



In Brief

Awards Banquet

The 2007 Annual Awards Banquet is 6 p.m. Friday at the Community Activity Center Annex. Tickets are \$22 for club members and \$25 for non-club members. Reservations are made through unit first sergeants.

Focus 56 Meeting

The monthly Focus 56 meeting is 3:30 p.m. Thursday at The Zone. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. LaToya Jones-Sanders at 283-1224.

Tax Center

The Tax Center is open 8 a.m. to noon until April 15 at the Wing Support Building, bldg. 662. To schedule an appointment, call Staff Sgt. Charles Zaldivar at 283-4681.

Black History

The Black History Month luncheon is 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. For more information, call Melissa Greene at 283-2807.

Basic Savings

The next series of Basic Savings and Investment Classes have begun with classes Wednesday and Feb. 20, Mar. 5 and 19. Classes are 9-11 a.m. in the Airman and Family Readiness classroom, bldg. 743. For more information, call 283-4204.

Airmen find a place for themselves

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS ANTHONY J. HYATT
325TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Imagine yourself as a brand new Airman at Tyndall Air Force Base. Now think about that weekend coming up where you don't know anyone, you don't have a vehicle to travel anywhere and you're bored. What do you do? Head to the Living Room, a place that has re-opened for the Airmen to kick back and relax.

"It is open for all dorm residents who want to come to a fun alcohol-free environment," said Staff Sgt. Sean Finley, 325th Fighter Wing Chapel NCO in charge and Living Room coordinator.

TLR is attached to the laundry room in the back of bldg. 1036.

Usually open on Fridays, the chapel has scheduled it to be open on multiple days throughout the week. A calendar has been sent to all Tyndall dorm residents.

Thanks to donations from the Officers Spouses' Club, the chapel was able to purchase a 1,080-pixel high-definition projector for TLR. A dvd/vhs player with surround sound is hooked up to the projector.

"It's like having your own little movie theater," said Sergeant Finley. "Previously, people have donated

dvd's and games."

A Playstation 3 was also purchased with the Chapel Tithes and Offerings Fund to fully utilize the potential of the projector. In addition to, various board games and a second television set are available.

"Ultimately, we want the dorm residents to be the people to open and close the Living Room," said

Sergeant Finley. "Two individuals have already volunteered to help."

Key holders will make sure the room doesn't get roughed up, and clean up before they lock up, according to the chapel.

"The Living Room has been revived," said Airman 1st Class Zachary Kuiper, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, dorm resident and a volunteer key holder. "It just gives us (Airmen) something to do."

Places like this weren't available to Airmen in the past.

"Airmen should come (to TLR) because it's a comfortable place to hang out within walking distance from all of the dorms. It's a great place to socialize and meet other people from other squadrons on the base," said the sergeant. "It's a great alternative from going downtown, drinking and making some bad decisions. I wish we had something like this when we lived in the dorms."

If you have any questions about the Living Room or would like to be a volunteer key holder, call the chapel at 283-2925.



Airman 1st Class Veronica McMahan

Airman 1st Class Zachary Kuiper, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, plays the guitar on the game Rockband in the Living Room at Tyndall. The Living Room is a place created for the base dorm residents to hang out and get to know one another.

Tyndall Tigers survive Hurricanes: 94-83 SEMAC victory

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TYNDALL TIGERS

The Tyndall Tigers men's varsity basketball team improved their season record to 10-1, surviving the upset bid of the visiting Hurricanes from Naval Station Mayport. They took a hard fought 94-83 victory in Southeastern Military Athletic Conference action Saturday.

The Tigers began the game on fire as they quickly jumped to a double-digit lead and appeared on the verge of running the bigger, taller visitors from Jacksonville out of the gym.

With 3:02 seconds remaining in the first half led and a 17-point lead, Mayport went on a 13-5 run to trim their deficit to nine points, making it a 45-36 game. The momentum had swung over to the Hurricanes and in the second half, Mayport kept chipping away at the Tigers

lead. With 7:57 remaining to be played, the Hurricanes tied the score at 71.

After a time out, the Tigers displayed heart as they pulled together and repeatedly denied the Hurricanes the chance to take the lead. The Tigers found their groove again. Taking a double-digit lead, Tyndall went into the delay game and connected on timely free throws to seal the victory.

Paul Figueroa, a newcomer to the Tigers' coaching staff, summed up the victory best by saying, "When the game was on the line, the Tigers responded like champions."

Melvin Smith led the Tigers in scoring with 22 points; followed by Marqus Armour with 18 points; Chris Walker and Jared Austin both scored 14 points each; and Antonio Bazemore scored 10 points. Armour and Bazemore

led for rebounding honors with 10 each and Smith led in assists with five. Kerega McCollum led the Hurricanes in scoring with a game-high 29 points.

The Tigers are on their bye week this weekend, but will return to the hardwood as they travel to Hurlburt Field to challenge the Commandos at 3 p.m. Feb. 9.

Tyndall has clinched the number one seed in the upcoming men's post-season tournament, Feb. 16-18 at Hurlburt Field. A win against the Commandos means the Tigers are the

conference regular season champs; however, if they lose, they will be co-champs along with their arch rivals – the Eglin Eagles.

Southeastern Military Athletic Conference Standings (as of Feb. 1)		
Men's Basketball 2007 Regular Season Standings		
Team	Win	Loss
Tyndall	10	1
Eglin	9	2
Hurlburt Field	6	4
Mayport	4	6
Keesler	3	6
Moody	2	8
Ft. Benning	1	9
Women's Basketball Standings		
Tyndall	8	0
Eglin	3	3
Keesler	2	3
Ft. Benning	1	5
Moody	0	5



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Checkertail Salute

Airman 1st Class Amanda Regan



Photo by Chris Dahmer

Airman 1st Class Amanda Regan, 325th Communication Squadron information manager, sorts unit mail correspondence at the Base Official Mail Center.

Airman Regan successfully trained 40 newly-assigned Activity Distribution Office personnel—ensuring personnel were fully capable of handling all types of mail after consolidation of information managers to the group level. She also saved the Air Force more than \$2,000 in postage funds, on target for a total savings of \$24,000 for fiscal year 2008.

Hometown: Lake City, Tenn.

Time on station: One year, eight months

Time in service: Two years

Hobbies: Going to the beach, reading and walking my dog

Goals: To graduate from college in one year

Favorite thing about Tyndall AFB:

Close to the beaches

Favorite movie: The Notebook

Favorite book: "Devil Wears Prada" by Lauren Weisberger

Pet Peeves: Having to explain things twice

Proudest moment in the military:

Graduating from basic military training

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.