



Four crews load 'em up for Load Crew of the Year competition

On Feb. 1, the four Load Crew of the Quarter winners in the 325th Maintenance Group for 2006 competed in a final competition for Load Crew of the Year.

The competing crews were 43rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew 4M-1, 2nd AMU crew 2-7 and 1st AMU crews 1-4 and 1-1.

Inclement weather played a factor in the contest but all four crews rose above it, successfully loading six missiles each. The winner of the competition will be announced at the Maintenance Professional of the Year banquet held here in April.



Photos by Airman Nicholas Soroka

Airman 1st Class Cedric DeBourban, Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Fears and Senior Airman Brian Allen, 1st AMU crew 1-4, position an AIM-9 missile for loading.



Senior Airman Frantavious Dooley, Staff Sgt. Beejay Rennicker and Senior Airman Raymond Porter, 1st AMU crew 1-1, carry an AIM-9 missile during the loading phase.



Staff Sgt. Larry Pyne, Airman 1st Class Carl Bradley and Senior Airman Evan Johnson, 2nd AMU crew 2-7, perform munitions preparation on two AIM-9 missiles and four AIM-120s.



Senior Airman Angel Santiago-Ortiz, 43rd AMU crew 4M-1, prepares a station prior to loading munitions. Staff Sgt. Jonathan Leon-Guerro and Airman 1st Class Brenton Gates complete the three-person crew.

Checkertail Salute

Staff Sgt. Melissa Johnson



Airman Glenn Moore

Staff Sgt. Melissa Johnson, 325th Fighter Wing, receives the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award from Brig. Gen. Tod Wolters, 325th Fighter Wing commander.

Sergeant Johnson reviewed, tracked and coordinated over 270 Enlisted Performance Reports and Officer Performance Reports and 400 decorations. She also improved the EPR and OPR timeliness rate from 32 percent to 100 percent in four months.

Duty title: 325th Fighter Wing Command Section NCOIC
Hometown: Ithaca, Mich.
Time on station: Three years
Time in service: Eight years
Hobbies: Reading, traveling and spoiling my niece and nephew
Goals: obtain Bachelor's degree in Business Management, play an instrument well and learn a second language
Favorite thing about Tyndall AFB: The camaraderie of our staff
Favorite movie: Pretty in Pink
Proudest moment in the military: Receiving my staff sergeant stripes from the vice wing commander

The Checkertail Salute is a 325th Fighter Wing commander program designed to recognize Tyndall's Warrior of the Week. Supervisors can nominate individuals via their squadron and group commanders. Award recipients receive a certificate, letter from the commander and a one-day pass.

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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.

No one correctly guessed the Feb. 2 "Identify This." Since it was so difficult, we may run it in a future issue of the *Web Defender*.

Congratulations to the 325th MDG

The 325th Medical Group was recently named the top performing CONUS large clinic in the Air Force by the Air Force Surgeon General.

The 325th MDG's Eagle team was also awarded as the top performing primary care element in AETC.

