



In Brief

Oasis Relocated

The Oasis Snack Bar has temporarily moved to the Checkers Lounge at the Collocated Club. Breakfast hours are 6:30-10 a.m. Lunch hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Blood Drive

The Armed Services Blood drive is 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. tomorrow at the Community Activity Center. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Caitlin Harris at 283-8622.

Flu mist

Visit the 325th Medical Group immunizations clinic for a flu shot. Clinic hours are 7:30 a.m.- 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 283-7495.

HPV Vaccine

The 325th Medical Group has received the human papilloma virus vaccine. The HPV vaccine, a series of three shots over six months, helps protect women against cervical cancer. All females ages 9 through 26 years old are eligible for this vaccine.

Basic Savings

The next series of Basic Savings and Investment Classes are Jan. 23, Feb. 6 and 20, Mar. 9 and 19. Classes are 9 to 11 a.m. in the Airman and Family Readiness Classroom, bldg 743. For more information, call 283-4204.

Tyndall squadron commander selected for new CSAF fellows program

COURTESY OF AFPN

Lieutenant Colonel David Krumm, 43rd Fighter Squadron commander, was one of seven officers recently selected to be part of a new Chief of Staff of the Air Force Fellows program directed by Gen. T. Michael Moseley.

“The CSAF Fellows program is a prestigious opportunity to develop some of the Air Force’s most talented officers,” General Moseley said. “It will provide these hand-selected officers with the opportunity to cultivate their skill sets in career-broadening positions specializing in national military strategy, national defense policy and international relations.”

The intent of the CSAF Fellows program is to develop a strong group of senior officers with breadth and depth in operational, command and joint/interagency experience, he said. Officers are selected based on their strong competency and potential to serve in senior positions.

“I’m excited about the opportunity to be a part of this program,” Colonel Krumm said. “I feel honored to have been selected, but I also realize that I’ve been afforded this opportunity because of the contributions of the amazing and talented people I have working around me.”

The selected officers will work directly for the chief of staff in lieu of serving as a group or vice wing commander, and after successful completion of the program, will be strong candidates for operational wing command or equivalent positions.

“Colonel (select) Krumm possesses a rare combination of poise, technical expertise and charisma...he is a special leader,” said Brigadier Gen-



Courtesy photo

Lieutenant Colonel David Krumm, 43rd Fighter Squadron commander, pictured here as he takes command of the squadron in August 2006, was recently selected for the new Chief of Staff of the Air Force Fellows program.

eral Tod Wolters, 325th Fighter Wing commander.

These positive attributes, coupled with the experience he gains from the CSAF Fellows program, will bode well for Colonel Krumm and the Air Force as he continues his career.

“We expect him to serve as a senior Air Force leader...he will command at the highest levels,” said the general.

Colonel Krumm, who was unaware he was being looked at for the program until he was selected, has not been told yet when he is to report to Washington D.C., but expects it will be sometime this summer.

Tour lengths for the program will vary from one to two years, and participating officers will still be expected to complete a program such as Air War College to receive credit for developmental education.

“Maintaining peak combat capa-

bility begins and ends with talented, motivated, trained and well-equipped Airmen,” General Moseley said. “This prestigious program provides distinguished officers with the right experience at the right time in their careers.”

Colonel Krumm, recently selected for a below-the-zone promotion, received his commission as a distinguished graduate from Auburn University in 1989. He is a command pilot with more than 2,600 flying hours in the F-15C Eagle and F-22 Raptor. He has served as a flight commander, assistant operations officer and as the chief of F-22 initial operation test and evaluation. Prior to assuming command of the 43rd FS, Colonel Krumm served as initial cadre for the F-22, and then as operations officer for the

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2008 DECA Scholarships

COURTESY OF DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY

The "Scholarships for Military Children Program" was created in recognition of the contributions of military families to the readiness of the fighting force and to celebrate the role of the commissary in the military family community. Since its inception in 2000, more than \$6 million in scholarships have been awarded to 3,532 dependents from more than 40,000 applicants.

Scholarship awards will be based on

funds available, but individual awards of at least \$1,500 are anticipated. If there are no eligible applicants from a particular commissary, the funds designated for that commissary will be awarded as an additional scholarship at another installation

Only children of active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired military may apply. Eligibility will be determined by the Scholarship Managers.

Students with questions regarding the application should call scholarship managers at (856) 616-9311 or e-mail militaryscholar@scholarshipmanagers.com.

Applications are available at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>.

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43rd FS and the 325th Operations Support Squadron. He is a distinguished graduate and outstanding graduate of the U.S. Air Force Weapons Instructor Course.

Other officers selected for the program are:

-- Lt. Col. Gary W. Henderson, a senior developmental education student at NATO Defense College in Rome, Italy.

-- Col. Michael T. Plehn, commander of the 27th Special Operations Group at Cannon AFB, N.M.

-- Col. Kathleen C. Sakura, deputy director for joint staff intelligence support for the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon.

-- Col. Jeffrey B. Taliaferro, an Air Force Fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C.

-- Col. Stephen N. Whiting, commander of the 614th Air and Space Operations Center and director of the Joint Space Operations Center at Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

-- Col. John M. Wood, deputy commander of the 60th Operations Group at Travis AFB, Calif.

(325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs contributed to this story)

AF enures safe skies, continues training

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Although the rumbles throughout Tyndall Air Force Base's skies have not fallen completely silent, there is an unmistakable absence from the normal flying habitat overhead. Tyndall's F-15 Eagles haven't been able to spread their wings since Nov. 3, 2007; instead they have been enduring a nesting period.

The Air Force grounded its F-15 fleet after an F-15C, belonging to the Missouri Air National Guard, incurred mechanical failure and crashed.

According to Airmen magazine, the stand-down order was a decision not made lightly by AF leadership.

It was the right thing to do based upon the nature of the mishap, allowing for extensive technical inspections to the AF's fleet of nearly 700 F-15, said Gen. John Corley, Air Combat Command commander, in a message to operations personnel published in Airmen magazine.

Individuals responsible for performing the mentioned inspections at Tyndall are sheet metal technicians from the 325th Maintenance Squadron and non-destructive inspection professionals from the Defense Support Services.

"The initial inspections of the aircraft entailed visual checks for cracks in the fuselage and canopy

rail," said Lt. Col. Eric North, 325th MXS commander.

During this inspection, maintainer's attention to detail helped identify three aircraft with cracks, said Colonel North. All three F-15 are in the process of being repaired.

The second inspection phase began after the Accident Investigation Board's second findings of structural defects, explained Colonel North, which grounded the F-15 a second time.

"It's a florescent penetrate inspection," said Colonel North. Stripping paint from a four-inch section on the F-15 longerons exposes the metal surface. Once this step is completed, chemicals are applied to the surface which, under florescent light, expose cracks missed by the naked eye, explained the colonel.

"We found one aircraft with one crack on the longerons and its awaiting repair," said Colonel North.

The third phase is an eddy current inspection. Maintainers compare the thickness difference in the metal structure along the longerons, explains the maintenance commander.

"We're performing (safety inspections) to ensure we are covering all areas they believe could have caused the mishap to ensure the safety of our pilots and the aircraft," said Colonel North.

Each F-15 Eagle at Tyndall AFB

has been rotating through each of the three time compliance technical orders. The process takes approximately 18 hours per F-15 C-model and 22 hours per F-15 D-model, said Colonel North, most of it due to paint-cure time.

"Right now, we are finishing up the third phase of the TCTOs," said Colonel North. "We're providing the data we have collected to (the Air Logistics Center at) Warner Robins AFB."

From there, the colonel explains, engineers plug in all the data collected AF-wide, enabling better situational awareness on the jets.

As the maintainers have been working endless hours on performing the TCTOs, leadership has been seeking other training methods to maintain Tyndall's mission.

The F-15 grounding affects both the F-15 fighter training program as well as the air battle manager training program at Tyndall.

"Both groups are experiencing delays with graduating current classes and expect slips to incoming (class dates)," said Col. William Mott, 325th Operations Group commander. "We really can't capture the total impact until we get cleared to fly again – hopefully soon."

"During the down time, the F-15 and ACS communities have been engaging with academics, simulator training, ancillary training and administrative chores," said Colonel Mott.

When those have been exhausted, the students and instructors have been engaging in volunteer activities such as Habitat for Humanity to help benefit the communities surrounding Tyndall AFB.

"Even though (we're) not flying, the maintainers have been busy with technical orders, routine inspections and servicing to keep the jets ready to fly when cleared," added the operations commander.

The jets that have been cleared through the inspection phases will not be released for immediate flight, explains Colonel North.

"The authorization to fly must first come from the ACC commander," Colonel North said.

When the stand down is lifted, the effects will become more apparent.

"It will take time to get back in the air and fly and fight with proficiency; this down time comes at a cost for both aircraft and pilots," said Colonel Mott.

"The squadron commanders have an aggressive program planned to crawl, walk, then run our way back into the F-15 flying-training business."

"This grounding has been a long process, but it's necessary to ensure we fly safe aircraft," said the operations commander. "As an F-15 pilot and commander, I applaud the path so far and look forward to the Air Force's solution to this challenging safety issue."