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## In brief

### 325th SFS training

The 325th Security Forces Squadron will conduct annual training from 5:30 a.m. Oct. 7 to 5:30 a.m. Oct. 9 at the exercise area adjacent the west end of the runway.

During this period, weapons fire, ground burst simulators, and smoke grenades will be used. Tyndall personnel should maintain a safe distance from the exercise area to eliminate the possibility of injury.

For more information, contact 1st Lt. Robert Prausa at 283-9921.

### Town Hall on Channel 12

The National Security Personnel System town hall meeting held Aug. 27 is airing on the commander's access channel, Channel 12, 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday throughout October. For additional information, contact Michelle Reeter at 283-3203.

### Commander's Call

A Wing Commander's Call is scheduled for 7 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. Oct. 8 in Hangar 2. 325th Fighter Wing personnel must attend one session. All customer service centers, such as the military personnel flight, pass and ID and finance, will remain open. A transportation schedule will be distributed via email.

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Lisa Norman

## Remembrance retreat

From Left: Tyndall Honor Guard members Staff Sgt. Michael Avery, 1st Lt. Jose Lebron and Senior Airman Joshua Spainhoward march forward with the folded colors during the 325th Fighter Wing's POW/MIA Day retreat ceremony Sept. 24.

## Chairman poses question to counterterrorism experts

**JIM GARAMONE**

American Forces Press Service

**ALEXANDRIA, Va.** — As the United States continues the global war on terrorism, the question officials should ask is, "Are we being as bold and innovative as we need to be?"

Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, posed the question to officials attending a counterterrorism conference here recently.

"I don't want to ask that question after what we are now calling 10/12 — the next 9/11," he said. "The time to ask the question is now."

General Myers quoted Dallas Cowboys football coach Bill Parcells, who said, "Success is never final, but failure can be." That saying resonates for counterterrorism professionals, General Myers said.

"All of us have to be right a million times a day, but the terrorist threat that we confront only has to be (right) once," he said.

General Myers said there have been notable successes in the war on terrorism. Since Sept. 11, 2001, the United States and its allies have killed or captured more than 30 senior leaders in al Qaeda. The coalition against terror also has foiled many terrorist plots.

"That is significant, but that is not the end of the threat, and that is not the only threat that is out there," he said.

And the threat itself has changed. General Myers said al Qaeda "morphed" as it began being hurt badly by the pressure on it. He said the terrorist threat is less centralized than before, the network is looser, and intelligence professionals talk about "al Qaeda-associated groups"

more than the organization itself.

However, the target of the threat has not changed.

"We read the intelligence every day and see that the United States of America is still a prime target for an attack," the general said. "And the threat is as intense as ever."

The U.S. government and its international partners need to break old paradigms to confront the new threats. General Myers said the United States should determine if its forces are structured correctly around the world to confront extremists. A regional approach might be more appropriate to the threat than a country-by-country approach.

"The old way of doing business goes a long way back," he said. "The world changed, and it requires a different perspective. How you deal with threats that don't respect any national borders is a real issue."

Another issue is communications. General Myers said the government must continue to communicate the nature of the threat to the American people or to international partners.

"This type of threat — extremism that uses terrorism to create fear — is probably a greater danger to our nation and our friends and allies than anything previous," he said. "They can exploit cracks and crevices and, through fear, take the underpinnings of this society and cause us to not be logical in the way we approach problems."

General Myers reminded the counterterrorism specialists that the country has accomplished much and that much is still expected of them.

"It's only if we quit that we'll lose," he said. "That's the only way that we can be defeated. We have to remind ourselves of that."

## TAFB says farewell to summer

COL. BRIAN DICKERSON

325th Fighter Wing vice commander

As we say goodbye to summer, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your hard work and dedication to the Tyndall and Air Force mission.

So much has happened at Tyndall since I arrived in June, and so many of our folks have done some amazing things. I've been fortunate to be able to recognize some of these accomplishments, and this week I am pleased to congratulate several of our warriors who were recently selected for promotion.

First, I want to congratulate our two new staff sergeant selects from the monthly supplemental promotion board, Senior Airmen Jackie Ballard, 325th Fighter Wing Status of Resources and Training Systems manager, and Paul Derouen, 325th Communications Squadron Infrastructure Network technician. I wish you both continued success as you face new challenges and opportunities as members of the noncommissioned officer corps.

The wing also had 13 airmen 1st class selected below the zone for promotion to senior airman. Congratulations to each of you on this monumental accomplishment.

Additionally, we had three majors selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel – Maj. Lester Weilacher, 325th Comptroller Squadron commander, Ted Davis Jr., 325th Air Control Squadron director of operations, and Michael Hoepfner, 43rd Fighter Squadron assistant director of operations.

Finally, the wing had 18 lieutenants selected for promotion to captain, and although there isn't enough room to list individual names, I want to extend my personal congratulations to each of you. This is certainly a milestone which marks a new and exciting chapter in your careers.

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## Saluting a courtesy for all Airmen

1ST LT. ALBERT BOSCO

325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

About two years ago I stood beside my peers preparing to enter a new chapter in life as an officer in the U.S. Air Force. Of the events that occurred during our commissioning ceremony, there are two moments I recall vividly – being sworn in by my best friend and receiving my first salute from my wife.

When I got to my first duty station at Tyndall, I remember smiling every time I drove through the gate and was greeted by a

salute from security forces members. This is so cool, I thought. This is the Air Force I envisioned.

I know I can't be the only officer who has ever felt this

**“There should be a sense of pride associated with each salute rendered. It is a way of saying I am an Airman, I am proud to serve and I'm proud you're serving with me.”**

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way, so I sometimes wonder what causes us to change. At what point do we decide we don't want to be called sir or

ma'am? Why do we choose not to salute one another, or enlisted Airmen for that matter?

Some reading this may be asking “Is this guy for real? I've never heard such a thing.”

Unfortunately, it does happen. Not every officer goes through this metamorphosis, but enough that it has become a sticking point for me.

My first such experience occurred as a sec-

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BRIG. GEN. JACK EGGINTON

325th Fighter Wing commander

*Q: I went to the NCO Club Sept. 15 for Latino Night. The club manager closed early (midnight) and said the commander order it closed early due to weather. I would like to know if the commander closed the club early.*

*A: We goofed! Management made the call to close the facility before weighing all factors. While the manager on duty thought she was making a decision beneficial to the safety of patrons, she acted too quickly.*

A review of data shows, that even after the DJ completed his performance, there were still more than 25

patrons in the club. These individuals should have been afforded the courtesy of remaining until the published closing hours.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused. The announcement made by the DJ about the base being in HURCON 3 was presented as a safety reminder for patrons to be aware of potentially bad road conditions while driving home. At no time, did the manager on duty announce, or request the DJ to announce, the club was being closed at the direction of the 325th Fighter Wing commander. We appreciate your support of Tyndall's Enlisted Club.



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● **FROM SUMMER PAGE 2**

All of our selects have done tremendous things for the wing and our Air Force, and these promotions are very much deserved. For a complete list of Team Tyndall promotions, see Page 4 for lieutenant colonels, Page 7 for captains and supplemental promotions, and page 11 for senior airman.

Promotions aren't the only great things happening around here, though. The wing celebrated POW/MIA Day Sept. 24, and I want to express my sincere appreciation for every-

one who planned and participated in this great event. Amazingly, Team Tyndall racked up 428 laps around Flag Park during the vigil run, which is equivalent to nearly 150 miles. That's quite an impressive total and a great way to show our support for those who made great sacrifices for our nation.

Also, the wing was finally afforded an opportunity to relax and unwind Sept. 25 during the End of Summer Celebration. There was quite a turnout, and I want to extend my thanks to Maj. Marc Piccolo, 325th Services Squad-

ron commander, and his services folks for putting on a fabulous event. I also want to thank Jean Cole, the Community Activities Center director, for her role in coordinating the day's events and ensuring Tyndall folks and their families had a good time. What a great way to end a busy summer!

Speaking of summer's end, the wing emerged relatively unscathed from the "101 Critical Days of Summer" campaign. We had no fatalities and only five off duty mishaps, the worst of which was a broken ankle. That is quite im-

pressive, however, I want to stress the need to remain vigilant year round as mishaps can occur at any time. Let's continue to keep each other safe.

With everything that's happened in the past couple months, I know each of you have worked hard to ensure Tyndall's Air Dominance training mission is getting done. Your contribution does not go unnoticed. You are the heart of our mission and our Air Force's most valuable asset. Keep up the good work, and have a great weekend!

● **FROM SALUTE PAGE 2**

ond lieutenant when I greeted a pair of first lieutenants. After rendering the appropriate customs and courtesies, one returned the salute while the other didn't. Instead he replied, "L.T., you don't salute other lieutenants."

I was shocked, but let the moment pass without further incident. A few days later I greeted another first lieutenant, and again was chastised for my actions. This time, however, I wasn't as willing to let the moment pass. I proudly defended my position explaining to the other lieutenant that he was senior to my rank, so demonstrating appropriate customs and courtesies by saluting was appropriate. He stared at me blankly for a

moment before saying it was an unwritten rule that lieutenants don't salute one another.

I decided to apply a simple logic test. What would happen if a lieutenant failed to salute a captain, or a captain failed to salute a major (continue up the chain if you wish)? If the senior officer responded appropriately, he would correct the lower ranking individual on the spot. Now, let's look at it from a different perspective. What if a senior NCO failed to salute an officer? Some officers would become incensed and remind the individual that the proper greeting was not rendered. Others might not say anything, but would still be angered by the situation.

There cannot be a double

standard. Officers can't command respect from some and dismiss others. Saluting is not a chore, nor should it be seen as a punishment or means of forced subordination. There should be a sense of pride associated with each salute. It is a way of saying I am an Airman, I am proud to serve and I'm proud you're serving with me.

Maybe some have forgotten the sense of pride that accompanies a salute. Try to remember your first salute. If you're an officer, remember the pride you felt when you received your first salute on a military base. The next time you salute someone, let that pride show. You never know – your salute may be the first salute that Airman is receiving.

## Check 21: New law will change the way customers write checks



Jim Weslowski

Carol Emerson, Defense Commissary Agency store authorized patron, writes a check for her groceries while Sam Snead, DeCA cashier keys in check flagging information at the register

In the near future, people who write checks will want to make sure they can cash them.

A new federal law, "Check 21," goes into effect Oct. 28.

"When patrons write checks for groceries, the cashier keys in check flagging information at the register. If the check is accepted we process it for funds later that day," said Steve Paros, Tyndall's Commissary administrator. "Electronic check processing does not allow customers to float checks at Defense Commissary Agency stores. You must have funds in the account when you write the check or in most cases it will be returned for insufficient funds."

This new law takes away the ability to get back original paper checks. Also under this law, consumers may be more likely to bounce checks and may find themselves paying higher bank

fees because all written checks will be cleared electronically within minutes to include nights and weekends.

A common practice of writing a check a couple days before payday, under the assumption it won't clear before the paycheck is deposited, is now debunked — the check will now bounce because it will be cashed that same day, and in some occasions, a couple hours after it is written.

Keeping checkbooks balanced and closely monitoring financial records will ensure maintenance of a positive credit rating. Do not allow financial irresponsibility to effect your career, because it can happen. Make sure funds are available before you write a check.

For more information, visit [www.consumersunion.org/finance/ckclear1002.htm](http://www.consumersunion.org/finance/ckclear1002.htm).

*(Compiled by 325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)*

### How the new "Check 21" law will effect consumers:

- Consumers won't be able to get original paper checks back, because banks will no longer have them.
- Checks will clear sooner, increasing the risk that a check will bounce if funds are not in the account when the check is written. Checks cannot be written unless the funds are already in the account to cover them.
- Customers may not get access to the funds from checks they deposit any sooner, because the new law does not shorten check hold times. After 30 months, there must be a study on whether banks are making funds available to consumers earlier than the allowable hold periods.
- Banks will save money on processing checks, but banks are not required to share these savings with consumers.

### Congratulations to Tyndall's lieutenant colonel promotees

Mark Black, 1st AF  
Wendell Collins, AFELM  
Theodore Davis, 325th ACS  
Micheal Hoepfner, 325th OSS  
Stan Holmes, AFELM  
Rodger Schuld, AFCESA  
Richard Surdel, AFELM  
Lester Weilacher, 325th CPTS  
Michael Zigan, 83rd FWS

# Youth center kicks off football lessons Oct. 9

**STEVE RIDDLE**

325th Services Squadron publicist

When the Tyndall Youth Center recently won one of five 2004 Excellence in Youth Sports awards from the National Alliance for Youth Sports, Fitness Coordinator Andy Wallace said the staff would not rest on their laurels, but continue to offer even more sports programs for Tyndall youth.

It only took them a few weeks to make good on their word.

The Tyndall Youth Center will begin offering football lessons Oct. 9 as part of their Start Smart sports programs. According to Mr. Wallace, the

program, for ages 4-7, will give children a general understanding of the game and the skills required to be a good player.

"We're going to emphasize the basic football skills of throwing, catching, kicking and running the ball," Mr. Wallace explained. "We'll have them throw the ball at a target, and then move the target back some, or have them throw at multiple targets. We'll also teach them basic receiver routes and emphasize kicking too." About the only thing that won't be taught is blocking, he added.

There will be two sessions,

one at 9 a.m. and one at 10 a.m. Oct. 9. After the sessions, the kids will have a chance to show what they learned.

"At the end of the last class, we're going to have a mini football game where the parents play the kids."

In fact, parent participation is a big part of the whole philosophy behind the NAYS Start Smart programs, Mr. Wallace said.

"What I want to do is get with the parents and help them work one-on-one with their kids so they can develop the basic skills of the game."

Along with developing the skills of the players, the Tyndall Youth Center will also play a part in developing this football program for NAYS.

The Oct. 9 sessions are actually a pilot program. Out of literally thousands of youth sports organizations across the country, the Tyndall Youth Center was chosen, along with only four others, to test

and help build this program.

"After we finish these first classes, I'll send a report to NAYS about how the program was run, and if there are any improvements or changes needed," Mr. Wallace explained. "Because we were chosen to host the initial program, we'll have some say in the basic curriculum."

Since the program is the first of its kind, the Youth Center staff will hold another session in early November for anyone who missed the first classes. And Mr. Wallace hopes to have not only more classes, but games as well.

"Hopefully we can use this program to possibly start a flag-football league here on base."

Mr. Wallace said the initial Start Smart Football program would be offered at a discounted price of only \$10.

For more information on this program, contact the Tyndall Youth Center at 283-4366.



Steve Riddle

**Andy Wallace, Tyndall Youth Center fitness coordinator, puts the chalk lines on the Tyndall Youth Center's football fields in preparation for the new Start Smart Football program Oct. 9. The program is for children 4-7 years old.**

# Airman reflects, speaks about AF opportunities



Steve Riddle

**Senior Airman Rogelio Dyer, 325th Services Squadron reservations clerk, helps a customer reserve a room at the Sand Dollar Inn here.**

## STEVE RIDDLE

325th Services Squadron publicist

As a reservations clerk at the Sand Dollar Inn, Senior Airman Rogelio Dyer's job doesn't afford him much physical activity. In fact, his job has him in front of a computer or standing behind a desk. But, he's found a way to stay fit to fight – football.

Airman Dyer said he never had the chance to play football while growing up in Oxon Hill, Md. – just five minutes from our nation's capital. But he's been making up for lost time now.

"I always wanted to play football, but my high school was just too far away from my home," he recalled. "Now I play for the Panhandle Tigers." The Tigers are a semi-pro, full-contact NFL rules team. He also plays in the Tyndall Intramural Flag Football League for the 325th Services Squadron.

Airman Dyer said playing football was always a childhood dream of his, but it wasn't his only one. He

also had plans early on to join the Air Force, plans an older brother of his helped to make happen.

"My older brother Cornelio is a technical sergeant stationed in Honduras right now," he said. "When I was growing up, he would come back to visit us ever so often. He's the one who really inspired me to join."

Airman Dyer said the rest of his family also supported his decision to

join the military. They were afraid, he recalled, of what staying in his hometown and going from one dead-end job to another might mean.

"Basically, they didn't want to see me not doing anything with my life," he explained. "And when I got back from technical school and saw what some of my friends were still doing, I knew that joining up was the right thing to do."

Airman Dyer actually started his Air Force career in November 2000. Since that time, he's deployed twice to the Middle East, most recently to Prince Al-Udeid Air Base, Qatar. His next deployment – this time to Spain – will happen in just a few months.

It's not hard to find people who don't like to deploy. Living with the bare essentials, especially in a harsh climate, can be stressful. But Dyer said he enjoyed his first deployments, and is looking forward to the next one.

"I like deployments, especially being in Services, because you're needed so much," he said. "When you're there with just the bare minimum, you're appreciated more. A lot of the things we have here in the states, like restaurants, just aren't available there. And since we do lodging, the recreation centers, fitness centers, and dining facilities, we're the center of attention. You can't have a good deployment without Services."

Although Airman Dyer said he's

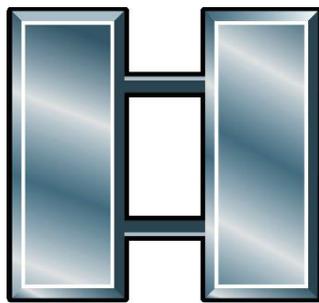
enjoyed his time in the Air Force, he still plans to move on once he returns from Spain and his tour of duty is up. He said he's gained a lot of worldly experience from his time in the military, but that after he gets out, he plans to earn a degree. In fact, earning a degree is something he has already started.

"Right now I'm taking a class on American national government, and next semester I'll take earth science and western civilization," he said. "And next year, when I get out, I'm going to move to Tallahassee and try to go to Florida State University or Tallahassee Community College." Airman Dyer hopes to play football for whichever college he attends, and will use his Montgomery G.I. Bill to help pay for his education.

But while Airman Dyer will have a few courses under his belt when he begins college, he said the experiences he received in the Air Force would go a long way to making him a better student, and a better all-around individual.

"My time in the Air Force has been good – I grew up," he said. "When you come from an urban environment, you learn to see the world one way. When you come to a base like this and then deploy, you see another side of life. I definitely had some unique types of experiences, and I'm glad I was a part of it all."

## Congratulations to Tyndall's captain selects



Jeffrey Alcorn, 66th TRS	Jonathan Mueller, 1st FS
Robert Anson, 549 CTS	Tina Nelson, 325th MOS
Brian Arceneaux, 1st AF	Mark Nyberg, AFELM
Brent Bak, 95th FS	Gina Ortiz, 319th LRS
William Cooke, 325th AMXS	Anthony Peeler, 53rd WEG
Paul Cristina, 325th CES	Ryan Pelkola, 325th OSS
Tanika Gonzales, 325th OSS	Timothy Romans, Det. 145
Ryan Isokane, 1st FS	Lindsey Sorensen, Det. 145
Leonard Johnson, 325th ACS	Darren Stastny, 325th SFS
Amanda Jones-Greco, 325th AMXS	Timothy Sutton, 2nd FS
Valentin Maldonado, 325th OSS	Brandon Tellez, 2nd FS
	Glenn Wright, 325th AMXS
	Anna Zumbach, 325th MSG

## Checkertail Salute

Staff Sergeant Denise Remetta



Lisa Norman

**Sergeant Remetta receives the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award from Col. Brian Dickerson, 325th Fighter Wing vice commander.**

The Checkertail Clan salutes Sergeant Remetta who serves as the NCO in charge of Life Support and has overseen \$20,000 dollars in new equipment for life support. She has volunteered in the community and maintains an "A" average in school during her pursuit of a bachelor's degree.

**Duty title:** 1st Fighter Squadron acting NCO in-charge of life support  
**Time on station:** Three years  
**Time in service:** Seven years  
**Hometown:** Greensboro, N.C.  
**Hobbies:** Weight lifting and reading  
**Goals:** Get a commission  
**Favorite movie:** "Grease"  
**Favorite book:** The Bible  
**Favorite thing about Tyndall:** The beaches  
**Pet peeves:** Lazy people  
**Proudest moment in the military:** Winning the Julie Y. Cross Award as a security forces troop.

*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.*

## Congratulations to the enlisted supplemental promotees



**Master sergeant**  
 Ryan Sterling, 66th TRS



**Technical sergeant**  
 Tanya Hart, 325th FW Det. 1



**Staff sergeant**  
 Jacqueline Ballard, 325th FW  
 William Cardinal, 28th TSS  
 Paul Derouen, 325th CS

# Tyndall bids farewe



A Polynesian Revue member blows on a conch shell during the group's performance. The dance troupe closed Saturday's festivities with a South Pacific-themed show.



Above: The Conch Republic Band performs at the Summer Celebration held near the Base. Left: Chase Pitstick strikes a pose with a grin, wearing a t-shirt that helped him win the Loudest T-Shirt Contest. Coleton Clayijo and Carli Simler swing some rounds of Bouncy Boxing. Below: Two Polynesian dancers entertain the crowd with a native dance performance.

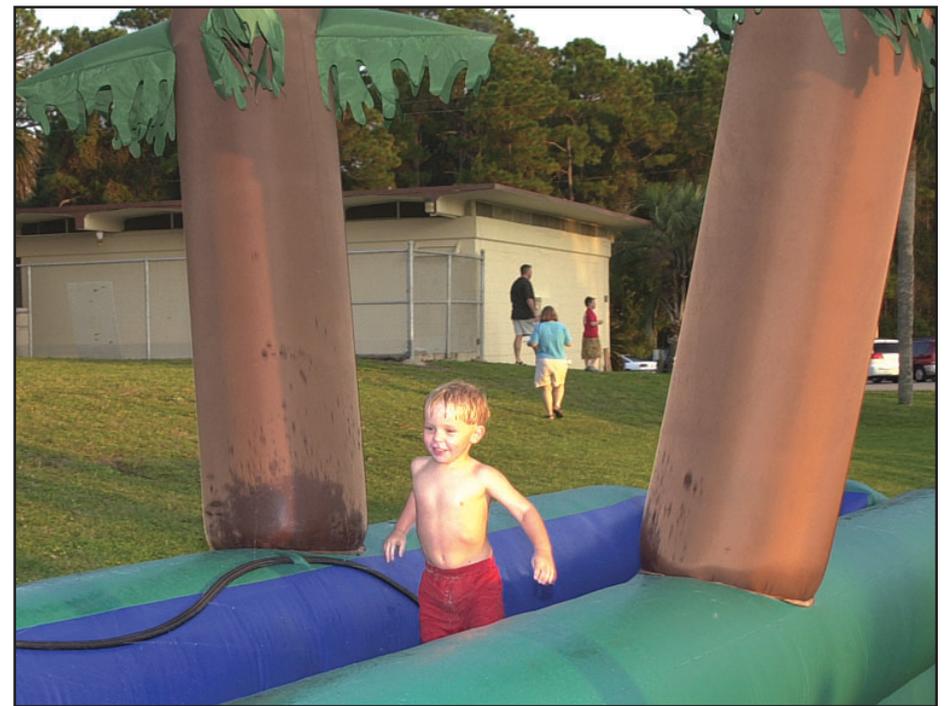


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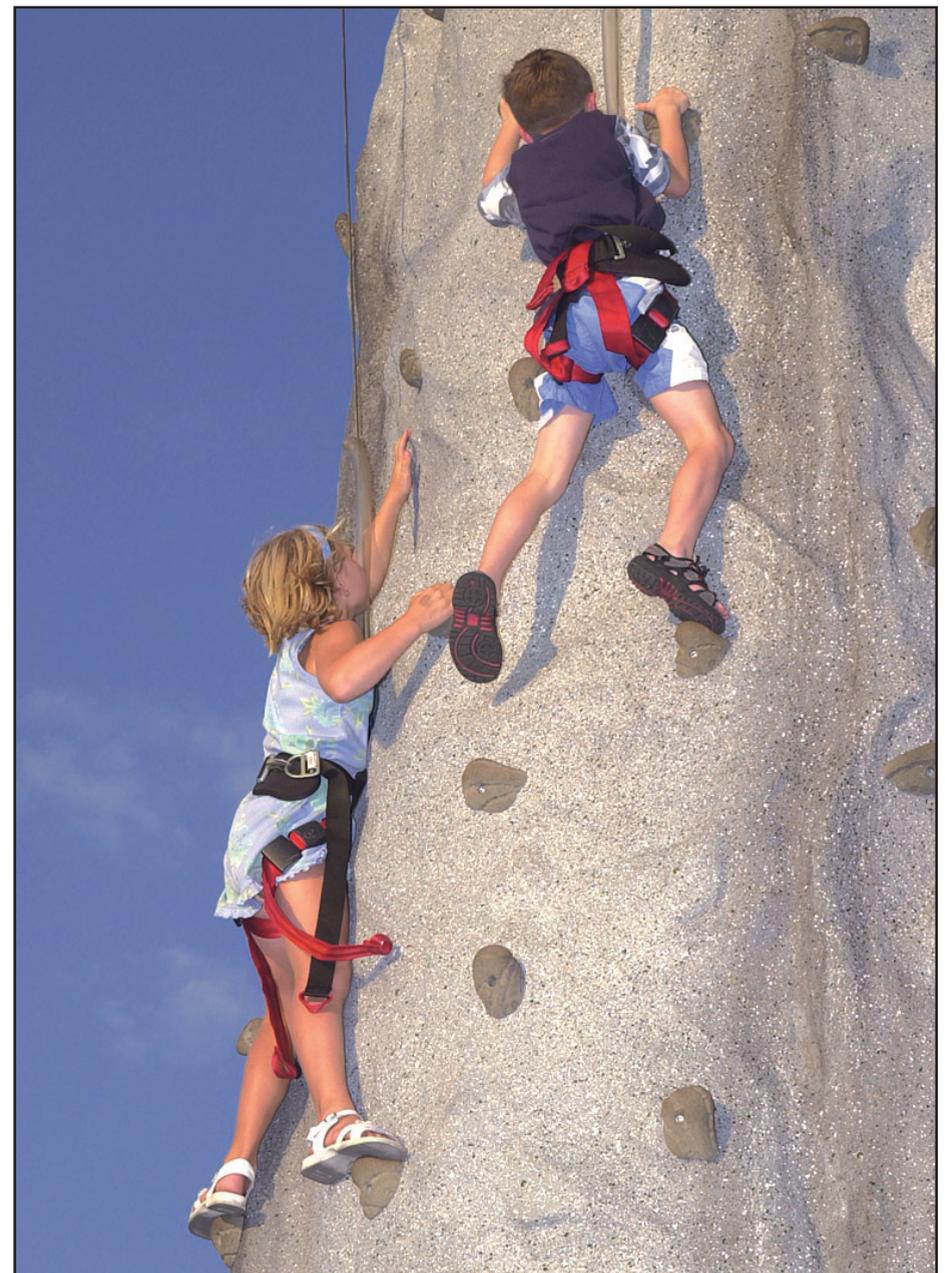


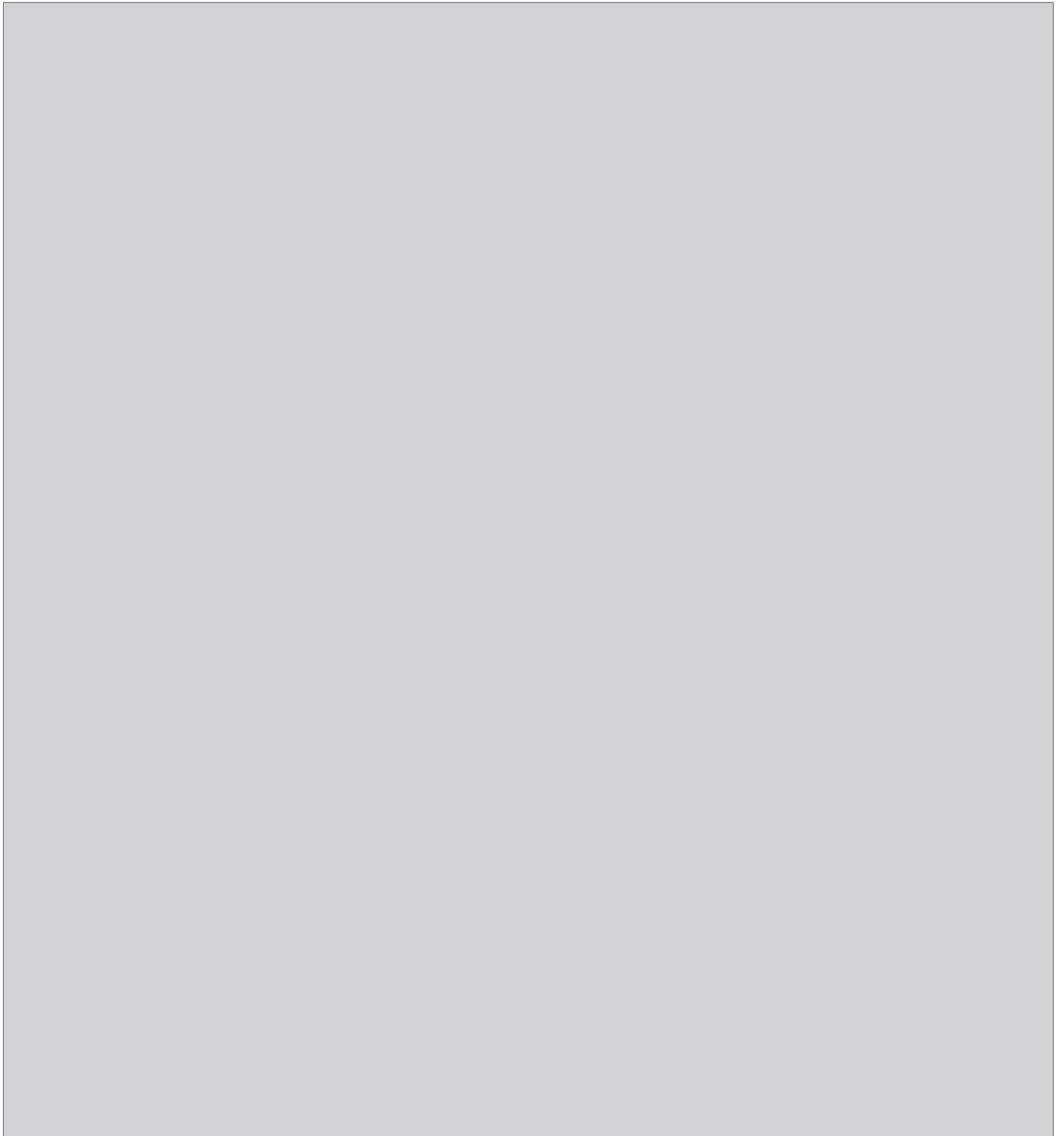
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performance.



Above: 3-year-old Gavin Walch, son of Staff Sgt. Nathan Walch, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron, makes his way through the Palm Tree Water Float. Below: Brittany Barnett and Joseph Leo make use of the handholds to get to the top of the rock climbing wall. The wall was one of many activities provided at the celebration Saturday geared toward families.





# Hispanic heritage making difference in our communities, nation



Courtesy graphic

**“The Borinqueneers” was the nickname given to the U.S. Army National Guard’s 65th Regimental Combat Team from Puerto Rico. During service in Korea, the 65th fought valiantly, receiving numerous unit awards, four Distinguished Service Crosses and more than 100 Silver Stars.**

## ROSA SCHELL

Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 419

Hispanic Heritage Month, now in full swing, began Sept. 15 and runs through Oct. 15. While many Team Tyndall members may join in the festivities, some may not know the history or significance of the event, which began more than 30 years ago.

On Sept. 17, 1968, U. S. Congress established Hispanic Heritage Week, a period of time running concurrently with Mexican and other Latin American Independence Day celebrations. Twenty years later Public Law 100402 was passed expanding Hispanic Heritage Week to Hispanic Heritage Month. Hispanic Heritage Month seeks to recognize the continuous achievements of Hispanic Americans and to increase awareness, respect, and understanding of the Hispanic culture.

Though they trace their roots to various cultures, Hispanic-Americans have stood firm to protect the ideals of America. In fact, Hispanic-Americans have fought in every war in United States history. To date, 41 Hispanic-Americans have earned the Medal of Honor, the highest U.S. military distinction.

During our nation’s Civil War, approximately 2,500 Mexican-Americans went to war for the Confederacy, while 950 volunteered for service in the Union Army. Two Hispanic-Americans received the Medal of Honor for actions during the war.

Later, during the Spanish-American War, many Hispanic-Americans served under then Lt. Col. Theodore Roosevelt

with the 1st U.S. Volunteer Cavalry, most commonly known as the “Rough Riders”.

During World War I thousands of Mexican-Americans volunteered for service in the U.S. Armed Forces, and during World War II, more than 300,000 Mexican-Americans served. During the Korean War, the Puerto Rican 65th Infantry Division was the only all-Hispanic division to serve earning the Distinguished Service Cross four times and the Silver Star 124 times. Additionally, 80,000 Hispanics served during the post-Vietnam era, and 13 received the Medal of Honor. Another 20,000 Hispanic servicemen and women served during Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

Notably, in 1996, during Hispanic Heritage Month, Army Chaplain (Capt.) Carlos Huerta of the 1st Battalion, 79th Field Artillery, wrote: “Hispanics have always met the challenge of serving the nation with great fervor. In every war, in every battle, on every battlefield, Hispanics have put their lives on the line to protect freedom.”

Other September Independence celebrations include Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua on Sept. 15, while Mexico celebrates its independence on Sept. 16 and El Dia de la Raza (Day of the Race) on October 12 (observed throughout most of Mexico and Latin America).

Tyndall is joining in the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month with various events scheduled. For more information, contact Edina Morrow, at 283-1271.

## Airpower!

Canadian BGen Marcel Duval, Continental NORAD Region deputy commander, speaks at the Battle of Britain Reception held at the Tyndall Air Force Base Canadian Mess Sept. 24. The Battle of Britain was the turning point of World War II for allied forces and marked the first time airpower was used in a defensive role, as well as the first time a campaign was decided by airpower alone.



1st Lt. LIsa Citino

## Tyndall congratulates senior airman below the zone recipients

Mykal Donathan, 325th MXS  
 Kathleen Earnest, 325th MDSS  
 Brian Hagan, 325th MXS  
 William Hopson, 325th AMXS  
 Amanda Liggins, 325th FW  
 Dennis Maldonado, 325th SFS  
 Stacey Pierce, 325th AMXS  
 Raymond Porter, 325th AMXS  
 Jeremy Schuster, 325th AMXS  
 Melvin Smith, 325th AMXS  
 Zulieth Stone, 325th MDSS  
 Lance Taylor, 325th CS  
 Everette Thompson, 325th AMXS



Lisa Norman

## A run to remember

Members of the 325th Communications Squadron run laps around Flag Park Sept. 23-24 during the 24-hour Vigil Run held for Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Day here Sept. 24. Tyndall members tallied 428 laps, which is equivalent to 149 miles, in honor of POWs and MIAs.

### Briefs

#### Installation firing range restrictions

The 325 Security Forces Squadron firing range, located at the intersection of DeJarnette Road and Beacon Beach Road, is off-limits to all personnel not performing official duties previously coordinated with the, Combat Arms NCO in-charge. Due to the nature of Combat Arms live weapons fire operations, trespassing is illegal and very dangerous. Notification to base personnel of live-fire training is easily identifiable by the display of a red range flag flown at all times during day-time firing, or a red beacon flashing during night firing. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Boyd, at 283-3392.

#### CCAF graduation

The Community College of the Air Force graduation will be held 3 p.m. Oct. 8 in the Enlisted Club Ballroom. All are welcome to attend. Dress for attendees is uniform of the day. Dress for participants and graduates is Service Dress.

#### Free fences for housing residents

Base Housing residents who would like a free fence can contact George Semanco in the Housing Office at 283-8504.

#### Thrift Shop update

The Thrift Shop will be open 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Winter clothing and seasonal holiday items are now being accepted for consignment. Consignments are processed Wednesday-Thursday from 9-11:30 a.m. Call ahead to consign furniture or other big items. The sales from the Thrift Shop benefits many local and military charities. For more information, call the Thrift Shop at 286-5888.

#### Heart Link

The next Heart Link session will be held 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Oct. 22. Heart Link is a fast-paced orientation to the military community for spouses, which includes presentations from the 325th Fighter Wing commander, protocol, military personnel, finance, family support, services, legal, health and wellness, family advocacy, the chapel, and Tricare.

There are games, skits and prizes sched-

uled throughout the day. Learn more about the Air Force mission, customs, traditions, protocol, available resources and services. For more information or to make reservations, contact the Family Support Center at 283-4205.

#### CLC users refresher course

The Continuous Learning Center, in collaboration with The Office of the Secretary of Defense Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, and the Defense Procurement and Acquisition Planning, announced the availability of a new continuous learning module, DOD government purchase card refresher training at [clc.dau.mil](http://clc.dau.mil). Select the "Learning Center" and then select the "Course Information & Enrollment" link. To launch the module, select the name DOD Government Purchase Card Refresher Training from the list. Browse this module, as well as all DAU CL modules.

#### ERAU classes begin

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University announces the start of Federal Aviation Administration Airframe and Powerplant

classes beginning Oct. 18. For more information, call 283-4557.

#### Commissary update

The Commissary will be closed Oct. 11 and open Oct. 12.

### Classifieds

#### 2002 Mustang coupe

Dark blue with tan cloth interior. Great condition. Six cylinder, automatic. Power driver seat, windows. Six disc CD player. Cruise control. 25,000 miles. Still under factory warranty. Need to sell for pay off. For more information, call 763-8354 and ask for Tasheena Thomas.

### Garage Sales

3560 A Andrews Loop  
3402 A Smith

Garage sales are held 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

### Chapel Schedule

#### Catholic services held at Chapel 2:

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

#### Protestant services at Chapel 1:

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

#### Chapel news

- The Protestant Parish of Tyndall has fellowship 5 p.m. Wednesday each week in the Chapel Two Annex. This program offers an evening meal, fellowship opportunities, Bible studies and children youth programs. All ages are welcome and there is something for everyone. For more information, call Heidi Downer at 283-2925

- The Protestant Parish of the Chapel holds a Religious Education program 9:30-10:30 a.m. each Sunday in Bldg. 1476. There are classes for children ages 3 years through 12th grade exploring the Bible through lessons, crafts, games and song.

# Tyndall revs up for annual car show

**STEVE RIDDLE**

325th Services Squadron publicist

The Tyndall Skills Development Center hosts the fifth annual Tyndall Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show in the Bayview Housing Area Sunday. The event is free and open to the public.

Registration for the event begins at 8 a.m. and judging starts at noon. The Tallahassee Street Rodder Car Club will judge the entries, and awards will be presented at 4 p.m.

Along with the car show

there will be a military working dog demonstration, a fire safety demonstration by the Tyndall Fire Department, a food booth, arts and crafts booths, and a DJ.

“The Tyndall Car Show is an annual event that’s fun for not only the military community here, but the surrounding communities as well,” said Wendy Poppell, Tyndall Skills Development Center manager. “And because it’s held in the Bayview Housing Area along Tyndall Parkway, it’s a prime spot for the public to come out and see some

of the best vehicles around.”

There will be 41 different classes for entrants to choose from. Registration is \$25 per class.

In the car classes, there will be general categories for Chevrolets, Fords, Mopars, and street rods as well as stock and modified classes. Separate categories for various year models of Corvettes, Camaros, Thunderbirds, Mustangs and other makes will also be judged.

Truck classes include stock and modified for mini and full-sized trucks as well as hydraulic trucks and custom trucks. The motorcycles will be divided into 599cc and under, 600cc and over, sports and custom models, and imports.

A big staple of car shows is the original class, and the Tyndall Car Show will have these too. Original models from ‘30 – ‘59, ‘60 – ‘79, and ‘80 – present will have the chance to win awards. There will also be a Peoples’ Choice award and a

*The car show takes place 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday in the Bayview Housing Area. The event is free and open to the public.*



Steve Riddle

**An Oldsmobile Cutlass 442 shows what it has under the hood during last year’s car, truck, and motorcycle show. Nearly 100 entries competed in last year’s event, and officials expect even more Sunday.**

Ladies’ Choice award.

A contestant favorite from last year’s event was the awards themselves, and the Skills Development Center staff will have the same prizes this year.

Those who win or place in a

category will receive a plaque that has on it a picture of their car taken that morning. The staff takes pictures of every car, then attaches the winners to the plaques as soon as the judging is complete.

“It adds a personal touch to the award,” Ms. Poppell explained. “It’s something they don’t get at other shows.”

For more information, contact the Tyndall Skills Development Center at 283-4511.

## Enlisted club hosts ‘Dinner and a Movie Night’



Courtesy graphic

**Actor Will Smith stars in the movie, I Robot. The Tyndall Enlisted Club will be showing this movie, along with dinner, 7 p.m. Thursday.**

**STEVE RIDDLE**

325th Services Squadron publicist

Dinner and a movie hasn’t been this cheap for years.

The Tyndall Enlisted Club will host Dinner and a Movie Night Thursday at 7 p.m. in the E’ Club Ballroom. The event is the first of several planned for Thursday evenings throughout October and into November.

Thursday’s movie will be “I, Robot” starring Will Smith. The movie is a futuristic sci-fi thriller based on the Isaac Asimov novel. “I, Robot,” was one of the top moneymaking

films of the season. It is rated PG-13.

The dinner will be an Ital-

### Club movies cost:

- \$5.95 for club members
- \$6.95 for non-members
- \$3.95 for children
- Club members’ children ages 7 and under eat free when accompanied by parents

ian-style buffet set up in the back of the ballroom.

Cost is \$5.95 for club mem-

bers, \$6.95 for non-members, and \$3.95 for children. Club members’ children ages 7 and under eat free when accompanied by parents.

The following week’s movie will be “Spiderman 2,” starring Toby Maguire and Kirsten Dunst.

“The reason we’re doing this is because there is no base theater, and we wanted to give the base population a chance to watch movies here,” explained Chris Saladin, Officers’ Club manager. “All of these movies are coming to us directly from

AAFES just as if we were a base theater. To help make the experience feel more like a theater, Saladin said the E’ Club is putting in a new sound system.

“We’re going to have these every Thursday night in October and November, except for Thanksgiving,” he said.

Movie titles and buffet selections will be advertised each week on the Funshine News page of this newspaper.

For more information contact the Tyndall Officers’ Club at 283-4357.



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## Air Force Club Membership Drive

New and Existing AETC members could win up to \$3,000.00. If AETC reaches it's goal, Tyndall clubs could receive \$500! Amn E1-E4 & 2Lt get one free year of membership. Call the club today and start saving.

**283-4357**

Enlisted Club

## Dinner and A Movie

October 7, 7 p.m.  
**I, Robot**

October 14, 7 p.m.  
**Spiderman 2**

Buffet style dinner: \$6.95  
Member price: \$5.95  
Children: \$3.95

Children age 7 and under eat free.

## Crazy Cash Give-Away

at the  
O' & E Clubs  
Fridays  
during  
Social Hour.



Beginning at 5 p.m. Jackpot starts at \$100. The first member name drawn is for the jackpot. If there is no winner \$25 will be added to next week's jackpot (max. \$500). Once the name is drawn the winner has 5 minutes to claim their prize. If the winner fails to claim their prize a second drawing will be held from bar receipts for \$25.

**283-4357 for details**

## All Ranks Old West Saloon CASINO NIGHT

Oct. 29 at the Officers' Club

Social Hour - 4 p.m.  
Gaming starts at 5 p.m.  
**Chuckwagon  
Buffet**

**\$25 for dinner & 25,000  
gaming script**

Purchase by Oct. 22 and get \$10,000 additional script. Purchase between Oct. 22 & 26 and get \$2,500 additional script.

**Hosted by the  
Maintenance Group**

Sponsored by Tyndall Federal Credit Union. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

## Seafood Extravaganza

October 8  
5:30-8:30 p.m.

All Ranks  
at the O' Club

Market Price: \$18.95\*  
Children ages 6-11: \$9.95\*  
5 & Under: \$4.95\*

\* Members receive a \$3.00 discount.



## Community Center NFL Pigskins Picks

Entries must arrive at CAC by 5 p.m. Friday, preceding the weekend & Monday game. Open to all Tyndall Community members over the age of 18.

**283-2495**

## Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

### Start Smart Football

Are you ready for some football? Sign up for Start Smart Football for ages 4-7 yrs. and work one-on-one with your child developing basic skills. The classes are Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30 at 9 a.m., cost is \$10.

## Family Child Care

☎ 283-2266

### Providing Child Care

Providing child care in your home is a privilege granted by the MSG Commander. Contact FCC for more information concerning the requirement to be licensed to care for other persons children in your home.

### Spaces in FCC Homes

Spaces in FCC homes are currently available for children ages two and older. Contact FCC for a current list of FCC providers.

### Child Care for Volunteers

Do something for yourself and someone else - volunteer! Air Force aid for volunteers provides free child care for persons volunteering in on base agencies. Contact the Family Support Center (283-4204) or Family Child Care for details.

## Tyndall Youth Center 8th Annual Fall Festival

October 22, 6-8 p.m.

*Games, food & lots of fun  
for the entire family!*



**Buy a \$5 Admission  
and enjoy these activities**

Face Painting	Crafts
Fish Pond	Lollipop Tree
Cake Walk	Basketball Shoot
Bean Bag Toss	Climbing Wall
Spooky Maze	Football Toss
Bingo	Lots More...

*Volunteers Needed!!! Set up, decorating,  
cooking, operate booths and clean up.*

*Sponsored in part by:*

*First Command Financial Planning  
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**283-4366**



## 5th Annual Tyndall Car Truck and Motorcycle Show

In the Bayview Housing Highway 98 Area

**Oct. 3, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.**  
Registration Open 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Registration Fee \$25 per class

**Beverages and food will be sold.**  
No coolers allowed!

Judging begins at noon!

### Events Include:

Fire Truck Display, K9 Dog Demo,  
DJ, Food & Drink Booth and a variety of Holiday  
Arts & Crafts available for sale.

**Call 283-4511 for more information**

Rent-a-Spot: Holiday Arts and Crafts Booths available \$10 per table. Must pre-register to have a reserved spot. Make all checks payable to the Skills Development Center

For more information  
Call the Skills Development Center  
Phone: 850-283-4511  
email: karen.dyer@tyndall.af.mil

## Football Frenzy at the Pizza Pub

**Bldg. 1027 on Louisiana Ave.**

Every Sun. and Mon. is your chance to win trips to the Atlanta Tampa Bay game, Pro Bowl and even the Super Bowl!

Prizes include: an XBOX system, T-shirts, coolers and hats for Club Members!

**Any question call Amanda at  
283-3222 / 283-2814**



No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.



# How fast could your family escape during a home fire?

**JOHN POWERS**

Base Fire Protection Team

Suppose it's 3 a.m. and you're sound asleep. Someone in the family forgot food cooking on the stovetop and a fire breaks out. As the flames spread and smoke begins to fill your home. Will your family wake up and escape safely?

If your home has smoke alarms installed and they are working properly, their warning signals can alert your family to the danger giving them precious time to avoid a potentially life threatening situation.

Working smoke alarms are a top priority for the 325th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Protection Team, who has teamed up with the National Fire Protection Association and firefighters across North America to promote annual Fire Prevention Week, Sunday through Oct. 9. NFPA has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week since 1922, and the theme for this year's campaign is "It's Fire Prevention Week: Test Your Smoke Alarms."

The team will visit schools and other

places throughout the local community to talk about the importance of installing and maintaining smoke alarms. In addition, they encourage children and adults to plan and practice home fire drills so every person in a household knows how to get out safely if they hear a smoke alarm.

With nearly 80 percent of all fire deaths occurring in the home, it's easy to see why smoke alarms are essential in every household. Fire can grow and spread throughout a home quickly. In fact, once the alarm sounds, people may have as little as two minutes to get out safely.

Smoke alarms have been used since they became available in the 1970s. Since then, they've helped to cut the risk of fire-related deaths by nearly 50 percent. Unfortunately, roughly 70 percent of home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes without smoke alarms or smoke alarms that were not working properly.

While every military housing unit is furnished with a smoke alarm, the fire protection team encourages civilians and mili-

tary personnel living off base to ensure they have working smoke detectors in their homes.

NFPA recommends that at least one smoke alarm be installed on each level of a home including the basement and outside each sleeping area. They should be tested once a month, following the manufacturer's instructions. The batteries in smoke alarms should be replaced each year, or sooner if the alarm "chirps," meaning that the battery is low.

Additionally, the fire protection team recommends replacing all smoke alarms after 10 years, even those that are hard-wired or smoke alarms with "long-life" (10-year) batteries. Smoke alarms with "long-life" batteries should also be replaced when the alarm "chirps" or fails to respond to periodic testing, since the batteries in these units cannot be replaced.

Lives are too precious to lose to a fire, so take the time to ensure you and your families are protected – check or replace your home's smoke alarms.



Senior Airman Benjamin Rojek

**Ellen Bowden checks a home fire detection alarm to make sure it will work in case of a fire.**

