



In Brief

Military speakers

Community function planners, schools and local groups are requesting service members to speak about their mission and experiences in the Air Force.

If you are interested in speaking in the local community, join the speaker's bureau by contacting the 325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office at 283-4500 or 283-8597.

Registration

The Gulf Coast Community College registration for the fall term is ongoing at the Tyndall Education Center. Classes start Monday.

Book buyback is Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the main campus bookstore.

For more information, call 283-4332.

Basketball Tryouts

Tryouts for the 2007-2008 Tyndall Tigers Men's Varsity Basketball team are scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. Aug. 27 in the Fitness Center.

For more information, contact the Fitness Center at 283-2631

Tyndall Idol IV

Tyndall Idol will take place at 6 p.m. Aug 24 at the Enlisted Club. Who will be the next star? For more information, call 283-4357.



Staff Sgt. Vesta Anderson

Stellar Airmen

Tyndall Air Force Base Honor Guard was presented a \$5,000 check from the Dr. Phillips Foundation here Tuesday. After a member of the foundation witnessed the Honor Guard's professional performance during a funeral, the foundation, which assists programs that support military members who were either killed in action or died while serving on active duty, donated the funds to support resources used by the Honor Guard.

Sergeant earns 'Volunteer of the Quarter'

STAFF SGT. VESTA ANDERSON
325TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Located in the 325th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron here, surrounded by a maze of large equipment, is a room filled with the aroma of popcorn and jalapeños.

Inside is a desk filled with paperwork, and behind this desk sits Tyndall Air Force Base's newest Volunteer of the Quarter for April 1 through June 30.

Technical Sgt. Lori Shackleford grew up in Enid, Okla. She began giving back to her country 14 years ago when she enlisted in the Air Force. With numerous duty stations under her belt, Shackleford was finally assigned to Tyndall AFB. For the last two

years, Shackleford has been assigned to the 325th ADS as the NCO in charge of maintenance.

During duty hours, Shackleford ensures the altitude chamber and life support aerospace physiology equipment is working properly. After duty, the lively NCO returns home to her family of three: 13-year-old son, Spencer; 6-year-old son, Luke; and husband, Nick.

Shackleford is described as an exceedingly sharp military member by individuals who have read her nomination package for Volunteer of the Quarter.

"The Volunteer of the Quarter award is one way the Volunteer Advisory Council is able to recognize 'Team Tyndall' ac-

tive-duty and civilian volunteers for their outstanding support of the community," said Ms. Tarrant, chair for the Voluntary Advisory Council.

"To be chosen for Volunteer of the Quarter, the nomination package must show that the person has performed outstanding volunteer community service throughout the quarter, providing services that have a direct and positive impact on the community," said Tarrant.

"During the last quarter, volunteers reported over 8,000 hours for a savings in excess of \$144,000 to the community," Tarrant said.

In three months, Shackleford's volun-

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Checkertail Salute

Senior Airman Diane Smith



Airman First Class Anthony J. Hyatt

Airman Smith, 325th Operations Support Squadron intelligence operations analyst, practices a pre-deployment brief for those deploying to Iraq. These briefings inform Airmen about the areas where they are deploying.

Airman Smith provided intelligence analysis which directly led to prosecution of high-value targets in Operation Iraqi Freedom. She condensed thousands of information reports into actionable intelligence, ultimately leading to the neutralization of Al Qaeda operatives.

Duty title: 325th Operations Support Squadron intelligence operations analyst

Hometown: Albion, N.Y.

Time on station: One year

Time in service: Three years and nine months

Hobbies: Hiking and Traveling

Goals: To finish my degree

Favorite thing about Tyndall AFB: The wonderful weather and relaxing beaches

Favorite movie: The Sound of Music

Favorite book: "Tuesdays with Morrie" by Mitch Albom

Pet peeves: People that don't think beyond themselves

Proudest moment in the military: Deploying to Iraq twice and seeing first hand the impact my efforts made

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.



Hurricane Emergency information

Accountability:
(follow these steps until contact is made)

1. Contact supervisor
2. Contact Hurricane Evacuation Support Staff at
(877) 325-EVAC (3822).
3. Contact Air Force Personnel Center at **(800) 435-9941.**

Phone numbers:
Straight Talk (877) 529-5540

Tyndall Toll-free (800) 896-8806

Bay County Emergency Operations Center
(850) 784-4000

Tyndall Civil Engineer Readiness Flight
(850) 283-2010

For downed power lines, fires or medical emergencies, call 911

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teer efforts calculated 113.5 hours supporting numerous base and local activities. Some of these events included: the United Sports Academy Baseball camp where she instructed 106 children and was chosen as the "Diamond Dog" award winner; Bay Haven School Spring Fest; Panama City Swim meet; Gulf Coast Triathlon; March of Dimes Walk America and Adopt-A-Highway.

In addition, she led a 13-member team, supporting eight events and contributing more than 197 hours at the NCO Academy, earning the Commandant's Award.

A former softball player herself, Shackleford's favorite volunteer activity became the baseball camps in Lynn Haven where she worked with children of all ages. After consistently volunteering, she was asked to become an instructor for the camp, teaching baseball basics and team work to the children.

"Some of the kids that go there don't have the [benefits] we do. The camp gives them goals and dreams," Shackleford said. "You see a spark in their eyes that they didn't have before and it's worth it."

Shackleford isn't the only volunteer in her family. Volunteer work for the Shackleford family is as routine as family meals.

"Family: that's what made me start volunteering," said Shackleford. "I want my kids to know the importance in giving back to the community," she said.

"I take them with me everywhere I go," said Shackleford. "They enjoy it."

After an event, Shackleford and her family take time to reflect on the contributions they made.

"We look at the whole worldly picture," said Shackleford. "How eight hours of our time impacted the community."

Typically volunteering on the weekends, the Shackleford family's participation usually picks up during summer break.

"The kids look forward to seeing the certificates, and then they can look back on the event," said Shackleford.

Earning Volunteer of the Quarter was exciting for Shackleford.

"It's impressive," said Shackleford, after being praised by individuals who she has never met, but who know of her actions.

"They see your efforts on paper, but to have them truly understand how much work I put into it...it hits home," said Shackleford elatedly.

"Volunteers are invaluable to the health of our community and I cannot express how much their service means to Tyndall," said Tarrant.

"I put in hard work and it's good to get the pat on the back," said Shackleford. "The kids were really excited. They wanted to see the [nomination package] that had all my information on it."

Shackleford encourages Airmen to volunteer and reap the rewards.

"It's not just an EPR bullet," explains Shackleford,

"It's your world. People want the community to provide for our safety and wellbeing, but you have to be willing to give back to that community as well," Shackleford said.

Volunteer work is mostly enjoyed when the volunteers find things they enjoy doing, explains Shackleford. "There are all sorts of things to get involved in."

Shackleford volunteers for numerous Tyndall events, but also went above and beyond by searching for volunteer work in the near by communities. Overhearing conversations at a store while waiting in a check-out line, Shackleford would learn of events which needed support.

"Nine out of 10 times, if you ask to help they will say yes," Shackleford said with a smile.

Shackleford seems to be the ideal model for what some Air Force leadership call the 'full-up' Airman: a hard worker, a strong volunteer, a mentor, an individual who takes her career and life goals seriously.

Receiving Volunteer of the Quarter is acknowledgment for a job well done. For Shackleford, it's also proof to her children that volunteerism and good deeds don't go unnoticed.

Be assured, Shackleford and her family's motivation will not waiver.

"Most organizers look for help to support events," said Shackleford, "I look for the events to help support."