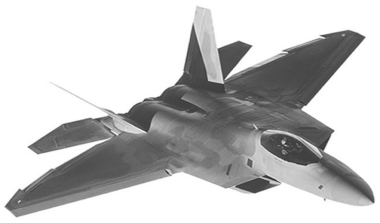

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In Brief

CAC mandatory

As of Thursday, Tyndall Airmen are required to use their common access cards to log on to their computers. During this transition period, users will still be able to log on using their password. To have your access codes reset, contact the Military Personnel Flight in Bldg. 662 or the Network Control Center Conference Room, Bldg. 748.

ACS Changes command

Lt. Col. Theodore Davis assumes command of the 325th Air Control Squadron at 9 a.m. Friday in Hangar 1 from Lt. Col. Dennis McDevitt.

MOS changes command

The 325th Maintenance Operations Squadron change of command ceremony is 9 a.m. June 15 in Hangar 3. Maj. Eric North will relinquish command to Maj. Ronald MacAfee. Reception to follow in the MOS conference room, Bldg. 542.

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Lisa Norman

Farewell, sir!

Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton will relinquish command of the 325th Fighter Wing to Brig. Gen. (select) Tod Wolters in a change of command ceremony at 9:30 a.m. today in Hangar 2. All Tyndall Airmen are invited to attend. Buses will pick up Airmen at 8 a.m. from Buildings 662 (Headquarters), 1281 (Air Control Squadron), 1465 (Hospital) and 1550 (Enlisted Club). See pages 10-11 for a pictorial recap of the general's tenure at Tyndall.

Tyndall cops enforce hands-free devices on base

2nd Lt. Will Powell
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

The new Department of Defense policy, requiring hands-free devices for cellular phones while operating motor vehicles on military installations, became effective April 27 at all Air Education and Training Command bases and is now being enforced at Tyndall Air Force Base after a 60-day reprieve.

Military servicemembers, dependents, DOD-affiliated civilians and contractors driving on the base may receive a ticket if pulled over for this offense. The new policy applies to both Tyndall AFB proper and U.S. Highway 98 between the Dupont Bridge and Mexico Beach.

Non-DoD affiliated civilians transiting U.S. Highway 98 will not be ticketed specifically for this offense because only Florida state law is enforced for non-DoD affiliated personnel using the U.S. Highway 98 right-of-way. Presently, the state of Florida does not have a law requiring the use of hands-free devices for cellular phones while operating motor vehicles. However, all personnel are encouraged to use hands-free devices with cellular phones while driving. Non-DoD affiliated civilians are subject to ticketing and possible fines for other traffic code violations by base security forces.

Vehicle operators without a hands-free device are asked to park the vehicle before using the phone or delay the phone call until a later time.

"The military puts 'safety first in everything we do' this policy supports that. This may be an inconvenience for some, but we are committed to promoting a safe environment for Tyndall's Airmen and our guests," said Col. Marc Luiken, 325th Mission Support Group commander.

Staff Sgt. Stacey Haga

Lunchtime laps ...

Second Lt. Colin Cavanaugh, 325th Air Control Squadron Air Battle Manager student, gets in a few laps during his lunch break at the base pool. The pool has lap swim 11 to 11:30 a.m. on Monday and 6 to 8 a.m. and 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday-Friday.

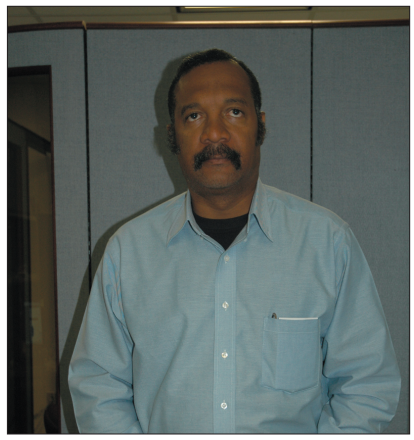
Identify this ...

Can you identify this object? If so, send an e-mail to *editor@tyndall.af.mil* with "Identify This" in the subject line. Three correct entries will be chosen at random and drawn from a hat to select the final winner. The prize can be claimed at the Public Affairs office.

ON THE **STREET**

325th Comptroller Squadron

How do you get prepared for hurricane season?



"I have a generator, three medical kits, extra food and water."

Mike Flawn
Accounting Technician

"I have what I call a 'bug out' bag with a medical kit, three changes of clothes and things of that nature."

Staff Sgt. Bradley Newsome
Accounting Liaison Technician

"I have an evacuation plan that involves spending time with my family."

Senior Airman Anetta Nichols
Customer Service Technician

"I'm using the Family Support Center's Hurricane Guide with my family so we can be prepared."

Tech. Sgt. Abel Luna
NCOIC Finance Customer Service

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Commander bids farewell to the Checkertail Clan

BRIG. GEN. JACK EGGINTON
325th Fighter Wing commander

It has been honor to serve along side you, the Airmen of the 325th Fighter Wing.

The Checkertail Clan has a long and proud history, and you have all upheld this honorable heritage with your professionalism and dedication. You have made my job easy.

During our time together, we have garnered an 'Excellent' Operational Readiness Inspection rating, weathered more hurricanes than I wish to count, won numerous awards and trained the best of America's Airmen to win wars.

Together we have generated more than 28,000 sorties and 36,000 flying hours, and graduated more than 1,000 pilots, air battle managers, air traffic controllers and intelligence officers for the combat Air Force over the past two years.

Operations

In addition to making warfighters, we have made history with the beddown of the 43rd Fighter Squadron and by meeting the initial operations capability for the F-22A program by training Langley pilots in record time. The 2nd Fighter Squadron shattered all Eagle squadron records by racking up 130,000 flying hours without a Class A mishap.

Maintenance

The F-15s are old, and I am simply grateful to the outstanding maintainers who keep them flying. The maintainers on this base are second to none at all of our maintenance squadrons and defense contractors who make our mission happen. We ask a great deal of these men and women, and they bring us home safe every day.

> "Rest proud, in the fact, that the Checkertail Clan has Trained America's Air Dominance Force and produced warriors who will stand side-by-side with us in defense of this land and our loved ones."
>
> BRIG. GEN. JACK EGGINTON
> 325th Fighter Wing commander

Medical

Our medics are amazing people. They train hard, and they deploy to tough places where they have to see a very ugly side to the war. It takes a special kind of person to bring comfort to those in need, and our medical team is comprised of competent and caring individuals. Your service is appreciated more than you can realize by our active-duty, retirees, dependents and those in harms way.

Support

The support side of the house, from communications to the cops to our civil engineers to services, is simply the best. The operations side is nothing without you. We cannot fly planes and train the best without the great support you provide.

This blend of operations and support go hand-in-hand. I appreciate the hard work and effort made by all to support the mission of Tyndall.

Hurricanes

I was touched by the way our Airmen jumped into action to assist in the wake of Hurricane Katrina by supporting victims on the ground and through volunteer programs. Your quick reaction and selflessness was absolutely incredible and has proven to be the Tyndall norm.

Community

The community has welcomed me and my family with open arms. Our local leaders provide unsurpassed support the base and our Airmen. We should never forget that support; we are very lucky to live in such a pro-military community.

Tenants

To the wonderful tenants units on Tyndall, it has been a pleasure to support your mission and vice versa. The relationships we enjoy with General Mayes, Air Forces Northern Command, and all of our many tenant units is strong. They each do critical missions in support of the War on Terror, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Nobel Eagle. I cannot thank you enough for your support.

The Air Force is undergoing significant changes and soon may not look like the service we joined. I ask you each to stand up to this challenge and to be the best Airmen you can be. Some will be asked to leave, some will be asked to do more at home and some will be asked to deploy more often. You will each have to look at your personal and professional goals and determine what is right for both you and our nation. The bottom line is that you joined to defend and serve this great nation, and I am honored to have served as your commander.

Rest proud, in the fact, that the Checkertail Clan has Trained America's Air Dominance Force and produced warriors who will stand side-by-side with us in defense of this land and our loved ones. May God bless you and may God bless America. Farewell my friends.

Action Line

Call 283-2255

BRIG. GEN. JACK EGGINTON
325th Fighter Wing commander

The Action Line is your direct line to me. It is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a response.

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

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

Below are more phone numbers that help you in resolving any issues with a base agency.

Commissary	283-4825
Pass and I.D.	283-4191
Medical and Dental	283-7515
MEO	283-2739
MPF	283-2276
SFS Desk Sgt.	283-2254
Services	283-2501
Legal	283-4681
Housing	283-2036
CDC	283-4747
Wing Safety	283-4231
Area Defense Counsel	283-2911
Finance	283-4117
Civil Engineer	283-4949
Civilian Personnel	283-3203
Base Information	283-1113

Thank you for helping me improve Tyndall and I look forward to hearing from you.

Services is ready

Flight wins Eubank trophy

Master Sgt. Mary McHale
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Air Force officials recognized the 325th Services Squadron's readiness flight with a Maj. Gen. Eugene L. Eubank trophy.

The trophy recognizes excellence and units that demonstrate the best leadership, management, customer focus and operational results.

"It is humbling to be selected over all the other applicants," said Master Sgt. Bryon Nelson, readiness and mortuary affairs superintendent, crediting the award to teamwork and a base-community wide effort, from flight-level to wing leadership.

The flight provides combat support services and is also responsible for base mortuary affairs, search and recovery operations and also the base honor guard program.

"We manage over 35 programs to include ancillary and Services combat warrior training," said Sergeant Nelson.

The Air Force-level Eubank team of evaluators visited the base April 3-5 during which one evaluator specifically mentioned how impressed he was with the readiness flight.

> "The head inspector said it was the best readiness program he has seen in his entire career."
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> **Master Sgt. Bryon Nelson**
> Readiness and mortuary affairs superintendent

"The head inspector said it was the best readiness program he has seen in his entire career," Sergeant Nelson said.

Preparations for the evaluation included reviewing checklists and operating instructions and putting together a comprehensive presentation.

"We showed them how we execute our mission from cradle to grave," Sergeant Nelson said. "It is satisfying to be recognized at this level but without the hard work, support and dedication of the flight members assigned and the base community, this would never have happened."

CC declares 'Year of the Dorm'

Senior Airman Sarah McDowell

Airman 1st Class Travan McGhee, 325th Air Control Squadron technician, plays ping-pong with Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, 325th Fighter Wing commander Tuesday.

This past January, Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton declared 2006 as the "Year of the Dorm."

Since that time, through dormitory council meetings and Quality Improvement Council meetings, a solid agenda has been developed to improve dorm life in meaningful, sustainable ways for unaccompanied Airmen assigned to Tyndall Air Force Base.

"Our Airmen are the most valuable assets that we have; we deploy them to austere locations and ask them to carry the heavy loads at home while their fellow Airmen go forward," said Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, 325th Fighter Wing commander. "Their responsibilities are great, and it is vital that we ensure that these young professionals have safe, healthy and comfortable areas to live and play."

The general assigned Chief Master Sergeant Craig Deatherage, 325th Fighter Wing command chief master sergeant, to solicit ideas and develop short- and long-range plans for improvement.

"Most of the improvements we plan are going to take time, but there has been significant progress in the past few months," the Chief said. Lots of credit goes to the Tyndall Housing Office and the support group for advance planning. The first, and most important move was that we hired a new civilian dorm manager, George Beckford, and a new military dorm manager, Staff Sgt. Joshua Alexander. These two hires bring the office to 75 percent strength."

The second major step was a move by Col. Marc Luiken, 325th Support Group commander, to convene Quality Improvement Council meetings on a quarterly cycle rather than the semi-annual meetings, of the past.

"This change makes the planning process more responsive to the budget cycle and keeps more visibility on occupancy rates and on-going projects," said Deatherage.

Chief Deatherage added, "Planning is essential, but visible change is what captures an Airman's attention. Thanks to Alan Tremaine at the lodging office, we took possession of approximately 150 medium-sized refrigerators that lodging had declared excess in the month of May. Tech. Sgt. Richard Clark took quick action and those refrigerators have been installed in Airmen's rooms already. Next up, we will deliver new vacuums and ping-pong tables to several dorms."

Maintaining facilities is essential to quality of life, and that's the next phase, according to Chief Deatherage.

"We plan to renovate an existing outdoor screened structure to allow for picnics and other gatherings for our Airmen. This will be a self-help project to keep Airmen involved in improving their own living spaces."

The project list for the dorms is extensive, but highest on the list are installation of new carpet in several dorms, installation of wireless internet areas in the day rooms, a security surveillance system to cut down on instances of vandalism in common areas, and acquisition of

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laundry folding tables for the laundry rooms.

"Involvement is key to success in this program," said the chief. "Airmen need to know their voices are being heard and that we are working hard to answer their needs. General Egginton has been a tremendous supporter of this vital quality-of-life initiative. I hope to be able to look back on the 'Year of the Dorm' with a sense of pride and satisfaction, knowing that we made good things happen for the Airmen of Team Tyndall," he continued. *(Courtesy 325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)*

Air Force reconsiders retention for 192 lieutenants

WASHINGTON (AFPN) -- The Air Force recently notified 844 lieutenants that they would not be retained as a result of the April 2006 Force Shaping Board.

An anomaly with some records during the board process means 192 of the lieutenants not selected for retention will have their records reconsidered by a special board scheduled to convene June 26.

"Some of the records were missing a required training report from initial skills training," said Maj. Gen. Glenn Spears, director of force management policy, deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel, Headquarters U.S. Air Force.

The lieutenants have until June 19 to decide if they want to be reconsidered for retention by the special board or accept the results of the April board.

The Air Force will personally notify each of the 192 lieutenants who will meet the special board.

No officers retained by the April 2006 Force Shaping Board will be affected by the June special board.

The special board results are scheduled to be announced July 19. Until then, separation processing will continue.

Birds of a feather:
Raptors find new nest in Alaska

CAPT. ELIZABETH KREFT
1st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska - After flying more than 3,200 miles over land, ocean, mountains and glaciers, six F-22A Raptors arrived here May 23 from Langley Air Force Base, Va.

Though it isn't the first time the Raptors have flown over snow-capped mountains, it is the first time they have flown outside of the continental United States.

"It feels great to be here," said Lt. Col. Wade Tolliver, 27th Fighter Squadron commander. "This is the longest continuous trip we've flown in this bird, so that gives us a great start to this entire visit."

The 27th FS, the first operational Raptor squadron, brought an additional six jets into town May 24 and 25, making it a dozen F-22As that will nest here for the next six weeks.

The 12 Raptors, 18 pilots, 174 maintainers -- as well as other Raptor support personnel -- will participate in Northern Edge, Alaskan Command's joint exercise June 5 to 16.

In Northern Edge, more than 5,000 U.S. active duty and reserve-component military members will work in a joint environment to enhance their ability to rapidly respond to a regional contingency.

"We are excited to bring the Raptor into the mix here. It is extremely important to test the interoperability between emerging weapons systems and the current operational tools on the Air Force and joint level," Colonel Tolliver said.

Part of the interest here in the Raptor stems from the fact that this base will be the next operational location to house F-22As. These next few weeks of cooperation and education will be valuable for both the 3rd Wing and the 1st Fighter Wing.

"We know that we will be working closely together in the near future, so this is an excellent opportunity to get to know some of the people and processes that we will encounter as we bring F-22As to Alaska," said Col. Randy Roberts, 3rd Operations Group commander.

"Building solid working relationships before the start of this Raptor process will make everything about this transition easier for our Airmen," he said.

After participating in Northern Edge, the 27th FS will remain here through June. Colonel Tolliver said his squadron's goal is to get as much training in as possible.

"This will be another opportunity for our deployment team to test several layers of our supply chain and out-of-town operations," Colonel Tolliver said. "Bringing the F-22A here, away from our support structure at Langley, gives us the ability to prepare for future deployments that will take us even farther across the globe."

Courtesy photo

An F-22A Raptor lands at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, May 23. The Air Force selected Elmendorf as the home for the next operational F-22A squadron. The base will receive 36 Raptors, with the first jet expected in fall 2007.

'Tyndall Idol' kicks off tonight at E'Club

SENIOR AIRMAN SARAH MCDOWELL
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Tyndall members will have another chance to showcase their musical talent during the second season of "Tyndall Idol."

Running every Friday night at 6 p.m. from tonight until June 23, the Tyndall Enlisted Club will host the talent show, modeled after the popular television show, "American Idol." Any Air Force club member has a chance to showcase their singing talent. More than $3,100 in prizes are being offered for the winners.

"We are going to have four weeks of performances," said Jerry LaFrance, 325th Services Squadron business operations flight chief. "The first week will be the performer's choice; they can pick any genre and any song. The second week will be country, the third week will be Motown and the last week they can pick again."

The competition will be held in The Zone bar in the Enlisted Club.

"It is going to be a really relaxed and fun atmosphere," said Susan Pummill, 325th SVS business operations flight program director. "Everyone is invited to watch and support, and the winners will be picked upon crowd response."

ALS instructor's clever wit engages students

STAFF SGT. STACEY HAGA
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Staff Sgt. Antionette Jackson

Tech Sgt. Elizabeth Carty awaits an answer from her student to a class discussion question. Sergeant Carty is known by her students for using a pointer stick during class discussion to keep her participants focused.

Albert Einstein once said "teaching should be such that what is offered is perceived as a valuable gift, not as a hard duty."

Perhaps, many of Tech. Sgt. Elizabeth Carty's Airman Leadership School students would agree her teaching is similar to Mr. Einstein's philosophy.

An instructor who has the ability to turn long hours of difficult material into a fun and valuable learning experience is a unique instructor.

From her inquisitive approach to get her "peeps" involved in classroom discussion, to her infamous pointer stick, Sergeant Carty's teaching style engages her students in an open atmosphere where opinions are expressed and valued, and future noncommissioned officers are made.

"You can tell she really enjoys being an instructor. She is very enthusiastic about her job," said Staff Sgt. Richard Benkovics, 325th MDG Preventive Health Assessment NCO in-charge, who was a former student of Sergeant Carty and an ALS distinguished graduate.

"I always wanted to be a teacher, it's fun to interact with students," said Sergeant Carty.

For the past four years, she has interacted with 32 classes, teaching them the role of the NCO through her unique and often entertaining ways.

"She has a fun, sarcastic attitude the students enjoy because it breaks up the monotony of a classroom environment," Sergeant Benkovics said. "We could be ourselves and voice our opinions about topics during our guided discussions. She helped us comprehend the material and most of all made sure we had fun doing it."

"I thought Sergeant Carty was an excellent instructor. Her method of teaching kept me on my toes at all times," said Staff Sgt. Stephen McCool, AFCESA electrical power production journeyman, "She presents herself in class as a stern but funny instructor. Her repetition of the class information helped me absorb everything I needed to know to graduate ALS and prepared me to become an NCO."

Sergeant McCool was a former student of Sergeant Carty's that received the Academic Achievement Award while at ALS.

Sergeant Carty developed a teaching style based on her personality to make the lessons interesting and require students to listen and participate in class, she said.

Sometimes, she asks students to summarize a lesson that was just taught to ensure they understood the material before moving on.

"I try to have plenty of student interaction and be energetic and enthusiastic in what I teach, because I know it will influence the students," said Sergeant Carty.

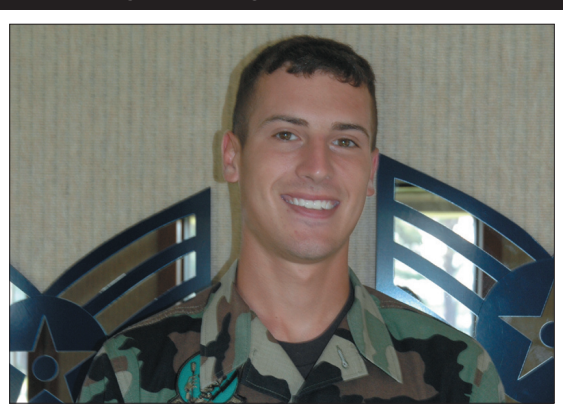
However, her goal has never been to just get her students through the eight hours of lecture each day with a fun game or two. Every example or project she has her students participate in serves the purpose of teaching them more about themselves and how to become an apt leader and mentor.

"I look at it as a privilege to have a troop to supervise," she said.

Sergeant Carty will be finishing her special-duty assignment as a professional-military-education instructor in August and return to her job as a videographer at Maxwell AFB, but leaves this advice with her students.

"Always care to do your best at everything you do, and be your best with your troop."

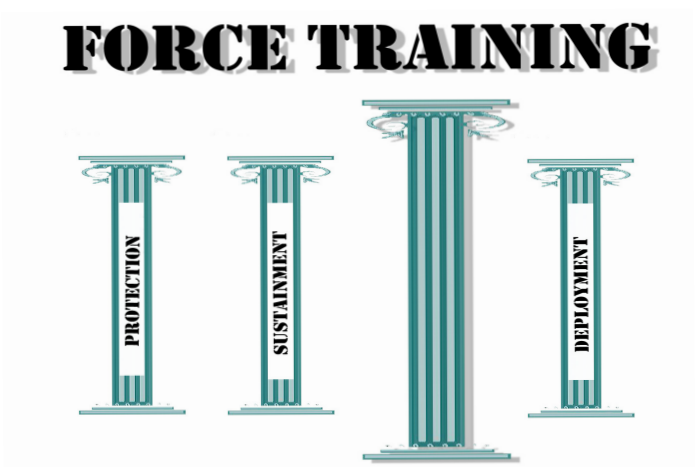
Training Spotlight



What trait do you think is important for an instructor to have?

"They should have an outgoing personality, so they can relate to the students easily."

SENIOR AIRMAN MARK SUEK
Current ALS student



Lisa Norman

Col. (Retired) Jack Egginton, the father of Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, 325th Fighter Wing commander, hoses his son down, with assistance from Chief Master Sgt. Craig Deatherage, 325th FW command chief, after the general's final flight at Tyndall. The commander relinquishes command to Brig. Gen. (Select) Tod Wolters today.

Gen. Egginton finishes Tyndall tenure

Lisa Norman

General Egginton looks through the site of a M-4 Carbine rifle during a field training exercise.

Lisa Norman

Three-year-old Mason Bolado receives a wing coin from Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, 325th Fighter Wing commander. Mason is the son of Airman 1st Class Matthew Bolado, a 325th Aero-medical-Dental Squadron aerospace physiology technician who was awarded the Airman's Medal during a ceremony held here Jan. 5, 2005. Airman Bolado received the medal for his role in the rescue of three potential drowning victims at one of Tyndall's beaches.

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Steve Wallace

General Egginton presents Bobby Richardson, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron fire chief to the crowd during a costume contest at the 325th Fighter Wing "Wing Swing."

Senior Airman Sarah McDowell

Students from the fifth-grade class at Tyndall Elementary meet with the general in his conference room. The class was invited to see where the general works each day and participate in a video teleconference.

Lisa Norman

A child presents the general with a pin that represents child abuse prevention.

Lisa Norman

Briefs

CES closure
The 325th Civil Engineer Squadron will be closed after 11 p.m. today for an official function. Any civil engineering emergencies should be reported to the CE service call number at 283-4949

TRICARE town-hall meeting
Tyndall's 325th Medical Group TRICARE Operations office will host a city-wide TRICARE Town Hall Briefing, from 6 to 8 p.m. June 27 at the Bay Medical Center auditorium. Enter the auditorium through the Medical Office Building entrance which is located to the left of the pharmacy. This briefing is open to all TRICARE and TRICARE For Life beneficiaries who are interested in their health-care program. Skilled nursing vs. long term care will also be discussed. Parking is available at Bay Medical Center. Call 283-7331 for additional information.

New Commissary hours
Beginning Tuesday, the Commissary will be open from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesdays for a six-month trial period.

Bay County DAV
The Disabled American Veterans or DAV has a local chapter in Bay County. Chapter 17 meets monthly in Springfield at the Springfield Community building behind the Fire Department on Highway 22. Meetings are the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. Call 785-7707 or 215-0933 for more information.

TRICARE online registration
Tyndall's Family Practice is almost completely Web enabled with the Department of Defense's TRICARE Online Internet medical portal. Beneficiaries can register for TRICARE online at **www.tricareonline.com** or call TRICARE customer service at 1-800-600-9332.

OSC positions available
The Officers' Spouses' Club is looking for chairpeople for the upcoming year. No experience is necessary, just a great attitude and the desire to work with a team. For more information, contact LeAnne Daniel, **ed.daniel@comcast.com** or 230-0698.

Senior Airman Sarah McDowell

Wireless community
Airmen 1st Class T.J. Mclelland and Carl Mersman, Mission Ready Airman students at the 372nd Training Squadron/ Detachment 4, surf the Web at the Community Activities Center. The CAC provides a wireless router, so those with compatible laptops may use them free of charge at the CAC. For more information on services, call 283-2495.

Thrift Shop position available
The Thrift Shop manager position will be available by June. If you are interested in taking over this Tyndall Officers' Spouses' Club paid position, please contact the current manager, Donna Dickerson, at 286-5484.

Thrift Shop hours
Consignments are 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays–Thursdays. The Thrift Shop is in Bldg. 743, across from the Post Office. Personnel with permanent change of station orders may consign 80 items, of which 40 may be in-season clothing. They can consign one time starting 60 days prior to departure to 60 days after arrival, by appointment. A copy of PCS orders is required. Call 286-5888.

AAFES rewards good grades
Qualifying students receive a coupon booklet that includes free admission to an AAFES Reel Time movie, a free magazine and a free slice of Anthony's pizza with drink, as well as other coupons. Each booklet also contains an entry form for a quarterly savings bond drawing in which three winners are randomly awarded savings bonds in $2,000, $3,000 or $5,000 denominations. To receive the booklet, students must present a valid military ID card and proof of an overall "B" or better average to their local PX/BX. Students may receive one "You Made the Grade" coupon package for every grade report they receive, but may enter the savings bond drawing only once per calendar quarter. For more information, call 286-5804.

Suspicious activity?
Report suspicious activities to the 325th Security Forces at 283-2254 or Air Force Office of Special Investigations at 283-3261.

Airman's Attic seeks donations
The Tyndall Airman's Attic is in need of small household items, infant boys clothing and children's toys. Items donated to the Airman's Attic are made available to E-5s and below at no charge. These items are essential to helping young members and families cope with the expenses of raising families and establishing households. For more information please contact Family Services at 283-4913, Monday - Friday between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Catholic services
Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m. Monday–Friday, Chapel Two
Reconciliation, before Saturday-Mass or by appointment
Saturday Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel Two
Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m., Chapel Two
Religious Education, 11 a.m., Bldg. 1476

Protestant services
Traditional worship service, 9:30 a.m., Chapel One
Contemporary worship service, 11 a.m., Chapel Two
Wednesday Fellowship, 5 p.m., Chapel Two

(For more information on other services in the local area, call the Chaplain's office at 283-2925.)

Photo contest offers big-dollar rewards

DALLAS - It has been said that a picture is worth a thousand words and now, competing in a photo contest can make it worth $1,000.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) is sponsoring the Patriot POG Gift Certificate Photo Contest June 1 through July 31.

Submission to the contest should depict the essence of activities in Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, or highlight activities in support of deployed troops, such as scenes of service members returning home.

Twelve winning photos will ultimately appear on 5-, 10- and 25-cent POGs which are flat, disc-like gift certificates used in place of traditional currency at contingency exchanges. Winners will also be awarded $1,000 gift card for first prize, $750 gift card for second prize, $500 gift card for third prize and a $50 dollar gift card for fourth prize.

"We're looking forward to viewing all of the entries," said AAFES Chief of Strategic Marketing Mark Polczynski. "We know the photos showing support of our troops will be just as dramatic and emotional as the photos being submitted from those deployed."

The Patriot POG Gift Certificate Photo Contest is only open to authorized Exchange customers and no purchase is necessary. Designs featured in previous POG series are available online at **AAFES.com.**

Contestants may submit digital images or mail in photos. Pictures taken with any kind of camera can win as long as the final product is great. E-mail photos to **aafespog@harperhouse.com,** include AAFES POG CONTEST in the subject line. All other entries can be mailed to:

Army & Air Force Exchange Service
Attn: MK-MS
(AAFES POG CONTEST)
3911 S. Walton Walker Blvd.
Dallas, TX 75236-1598

Each photo submitted must include the complete identification of the picture including location, date, action, and identity of people in the photo. All entries must also include an e-mail address, physical address and telephone number for winner notification.

Digital entries must be submitted in a JPEG file and images are not to exceed 4"x5" dimensions. They must be high resolution, 300 DPI, and the file size should not exceed 1.4MB.

Mailed submissions should not exceed 8 ½" x 11" in size.

Submissions must be received by August 15. Photo contest winners will be notified by August 31.

For a complete list of Patriot POG Gift Certificate Photo Contest rules and information, log on to **AAFES.com.** The POG Gift Certificates Program began October 2001 to support coinage needs in the Middle East.

The Gulf Defender is published for people like Airman 1st Class Skyler Deboer, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief

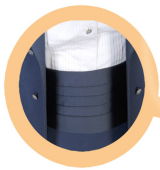
FOD preventer of the Month

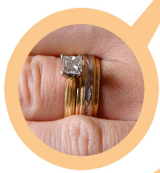
Staff Sgt. Stacey Haga

Tech. Sgt. Scott Jessen, 95th AMU engine lead, inspects the unified fuel control of a F-15 engine. Sergeant Jessen was named FOD Preventer of the Month for April for finding a lost tool. Congratulations Sergeant Jessen!

Immediately effective approved items from the 97th Air Force Uniform Board

Uniform Board Results





A Design and development of the Headquarters, U.S. Air Force identification (HAF) badge

B Wear of the blue nametag with the Air Force informal uniform - abbreviated rank and name on one line

C Standardized cummerbund wear

D Prohibit wear of scrunchy as hair accessory for women

E Hair pins and bands will match hair color and long hair will be secured with no loose ends

F Hair color/highlights/frosting will not be faddish and will be natural looking for human beings

G No flat top hairstyle or shaved head for women

H Synthetic hair can be worn as long as it meets safety and mission requirements

I Braids, micro-braids and cornrows are authorized for women

J Standardize wig/hairpiece wear - eliminates medical justification for men

K If due to a temporary medical condition resulting in baldness, commanders will authorize the approved American Cancer Society cap (black or tan), wigs or baldness in uniform

L Females will not wear shades of nail polish that distinctly contrast with their complexion, that detract from the uniform, or that are extreme. Nail polish will be limited to one color. French manicures are allowed. Nail length will not exceed one quarter inch from finger tip

M Wear of carry type purse with no more than two straps authorized with mess dress

N Reduce bracelet size to one half inch. Bracelets that support a cause, philosophy, individual or group are not authorized

O Rings will be worn at the base of the finger and will not be worn on the thumb. Wedding sets count as one ring

P Eyeglasses will not be worn around the neck; on top or back of head; or exposed/hanging on uniform

Q Earrings for women will be small spherical, conservative diamond, gold, white pearl, or silver with any uniform combination and worn as a set. If member has multiple holes only one set of earrings will be worn in the lower earlobe

R Optional wear of male flight cap for women

S Authorize optional epoxy blue name tag, worn on the blue shirt

T Authorize the wear of the fire fighter duty badge while an individual is assigned to 3E7X1 DAFSC position, including periods of PME attendance and staff tours above the group level

U Authorize the wear of the security forces duty badge and beret while an individual is assigned to a 3PXXX DAFSC position and possesses a 3PXXX PAFSC, including PME attendance and staff tours above the group level

V Discontinue award of the Air Force Good Conduct Medal. May continue to wear those previously earned and a matter or record

W PT uniform-mandatory wear date set as 1 October 2006 and 1 October 2005 in the AOR. Specific wear instructions released on message dated 17 November 2005

X Cell phones, pagers and personal digital assistant must be solid or covered in black, silver, dark blue or gray and must be conservative. May be clipped to the left side of waist band or purse or carried in left hand. Only one may be worn on the uniform belt. Members will not walk in uniform while using cell phones, radios, hands-free headsets unless required in the performance of official duties using a government issued device

Y Authorize the permanent wear of the scuba badge on the BDU

For updates and more information on the results from the 97th Air Force Uniform Board please go to www.af.mil

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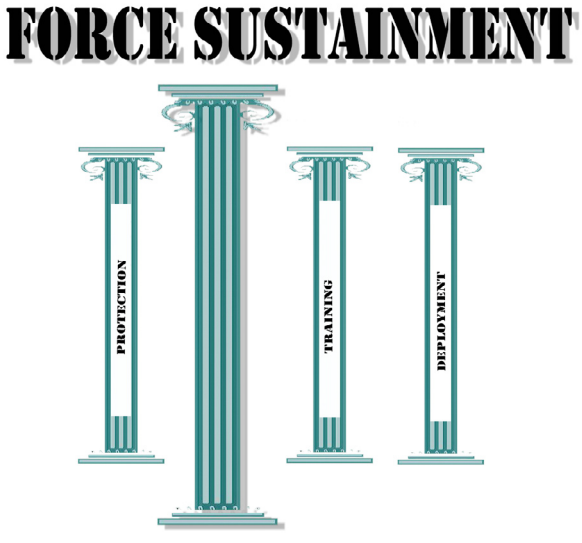
Tyndall celebrates safety with day of events

Photos by Lisa Norman

A member from the 325th Medical Group Squadron competes in the 'Bucket Brigade,' which was a part of the Firefighter Challenge.



The 325th Comptroller Squadron and the 325th Contracting Squadron compete during the 'Fire-Dawg Duel.' The object of this competition is to get the keg to the opposite side. The 325th CONS squadron won.

The 325th Security Forces Squadron lead motorcyclists to Heritage Park as a reminder of motorcycle safety during the day's events.

Lt. Col. Craig Hall, 325th Maintenance deputy commander and Lt. Col. Curt Van De Walle, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, both on the Eagle team, run to tag a member of the Chiefs team, who made it to third base during the Chiefs and Eagles game at Safety Day. The Eagles won the game.

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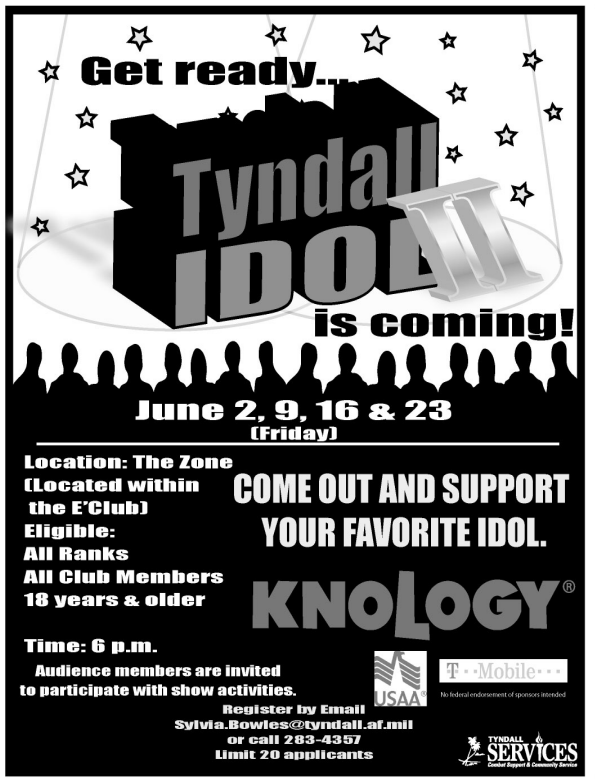

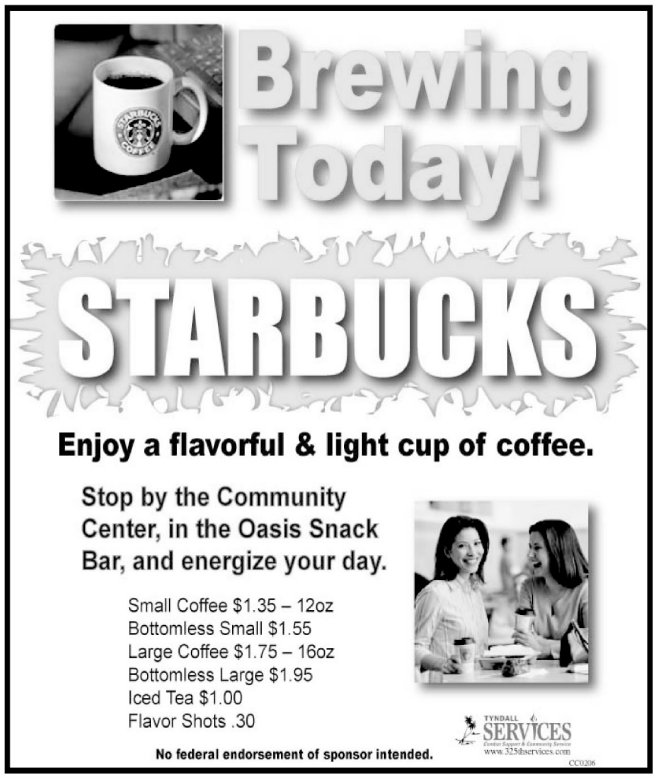

Attention Team Tyndall: Place a *free* classified ad in the Gulf Defender

Military classified ads are placed in the Gulf Defender on a space available basis. Ads must be for a one-time sale of personal goods and should include a complete description, 30 words or less, of item being sold. Forms must be turned in by 2 p.m. Thursday for publication in the following Friday's Gulf Defender. Completed forms can be dropped off or mailed to the 325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office at 445 Suwannee Rd. Ste. 129, T yndall AFB, FL 32403, or faxed to 283-3225. Ads can also be sent in by e-mail to checkertailmarket@tyndall.af.mil.

Rank/Name _____

Unit/Office Symbol _____

Duty Phone _____

Home Phone _____

Item description (One ad per form)

(30 words or less)

We value your opinion!

Take a couple of minutes to give us your thoughts on how we can make the Gulf Defender better:

Did the front page grab your attention? Yes ☐ No ☐

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What did you find most interesting in this week's paper? _____

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Comments:

AAFES reminds customers how much privacy matters

Widespread reports concerning identity theft have prompted many past and present military members to reevaluate the security of their personal information.

As recent news reports have highlighted, data such as social security numbers, passwords and birthdates must be closely guarded in a digital world.

"Whether active duty or retired, it's very important to keep a close eye on your financial statements to make sure there aren't any unexpected charges or other inordinary activity," said the Army & Air Force Exchange Service's Chief Financial Officer Mike Howard. "With that said, unless suspicious activity has been found, there's really no reason to close credit cards or bank accounts."

With more than 1.4 million accounts, the military exchanges' proprietary Military STAR® credit card relies on a variety of safeguards to ensure its cardholders' privacy is secure.

Used worldwide at Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Cost Guard Exchanges, this all-services card has become a trusted tool for troops shopping in military exchanges from Baghdad to Ft. Bragg.

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"We restrict access to nonpublic personal information about our cardholders to those associates who have a need to know for the performance of their duties," said Howard. "We maintain strict physical, electronic and procedural safeguards to guard nonpublic personal information."

Considering many Military STAR® cardholders are or have been active participants in the Global War on Terrorism, the exchanges recognize that the sensitivity of military personnel's private information goes beyond the threat of a fraudulent purchase.

In the event that personal information is compromised, the Federal Trade Commission recommends the following actions should be immediately taken:

Step 1 - Contact the fraud department of one of the three major credit bureaus:

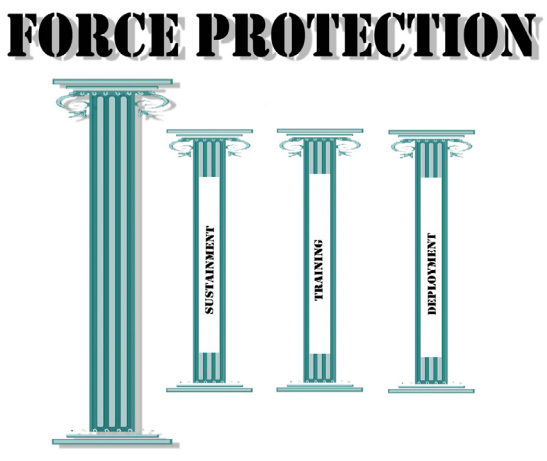
•Equifax: 1-800-525-6285; www.equifax.com; P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374-0241

•Experian: 1-888-EXPERIAN (397-3742); www.experian.com; P.O. Box 9532, Allen, TX 75013

•TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289; www.transunion.com; Fraud Victim Assistance Division, P.O. Box 6790, Fullerton, CA 92834-6790

Step 2 - Close any accounts that have been tampered with or opened fraudulently.

Step 3 - File a police report with your local police or the police in the community where the identity theft took place.

Step 4 - File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission by contacting the FTC's Identity Theft Hotline by telephone: 1-877-438-4338, online at www.consumer.gov/idtheft, or by mail at Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington DC 20580.

The Military STAR® Card is accepted at AAFES, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard Exchange activities, as well as the Exchange Catalog and the Exchange Online store at **www.aafes.com.**