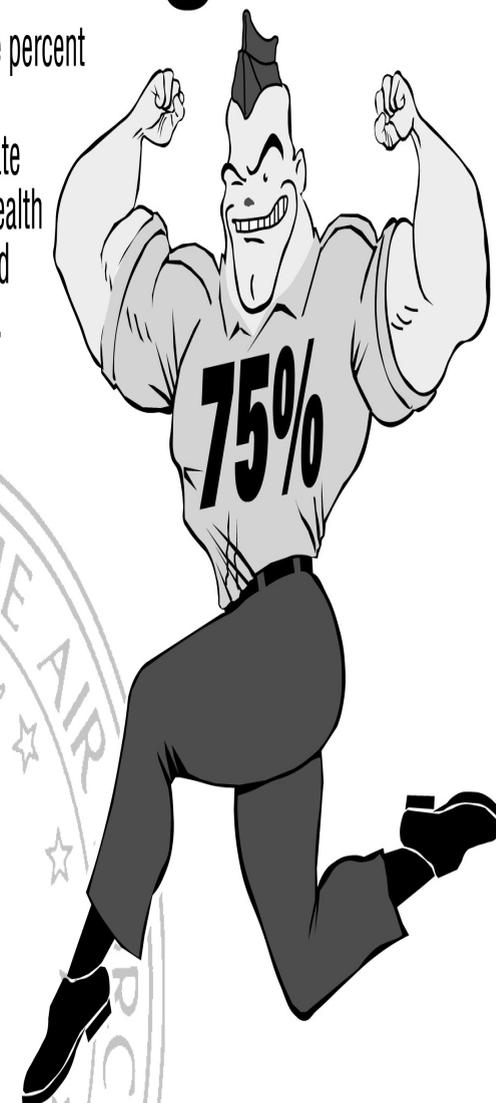
Mr. Thomas will also offer youth golf lessons next week as part of a Spring Break promotion. Classes will be next Monday, Wednesday and March 26 from 8 to 9 a.m. The cost is \$20.

Pelican Point will also offer its next Golf 101 course beginning April 17. The class consists of three one-hour sessions offered weekly that give instruction on golfing basics.

For more information on these or any other programs offered by Pelican Point Golf Course, call 283-4389.

## Feeling Fit!

Seventy five percent of Air Force members rate their own health as very good or excellent.



Source: Air Force Surgeon General

AFNEWS

# Funshine NEWS

March 19, 2004

www.325thservices.com

## Gulf Coast Salute 2004 5K Fun Run/Walk March 27, 8 a.m.

Open to all ages and fitness levels so bring out the entire family for a run or walk around Tyndall. This is a Fun Run, not a competitive race. All who participate in the walk/run will be eligible to win prizes awarded through a random drawing. Walk begins at 8 a.m., run begins at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$10 before March 12 & \$12 after. For more details: 283-2631.

Registration Forms available at the Fitness Center



## Bonita Bay

☎ 283-3199

### Squadron Challenge Swim Meet

April 30 at the base pool. Letters of intent will be sent to the Sq sports representatives in March. 4 events: There will be a sports rep meeting 1 p.m. April 2 at the base library, Freestyle; Backstroke; Butterfly; and 4 person Relay team (two women and two men).

### Base Wide Flea Market

March 20, 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

### Paintball Equipment Rentals

Available Saturdays. Call ahead to schedule group and Sunday rentals.

### Horseback Riding Lessons

Open to all ages now at the Tyndall Stables

### Volksmarch

10K Year round event at FamCamp. Coin award.

### 6th Annual Travel Expedition

April 28, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.: at the Enlisted Club; goodies & door prizes

### Eufaula Spring Pilgrimage

April 3, \$40 per person. Trip departs at 7 a.m. from Bonita Bay deadline for sign up is March 28.

### Leisure Travel Office

Customer Service Number: 283-2864

## Youth Center

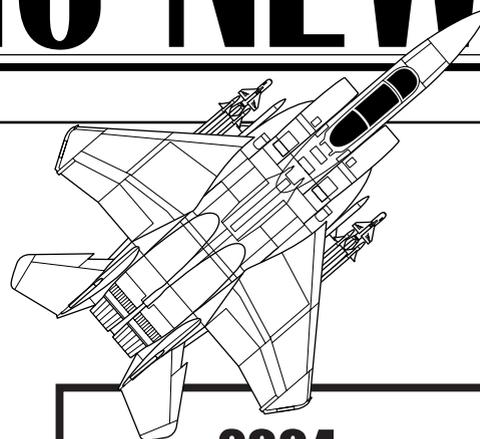
☎ 283-4366

### Start Smart Golf

Sign up for Start Smart Golf and work one-on-one with your child developing basic golf skills. The program runs April 3, 17, 24, & May 1 at 9 a.m. Cost is \$30. Call Andy at 283-4366 for more details.

### Start Smart

Is your 3-5 yr. old ready for recreational sports leagues? Develop your child's basic baseball and soccer skills. Sign up for Start Smart today. Call Andy at 283-4366.



## 2004 Gulf Coast Salute Featuring the Blue Angels, a Jet Truck and activities including:

Rock Climbing  
Monster Truck Rides  
Power Jump  
Bouncy Tents and more...

March 27 & 28

## Pelican Pt. Golf Course

☎ 283-4389

### Junior Golf Clinic

March 22, 24, 26. 8-9 a.m. Open to ages 7-17 yrs. Class size is limited to 12 students. Call to sign up.

## Berg-Liles Dining Facility Spring Bling Semi-annual Birthday Meal April 23, 5:30 p.m.

Menu: Steak, Lobster tail, Shrimp, Twice Baked Potato, Onion Rings, Corn on the Cob, Broccoli, Sauteed Mushrooms and Onions, Shrimp Cocktail, Dinner Rolls, Ice Tea, Cake and Ice Cream

**Eligibility:** SIK Customer and one guest  
SIK customer must have had a birthday between Jan. and April, 2004  
If the guest is BAS, the cost of the meal is approximately \$15  
**Questions? Call 283-2239.**

Sealed Bid NAF Vehicle Sale  
1991 Chevy Astro Van CS Model  
111,936 miles. Minimum Bid \$1900  
Location: 113 Suwannee Ave.  
Behind building #1129  
Sold as is - Bids will be accepted until April 2, 2004  
Questions? Call 283-4794

## All Ranks Lunch

at the  
**Officers' Club**

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

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

Includes Fresh, Hot, Carved Meat Sandwiches on Kaiser Roll

Monday	Chef's Choice
Tuesday	Italian
Wednesday	Oriental
Thursday	All American
Friday	Seafood

\*Members, show your club card to receive a \$1 discount!

## On Base Food Delivery

■ Lunch Menu: Mon-Fri. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
*Limited to office deliveries (i.e. squadron addresses)*  
■ Evening Menu: Fri. & Sat. 5:30-9 p.m.

**Subs & Pizzas  
286-2900**

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

Jackpot starts at \$100. The first member name drawn is for the jackpot. If there is no winner \$25 will be added to next week's jackpot (max. \$500).

Once the name is drawn the winner has 5 minutes to claim their prize. If the winner fails to claim their prize a second drawing will be held from bar receipts for \$25.

**283-4357 for details**

## Golf Course Pro Shop

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

**283-4389**



## Fitness

☎ 283-2631

### Massage Therapist

Janice Walker available Tues. & Thurs. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Call for an appointment. Cost is \$20 for a half hour or \$35 for a full hour.

## Family Child Care

☎ 283-2266

### Provider Class

Contact the Family Child Care office to schedule an orientation and register for the class.

## All Ranks at the Officers' Club Super Sunday Brunch!

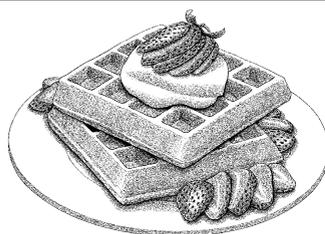
March 21, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**\$8.95\* Champagne Available - add \$3**

\*Members, show your club card to receive a \$1 discount!

### Menu Includes:

Biscuits & Gravy	Belgian Waffles	Fresh Fruit
Carving Station	Sausage	Muffins
Omelets (made to order)	Bacon	Danish
	Hash Browns	



**283-4357**

# Air Force avoiding Draconian measures while shaping force

STAFF SGT. TODD LOPEZ  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force will try to avoid “adverse consequences” while reducing its end strength during the next few years.

During testimony before the House Armed Services Committee subcommittee on total force, the Air Force’s deputy chief of staff for personnel discussed the service’s plans for force shaping. The Air Force is above its authorized end strength but will be smart in efforts to reduce its size, said Lt. Gen. Richard “Tex” Brown III.

“We need to be prudent in the speed and magnitude we use to make changes to avoid unintended adverse consequences,” General Brown said. “As we carefully look at what each component brings to the fight, we are working to ensure the best capabilities are retained and nurtured.”

There are currently more Airmen in the ranks than the 360,000 authorized by Congress. As Air Force officials work to reduce that number, they will try to avoid using the same force-reduction techniques used in the early 1970s and early 1990s after the Vietnam and Persian Gulf wars — measures they characterize as “Draconian.”

“Draconian measures are things ... where we did

reduction in force, or ... selective early retirement boards,” General Brown said. “We told people they would retire. We reduced the force by putting them out before their time or their desires. We want to avoid that.”

While the Air Force may be above its authorized

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end strength, there are career fields that are stressed — meaning there simply are not enough Airmen doing certain jobs. One example of a stressed career field would be security forces. In other career fields, there are too many Airmen, General Brown said.

Airmen do retire and separate on their own accord, and that contributes to bringing down the total end strength. But instead of Air Force officials bringing in new Airmen to fill critically short career fields,

they will fill those slots with Airmen already in the force.

“To be good stewards (of taxpayer money), we must get back to authorized end strength,” General Brown said. “We don’t want to use SERBs or RIFs to do that. So we are looking at some cross-training opportunities. We will take Airman that are in over-age career fields and cross train them to career fields that are short. That is shaping our force, and we will try to do that in the next two years.”

Another aspect of force shaping is the military-to-civilian conversion. As many as 4,700 jobs held by bluesuiters could be converted to civilian or contractor jobs during the next few years — though the conversion rate might not be one-to-one.

General Brown characterized the types of jobs targeted for conversion as “administrative” or “backshop.”

“Certainly places and agencies that are not warfighters, that are not going into the front, are candidates to become military-to-civilian conversions,” General Brown said. “(That frees) more people to go into bluesuiter positions, and that’s shaping the force.”

Also discussed at the testimony were Airmen’s roles in Army “units of employment,” sharing resources across the total force, and Army National Guard Soldiers guarding Air Force gates at stateside installations.

