



## In Brief

### Black History Month

The Black History Month Luncheon is at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 7 at the Collocated Club. Reservations are due Jan. 30. Tickets are \$9 for club members and \$10 for non-club members. Contact Melissa Greene at 283-2807.

### Commemoration

The commemoration celebration for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be at 11 a.m. Jan. 17 at Chapel 1.

### 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.

# The wait is over: ABUs land at Tyndall

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After what has been a three-month wait for some, the Airman Battle Uniform is available for purchase at the Tyndall Air Force Base Military Clothing Sales store.

The uniform went on sale Tuesday for Tyndall AFB senior leaders to get fitted, and Wednesday for the rest of the base population, Ms. Kellett said.

"We got four palettes of the new uniform last week," said Candice Kellett, Military Clothing Sales and Class Six branch manager. "We got other pieces of the shipment before then," she said.

"We have very few sizes for the time being, so we're limiting each customer to one full set so everyone on base gets a chance to purchase them," Ms. Kellett said. "But now we can start ordering shipments, so more will be here in the future."

Ms. Kellett said she doesn't know exactly when they'll get more, but she's hoping to get the next shipment in February.

The high demand for the uniform brought a large volume of customers into the store for the debut.

"It's been a mad house here today,"



Photo by Staff Sgt. Timothy R. Capling

**2nd Lt. David Yu, 325th Air Control Squadron student, and Senior Airman Dustin McCroskey, 325th Security Forces Squadron patrolman, search through a box of Airman Battle Uniforms at Military Clothing Sales Wednesday. Military Clothing Sales management hopes to get another shipment of the uniform in February.**

said Mary Lattal, senior associate. "We've been busy since we opened up this morning."

2nd Lieutenant David Yu, 325th Air Control Squadron student, decided to buy the ABU to cut costs.

"I bought the uniform to save time and money from starching, ironing and shining," the lieutenant said.

Senior Airman Dustin McCroskey, 325th Security Forces Squadron patrolman said he heard from a friend

of a friend that the uniform was going to be available and wanted to get to the store on the first day to be able to get his size.

"I needed new uniforms anyway," the Airman said. "I wanted to hold off until the ABU got here so I wouldn't have to buy all new uniforms when they become mandatory."

Airman McCroskey also said he liked the style the ABU.

"They look really good," he said.

# Team Tyndall gives life through blood

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Members from Tyndall Air Force Base gathered at the Community Activities Center to help donate blood to the Armed Services Blood Program Wednesday.

Technicians from the 81st Medical Operations Squadron's donar center from Keesler AFB, Miss. arrived

Tuesday evening to support the operation. Keesler's center is one of three in the Air Force.

"The blood collected by ASBP comes from the military for the military," said 2nd Lt. Caitlin Harris, 325th Contracting Squadron contracting specialist and blood drive coordinator.

One pint of blood can save up to four lives, said the lieutenant.

A total of 77 members donated blood at the drive.

"We had nearly 100 people show up to donate, but we had to defer some of them because they weren't able to donate today," said Lieutenant Harris.

Some of the reasons for deferment are if the donar:

- had contact with blood or body fluids through injury, accidental needle

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# GMH to open new doors for military families

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The Gary Michael Holloway Military Housing office anticipates construction completion on its first 28 homes at Redfish Point's extension late February.

Redfish Extension is projected to have 209 new homes; 116 houses comprised of three and four bedrooms will be reserved for junior enlisted and 93 houses comprised of three and four bedrooms reserved for company grade officers.

The families who will have move-in priority on the 28 homes are being relocated due to the scheduled demolition in Wood Manor. Families on the "wait list" for base housing are second in line, explained Mrs. Teri Henry, GMH Military Housing community manager.

The government has taken steps to

ensure military families are well taken care of.

According to the GMH office, if military members are directed to move due to immediately scheduled demolition or renovation of a current home, the government will reimburse the military member. The military member will then have a choice to complete a "do it yourself" move or have a professional carrier move them.

Currently, there is only one area of Wood Manor scheduled for demolition – Sentry Lane located off Sabre Drive – individuals here will have first priority to the new housing, said Mrs. Henry.

"Once the first two priorities are exhausted, relocation availability and policy information will be provided to current (Wood Manor) residents," said Mrs. Henry.

Lease-obligation fulfillment, time



Photo provided by GMH Military Housing office

**This two story, three bedroom junior-enlisted home features a garage, five-star energy-efficient appliances, a screened-in patio and is more than 1700 square feet.**

remaining at Tyndall AFB, unit condition pre-inspection, and discrepancy and complaint history are all factors determining a resident's move into a newer housing unit, explained Mrs. Henry.

Additionally, housing for officers between the ranks of O-4 to O-7 is anticipated spring 2008.

For additional information, contact GMH Military Housing at 286-1700.



**Airman Against Drunk Driving provides military members with a free, safe ride home within the local area. This program is available to all ranks possessing a valid Military ID. AADD stresses complete anonymity to ease the fear of retribution.**

**Call: (850) 867-0220**

**Hours of Operation: Fri. & Sat. 5 p.m. through 5 a.m.**

## 2008 DECA Scholarships

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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](mailto:militaryscholar@scholarshipmanagers.com).

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

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stick or contact with an open wound, non-intact skin or mucous membrane

- have been in jail, prison or any other correctional facility for more than 72 consecutive hours

- received blood or had an organ, or tissue transplant

- had donated blood within the past 56 days

- had a tattoo, brand or piercing in the past 12 months

Servicemembers who have been deployed to Iraq within the last year are also deferred due to potential exposure to leishmaniasis, a disease spread by sand flies.

The next blood drive is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 10.

"Just think of a loved one who made need this life saving product," said Lisa Lynn, Armed Services Blood Program recruiter.

### Checkertail Salute

Major Kelli Lorenzo



Photo by Chris Dahmer

**Maj. Lorenzo, 325th Medical Group Health Care Integrator, has been immersed in health care integration for 23,000 beneficiaries.**

Maj. Lorenzo planned and orchestrated the 2007 Women's Health Fair that attracted hundreds of participants who received information and briefings from local experts on a variety of women's health issues.

**Hometown:** Portland, Oregon

**Time on station:** One year 5 months

**Time in service:** Thirteen years

**Hobbies:** Hiking, gardening, cooking and a good adventure

**Goals:** To leave the world a better place and enjoy the journey along the way

**Favorite thing about Tyndall AFB:** The people

**Favorite movie:** This time of year: "It's a Wonderful Life"

**Favorite book:** "I'll let you know when I finish Air Command and Staff College."

**Pet Peeves:** Apathy, lack of accountability, the shrink wrap on CDs

**Proudest moment in the military:** Caring for the wounded Operation Enduring Freedom & Operation Iraqi Freedom Airmen, sailors, soldiers and Marines.

*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.*