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In brief

FOD Walk/Run cancelled

The 325th Fighter Wing FOD Walk/Run scheduled for Tuesday is cancelled due to Hurricane Ivan's impact on the wing's flying hour program.

Contamination notice

Bay County officials have announced untreated sewage was discharged in all St. Andrews Bay waters between the Hathaway and DuPont Bridges and adjacent bayous Sept. 16-17.

The consumption of shellfish from these waters could pose a serious health risk. Also, sewage contamination of water can expose bathers to intestinal viruses, bacteria and parasites.

Tyndall's Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight tests on the quality of water at Bonita Bay, NCO Beach and Crooked Island Sound are posted at https://internal.tyndall.af.mil/325thMDG_MIL/ADS/BIO/BEACH.htm every Wednesday.

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Airman 1st Class Sarah McDowell

Fleeing Ivan

Airman 1st Class David Listerman, 95th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, prepares to launch one of the 325th Fighter Wing's F-15 Eagles (off camera) while another behind him prepares to depart Sept. 14. The wing evacuated its F-15 and F/A-22 aircraft to bases in Oklahoma and Nevada prior to Hurricane Ivan's arrival early Thursday.

Abizaid pledges to root out, destroy terror network

JOHN BANUSIEWICZ
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. general responsible for U.S. military operations from the Horn of Africa to Central and Southwest Asia pledged today to destroy "piece by piece" the terror network of fugitive Jordanian terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

Army Gen. John Abizaid, commander of U.S. Central Command, met briefly with reporters along with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and U.S. Ambassador to Iraq John Negroponte following a closed Senate briefing.

Zarqawi has a \$10 million

bounty on his head, and is believed to have personally decapitated several hostages whose gruesome deaths were recorded and posted on extremist Web sites.

"First of all," General Abizaid said, "we clearly know that the Zarqawi network is responsible for this. We have had a lot of good effect against the Zarqawi network in the past several weeks. We'll continue to work against them as

"In three years of fighting in the Middle East, we have yet to lose a single tactical engagement, and we're going to keep it that way."

ARMY GEN. JOHN ABIZAID
commander of U.S. Central Command

long as it takes. We will find him, root him out and destroy him and his organization, and we'll do it as quickly as we possibly can."

The general wouldn't comment on how close multinational and Iraqi forces may be to capturing or killing Zarqawi, but he pledged to keep pounding away at the terrorist's network.

"We're going to keep it up. And we'll take it apart piece

by piece," he said.

Secretary Rumsfeld bristled at a reporter's question about "experts" predicting that the insurgency in Iraq would last 10 years.

"General Abizaid just gave a presentation up there to the United States Senate that was powerful," the secretary said, "and it is that we are up against a very serious collection of enemies — terrorists, extremists, people who use terrorism as their weapon of choice, people who have cut off people's heads."

He said moderate people of

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Ivan no match for Tyndall people, preparation work

BRIG. GEN. JACK EGGINTON

325th Fighter Wing commander

Greetings, Tyndall warriors! What a week it has been for all of us. When we first learned Hurricane Ivan might come our way, I witnessed people coming together to plan for the worst and hope for the best. As the days passed and we saw Ivan's deadly wrath headed toward the Florida panhandle, I further witnessed a well-oiled machine jump into action. The initial projections led me to order the evacuation of our F/A-22 Raptors and F-15 Eagles as soon as possible so that the wing leadership could concentrate on our people and the potential of ordering a full base evacuation. As Ivan moved further north in the Gulf of Mexico, the projected track continued to move further and further west of Tyndall. As the forecast conditions changed so did our evacuation discussions.

I am proud of each and every one of you and your demonstrated commitment to ensuring the safety, security and well being of the base population. From airmen in the dorms pulling together to fill sandbags, to pilots and maintainers launching six F/A-22s and 67 F-15s in about six hours and sending them out of harm's way ... from civil engineers tying down vital assets, to security forces personnel preparing to provide force protection during the worst Ivan had to offer; you all showed superb teamwork.

Author Miguel Cervantes once said, "To be prepared is half the victory." In Tyndall's case, it was nearly the entire victory. When we got word that certain ar-

reas of base housing might experience some flooding, I made the decision to evacuate Bay View and Shoal Point housing areas as well as the FamCamp recreation area. I was so impressed by how smoothly the notification and evacuation went, and the level of understanding and flexibility demonstrated by the families who were displaced from their homes.

As Ivan approached, our sharp weather forecasters provided critical information to help senior leaders make crossroads decisions. Almost hourly, the forecasters briefed commanders on the path of the storm, and from those and many other briefings, we made the decision to keep the majority of the base populace in their homes ... where they would be safest!

And I'm happy to report the base sustained only minimal damage from the storm. Although three funnel clouds were spotted during the hurricane, only a few buildings had wind damage. The bottom line is that no one was injured.

Even more, everyone pitched in to clean up the base after the storm. When our pilots returned with our jets, many of them expected to see tree limbs, branches and other debris littering the base. I have to pat you on the back for taking the initiative to pick up the debris around the base - Tyndall looks great!

As with any situation, there are lessons to be learned at every level of leadership. I have directed the 325th Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness Flight folks to lead a Tiger Team to examine all aspects of the lessons learned from Hurricane Ivan. The team will be comprised of representatives



Col. Brian Dickerson

Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, 325th Fighter Wing commander, surveys damage to Tyndall's boardwalk area near the NCO Beach following Hurricane Ivan.

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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 325th Fighter Wing Inspector General's Office, 283-4646.

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

BRIG. GEN. JACK EGGINTON

325th Fighter Wing commander

Q - My concern is with the flow of traffic into the flightline gate during the morning hours.

I see a problem with how the lanes have to merge after we make the left hand turn just prior to seeing what gates(s) are open. Many times we have to merge into a different lane after we make the turn. This backs up everyone as they try to get into the opened lane.

Can the guards place cones further into the flow of traffic or put up signs to let people know what lane to merge into before everyone has to make a traffic jam in front of the open gate?

A - Thanks for your concern. A Hazard

Report, AF Form 457, was initiated on Aug. 23 by the 325th Fighter Wing Safety Office addressing this situation. The 325th Security Forces Squadron implemented new procedures concerning Installation Entry Control at Tyndall Drive Gate.

When two lanes of traffic are open coming off U.S. Highway 98 into Tyndall Drive Gate, there will be two lanes open for entry into the installation. When only one lane of traffic is open coming off Highway 98 into Tyndall Drive Gate (normally during non-peak hours), there will only be one lane open for entry into the installation. Oversize vehicles will always utilize the far right lane for entry. We appreciate your concern.

from most organizations across the wing to analyze the decisions that were made in preparation for Hurricane Ivan, create up-to-date unit checklists and make recommendations across the board for improvement.

I have only been here for about eight weeks, and during that time we have dealt

with Hurricanes Bonnie, Charley, Frances, and Ivan. What a welcome!

I am very impressed with your professionalism and dedication and I am very proud to be the commander of the 325th Fighter Wing, training America's Air Dominance Force. I want to thank you all for the huge effort ... keep up the great work!

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● **FROM TERROR PAGE 1** the world must oppose the extremists wherever they are, and he acknowledged that it will take time. But, he said, no one can know how much time it will take.

"I think anyone who pulls a number out of mid-air and says it will take one year or five years or 10 years must have mystical powers that most people don't have," Secretary Rumsfeld said.

"It is a serious collection of people who are determined to kill innocent men, women and children, and attack the state system that exists in this globe," the secretary continued. "And it's the job of civil societies all across the globe to do everything humanly possible to see that they're not able to kill innocent men, women and children."

General Abizaid predicted more violence leading up to the elections in Afghanistan and Iraq, but said his troops are up to the challenge.

"We know that we will

have to fight for the elections in both countries. We know that the enemy will come at us very, very tough," the general said.

"But we also know that we've got the military capacity to deal with anything that may come our way. In three years of fighting in the Middle East, we have yet to lose a single tactical engagement, and we're going to keep it that way. Our troops are doing great work."

He praised the work of U.S. military forces throughout the Central Command area of responsibility.

"I'd like to thank the wonderful young men and women of the armed forces of the United States for the activities and the actions and the bravery and the heroism that they've put forward in defending our nation in the Central Command area," he said. "That doesn't only include Iraq; it includes Afghanistan, the Horn of Africa, and the entire Middle East and Central Asia."

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Air Force completes F-15C accident investigation

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – The Air Force has completed its investigation of the May 21, 2004 F-15C Eagle crash on the shoreline of St. George Island.

The accident investigation board determined the mishap was caused by a chain of events that led to the pilot's unintentional ejection, which ultimately led to the crash. The pilot, Lt. Col. Patrick Marshall, was assigned to the 1st Fighter Squadron, Tyndall Air Force Base, when the mishap occurred and ejected safely.

The pilot was conducting an air combat training flight when an air regulating valve detached from the pilot's torso harness and became lodged in

the area of the ejection seat handle. When the pilot turned his head to check his position and pulled the stick towards him, enough tension was put on the detached valve to raise the ejection seat handle, causing the pilot to eject.

The aircraft continued to fly for approximately one minute and forty-nine seconds before it impacted the ground.

The F-15C, assigned to the 325th Fighter Wing, was destroyed on impact, with a loss valued at \$36,500,000.

The Accident Investigation Board was headed by Col. John Burgess, Jr., 14th Flying Training Wing, Columbus AFB, Miss.



Senior Airman Shawn Clements

Tyndall Airmen 'producing'

AL UDEID AIR BASE Qatar—Staff Sgt. Jesus Mendoza unloads a produce truck outside of the Combined Air Operations Center dining facility. He's assigned to the 325th Services Squadron.

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Airmen need to heed Hatch Act rules

WASHINGTON (AFP) — As the election season swings into high gear, the U.S. Office of Special Counsel has filed complaints against two federal employees deemed in violation of the Hatch Act.

The complaints address the use of "politically partisan electronic-mail messages while on duty," OSC officials said.

The Hatch Act regulates DOD employees' and servicemembers' participation in politics. The recent violations focus on e-mails sent to about 15 recipients in one case and more than 70 in the other.

"The use of Internet and electronic mail is second-nature to almost everyone and has become a favorite and effective campaign tool, even more so perhaps than four years ago," said Scott Bloch, OSC head.

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SCOTT BLOCH

head of U.S. Office of Special Counsel

Partisan political activity is defined as activity directed toward the success or failure of a political party or candidate for a partisan political office or partisan political group.

Participation in politics is not completely for-

bidden; however, active-duty military and executive-branch employees need to be aware of the rights and restrictions that the Hatch Act imposes on such activity. What is allowed and disallowed can be a bit confusing.

Servicemembers are under the most restrictions. They may attend political meetings or rallies, but only as spectators and not in uniform. They are not allowed to give political speeches, serve in any official capacity in partisan groups or participate in political campaigns or conventions.

They are also not generally allowed to campaign for political office.

In its essence, the Hatch Act prohibits federal executive-branch employees from engaging in political activity while on duty or wearing an official uniform, officials said.

(Courtesy of American Forces Press Service)

When in uniform, or performing official duties, military members may not:

- Attend political rallies
- Give political speeches
- Serve in any official capacity in partisan groups
- Participate in political campaigns or conventions
- Campaign for political office

Military members off-duty and out of uniform may:

- Attend political meetings or rallies, but only as spectators.

For more information on the Hatch Act or restrictions on political activities, contact the Base Legal Office at 283-4681.

Checkertail Salute

Tech. Sgt. Charlene Majo



Lisa Norman

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

The Checkertail Clan salutes Sergeant Majo, who leads the 325th Medical Group Physical Therapy Clinic. She was also instrumental in developing a detailed medical coding system. Additionally, her innovative restructuring of appointment scheduling templates led to a 25 percent increase in patient access and a 99 percent overall error-free end-of-day product. She graduated physical therapy school with distinguished graduate honors.

Duty title: 325th Medical Group NCO in charge of physical therapy

Time on station: One year

Time in service: 19 years, seven months

Hometown: Pennsauken, N.J.

Hobbies: Stained glass, scrap booking, reading, cooking/baking

Goals: Retire as a master sergeant

Favorite movie: Braveheart

Favorite book: "Love" by Leo Buscaglia

Favorite thing about Tyndall: The sense of community within base housing

Pet peeves: People who use cell phones while driving and those who don't use turn signals

Proudest moment in the military: Earning distinguished graduate from physical therapy school

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.

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Tyndall Youth Center recognized for sports programs

STEVE RIDDLE

325th Services Squadron publicist

The Tyndall Youth Center is no stranger to receiving recognition for their many programs, but one recent award they earned is so prestigious, future Baseball Hall of Famer Cal Ripken Jr. will present it.

Youth center personnel will travel to this year's Athletic Business Conference in Orlando Nov. 11 – 13 to receive one of five 2004 Excellence in Youth Sports awards. The Tyndall Youth Center competed for the award against other military bases as well as thousands of other nationally recognized organizations such as Boys and Girls Clubs of America and Pop Warner football.

"Winning the 2004 Excellence in Youth Sports Award is definitely a huge achievement for Team Tyndall's youth center," said Col. Martin Sayles, 325th Mission Support Group commander. "To be selected for this prestigious award over thousands of outstanding military and civilian youth programs throughout the nation is truly an honor. However, this achievement was a "total team effort" to include our youth center

staff, volunteers, and strong support from families throughout the community."

The award is given by the National Alliance for Youth Sports and Athletic Business magazine. NAYS is a non-profit organization founded in 1981 that has become the nation's leading youth sports educator and program provider.

"One of the things they basically try to do is set the criteria for administrators, coaches, officials, parents and players on how they should act and be participants in youth sports," explained Bruce Mason, Tyndall Youth Center sports director. "They wrote the national standards for sports programs, and they really focus on the kids. Their motto is, 'Better sports for kids, better kids for life.'"

One of the programs offered is the Start Smart program, which teaches children ages 3 – 5 the basics of baseball, basketball, soccer, golf and general sports skills. There are also sports leagues on base for children up to 15 years old.

"We use the Start Smart program and the leagues as a sort of feeder program for

other recreational sports leagues," explained Andy Wallace, Tyndall Youth Center fitness coordinator. "They prepare the kids and their parents for their first sports experience by giving them the knowledge to improve the child's basic sports skills. It also teaches the parents the best ways to be a positive role model."

According to volunteer coach Capt. Steve Howell, a flight chief with the 325th Medical Group, the youth center's programs have worked wonders for his three children, and have them ready to take on the competition in the local off-base youth sports leagues in the area.

"I think the programs offered here are great," he said. "They are well organized and well supported. My 11-year-old son is getting ready to play soccer in a league downtown. Without the programs here on base, I'd be so worried about him, but I know he has the skills to compete out there now."

Along with the basic sports programs, the Tyndall Youth Center offers a variety of



Steve Riddle

Jake Chatham jumps a rail on his skateboard during the Tyndall Youth Center's first skateboard camp held earlier this summer. Skateboarding is just one of the many sports offered by the youth center.

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When it comes to explosive ordnance, Tyndall's EOD team is used to

Treading where others fear

2ND LT. WILLIAM POWELL

325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

It's a familiar scene. The action hero discovers a timed explosive device and must make the ultimate decision: cut the red or blue wire? The hero displays nerves of steel as he saves the day.

"I don't buy into that 'nerves of steel' stuff," said Master Sgt. Tim Collister, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight chief. "To me it's all training. You think about your tactics and how to employ your tools."

Sergeant Collister and his 12-man team use their tactics and tools all over

the world to successfully and safely accomplish their mission, which could mean disposing of or disrupting anything from Civil War cannon balls to nuclear weapons.

Lately, the global war on terrorism has increased the ops tempo even more for an already busy and undermanned unit.

"Right now, ground attacks are a big thing in Iraq," Sergeant Collister said. "Some mortar and rocket attacks hit the ground without detonating. So, after every attack we go out and clear any unexploded ordnance and do post-blast analysis of explosions."

Luckily, many weapons are discovered by friendly forces before terrorists can employ them against the coalition forces, but that doesn't mean less work for EOD.

"We are actively involved with the raids, because the enemy has been known to booby trap the arms caches," Sergeant Collister said.

Destroying a weapon that looks like an explosive device is one thing, but many roadside bombs are disguised as cars, cinder blocks or pieces of wood.

"The bombs are threatening our supply routes," Sergeant Collister said.

"Once the bombs are located, EOD is sent out to either destroy the devices or render them safe."

However, the flight's mission isn't exclusive to

locations or situations outside the United States. During aircraft ground emergencies at Tyndall, the unit is typically called to "render safe" AIM-9 air-to-air missiles, chaff and flares, and other live ordnance that may have malfunctioned.

In other cases, the flight stays busy assisting the Navy and the 53rd Weapons Evaluation Group with recovering unexploded ordnance washed ashore,

providing protection and assistance to the U.S. Secret Service wherever the president travels and supporting civil authorities as the only bomb squad in the Florida panhandle region.

The unit also assists local law enforcement agencies when situations involve explosives or other improvised devices such as pipe bombs. In fact, the unit re-

cently assisted local authorities during a suspected drug lab raid in Greenhead.

"On Aug. 18, local authorities found some pipe bombs in the open, and did not have the capability to deal with the situation," Sergeant Collister said. "We received permission to assist, and recovered 23 different devices, from pipe bombs to incendiary devices, including three improvised landmines. We attacked the problem one bomb at a time, using robotics and our tactics."

One of their primary tools used in such a response is the Remote Ordnance Neutralization System remote-controlled vehicle.

During a demonstration of the robot's capabilities, Senior Airman Michael Chauncey, EOD Flight apprentice, sat behind the vehicle's controls and video terminal in a remote location where he remotely steered it toward a simulated pipe bomb lying on the ground. He then moved the RONS' mechanical arms and claws to delicately lift the weapon for closer inspection by one of the vehicles four on-board remote cameras.

"The training and the great equipment, like the RONS, really make me feel safe," Airman Chauncey said. "I also get a great sense of accomplishment after I see something [dangerous] disappear."

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325th Civil Engineer Squadron EOD Flight chief



2nd Lt. William Powell

The Remote Ordnance Neutralization System, one of many tools available to the 325th Civil Engineer Squadron's Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight, demonstrates picking up a pipe bomb. RONS is controlled from a remote location using a video monitor and control panel.



2nd Lt. William Powell

Senior Airman Michael Chauncey, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight apprentice, watches video feed while remotely controlling the flight's Remote Ordnance Neutralization System.

It takes dedicated people like Airman Chauncey and fellow team members to maintain an ever-expanding mission with decreasing flight numbers.

“Due to future deployments, half our manning will be gone, leaving only six,” Sergeant Collister said. “It’s challenging to say the least. We have 35 Air Force level programs that we manage, which

equals about 140 additional duties for the 12 of us. It takes motivated Airmen to succeed, and we have them. Young staff sergeants are on the road running Secret

Service security details, working roadside bombs and post-airfield attack operations, and they’re in charge of Air Force-level

programs that are normally only assigned to senior NCOs or junior officers,” he added. “They do an outstanding job.”

The level of support the unit receives has dramatically increased over the last few years. Increased funding has paved the way for top of the line equipment and more training opportunities to keep Team Tyndall’s EOD Airmen safe, said Sergeant Collister.

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SENIOR AIRMAN MICHAEL CHAUNCEY
325th Civil Engineer Squadron EOD apprentice



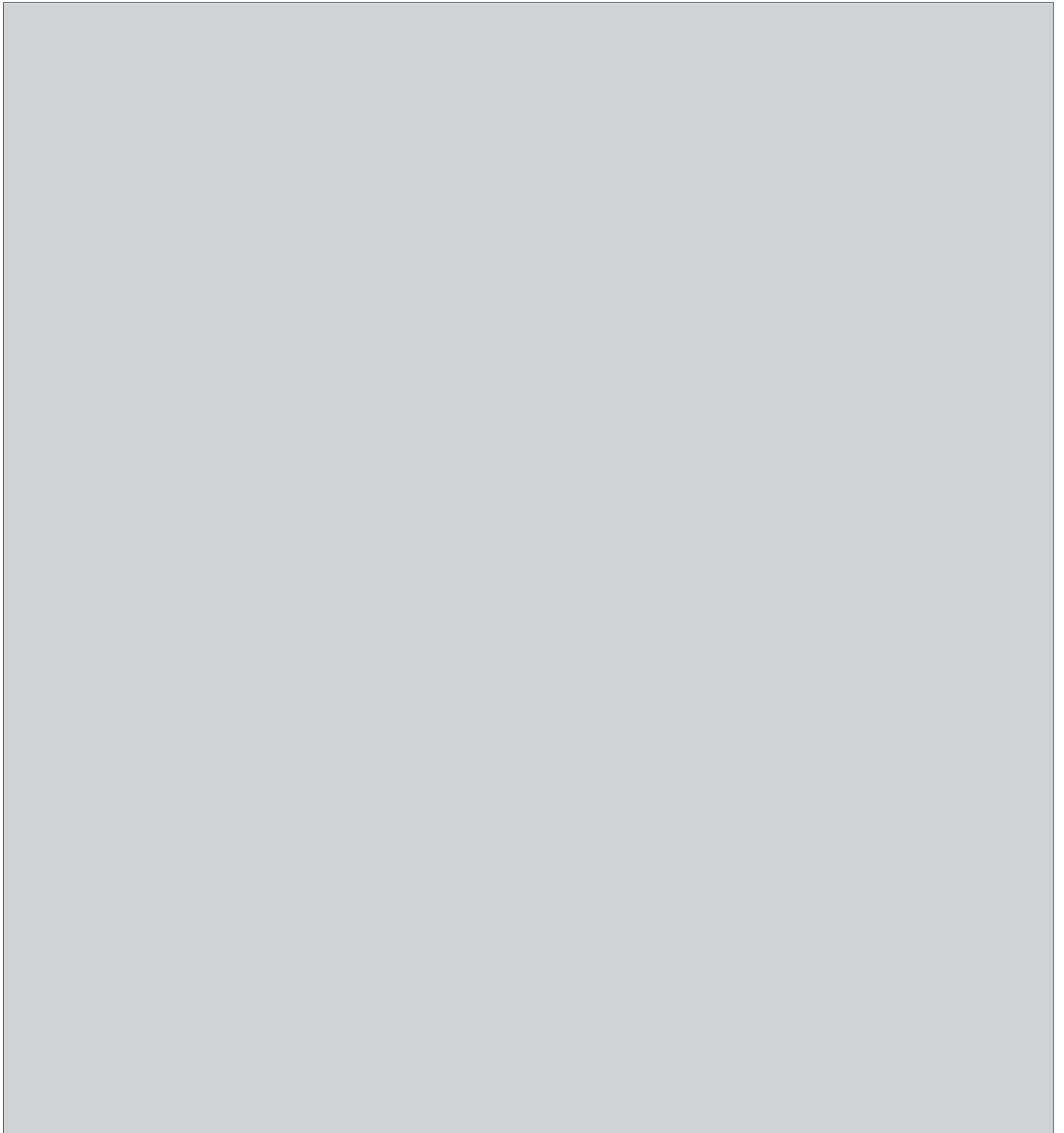
2nd Lt. William Powell

Airman 1st Class Levi Kemp, EOD Flight apprentice, inspects one of the unit's remotely controlled cars, which is used to carry explosives to roadside bombs for disruption. The car is only a fraction of the cost of the unit's RONS, which costs about \$150,000.



Courtesy photo

Master Sgt. Tim Collister, EOD Flight chief, clears some pipe bombs and other improvised explosive devices found near the hedgerow of a home suspected of being used used for manufacturing methamphetamines in Greenhead, Aug. 18. Local authorities requested the help of Tyndall's EOD team when they discovered explosive devices during a raid at the property.



● **FROM YOUTH PAGE 7** other activities too. The Kids on Target archery program and the USA Tennis program are two other sports Mr. Wallace has incorporated into the youth center.

In the past two years, Mr. Wallace has also introduced more extreme sports to the Tyndall youth such as surfing and skateboarding.

There were 30 kids at the center's first-ever skateboard camp, which featured professional and top amateur skaters as instructors. Now the youth center offers skateboard classes to Tyndall youngsters, and there are nearly a dozen "regulars" along with many others who are learning to skate in a safe environment

According to Mr. Mason there has been a 30 percent increase in participation in

youth center programs during the last two years.

"It shows that the programs we're running are good programs – that they are programs that the kids and their parents want," he said.

The youth center also plans to expand its sports programs to include its After School program, and is beginning a program that will provide physical fitness classes for home-schooled students.

"There are at least 600 kids here in Bay County that are home-schooled," Mr. Mason explained. "By starting up this program, we're going to give these kids a chance to play sports that they might otherwise have never had."

For more information on the Tyndall Youth Center call 283-4366.

Distractions can become crash course for inattentive motorists

According to the National Highway Transportation Administration, over the past five years an estimated 7.2 million drivers have been involved in a crash while distracted. When ever motorists' attention is not on the road, they're putting themselves, their passengers, other vehicles, and pedestrians in danger.

Longer commutes, an increase in heavy traffic and bottlenecks, the availability of in-vehicle technology, and a blur between work and personal time are all factors that result in driver distraction. More time on the road results in less time at home or the office causing drivers to feel the pressure to multi-task just to keep up with their responsibilities. Distracted driving occurs when drivers undertake additional activities that can divert physical and mental attention from the task of driving. Distracting activities may include talking with passengers, eating, drinking, using a phone, attending to children, shaving, putting on makeup or adjusting the radio.

While many may think cellular telephone use while

driving is the most common distractor that leads to accidents, ironically, it is the low-tech distractions such as talking, eating, drinking or adjusting the vehicles radio or climate control system that cause most of these types of traffic accidents. According to a recent study by the Network of Employers for

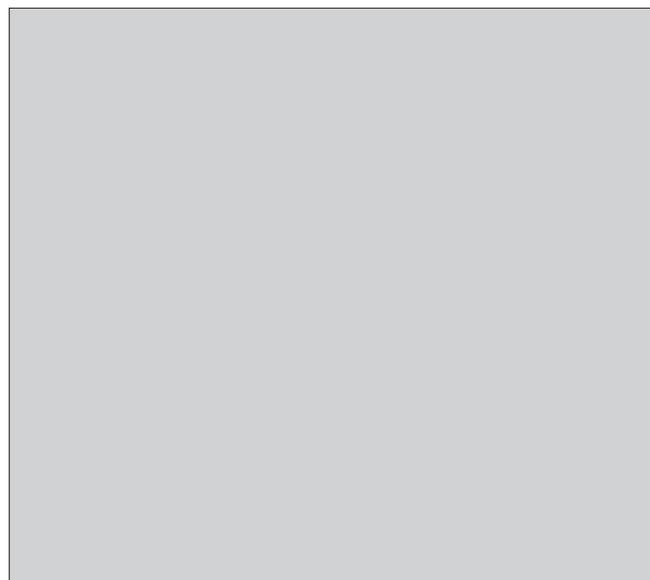
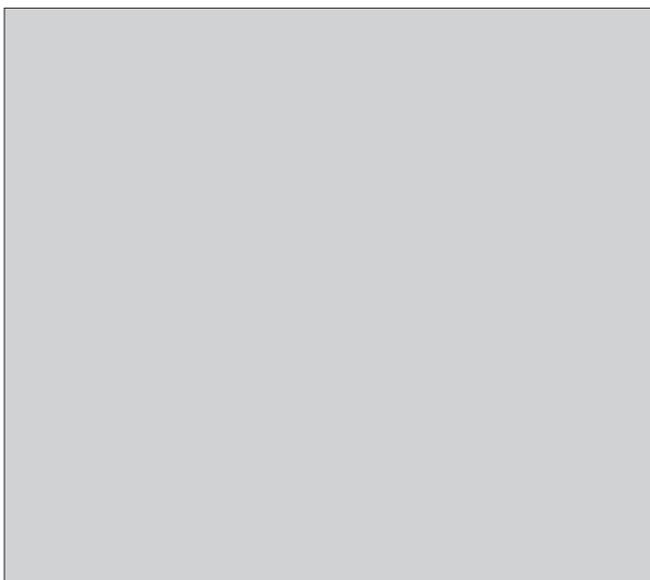
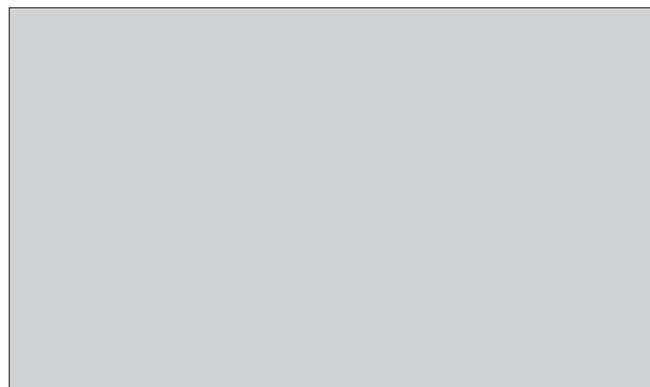
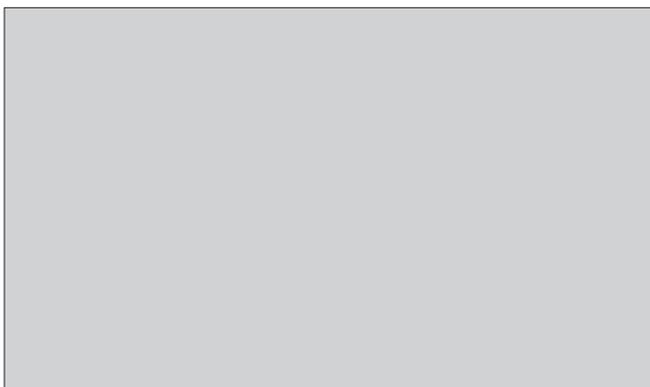
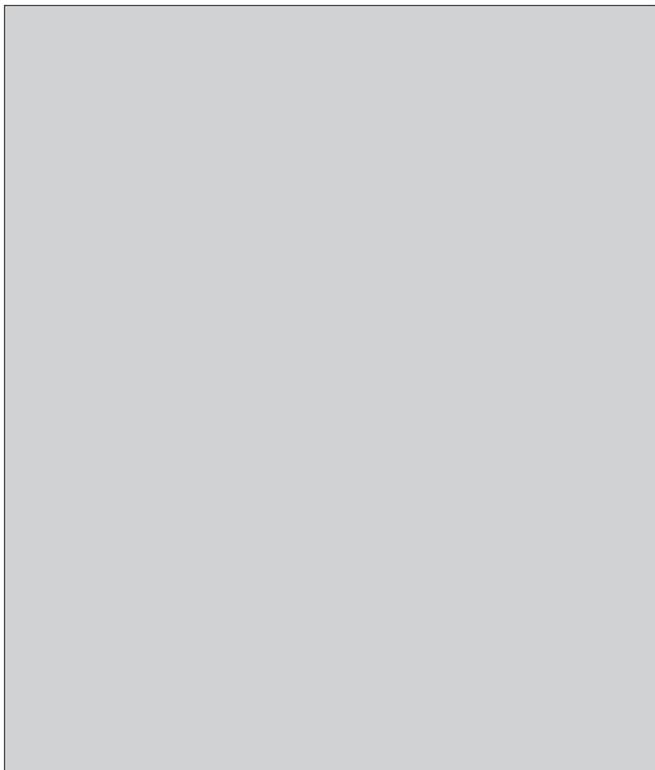
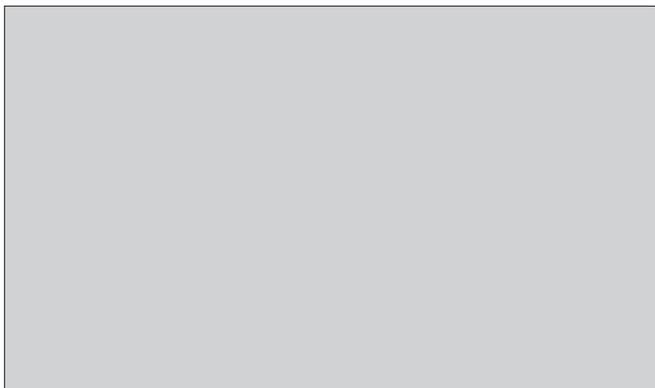
Traffic Safety two distractions cited most frequently are spilling hot coffee on one's self and dropping objects on the floor.

Other contributors cited by the study include focusing on the vehicle's radio or climate control system.

Additionally, the study mentions commuters who regularly read the newspaper, shave, or apply make-up while driving and cites the fact that they are operating a motor vehicle at the same time doesn't seem to concern them.

Motorists are encouraged to remind themselves whenever they get behind the wheel to ensure their attention is focused where it needs to be – on the road ahead. Avoid the temptation of eating a burger, applying lipstick, talking on the phone or getting lost in the music.

(Courtesy of 325th Fighter Wing Safety)





Jim Bellesach

Ivan's wrath

The remains of a boat slip at the Beacon Beach Marina is just one of the telltale signs of Hurricane Ivan's presence. Although various Tyndall structures were damaged, such as the boardwalk leading to the NCO Beach, the marina took the brunt of the storm with an estimated \$1 million in damage. Overall, damage to Tyndall is estimated at about \$2.5 million.

Briefs

POW/MIA Day schedule

Due to Hurricane Ivan, Tyndall will celebrate POW/MIA Day today. The scheduled events is as follows:

- The 24-hour Vigil Run began 4 p.m. Thursday and ends 4 p.m. today.
- Luncheon at 11 a.m. at the Enlisted Club
- POW/MIA memorial 3:15 p.m. at Chapel 1
- Retreat, performed by the Tyndall Honor Guard, 4 p.m. at Flag Park followed by F-15 flyby at 4:25 p.m.

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 is holding an end-of-summer sale through Sept. 30. During this time, certain donated items will be marked half-off. The shop will start consigning winter clothes Oct. 6. For more information, call 268-5888 Wednesday-Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The shop is open 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

The Thrift Shop is in need of pant hangers. People who have hangars "hanging

around" can bring them by 743 Suwannee Dr. across from the post office.

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 scheduled 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. 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.

Classifieds

Editorial assistant needed

Part-time editorial assistant needed for weekly Gulf Defender newspaper serving Tyndall AFB. Duties include proofreading, editing, inputting copy submissions and performing mailouts of approximately 100 papers weekly. Needed for Wednesday afternoon, and Thursday and Friday morning hours. Applicants should possess strong spelling and grammar skills. Knowledge of Associated Press style a plus. Position is hired by the Panama City News Herald. To apply, contact 1st Lt. Al Bosco at 283-8597.

Garage Sales

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

Chapel Schedule

Catholic services held at Chapel 2:

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

Protestant services at Chapel 1:

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

Chapel news

• The Protestant Parish of Tyndall has fellowship each week at 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.



File photo

Teeing it up

Kyle Ritchie kicks the ball during the Tyndall Youth Center's annual Punt, Pass, and Kick contest last year. This year's contest will be held 3:30 p.m. today at the Youth Center. For more information, call 283-4366.



File photo

Nice rides

A car enthusiast checks out a vintage Chevrolet during the 2003 Tyndall Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show. The event attracted nearly 100 entries and many more attendees brought their rides just to display. This year's event will be Oct. 3 in the Bayview Housing Area along U.S. Highway 98. Registration is from 8-11 a.m., and judging begins at noon. For more information on this event, contact the Skills Development Center at 283-4511.

End of Summer party promises fun for Tyndall families

STEVE RIDDLE
325th Services Squadron publicist

For the second year in a row, the 325th Services Squadron is providing Tyndall people a fun-filled opportunity to say goodbye to summer.

The second annual End of Summer Celebration begins Saturday at 3 p.m. in the parking lot between the base pool and the Tyndall Enlisted Club. The event is free to the Tyndall population and will feature games and activities for children and adults as well as food, access to the base pool, a three-player volleyball tournament, a live band, a disc jockey and a dance presentation by the Lanakila Polynesian Review from Orlando.

"We're holding this event to help bring the Tyndall community together one last time before the fall season arrives," explained Jean Cole, Tyndall Community Center director. "It's basically for the enjoyment of our folks who

work hard here on base."

At least three people will be able to enjoy some well-earned money following a 3-man single



File photo

A family participates in a sack race held during last year's End of Summer Party. Nearly 500 people attended the event, and officials expect even more this year.

elimination volleyball tournament, which begins at 3 p.m. There is a \$15 entry fee for each team

competing in the event, and fitness center personnel accept entries up to the start of the tournament. The entry fees will be di-

vided amongst the winning team. Other activities that will take place throughout the day in-

clude large inflatable water rides, including a 60-foot long slip-and-slide ride. Additionally, the base pool will be open for those who want to cool off, and cannonball and relay contests will begin at 4 p.m.

For those who participated in last year's event, the climbing wall will be back for tomorrow's party.

Also, local skateboard pro John Leathers will give a freestyle/flatland skateboard demonstration at 4:30 p.m., showing off some of the newest tricks as well as plenty of old-school favorites. A kite-flying demonstration will be in the field south of the volleyball courts at 4:45 p.m..

At 5 p.m., the Community Center staff will hold the Loudest Hawaiian Shirt and the Conch Shell Blowing contest. Prizes for these will have a definite Southeast Pacific flavor – the winners receive tiki lava lamps, and runners-up get dashboard Hawaiian

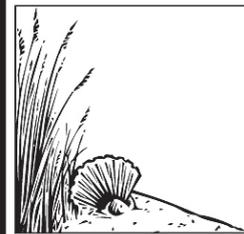
Dancing dolls.

When folks begin to get hungry, free hamburgers, hot dogs, sodas and bottled water will be on hand from 5-7 p.m.

As evening begins, the Conch Republic Band, a Panama City-based rock and beach music band, will perform on the main stage, and later in the evening the Lanakila Polynesian Review, a Southeast Pacific-style dance troop from Orlando will headline the event. The troupe features hula dancers as well as a Samoan Fire Knife Dance.

"It will be a good time to come and relax after the weeks of stress we've had from Hurricane Ivan," said Rudy Wallace, Tyndall Community Center director of programming. "Make sure you wear your aloha shirt, bring some lounge chairs, and just come on down and be entertained."

For more information, contact the Tyndall Community Center at 283-2495.



Funshine NEWS



September 24, 2004

www.325thservices.com



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!

283-4357

Enlisted Club

Dinner and A Movie

October 7, 7 p.m.
featuring:

I, Robot

Buffet style dinner: \$6.95

Member price: \$5.95

Children: \$3.95

Children age 7 and under eat free.

Events Schedule

Officers' Club

September 29: O' Club
Advisory Meeting
September 30: Warrior Welcome

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

End of Summer Celebration

September 25, 2004; 3-9 p.m.
at the Base Pool Parking Lot



Activities and Events Schedule

2:55 p.m.: National Anthem

3 p.m.: Volleyball Tournament (Register at Fitness Center)
3 on 3, \$15 entry fee per team, Cash Prizes Awarded

3-8 p.m.: Base Pool Activities & Inflatable Water Rides
Climbing Wall

3-8 p.m.: Kids Activities

3-9 p.m.: FREE Entertainment

3 p.m.: DJ

3:30 p.m.: Kamikaze Karaoke Contest

4:30 p.m.: John Leathers Freestyle/Flatland Skateboard Demo

4:45 p.m.: Kite Flying Demo

5-7 p.m.: FREE Food and Beverages

5 p.m.: Loudest Aloha Shirt & Conch Shell Blowing Contest

6 p.m.: Conch Republic Band - Beach & Rock Music

8 p.m.: Welcoming Comments & Lanakila Polynesian Review

9 p.m.: Event Ends

Shuttle Schedule

From Youth Center to Base Pool:

3:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m.

4:15 p.m. 7:15 p.m.

5:15 p.m. 7:45 p.m.

From Base Pool to Youth Center

9:15 p.m.

9:30 p.m.

9:45 p.m.

283-2495

Fitness Center

283-2631

Gym Floor Closed

Sept. 25-28 refinishing gym floor.

5K Race

Sept. 25 at 8 a.m. Free t-shirts for first 50 runners.

Youth Center

283-4366

Learn to Skate like a Pro

Sign up for Freestyle/Flatland Skateboarding open to ages 8 and up and learn basic to advanced tricks taught by former World Amateur Champion John Leathers. Classes run Oct. 2, 16, 30 and Nov. 13, 27 & Dec. 11 at 10 a.m. in the Youth Center Gym. Cost is \$30 per session or \$100 for 4 sessions. Call for details



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

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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



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Tech. Sgt. Patrick Casey, 325th AMXS

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Tech. Sgt. Jason Elftmann, AFCESA

Staff Sgt. Michael Freeze, SEADS

Staff Sgt. Charles Fuller, SEADS

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