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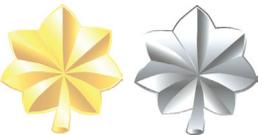
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Photo illustration by Lisa Norman

The *Gulf Defender* prepares for its final flight as a "pilot" of an F-15 Eagle to launch its stories into cyberspace.

## New year brings end to printed version of newspaper

**MAJ. SUSAN A. ROMANO**  
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

After six and a half decades gracing the hallways, vestibules, waiting rooms and break areas here, the *Gulf Defender* has completed its final press run and will no longer appear each Friday in newsstands on base.

This issue of the *Gulf Defender* is the last that will be printed as the Air Force transitions from newsprint to cyberspace.

Originally known as *Tyndall Target*, then *Jet Scope*, and finally the *Gulf Defender*, the base has produced a base publication to inform, educate, enlighten and often entertain readers about various issues that affect the base, its Airmen, their families and retirees.

Over the years, Tyndall has undergone significant changes to its mission, and the delivery of news is not immune to that change. From airframes to computers, technology has been the driving force behind how the Air Force conducts its operations and focuses its time, resources and manpower to adapt to burgeoning technology. With the invention of the World Wide Web and the ever-present 24-hour news cycle, coupled

with the constant demand for news and information, the Air Force is going to a Web-based information delivery system to provide Airmen with real-time information that can be instantaneously accessed. This will allow not only those at stateside bases to quickly access important information, but also deployed servicemembers and personnel on leave or TDY will have greater access to home-station news.

"Moving to online products allows the wing to be proactive by providing news as it happens, rather than waiting a week until the next base newspaper is published," said Brig. Gen. Tod Wolters, 325th Fighter Wing commander. "It gives us greater flexibility to inform the base populace on issues of most concern to our Airmen."

By using the Tyndall's homepage, ([www.tyndall.af.mil](http://www.tyndall.af.mil)) viewers can access current articles, commentaries, biographies, fact sheets, photos and videos that are useful as well as informative. Archived issues of the *Gulf Defender* are still available on the homepage, and visitors to the site will also be able to find a two-page "Web Defender" that will contain the weekly "Checkertail

Salute" recognition program as well as commentaries from Tyndall commanders and other informational mainstays our readers are accustomed to seeing each week.

Transitioning to the Internet is in line with Air Force Smart Operations-21, according to the Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs chief. "Now more than ever, the PA career field needs to leverage technology and focus on key audiences, rather than continuing what have become unsustainable legacy processes," said Brig. Gen. (sel.) Michelle Johnson, SAF Public Affairs. "Web-based content provides a number of benefits, including allowing PA shops to refocus the time spent on layout and design to more relevant and timely content. Material can be drafted, reviewed and posted the same day online vice the current average of four to nine days."

Units are encouraged to contact the wing Public Affairs office with story ideas and photo opportunities that can be posted to the Web. E-mail should be sent to [editor@tyndall.af.mil](mailto:editor@tyndall.af.mil), and calls can be directed to (850) 283-4500.

# ON THE STREET

What has been your favorite section of the *Gulf Defender*?



“The commentary section has always been my favorite section.”

**MASTER SGT. DAVID CLIFFORD**  
Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency



“I like the Pig Prog the most.”

**SENIOR AIRMAN SARAH SANTOSPAGO**  
325th Operations Support Squadron



“The commander’s column is what I read most of the time.”

**SCHERWIN WEBB**  
retiree



“I try to read anything to do with civilian personnel.”

**ISABELLA WARD**  
325th Mission Support Squadron



“I read the Man on the Street the most.”

**SENIOR AIRMAN MOYA MESSAM**  
325th Maintenance Operations Squadron



“My favorite section is the sports section.”

**STAFF SGT. RICHARD SCHANTZ**  
325th Maintenance Squadron



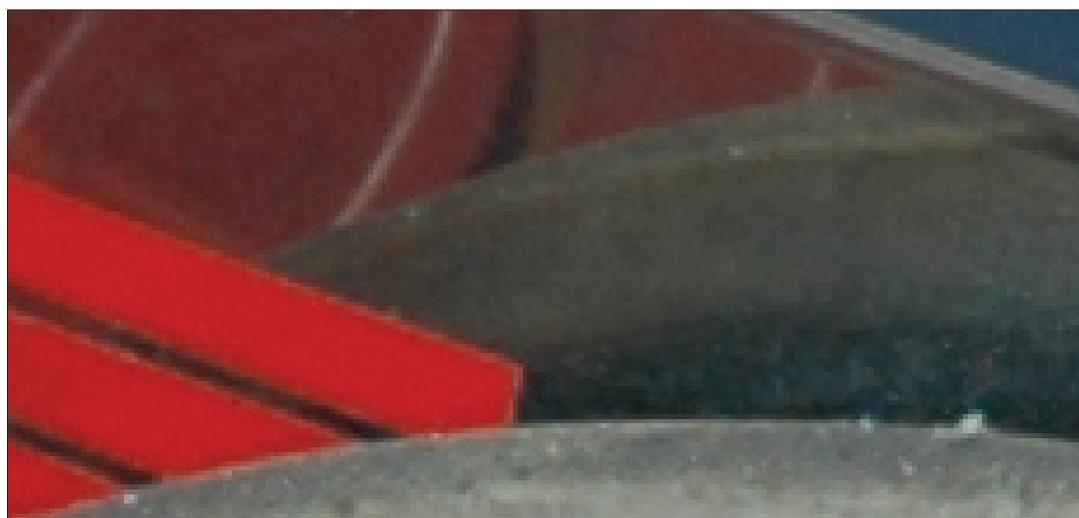
“I usually check out the major headlines for each section and the front page.”

**MASTER SGT. KAT MYGAN**  
53rd Weapons Evaluation Group



“My favorite part of the paper is reading about other Airmen’s likes, dislikes and interests.”

**STAFF SGT. MARK FORD**  
325th Air Control Squadron



## Identify this ...

Can you identify this object? If so, send an e-mail to [editor@tyndall.af.mil](mailto: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 determine the final winner. The prize can be claimed at the Public Affairs office. “Identify this” will continue online at [www.tyndall.af.mil](http://www.tyndall.af.mil).

Staff Sgt. Anthony Yon, 2nd Aircraft Maintenance Unit correctly guessed the Dec. 22 “Identify This” as a USB port connector. Congratulations Sergeant Yon, come claim your prize!

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# Change, progress: two difficult words to accept, embrace

MAJ. SUSAN A. ROMANO  
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

As I was contemplating the final 'hard copy' commentary for our beloved *Gulf Defender*, I was doing some research on the Internet about change and progress. I read some pretty poignant and pithy quotes, such as:

"Change does not necessarily assure progress, but progress implacably requires change."

"Change passes through three stages. First it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as being self-evident."

But probably my most favorite is, "Change is hard because people overestimate the value of what they have, and underestimate the value of what they may gain by giving that up."

Why am I focusing so much on change and progress? Well, as you read through this issue of the *Gulf Defender*, you will see that we are about to close a long-standing

chapter of our military history and heritage. As part of Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century, Air Force Public Affairs is facing manpower reductions of more than 30 percent, and an overwhelming majority of manhours are devoted weekly to layout, design, editing and producing the base newspaper. This doesn't include the interview process and staffing an article, which can be an extremely involved process for just one article, let alone several each week.

So the Air Force, after conducting readership surveys, panel discussions and gathering information from the 'field' PA offices, decided to focus its delivery of the news to the World Wide Web. According to survey data, more Airmen get their news from the Internet than any other source, while base newspaper readership among the junior enlisted corps was at an all-time low of just seven percent.

To some, a base without a newspaper

just doesn't sound right. Believe me, I had significant reservations about 'doing away' with the *Gulf Defender*. It's something I looked forward to every Friday morning. As a Public Affairs officer, I've invested an enormous amount of blood, sweat and tears into each and every issue. The newspaper had its own share of challenges on so many different levels, but overall, it gave me a huge sense of satisfaction and accomplishment each week.

But I refer you back to the quotes above about change. Over the years, the word 'change' has a bad reputation in our society; however, change is necessary in life. It keeps us moving, it keeps us growing and

it keeps us interested.

Moving to disseminating information via the Web is the next logical step for improving communications throughout the Air Force. I encourage you to visit [www.tyndall.af.mil](http://www.tyndall.af.mil) on a daily basis to stay engaged on wing happenings. We will continue to produce news stories and feature articles, plus post as much pertinent bulletins and announcements that affect the wing, and in a much more efficient and timely fashion.

It's the wave of the technological future and the direction of our Air Force vision. More aptly, it's *progress*.

Farewell, *Gulf Defender*. Thanks for the memories.

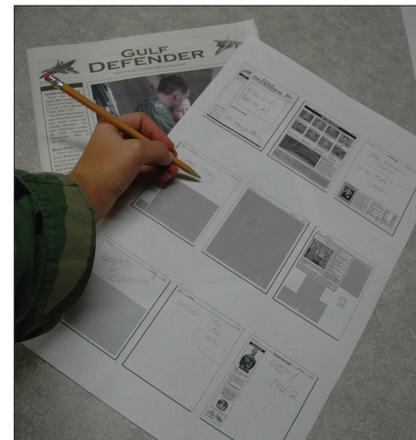


Photo Illustration by Staff Sgt. Stacey Haga

## 'Well spoken' resolution more than eloquent words

LT. COL. PETER FORD  
2nd Fighter Squadron

If you haven't chosen a resolution for 2007, let me suggest one.

Be well spoken.

This provides you two goals with one resolution and benefits you, our Air Force and nation. Webster's dictionary defines well spoken as speaking well, fitly or courteously. For resolution purposes, Webster's only defines one aspect of being well spoken. The second aspect of this resolution is speaking "well" of others or avoiding unconstructive words that detract from the mission.

Accomplishing the first piece of this resolution will require you to know your stuff well enough to speak competently about your job, unit mission, base impact and some larger Air Force goals. For most of us, this is a full-time job. It demands deep-grooved knowledge of unit standards, regulations and Air Force directives.

In our Air Force, most of us labor in technically-demanding jobs where safety dictates we keep our standards high to avoid devastating results. And even if you don't work directly around aircraft, weapons or deadly materials our leaner, more efficient work force demands decisive effectiveness. As an Air Force, we carry out our mission well and scour written standards, regulations and instructions to make this happen.

Yet, there are countless other directives that

demand our attention if we are going to speak well on bigger issues. Senior leaders at local base levels persistently advocate the larger picture – unit-to-unit affairs, wing-to-community relations and wing-to-environment associations to name just a few. Getting their perspective is invaluable as we place our daily operations in proper perspective.

Being well spoken on these issues is extremely beneficial. It lets us prioritize our unit's schedule and mission accomplishment with greater effectiveness. Additionally, armed with this perspective we can carry the proper viewpoint to the local community as we interact across innumerable circles daily. Our society benefits notably as we become true diplomats for our service while our nation battles in the Global War on Terror.

The second piece of this resolution builds on the first – searching for opportunities to encourage sound work principles and steering clear of demeaning remarks. Regardless of your rank or position in a leadership chain, your words are a daily investment in those you work with and for.

With this in mind, helpful analysis is significantly different than brutal honesty. Mark Twain wrote, "People who are brutally honest usually like the brutality more than the honesty." A practical observation appropriately timed can reduce deficiencies without alienating those you work with. Correctly making these comments doesn't come easy though. It takes a

substantial amount of understanding the pros and cons of a situation to make an honest assessment.

For instance, making demeaning comments about another unit without complete understanding of the circumstances may be an honest assessment, but aren't necessarily beneficial to unit-to-unit relations. Gaining detailed knowledge of the driving factors behind any friction points will help your whole unit avoid future misunderstandings and inefficiencies. Having done this, congratulations are in order – you have become "well spoken."

Don't relax too quickly in your glory though. Negative criticism is easy to slip back into. Just like other resolutions, (better eating habits, increased exercise and eliminating bad habits to name a few) this one is just as easy to drop. However, unlike these other resolutions, being well spoken or poorly spoken is even easier for others to observe. It is the consistency in this resolution that brings remarkable dividends in your unit and our Air Force as a whole.

And those dividends are substantial – better unit morale, greater efficiency in the workforce and a firmer grasp of the entire mission. These are just the internal benefits. From a national/external perspective, the society we serve will distinguish us as the dedicated, level-headed professionals they deserve.

Good luck and Godspeed in 2007 as you put this to the test – the world is listening!

# Airman discharged after three courts martial for drug use

**LT. COL. DON CHRISTENSEN**  
Base Legal Office

On Dec. 21, 2006 Airman 1st Class Jason Borrero, 325th Contracting Squadron, was tried here for the wrongful use of cocaine.

Airman Borrero entered a plea of guilty before the military judge, Col. Bruce Ambrose. Colonel Ambrose sentenced Airman Borrero to six months confinement, reduction to E-1 and a bad conduct discharge.

During the trial, Airman Borrero provided details of a night of cocaine abuse that occurred in his home on Nov. 6, 2006.

On that evening, he purchased 3.5 grams of cocaine for \$180 from a known drug dealer. Over a three hour period he used a straw to snort all the cocaine.

Ironically, Airman Borrero was already facing cocaine charges and was scheduled to be court-martialed the next morning.

On Nov. 7, 2006 Airman Borrero arrived an hour late to the courtroom here. After pleading guilty to cocaine use, the court sentenced Airman Borrero to two months confinement, reduction to E-3 and a bad conduct discharge.



Graphic illustration by Staff Sgt. Stacey Haga

In a statement to the court, Airman Borrero told the judge that he had been to drug rehabilitation and now possessed the tools to avoid drugs. However, while being processed into confinement, Staff Sgt. Nathan Crow, 325th

Security Forces Squadron, discovered a five inch long straw and a folded dollar bill containing cocaine in Airman Borrero's shoe.

Pursuant to a search warrant, Airman Borrero's urine was then tested for cocaine. The sample came back positive and formed the basis for the most recent court-martial.

In a bizarre twist, the Dec. 21, 2006 court was the third time Airman Borrero had been court-martialed as a result of a positive urinalysis.

On Oct. 18, 2004, Airman Borrero was acquitted of the wrongful use of cocaine. In that trial, Airman Borrero mounted a vigorous defense. In addition to witnesses attesting to his military character, Airman Borrero testified under oath that he "never used drugs." Moreover he testified, "I don't use drugs now, before or never."

After his acquittal, Airman Borrero's urine tested positive for cocaine on three additional occasions.

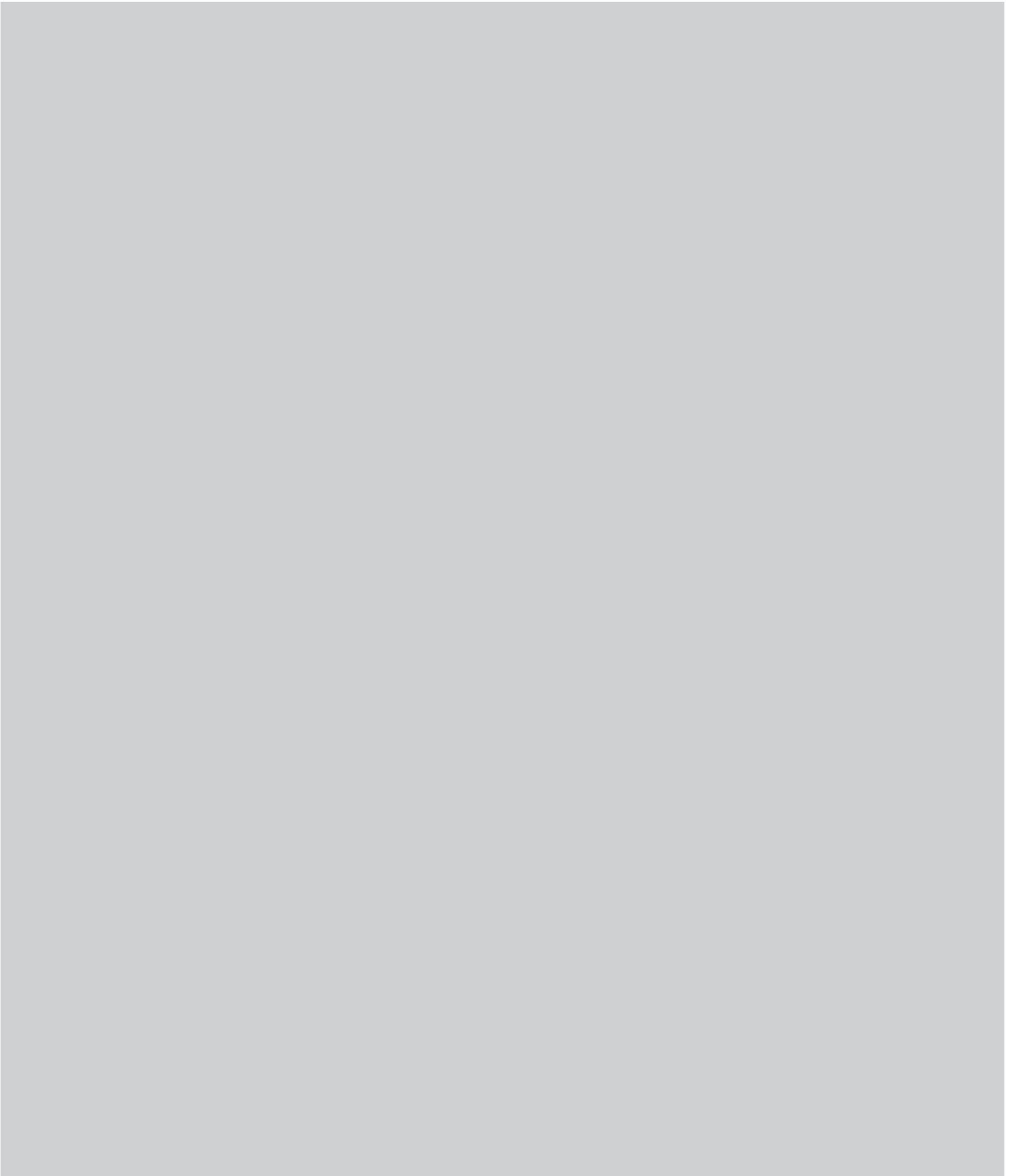
During Airman Borrero's most recent trial, the lead Government counsel, Capt. Ezra Glanzer, told the judge Airman Borrero's actions are "a blatant disregard for the military justice system. He ignored the rehabilitative attempts that were taking place at the time by going and securing these drugs, and snorting them in his home."

The sentencing brought the end to Airman Borrero's nearly nine-year career.

*The  
way we  
were...*



A double cheeseburger would set an Airman back 40 cents any given Sunday in 1971.



# Congratulations to Tyndall's newest field grade officers from the Medical and Dental Promotion Board.

*The following individuals were promoted to lieutenant colonel Thursday.*

Manoj Ravi, 325th AMDS  
Craig Wardell, 325th AMDS



*The following individual was promoted to major Thursday.*

Sandra Bruno, 325th MDOS



## Checkertail Salute

Staff Sgt. Brandon Mattingly



Airman Glenn Moore

**Sergeant Mattingly, 325th Mission Support Squadron, receives the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award from Maj. Joseph Schneider, Military Personnel Flight commander.**

Sergeant Mattingly prepared 4,900 unit personnel record groups of electronic conversion without hindering customer service. He educated the base population on the conversion by writing articles for the newspaper. He also ensured his squadron is 100 percent environmentally compliant.

**Duty title:** Personnel records NCO in charge

**Hometown:** Louisville, Ky.

**Time on station:** One year and seven months

**Time in service:** Seven years and six months

**Hobbies:** Playing sports, drawing, cheering for the Cincinnati Bengals and writing

**Goals:** Obtain a communications degree and retire from the Air Force

**Favorite thing about Tyndall AFB:** Nice weather year round

**Favorite movie:** "Anchor Man"

**Pet peeve:** My desk must be neat and organized

**Proudest moment in the military:** Being promoted to staff sergeant

*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.*

# Persistence, recycling reaps large rewards for AF, environment

**STAFF SGT. STACEY HAGA**  
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Money doesn't grow on trees, but sometimes you can find it in a trash can.

Imagine finding more than \$100,000 yearly in your bin.



Gary Johnson

**Used materials containing silver are stored separately until they are sent to a refinery.**

With some imagination and persistence, Ron Hull, 325th Maintenance Group environmental coordinator, turned otherwise hazardous waste into cash for the Air Force.

Materials used in the F-22 Raptor low observable coatings contain heavy metals, which present a risk to the environment unless proper disposal methods are used. Instructions from the F-22 program stated that the waste stream would have to be disposed of as hazardous waste. Upon reviewing the material safety data sheets, Mr. Hull realized the materials contained a significant amount of a precious metal – silver.

Mr. Hull saw the amount of material generated in the waste stream and thought there could be a possibility of recycling the material for the silver, rather than disposing of it as hazardous waste. Some tests were done locally and silver was able to be extracted from the waste, he said.

“We looked at the waste stream and saw no reason why we should not treat it as precious metals,” said Mr. Hull.

So in April 2004, Defense Support Service members here started to collect the waste from applying silver-containing materials and store it.

“We recover as much as we can,” said Gary Johnson, DS2 environmental technician.

In December 2006, the first drum of material was sent to the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service to be recycled.

“In August 2006, DRMO reclassified the materials as a hazardous waste and gave us the option of disposing it (which costs about \$2 per pound) or taking the material back,” said Mr. Hull. “So we took it back and sent it to a refinery that Langley AFB, Va., had already obtained and approved for the same waste stream.”

In September 2006, 2,679 pounds of silver-containing waste was shipped to the refinery.

Months of persistence paid off, the end result – a check for more than \$226,000 was issued to the

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Tyndall Recycling Program.

The effort not only produced income for otherwise unusable materials, but also eliminated disposal costs and reduced environmental pollution, said Mr. Hull.

“It seemed like a futile effort for a long time because no one would take it, but it was well worth the return,” said Mr. Johnson.

“I’m anticipating at least \$200,000 to be raised per year if we maintain this program,” said Mr. Hull.

The money earned through the silver recycling will be handled according to DOD regulations. First, it will cover the operation and overhead of the recycling program and improvements made to it. All the other funds will go to the Morale, Welfare and Recreation program here according to Mr. Hull.

“We will use the money to improve our operations and have less impact on the environment,” said Mr. Hull.

In the future, if the Defense Logistics Agency chooses to take ownership of the waste, it will process it in its own refinery and the silver will be available

for DOD projects to obtain the metal rather than purchasing silver from the market, added Mr. Hull.

“We recycle this material because it’s the right thing to do,” said Mr. Hull. “No matter how the funds are dispersed, we will reduce Tyndall’s impact on the environment and save the government money.”

“I’m extremely proud of Mr. Hull and our maintenance team for pursuing this effort to completion. It takes a lot of time and persistence to initiate and execute a new reclamation process like this one,” said Col. Brett Haswell. “We are entering an era of funding constraints, so successful ideas like this one will be valuable to help us sustain our exceptional performance of the Tyndall mission.”

A few other Air Force programs using similar silver-based materials have followed Tyndall’s lead in recycling.

“I am convinced other F-22 units will follow suit with our ground breaking process,” said Col. Haswell. “We will continue to look for opportunities like this one, we can’t afford not to.”

## The way we were...



Morale was lifted by comics like this one, published in a 1944 edition of the Tyndall Target.

# Team Tyndall prepares for ESOHCAMP inspection

STEVE McLELLAN  
325th Civil Engineer Squadron

The 325th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental flight is taking the lead on preparing Tyndall for an Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment and Management Program inspection to be performed Jan. 22 – 26.

The ESOHCAMP inspection team will be reviewing Tyndall’s environmental, safety and occupational health programs to determine how well the base is complying with federal, state and local regulations and permits, as well as Air Force instructions.

“Every shop on base – both wing and tenant units – whose job involves any part of the ESOH process, has the potential to be looked at,” said Maj. Kent Hobson, ESOHCAMP project officer. “For example, any shop that handles hazardous materials or hazardous waste is eligible to be visited by the ESOHCAMP team. Even the Youth Center is not exempt from a visit by the inspectors. Solid waste disposal and recycling will also be reviewed, probably including what we refer to as ‘dumpster diving,’ sorting through dumpsters to determine if there are items in the trash that should have been disposed of in a different manner.”

Members of the inspection team are from Headquarters Air Education and Training Command and other Air Force bases. The goal is to help Team Tyndall find and correct problems that could cause or contribute to regulatory violations, possibly including

finer, if state or federal regulatory agency inspectors were to make the findings. If resources are needed to help correct a deficiency, the ESOHCAMP team can help validate the problem and the resources needed to correct it.

ESOHCAMP audits, which are required for all installations by the Department of Defense, assess the base in areas ranging from hazardous materials, water and air issues to cultural and natural resources. The assessment is a “snap shot in time” of how well Team Tyndall is performing its ESOH duties.

“These audits are especially valuable if they help identify and correct a problem that might otherwise result in a regulatory agency action,” said Joe McLernan, 325th CES environmental flight chief. “Regulatory actions for violations can impact the mission, and no one wants that.”

In most instances, problems identified by the ESOHCAMP team are corrected very quickly, often before the ESOHCAMP team even leaves Tyndall. If a more complicated solution is needed that cannot be implemented immediately, the environmental flight tracks the progress of the correction and works with the responsible group and squadron to identify and implement the corrective actions needed.

“Team Tyndall has a long history of excellent environmental stewardship, and a great safety and worker health protection record,” said Mr. McLernan.

“We have a lot of people around the base working

very hard to make sure Tyndall is ready for the visit,” said Maj. Hobson. “Personnel from the environmental flight, ground safety, bio-environmental engineering and the unit environmental coordinators from all base organizations are working together to identify any areas or shortcomings we can correct prior to the inspection.”



Ted Broome

Maj. Kent Hobson, 95th Fighter Squadron pilot and Steve McLellan inspect a unit’s hazardous materials locker for compliance with Air Force and regulatory agency labeling, storage and safety requirements.

## Training Spotlight



**W**hat has been the most valuable lesson or advice an instructor has given you?

“The most valuable lesson I’ve been taught has been safety when near aircraft. There are so many areas around a jet where you can be injured if you are not careful.”

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## ABM students learn control at MU-2 speed



Airman Glenn Moore

**2nd Lts. Chris Stewart, Nick Petersen and Karl Deren, ABM students, are controlling MU-2s through simulation training for their undergraduate ABM class.**

**1ST LT. AMANDA FERRELL**  
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Fighter pilots routinely execute tactical maneuvers against adversary aircraft at close range while flying at speeds greater than five hundred miles per hour. And while conducting tactical intercept missions, fighters easily reach supersonic speeds.

Mastering the technical skills needed to manage, deconflict and effectively communicate with fighter aircraft under such conditions is the responsibility of Air Battle Manager students assigned to the 325th Air Control Squadron.

Before attempting to manage aircraft at supersonic speeds, ABM students control and communicate with Mitsubishi MU-2s, which are slower-moving twin-engine turboprop aircraft.

“We utilize the MU-2 as a stepping stone to control F-15, F-22 and other live aircraft,” said Master Sgt. Eric Smith, 325th ACS instructor.

“We are able to apply the skills we learn in the simulated portion of the course to live aircraft control in a slow-paced environment,” said 2nd Lt. Erin Rundberget, 325th ACS student. “This allows us to perfect our controlling skills before moving on to high-performance aircraft later in the course.”

Nine former military pilots, contracted by Air 1st Aviation Companies, Inc., fly the MU-2 training aircraft in support of the 325th ACS training syllabus. Air 1st has been providing contracted training flight services at Tyndall since 1998, operating and maintaining a fleet of eight MU-2 aircraft, logging more than 4,000 flight hours per year.

“Each ABM student must successfully control eight sorties flown by MU-2s and receive one flight in the aircraft before progressing to the next block of instruction,” said Sergeant Smith. The flight gives ABM students the opportunity to experience a combat mission from a pilot’s perspective.

The advantage of controlling the MU-2 is experiencing the realism of controlling an actual aircraft, but in a slow, low-threat environment. The MU-2 is a vital stepping stone

for students as they progress to managing more intense combat sorties flown by fighter aircraft.

“We provide students a platform, one-half to one-third the speed of a high performance jet,” said retired Col. Don Joyner, a former Air Force F-111 pilot and current MU-2 pilot. “Instructors from the 325th ACS choose what play book scenario they want the students to experience, and we provide the environment.”

The purpose of incorporating MU-2 flights into ABM training is to provide students the technical skills needed to successfully and safely manage numerous aircraft co-located in airspace world-wide.

When interacting with the MU-2 fleet, ABM students provide ‘big-picture’ information to the pilots, said Lieutenant Rundberget. The information air battle managers provide, helps pilots build their situational awareness during combat missions, she said.

“After successfully completing their eight live missions with MU-2 aircraft, students will be well on their way to becoming a good, ‘third wingman,’” said Sergeant Smith. “And the best part about my life here is teaching a new officer to be a trusted wingman.”

“It’s important to understand that ABMs do not merely control air-to-air missions,” said the sergeant. “Students also learn procedural control, which is control of aircraft without the use of radar, and the ability to execute against air-to-ground targets.”

Plans are well underway to expand the MU-2 training mission to incorporate added capabilities and skills for ABM trainees to use for procedural control, said Sergeant Smith.

MU-2 exposure also offers students insight to the symbiotic relationship between air battle managers, pilots and air traffic controllers.

“The MU-2 program helps us understand that it takes collaboration between both the pilot and the controller to successfully execute an air battle,” said Lieutenant Rundberget.

Air battle manager trainees agree that controlling fighter aircraft at excessive speeds and close-range is initially a daunting task, one that must be tackled slowly ... at the speed of an MU-2. But students also agree that training with the MU-2 fleet is a solid step to controlling fighter aircraft at mach speed – and they will be doing that in no time.



1st Lt. Jon Quinlan

**These MU-2s provide training for ABM students here.**

# Air Force hero illustrates the importance of enlisted force



Courtesy Photo

Tech. Sgt. Airey and his wife, Shirley Babbitt Airey, on their wedding day, Feb. 10, 1946.



Courtesy Photo

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Paul W. Airey (center) was advisor to Secretary of the Air Force Harold Brown (left) and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. John P. McConnell (right) on matters concerning welfare, effective utilization and progress of the enlisted members of the Air Force. He was the first chief master sergeant appointed to this position April 3, 1967.

CHRISSEY CUTTITA  
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Holding the honorable title of first Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force was the greatest thing to happen in Paul Airey's life.

Second was having the NCO Academy here named after him.

Because of his background, Air Force officials asked him to provide a comment about the enlisted force that would be etched forever on the walls of the new Air Force Memorial in Washington. This was the third greatest thing to happen in his life.

"When I think of the enlisted force, I think of dedication, determination, loyalty and valor," said the retired chief, who was on the Air Force Memorial Foundation committee for 14 years. "By dedication and determination, do your duty and get the job done. Be loyal to fellow Airmen, the Air Force and our country. Have valor to defend our nation at all costs."

He described the memorial as something he feels strongly about. The enlisted corps is represented by the bronze statue of an Honor Guard detail, according to Chief Airey. The three spires shooting off to the heavens represent the core values.

"These values should be taught and lived," he said. "I usually tell Airmen two four-letter words, zeal and duty. If you follow those, you cannot go wrong."

Education levels of today's Airmen amaze the retired Chief. When he joined he hadn't finished high school. Today he sees the education level of the enlisted corps surpassing the level of some officers.

"Looking back 64 years when I enlisted, I'm continually amazed by today's enlisted corps," said Chief Airey. "Enlisted NCOs are doing what field grade officers used to do. They are the envy of foreign air forces all over the world that have captains and majors doing what our Airmen do."

The Air Force hero speaks fondly of his own memories in uniform. He remembers basic radio operations school in 1942 at Scott Field, Ill. and being on a "troop train" bound for Panama City in 1943 to train at an aerial gunnery school here. He remembers how World War II citizen soldiers, who were "amateurs" compared to how Airmen are trained today, became America's greatest generation.

"In the 485th Bomb Group, which was comprised similar to a wing today, there may have been half a dozen officers and 10-12 NCOs who came out of the regular Army. But all of the rest - pilots, navigators, bombardiers, bakers, cooks, gunners - were draftees or enlistees who quickly formed, trained, sent off to war and won," said Chief Airey.

During World War II, he served as an aerial gunner on B-24 bombers, and is credited with 28 combat missions in Europe. After he was forced to bail out of his flak-damaged aircraft, he was captured and became a prisoner of war in Germany from July 1944 to May 1945.

Upon liberation, Chief Airey had a serious decision to make - to stay in the military or leave. "I liked it," he said. "There was something about it I wanted. I came off leave and reenlisted."

For six years after that, he instructed at the



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This photo was taken of Tech. Sgt. Airey in Belgium, May 1945, one week after the British liberated him as a prisoner of war.

school he attended for radio operator training. During the Korean conflict, he was awarded the Legion of Merit while assigned at Naha Air Base, Okinawa. The award, an uncommon decoration for an enlisted man, was earned for creating a means of constructing equipment from salvaged parts that improved corrosion control of sensitive radio and radar components.

Chief Airey spent much of his 27-year career as a first sergeant.

"Of all the jobs I had in the Air Force, next to being Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, I think first sergeant was probably the best," said Chief Airey. "I liked it. I liked the discipline part of it. I liked being able to counsel and lead. You never knew what was going to happen, day or night."

He shares his career experiences with Airmen today. He has been actively involved in speaking at every class that graduates Tyndall's Airman Leadership School and NCOA since he retired from the Air Force Aug. 1, 1970.

"Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Airey is a great hero - a trailblazer for the enlisted corps and a great, humble man," said Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Schwenk, NCOA commandant during the Paul W. Airey NCO Academy dedication ceremony in December.

During his speech at that dedication ceremony, Chief Airey said he was proud of today's Airmen.

"Part of the heritage and tradition to keep in mind that Airmen should always remember is that since the beginning of the Air Service, Army Air Corps, the Army Air Force and the U.S. Air Force 34,000 men and women have died in aerial combat for this country," he said.

"There is no doubt in my mind that over in Afghanistan, in Iraq and in harm's way at this very moment, there are graduates from NCO academies leading people, counseling Airmen, seeing that airplanes get up in the air, taking care of the sick and everything else Airmen have to do. I'm proud, a little in awe and I'll try never to let you down."

Chief Airey always supported the needs of the enlisted Airmen from the days he was responsible for creating the Weighted Airmen's Promotion System and designing an NCOA, so senior enlisted Airmen could receive more advanced management training, to the many ways he involves himself in the Air Force today.

"I'd like to believe once you are a chief master sergeant you are obligated to stay active even after you retire," said Chief Airey. "I'm as close to the Air Force today as I could possibly be, I just don't put the uniform on every morning."



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Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Paul Airey in his official photo.



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Retired Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Airey speaks to NCO Academy students here April 12, 2005.



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Top: Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Airey talks to Airmen 1st Class Tim Vasques and Ray Dunbar Jr. during his visit to Pleiku Air Base, Vietnam, in 1967.

Bottom: During his 80th birthday celebration here December 2003, retired Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Airey signs an autograph for Senior Airman Matthew Bolado, 325th Aero-medical-Dental Squadron.

Left: Kurt Anderson (center) shakes hands with retired Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Airey after he presented the chief with a Pack 388 appreciation coin. Chief Airey mentored the Boy Scouts during a visit Sept. 21, 2006.

## Briefs

**Cell phone restriction**

The 325th Security Forces Squadron would like to remind Tyndall drivers that cell phones may not be used while driving on base without a hands-free device.

**Commissary closed**

The Commissary will be closed Monday for the Martin Luther King holiday. The Commissary will resume normal operating hours Tuesday.

**MLK service**

There will be a Martin Luther King Jr. commemorative service 11 a.m. to noon today at Chapel One. Refreshments will be served following the service.

**Thrift Shop**

The Thrift Shop hours of operation are 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday. December holiday decor will no longer be collected for consignment. Winter clothing will be accepted for consignment through March 1. For more information, call 286-5888 during business hours.

**Tricare briefing**

A Tricare briefing will be held 1 p.m. Feb. 13 in the Raptor conference room in Bldg. 1465. Active duty, Active duty dependents, retirees and their dependents are encouraged to attend.

**Palace chase briefing**

Monthly Palace Chase briefings are held the first Tuesday of each month from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. in Bldg. 662 Room 267. The next briefing will take place on Feb. 6. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Thomas Alderman, recruiter, at 283-8384 or email thomas.alderman@tyndall.af.mil.

**AAFES sweepstakes**

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is having a "New Year Baby Sweepstakes." Any Exchange customer who had a baby born on Jan. 1 may enter the contest. Entries must be received at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com) before Jan. 31. The drawing for



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**Treading along**

**Staff Sgts. Reneekqua Grace, Crystal Lopez and Aaron Sisek make use of one of the Fitness Center aerobic workout areas. The center's latest incentive in getting Airmen to exercise more is "Battle of the Bulge." Participants will compete for cash and prizes that will be awarded to those who shed the most pounds until March 23. For information or to sign up, call the Fitness Center at 283-2631.**

the three grand prizes, will be held Feb. 5. At a minimum, each prize pack will include a stroller, toddler bed, security gate, bouncer, tub, bassinet, activity center and swing along with a one-year supply of AAFES' Exchange Select Diapers and six-month supply of Baby's Choice Formula.

**Rugby practice**

Base rugby practices will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Heritage Field.

**Tax statements**

Servicemembers, military retirees and annuitants, and federal civilian employees paid by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service can expect to receive their 2006 tax statements on the following dates:

Retiree Annual Statement: Available on myPay Dec. 9, mailed via U.S. Postal Service Dec. 16-31;

Retiree 1099R: Available on myPay Dec. 15, mailed Dec. 16-31;

Annuitant Account Statement:

Available on myPay Dec. 18, mailed Dec. 19-31;

Annuitant 1099R: Available on myPay Dec. 18, mailed Dec. 19-31;

VSI/SSB W-2: Not available on myPay, mailed Jan. 4-5;

Active Duty Air Force, Army, Navy W-2: Available on myPay Jan. 22, mailed Jan. 23-29;

Reserve Air Force, Army, Navy W-2: Available on myPay Jan. 2, mailed Jan. 5-8;

Marine Corps active and reserve W-2: Available on myPay Jan. 5, mailed Jan. 9-10;

Civilian employee W-2: Available on myPay Jan. 9, mailed Jan. 11-18;

Savings Deposit Program 1099INT: Available on myPay Jan. 19, mailed Jan. 19-20; and

Vendor Pay 1099: Not available on myPay, mailed Jan. 27-31.

**Winter 2007 Airman available**

The winter quarterly issue of Airman magazine is now available in print and online at [www.af.mil/news/airman](http://www.af.mil/news/airman).

**Catholic services**

Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m.

Monday-Friday,  
Chapel Two

Reconciliation, 11 a.m. Fridays  
or by appointment  
Chapel 2

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.)**

# Playoffs heat up, CONS champs again

**PIGSKIN PROGNOSTICATOR**  
From the land of survivors

Well, the regular season is over and the true contenders have emerged, at least from the American Football Conference. The National Football Conference is still a little questionable and whoever does win the conference will have to do it handedly for me to give them a shot at the Super Bowl.

Indianapolis and Kansas City kicked the playoffs off on Saturday. This game was the complete opposite of what everyone expected. Many experts picked Kansas City to win this game because of the Colts porous run defense, but the Chiefs' Pro Bowl running back Larry Johnson only managed 32 yards on 13 carries. Not quite a career day if you ask me, especially when he was expected to top 100 yards easily in this game.

Colts quarterback Peyton Manning had a surprising day also. If Indianapolis was going to win this game, Manning would have to carry the team to victory. Instead Manning threw three interceptions and one touchdown against the Chiefs. The player who did carry the Colts was rookie running back Joseph Addai. He ran over the Chiefs defense for 122 yards and a touchdown. Addai was the key ingredient to this game because he kept the Colts defense on the sidelines.

Jumping to the final game last weekend, the Eagles continued their on their hot streak as they squeezed by the Giants 23-20. Eagles quarterback Jeff Garcia didn't have a huge game against the Giants throwing for a touchdown and 153 yards, but he didn't make any mistakes either. Giants quarterback played better than he has recently, but he did have one costly mistake.

During the second quarter of the game Manning was intercepted by Eagles cornerback Shannon Brown. The Eagles would take advantage of this mistake by scoring on a 19-yard field goal by Eagles Kicker David Akers. Essentially, instead of Akers kicking a game winning field goal with three seconds left on the clock it would have been a game tying field goal to put the game into overtime. Not saying the result would've been different, but it goes to show how every play in the game must be executed to perfection during the playoffs.

A team who did execute in a critical time was CONS. After being on top of the Pig Prog standings a majority of the season, the past couple of weeks the 1st FS had taken over. With the season on the line and pressure on him, CONS picker Thomas Reese didn't let the pressure get to him and finished strong to take the lead and be crowned Super Prog champions.

While we tried to reach Reese for comment, he was not able to return any questions. I'm sure he's on South Beach celebrating his triumphant victory. Don't get to comfortable down there, spring training is right around the corner.

This year's win for CONS marks their second championship in two seasons of the Pig Prog. Last season's runner up, MOS, decided not to participate in this year Pig Prog after a bitter lose.

This year's runner up was the 1st FS. I talked to the 1st FS picker Tami Viskochil to see if they would be throwing in the towel also.

"Considering our inactivation we don't really have a choice, but to drop out," said Viskochil. "Also, I'm retiring in August, but I'm not backing out. If I could participate next year I would and I'd win."

I asked her what was her finest moment during the Pig Prog since this is her last year, and an old rivalry still was boiling.

"Beating MXS was definitely the highlight of the season," said Viskochil. "It was a great season and I really had a lot of fun."

All we have now is seven games left of playoff football and then preparing for next season begins. So hold that championship close CONS because you only have 12 months left with it. The true champion will be crowned next season.

Now let's get out there and watch some football!

## Intramural Sports Standings

### Bowling

Team	W	L	Team	W	L
MSS	100	52	ACS 2	76	76
MOS	100	52	DS2	76	76
Services	96	56	AFNORTH 3	76	76
Test	92	60	83rd FWS 2	74	78
AFNORTH 1	90	62	AMMO	72	80
AFCESA 1	89	63	AMXS 1	72	80
RED HORSE	88	64	AMXS 4	68	84
43rd AMU	88	64	ISRD	68	84
83rd FWS 1	87	65	372nd TRS	64	88
SFS	86	66	CS2	64	88
AMXS 2	82	70	Phase 2	62	90
CS 1	82	70	Phase 1	60	92
CES	80	72	CONS	56	96
ACS 1	78	74	MDG	54	98
AFCESA 2	78	74	Bye	20	132
Team High Game Scratch			AMXS 1		898
Team High Series Scratch			DS2		2619
Team High Game Handicap			CS 2		1131
Team High Series Handicap			AFCESA		3239
High Male Game Scratch			Troy Deleon		257
High Male Series Scratch			James Garred		724
High Male Game Handicap			Tom Reese		262
High Male Series Handicap			Barry Hoehne		713
High Female Game Scratch			Rachel Petri-Rose		192
High Female Series Scratch			Chong Dodson		540
High Female Game Handicap			Jasmine Pech		246
High Female Series Handicap			Natasha Moore		650

## Pig Prog Scorebox

CONS	148	NCOA	130
1st FS	143	CES	128
372nd TRS	141	ACS	126
Pig Prog	139	SVS	121
MXS	138	28th TES	120
CPTS	136	CS	112
OSS	134	SFS	105
		MDOS	86



## Tigers split victory with Commandos in two game contest

The Tyndall Tigers men's varsity basketball team split their two game set with the visiting Hurlburt Field Commandos in Southeastern Military Athletic Conference, regular season play this past weekend.

Tyndall triumphed over Hurlburt, 98-95 in overtime in Saturday's game.

Tyndall jumped out to an early 10-2 lead over the Commandos and maintain the lead throughout the majority of the first half until Hurlburt went on a late run to take a 38-37 lead at the half. The Tigers went on a run of their own to take a 58-50 lead with 14 minutes 31 seconds remaining and appeared on the verge of blowing the game open, but costly turn-overs and poor free shooting propelled the Commandos on a run of their own. Hurlburt held a two point lead 85-83 with 18 seconds remaining in the game, the Tigers misfired

on two attempts to tie the game when Anthony Showers came down with yet another offensive rebound and put back to force overtime. In the overtime Showers had the hot hand as he scored nine of the 13 Tigers points as Tyndall outscored the Commandos 13-10 in the extra period to take the hard fought victory.

Hurlburt defeated Tyndall 84-79 in Sunday's game.

Tyndall dominated the action during the first half of the contest as they built a 17 point lead 45-28 with one minute to go in the half, then the Tigers got careless as they committed three turnovers which the Commandos converted into seven points to trim Tyndall's lead to 10 points, 45-35 at the intermission. In the second stanza, Hurlburt reeled off the first seven points of the half to cut

the Tigers lead to three points 45-42. After a time out Tyndall regrouped and extended the lead to 10 points and that turned out to be the theme of the half as the Tigers would extend the lead and then the Commandos would come storming back. A three pointer by Hurlburt's Andre' Harp-Thomas gave Hurlburt the lead 78-75 with 50 seconds remaining in the contest. The Tigers committed a crucial turn over and were forced to foul; the Commandos sealed their hard fought victory by connecting on six consecutive free throws to offset two late baskets by Tyndall's Anthony Showers.

The Tigers travel to MacDill AFB this weekend to play the Falcons. Next weekend they will host Naval Air Station Mayport in their last home games of the season.

*(Courtesy of the Tyndall Tigers.)*

# Three Airmen STEP promoted, respected by peers

**AIRMAN GLENN MOORE**  
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Three Airmen here were promoted through Stripes for Exceptional Performers, a program for Air Force members to be promoted through their exceptional performance in their duties.

Master Sgt. Timothy Madura, 325th Maintenance Squadron F-22 lead standardization crew member; Tech. Sgt. Michael Halbrook, 325th Communications Squadron base communications project manager; and Tech. Sgt. Lisa Gamble, 325th Medical Operational Squadron aerospace medical services craftsman, were the individuals promoted Dec. 22 by Brig. Gen. Tod Wolters, 325th Fighter Wing commander and Chief Master Sgt. Craig Deatherage, 325th FW command chief master sergeant.

Sergeant Madura may not purposefully put himself into the spotlight, but his performance on the job creates enough publicity.

"Any task I've ever seen handed to him he's done what was asked and more," said Tech. Sgt. Ralph Moseley, 325th MXS. "Everything he does is with 100 percent professionalism every time."

In addition to Sergeant Madura going above and beyond on the work he does, there are other ways he makes himself an example to younger Airmen.

"Ever since he's been here, he is the first one to work in the morning and the last one to leave," said Sergeant

Moseley. "He's also is an example by keeping his uniform looking good all the time."

Other accomplishments Sergeant Madura has earned are two Air Force level awards and the 2005 Air Force European Command Weapons Safety NCO in charge of the Year. Also, Sergeant Madura has earned his bachelor's degree and a Community College of the Air Force degree.

Like Sergeant Madura, Sergeant Halbrook isn't the type of person who looks for recognition by being outspoken.

"He's an outstanding individual that takes pride in everything he does," said Chief Master Sgt. Carol Cox, 325th CS flight chief for plans and implementation. "He is a positive mentor and good example to all the airmen he works with. Sergeant Halbrook exemplifies a well rounded concept. He has earned two associate degrees and is working on his bachelor's degree. He is also great with his family and volunteers all the time on base and downtown."

"Sometimes I don't understand how he does everything he is



Isaac Gibson

**Sergeant Madura evaluates Staff Sgt. Heath Marlin's, weapons standardization lead crew chief, inspection of an AIM-9 missile.**

involved in," said Chief Cox.

Last but not least, Sergeant Gamble was chosen to be submitted for this promotion by her fellow co-workers, which in itself shows how good a leader she is.

"She is a very dependable and hard worker," said Tech. Sgt. Suzanne Cournoyer, 325th MDOS NCO in charge of ambulance services department. "She is heavily involved with all the exercises performed on base and also is part of the group that responds to 911

calls and in-flight emergencies."

"I am ecstatic for her and she deserves it," said Staff Sgt. William Burch, 325 MDOS medical specialist. "She comes in and works extremely hard and is a great example to the younger Airmen around her."

Receiving a STEP promotion is quite an accomplishment. These individuals, through their exceptional performances, demonstrated the potential for more responsibility to their commanders and the Air Force.



Isaac Gibson

**Sergeant Halbrook reviews project cable drawings for a building.**



Lisa Norman

**Sergeant Gamble, right, assists in the "recovery" of an injured Airman during a medical exercise.**

 **FOD Preventers of the Month** 



Lisa Norman

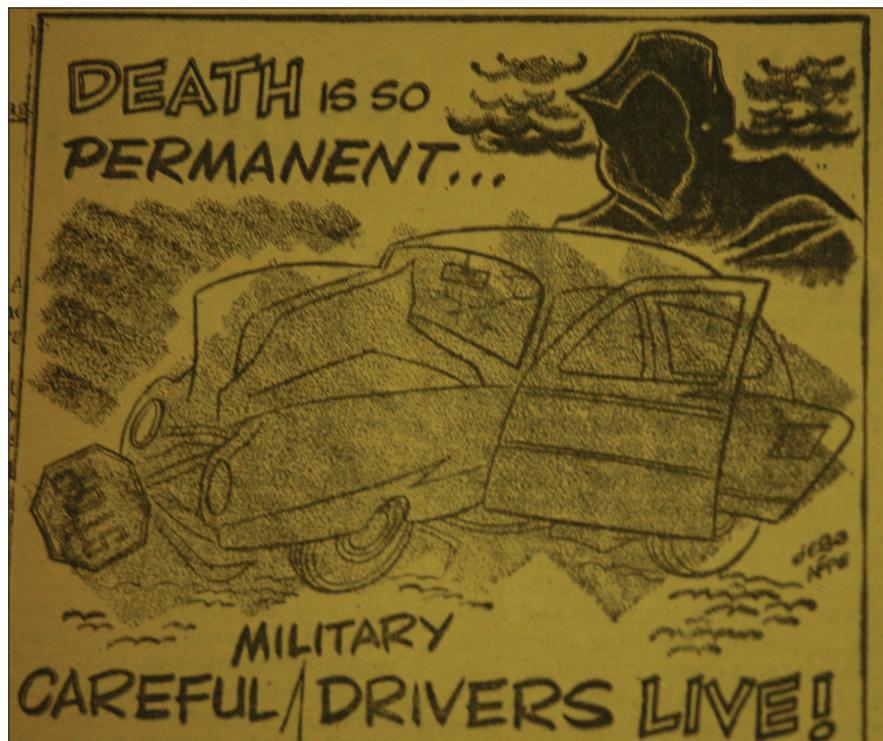


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**Airman 1st Class Brian Amicone, 95th Aircraft Maintenance Unit assistant dedicated crew chief, installs a panel on an F-15 Eagle. Airman Amicone received the FOD Preventer of the Month for November because he found one half of a broken bolt and its source.**

**1st Lt. Chris Haley, 95th AMU assistant officer in charge, inspects an AIM-9 missile, something he remembers doing as an enlisted Airman for four years. He was also the FOD Preventer of the Month for November for finding the other half of the broken bolt.**

*The way we were...*



Even in the 1960s, safe driving reminders were common.

The Gulf Defender is published for people like  
Airman James Eden,  
43rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit load crew member.



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## TYNDALL IDOL III

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Year-end summary	Yes	No
Roadside coverage	Yes	No

For more information about Club Membership call:  
**283-4357**




# Tax center opens, assists for season

Aside from being a new beginning, the dawn of the New Year means income tax season is right around the corner.

While most treasure tax time as much as being hit over the head with a frying pan, some members of Team Tyndall enjoy the tax assistance program offered here. The 325th Fighter Wing Legal Office will provide free tax help, to include electronic filing for active duty members and their families, as well as members of the retirement community. Beginning in January, the Tax Center staff will review your returns, check them and aid you in tax filing.

Although the concept of federal income taxes can be intimidating to most, more than 45 members of Team Tyndall are trained and qualified as Volunteer Income Tax Assistants. These individuals will prepare federal income tax returns, free of charge, for all military identification card holders.

Not only will they be available to assist you, they will have critical IRS information readily available on topics such as the earned income credit, additional child credit, deductions and other important financial aspects.

The Tax Center will open Jan. 22 – April 13 at the Community Activities Center. Its hours of operations will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday - Thursday.

Assistance will be given at the Tax Center by appointment only.

When going to the Base Legal Office to consult with a VITA, please bring the following documents in order to prepare your taxes:

- A copy of your social security cards for taxpayer, spouse and all dependents.
  - A voided check if you desire direct deposit of your return.
  - Form W-2 from each employer.
- Active duty members may obtain this from [www.mypay.dfas.mil](http://www.mypay.dfas.mil).

– Childcare or daycare expense information. You will also need name, social security number and address of the childcare provider.

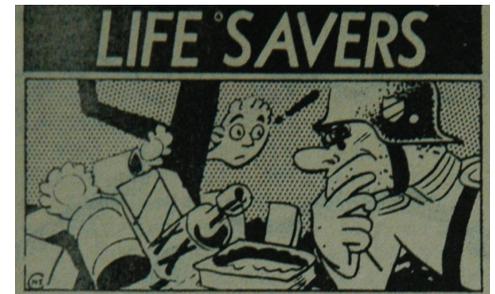
– Bank interest income statements. If you have any additional sources of income, such as rental property, sales of stocks or any other income source, supporting documentation must be provided to prepare an accurate return.

In addition, tax filers may wish to take advantage of the Tax Center's free electronic filing program. By bringing a voided check to the Tax Center when you file, you can choose any checking account, regardless of its location, in which your return is deposited. By filing electronically, VITAs can track the status of your income tax filing at a click of a button.

For more information or to make an appointment, contact the Base Legal Office at 283-4681.

*(Courtesy of Base Legal Office)*

## The way we were...



**DON'T THROW** or leave papers, boxes, tins, cans, munition cases or any refuse in the open. They should be concealed or buried as they indicate activity in the area.



**WHEN APPROACHING** a previously selected observation position always stop and observe it closely for at least 15 minutes to be sure it's not occupied by the enemy.

**War tips in the 1940s.**



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Martin Luther King day operating hours

Facility	Monday
Main store	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Class Six	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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GNC	10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*(All other exchange facilities will be closed.)*

To find out holiday hours in the future, call 283-2580 or the facility itself. You can also find store hours, upcoming events and AAFES news at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com).

# From the 'Target' to the 'Defender' - base newspaper serves Tyndall proudly for nearly seven decades

From the very beginning of Tyndall, the installation has always had a tangible source for base news, announcements and even the occasional comic strip.

Over the years, the base newspaper has changed its name twice, gone from color front pages, to no color and back again. But even as the paper held in many hands shared our stories, triumphs and tears ends, the tales will continue on in Tyndall's Web page, [www.tyndall.af.mil](http://www.tyndall.af.mil).

(Complied by Public Affairs)



## 1946-A Decade of Security Thru Global Airpower-1956

PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA, FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 1956

### ATC Commander Visits Tyndall

#### Explorer Scouts Conduct Council Conclave at Tyndall

This afternoon, between 60 and 70 Land, Sea, and Air Explorer Scouts will arrive at Tyndall for a Conclave which will last through Sunday, April 22. Capt. Robert H. Taylor, Project Officer for the Conclave, stated that the purpose was to promote Air Force and aviation interest and to advance the American scouting movement through visits to Air Force Bases by Land, Sea, and Air Explorer Scouts of the Boy Scouts of America.

It is felt throughout the Air Force that it is quite important to provide as much co-operation possible to the Explorer Scout movement, since these are no longer boys, but young men to whom a knowledge of aviation is important both to them as new citizens in an Air Age, and to the Air Force, who in the future will draw largely from these young men for new blood, and the more familiar they are with the functioning of the Air Force the more useful they will be.

These Explorer Scouts will represent the All-Florida Gulf Coast Council which extends from Port St. Joe to Pensacola. The host unit will be Squadron 87, the Senior Crew Leader of which is Eagle Scout Richard Brantley.

The sixty or more scouts will be divided into three groups of about twenty each to facilitate their touring the base, and make it possible for them to see as much as possible in the time allotted.

The Scouts are scheduled to arrive on base at about three o'clock this afternoon. They will be billeted in the Transient Airman's Quarters. M-Sgt. Bobo, First Sergeant of the M&S Group, will supervise the barracks.

Before Friday evening chow, the Scouts will stand retreat and inspection in front of the Wing Headquarters building, with Capt. Hicks acting as inspection officer. Following chow the group will receive a welcome address from Col. Charles Long, Base Executive Officer. The scouts will then be addressed by Chaplain Young. The scouts' first night at Tyndall will be concluded when Senior Scout Richard Brantley presents a brief orientation program to what is planned for the coming weekend.

After Reveille and breakfast Saturday morning, the scouts will begin the fullest of their three days at Tyndall by touring the Controller School and inspecting Tyndall's radar facilities. Capt. Pope will also include a tour of the Interceptor Group where a T-3 and an F-86D will be set up on static display making it possible for the scouts to examine both operational aircraft which are presently being utilized by Tyndall. An hour orientation flight in a C-47 has also tentatively been planned for the group.

#### Lt. General Myers And ATC Staff Inspect Tyndall

Lt. General Charles T. Myers, Commander of the Air Training Command, arrived at Tyndall with his staff, Tuesday, April 17, for an annual Command inspection of the base. General Myers was accompanied by Maj. General Frank H. Robinson, Commander of Crew Training Air Force who joined him at Randolph AFB, Texas, CrewTAP Headquarters.

General Myers is conducting one of his periodic inspection tours of all the air bases under his command, of which Tyndall is one. The General's next stop is to be Moody AFB, Georgia, another Air Training Command base.

The General, who arrived at 4:25 Tuesday afternoon, was met by Colonel Fred C. Gray, Tyndall's Commander, and each member of the ATC Commander's staff was met by his Tyndall staff counterpart.

Tuesday evening Lt. General Myers, his staff and Maj. General Robinson were entertained by Colonel Gray, his staff officers and their wives at the Tyndall Officers Club where a cocktail party and dinner were given in the General's honor.

Wednesday morning, immediately following breakfast, the General and his staff began their inspection tour of the base. Individual ATC staff members visited the sections and units in which they were particularly interested, while General Myers, his remaining staff and General Robinson made a general inspection of the entire base. The inspection included a tour of the Base Hospital, the Base Exchange, Hobby Shop and other special services facilities. After a coffee break at the NCO Mess the General continued on to the Crash Rescue Squadron area, the Motor Pool and then to the Interceptor Weapons School where he received a demonstration of the school's Nadar equipment. The General concluded his inspection with a motor tour of the flight line including Engine Build-Up and the new hangar.

After lunch at Mess Hall number one General Myers and his staff proceeded to Base Operations where they departed at 1:00 p.m. for Moody AFB, Ga., the next inspection stop on the General's agenda.

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#### AF Lets Contracts For F-100Fs, and New Type F-104

Contracts involving two types of Century Series fighters have been let by the Air Force.

On April 11 it was announced that North American Aviation, Inc. has been awarded a \$40 million letter contract for F-100F Super Sabre aircraft. The Super Sabre, first fighter to exceed the speed of sound in level flight, is the Air Force's first supersonic fighter to be based overseas.

On April 12 the AF announced a contract with Lockheed Aircraft Corporation to build a two-seat version of the F-104 supersonic fighter. The initial order is for approximately \$10,000,000.

Designated the F-104B, the new plane will be a two-place tactical fighter, capable of combat missions as well as checking out pilots in the aircraft's flight characteristics.

A prototype XF-104 has been flying at Edwards AFB, Calif., for more than two years. The first production model F-104A made its initial flight in February, 1956. The plane was designated the Starfighter last month.

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The President made his appeal on behalf of legislation which would increase military service career advantages in letters to Vice President Richard M. Nixon and House Speaker Sam Rayburn.

"We cannot move too soon in our efforts to increase the number and quality of volunteers for long-term career military service," the President stated.

Chief among the bills included in President Eisenhower's military legislation program are the Dependent Medical Care and Survivors' Benefits bills. Others are doctor-dentist incentives, rental of government quarters, retirement of highest grade, augmentation of AF Regular officers, Reservists' lump sum readjustment payments and ROTC and AF Academy longevity credit.

Their current status in Congress is as follows: Dependent Medical Care passed the House on March 2. The Senate Armed Services Committee held hearings on April 12 and 13. Survivors' Benefits, which passed the House last July, will be considered by the Senate Finance Committee in late April or early May.

The doctor-dentist incentive bill, which the Senate Finance Committee is hearing on April 11, has passed the House on March 2.

The bill authorizing the occupancy of inadequate government quarters on a rental basis without loss of quarters allowance is scheduled for mid-April hearing.

The bill to continue retirement

#### ADC Wins Coveted Safety Trophy Award

Washington - The coveted Daedalian Trophy for 1956 has been awarded to the Air Defense Command, the Air Force has announced.

The trophy, a silver cup, is presented annually to the command which has the lowest number of hours due the National Guard units. This year was with the lowest adjusted aircraft accident rate.

The adjusted rate takes into consideration the type of planes flown, the normal flying conditions, and the number of accidents.

Although accidents were the actual year in virtually all commands, ADC made the best showing with a 52 per cent decrease.

#### AF Authorizes Pay Advance for Reserve

The AF has authorized effective immediately 26 additional paid drill periods per year for flying personnel assigned to its Reserve National Guard units.

This move was made to bolster the effectiveness of the non active duty personnel, and help them attain required flying proficiency and combat capability.

No more than 12 of the additional periods may be taken in a three month period.

Standing beside a Q2C Drone Target that was recovered by the over-land pin point recovery method is Col. James H. Hancock, Air Defense Group Commander. The over-land pin point recovery system is currently being tested by the Test Squadron. This drone received minor damage upon ground impact but was quickly returned to serviceable condition to fly another day.

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A New Year's baby sergeant helped the Tyndall Target ring in the new year in 1943.

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The 1950s brought a new name and new front page style as the publication transitioned from a newsletter to newspaper as seen in this edition which made print in 1956.

An edition of the Jet Scope in 1962 headlines the many changes to the base as it grew.

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# Comm Sq. Presented AFOUA

The 2021st Communications Sq., commanded by Lt. Col. Robert E. Newberry, was presented the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award this week by Col. Wallace J. Jarman, commander of the Southern Communications Area.

The unit was notified of the award in early August. The AFOUA is for the period Oct. 1, 1970, through Dec. 31, 1970. All personnel assigned to the Communications Squadron during that period are entitled to wear the AFOUA ribbon. Personnel may wear the ribbon only during their stay at Tyndall.

The 2021st qualified for the award through the excellence of the air traffic control services provided in the high density situation here. In addition to the high amount of mission by general aviation aircraft, the Tyndall Control Area is further complicated by intruding drone launches, ground to air firing projects and special test and evaluation flights. The control towers traffic count for 1970 reached 216,000 and the RAPCON totalled 104,800.

The unit's previous daily air traffic control service to support the Lockheed A-1C (A-1) 18101A, controllers were directly responsible for the success of several major Project Falcon, which involved 150 training and operation flights per day during a two week period and Project William Tell, which saw the best nine interceptor crews of A-1C and Canada competing in the famous weapons meet.

While providing its support with outstanding support, personnel in communication activities, including winning the base fast pitch softball championship, singles and doubles in padminton and seven of the 12 monthly Base Athlete of the Month awards.

The 1970 Outstanding Unit Award was the first earned by the 2021st Communications Sq.

Base veterinarian Capt. (Dr.) David Smith gives the once-over to Mercury, Avionics Maintenance Squadron's racing frog during his (Mercury's) pre-race physical. The speedy maintenance effort will lead into next Tuesday's competition.

**Pre-Race Physical**

with the knowledge that he won't crank the frog, Executive is set for a run at the Recreation Center Tuesday with Channel 7's Tom Hips serving as chief judge.

## Toads Trot Tuesday At Base Toadway

With what is believed to be the first military toad running anywhere in the world, the Recreation Center will be jumping this coming Tuesday as the now famous and soon to be historical

## CFC Drive Moves Closer To Goals

The 1972 Combined Federal Campaign goes into its final week Monday with donations already totaling over \$27,000. Lt. Col. James A. Alford said that the total represented 78 percent of the base's \$34,000 goal.

The 1972 goal is part of the overall Bay County goal of \$800. This figure is for all federal employees in the county.

As in election results, however, not all the results are in.

running of the First Annual Tyndall 200 becomes a reality. Some of the finest fleet-footed sprinters will be on hand at 4:45 p.m. in the Recreation Center ballroom for the official weigh-in and tagging with the race getting underway promptly at 5 o'clock. To date, 12 squadrons are officially entered in competition.

Entries include OMS racing Freddie the Foxes; Headquarters Squadron's Toadway Terror; WAF Squadron's Tonka Toad; Test Squadron's entry, Oldopper; Air Defense Weapons Center's, Angle Froggie; 2021st's RAPCON 2 and Hospital's Medic, MMS and FTS are both entered but have not as yet decided on a name for their entry. Col. Norman Galatin, commander of the Drone Squadron has an intra-squadron runoff slated for this afternoon in the squadron with their winner being entered in the Tyndall 200.

Television station WJHG in Panama City is sending a television crew to the base to cover the event and Tom Hips will be the official judge for the contest.

Recreation Center officials announce that Monday is the final day to enter your squadron in the race. A wreath will be presented to the winning toad with trophies being presented to the first and second place finishing squadrons.

## Six Earn Honors

Six military personnel were honored at the October awards presentation by Brig. Gen. Lawrence J. Fleming, Weapons Center commander.

They were: Sgt. Kenneth F. Edmunds, 456th Transportation Sq.; Sst. Anthony M. White, Base Operations, Lt. Col. Francis J. Murray, Test and Evaluation; Mr. George V. Roemer, FTS; CMSgt. Dean V. Holcomb, 456th Field Maintenance Sq.; and Sst. Michael J. Walsh, Office of Information.

Sergeant Edmunds was presented the first oak leaf cluster to the Bronze Star for his work as the Traffic Management Officer at Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai AFB, Thailand from August, 1970, to August, 1971.

Sergeant White earned the Bronze Star medal for his work as NCOIC of Operations at a Southeast Asia unit from March, 1970, to March, 1971.

Colonel Murray was presented the first oak leaf cluster to the Air Medal at the ceremonies. The colonel was an A-1 test pilot in Southeast Asia when on March 5, 1971, he participated in the rescue of seven helicopter crewmen.

Major Roemer retired after 20 years service and was presented the Air Force Commendation Medal. The Major was section commander of the 325th Flying

Training Sq. from December, 1967, until his retirement in August, 1971. Sergeant Holcomb also joined the retirement ranks after 22 years service and was presented the second oak leaf cluster to the Commendation Medal. He served as NCOIC of the propulsion branch of the Field Maintenance Sq.

Sergeant Walsh received a plaque naming him the Outstanding Information NCO for the Pacific Air Force in 1970. He served as NCOIC of the information office for the 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing, Kunsan AB, Korea. He is currently editor of the base newspaper, the Jet Scope.

## Drone Plans Fish Fry

The 475th Drone Sq. will sponsor a Fish Fry Nov. 12 with proceeds going to the Combined Federal Campaign. The fish fry will be held at Tyndall Marine Park located west of the base leading into Tyndall.

In addition to the food being served, there will be softball and pony rides and tours of the Drone recovery base. Tickets are \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children under the age of 12. Tickets may be purchased at the Drone Squadron orderly room, or call ext. 327-8258.

By Sgt. Richard A. O'Neal  
Staff Writer

Frogs make front page news in a 1971 publication.

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## More authority

### TAC reorganizes for mission support

After reviewing comments from field commanders and Tactical Air Command staff, Gen. Robert Russ, TAC commander, has decided to implement the air division/wing reorganization at each host air division and wing except Nellis AFB, Nev. Organizational changes for Nellis will be addressed as a separate action.

The reorganization establishes a mission support squadron (MSS) within the combat support group. The new unit is composed of existing personnel functions, social action, family support functions, family support officers' professional military education center. This consolidates related support functions under one commander and streamlines the span of control of the combat support center commander.

Visual information is realigned from base operations and training division to base administration. Morale, welfare and recreation was considered for inclusion in the new MSS. Level of congressional interest in MWR funding and the magnitude and diversity of MWR activities, it was not included. TAC will continue to look at the feasibility of including MWR in the MSS.

The reorganization creates

air base operability squadrons or divisions by consolidating disaster preparedness, airfield management, explosive ordnance disposal and camouflage, concealment and deception. Most base units with overseas deployment tasks will have ABO squadrons. Training and tenant units will have ABO divisions.

According to Capt. Keith Brynes, chief ABO division, Tyndall began its reorganization June 17. "The change is based on incorporating all ABOs under a wartime concept," EOD formerly of the 325th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, became a branch of the nuclear, biological, chemical survivability branch. Airfield management is expected to come on line in October.

The reorganization forms controller squadrons composed of existing controller functions at all host air divisions and wings. Contracting people will be attached to the controller squadron and resource plans personnel will be shifted to the transportation squadron for unit administration support in the MSS. Functional control of contracting and resource plans remains with the deputy commander for

The air division/wing reorganization creates air EOD and camouflage, concealment and base operability squadrons by consolidating disaster preparedness, airfield management.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Sgt. M. Gail Floyd)

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## Tyndallite wins top award at 'academy'

General Pascoe spoke on the importance of having optimism in leadership. Two Tyndall people displayed this type of optimism and enthusiasm during Class 88-7.

MSgt. James M. Fist, 1972nd Communication Group, received the school's highest honor as recipient of the John Levittor honor graduate award, denoting his excellence as a leader and scholar.

Tsgt. Edward M. Hougendobler, Air Force Engineering and Services Center, was recognized as a distinguished graduate. This award identifies

students who graduate in the top 10 percent of the class.

Other Tyndall NCOs among the 115 graduates were: TSgt. Steven Bachand, 81st Range Control Squadron; Jeffery Bowen, 325th Aircraft Generation Squadron; John Brannen, 325th Equipment Maintenance Squadron; Ralph Coulter, 325th AGS; Michael Elliott, 325th Security Police Squadron; Larrigie Hairstone, 325th Combat Support Group; James McClary, 325th EMS; Cliff Winans, ADWC; and Eric Wood, Southeast Air Defense Sector.

By Sgt. Richard A. O'Neal  
Staff Writer

## Tyndall schedules weapons detonation tests

A series of conventional weapon detonations has been scheduled for a remote area of Tyndall during the last two weeks of August.

The series will involve four detonations, three underground and one above ground, at a test area about one-half mile north of U.S. Highway 98, 11 miles east of the Tyndall main base area and four miles west of Mexico Beach.

During the above-ground test, scheduled for Aug. 30, a stretch of Highway 98 running near the blast area will be closed to all traffic from about 11:45 a.m. to about 12:15 p.m.

The underground detonations are scheduled for Aug. 17, 22 and 25. Highway 98 will not be closed to traffic on these dates.

To measure the effects of conventional weapons on equipment shock mounts and blast valves in semihardened structures.

This 1988 paper highlighted the training mission and top performers.

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## Meet Tyndall's newest E-5s

The following people at Tyndall have been selected for promotion to staff sergeant. They are listed by unit in alphabetical order.

**325th Operations Group:** James S. Fuenfeld and Frank G. Hutzler.

**325th Training Squadron:** Robbin L. Andrews; Caesar Kellum; Jan H. McCallister; Christopher Bernhardt; and Stacy H. Tucker.

**1st Fighter Squadron:** Lonnie E. Beavers; Austin J. Cortine; Teresa A. Dixon; Robert A. Foster; Bruce A. Frush Jr.; Greg G. Gappert; John S. Graves; John D. Morrow; and Michael D. Schrick.

**2nd Fighter Squadron:** Terry L. Baylis II; Gary A. Bell; Mark V. Cepelicki; Lawrence A. See SELECTEES, Page 6

## Secretary looks at Air Force challenges

Sheila E. Widnall, Secretary of the Air Force, is still very much intact and pressing on with its vital mission.

Secretary of the Air Force

Force for the challenges we'll face over the next three decades. He has accomplished the agenda he set out for himself as chief. Last week, I nominated Gen. Michael E. Ryan to succeed Gen. Fogelman, and the president accepted the nomination. Gen.

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## Great groceries, marvelous meat!

Commissary wins 2 DeCA awards

Leslie Filson, 325th FW public affairs, says commissary's success is due to the max and have the awards to prove it.

The Defense Commissary Agency named Tyndall's grocery and meat departments the best in the Eastern region-Southern area, in the large commissary category.

"We have a clean store, full shelves and provide friendly customer service," said James Ketchum, commissary officer.

"Those are the key ingredients necessary to win these awards," DeCA selected Tyndall for the honors from 55 other stores in the Southern area. Ketchum said, "To even be considered in the running, a store's inventory records and bookkeeping must

Above: Commissary meat order Gordon Kelly takes pride in his work and says special orders like beef jerky and Korean barbecue meat are no problem. Top: Military retirees Willie Alexander, left, and John Phillips do an aisle check in the potato chip section.

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The 1990s brought color back to the publication, as well as a new name, as seen in this 1997 edition of the Gulf Defender.

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Tyndall News

**Tyndall NCOA renamed after first CMSAF**

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. -- Tyndall's NCO Academy was renamed Wednesday to honor the first Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force.



**Tyndall NCO Academy to be renamed after first CMSAF**

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. -- For years Tyndall's NCO Academy hoped they could rename their installation after the first Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, and it is finally becoming a reality 11 a.m. Wednesday.



**Tyndall meets historic Doolittle Air Force family**

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. -- During Jonna Doolittle Hoppes' book signing event here Tuesday, many people were able to get a glimpse into the lives of well-known Air Force heroes.



**Tigers sweep Bandits in weekend match-up**

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. -- The Tyndall Tigers men's varsity basketball team won both games against the visiting Bandits from Ft. Benning, Ga., in Southeastern Military Athletic Conference action Saturday and Sunday.

**Dedicated blessing**

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. -- Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Paul Stewart, 325th Fighter Wing chaplain, blesses the altar during the Chapel 1 rededication ceremony Dec. 1. The chapel closed Jan. 16 for renovation and reopened officially 9:30 a.m. Nov. 5 for weekly Sunday Liturgical Service. (U.S. Air Force photo by Isaac Gibson)



**Deck the trailer**

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. -- Staff Sgt. Michael Crawford, 325th Maintenance Squadron munitions storage crew chief, places a pink flamingo in front of his squadron's tin trailer decoration in Flag Park. During the holiday season,



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