



In Brief

Change of Command

The 325th Fighter Wing change of command ceremony is 10 a.m. Friday in Hangar 2. Brig. Gen. Tod Wolters will relinquish command to Col. Darryl Roberson. This event is open to the base populous. Due to limited parking, bus transportation will be provided from buildings 662, 1281 and 1471 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Buses will also pick up along flight line road. Personnel are encouraged to use provided transportation.

Falcon Loan

The Falcon Loan is an interest-free loan of \$500 or less that can be used for emergency needs. For more information, call 283-4204 or visit www.afas.org.

Dining Facility

The Berg-Liles dining facility will be closed until April 1 due to repairs to its drainage systems. For additional information, call the food service staff office at 283-4422.

GCCC

The next GCCC placement test is 1 p.m. March 12. For more information, call 283-4332.

Country Music Star

Country music star Aaron Tippin will perform a free concert at the 2008 Gulf Coast Salute air show March 29. For more information about the air show, visit www.tyndall.af.mil.

Tyndall NCO takes third in competition

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A Tyndall Air Force Base Airmen Leadership School instructor placed third in the South Atlantic Strongman III Platinum contest Feb. 16 in Columbia, S.C.

Tech. Sgt. Jacob Peeterse earned a berth to the national competition by placing in the top three in the 231-265 pound weight class.

The contest, similar to television's "World's Strongest Man," contains non-traditional athletic events that require substantial feats of strength.

The competition started with the keg carry and load event, which had contestants lifting 200-, 225- and 250-pound kegs to various heights.

"Watching the lightweight division go through, it looked like it was going to be pretty tough," Sergeant Peeterse said. "I went through the whole thing pretty easy, but messed up the 250 because I grabbed it even-handed."

He finished the event with a time of 33 seconds-- good enough to take first place for that portion.

Next up was the 250-pound log clean and press. The sergeant found himself unable to complete the press, but fortunately only one other competitor was able to. He said he was a little disappointed because he had cleaned and pressed 270-pounds in the past.

"I was wondering all day what had happened and then I saw the pictures and my chest was caved in," the sergeant said. "I was in a horrible position to press."

The next event, the truck pull, also proved to be difficult for him. The truck pull required competitors



Courtesy photo

Tech. Sgt. Jacob Peeterse pulls a 700-pound chain in the South Atlantic Strongman Challenge III in Columbia, S.C., Feb 16. Sergeant Peeterse placed third in the competition, earning a berth to the Nationals this November in Las Vegas.

to pull a Ford Ranger up a slight incline. Even though he had never attempted such a feat, Sergeant Peeterse said he gave it his all, but was unable to top his competition. He placed last in the event.

"That killed my chances of getting any higher than third," he said.

However, he bounced back in

the next event, the 575-pound dead lift by nabbing second place with five repetitions. He then followed up with a third-place finish in the stone lifting portion.

The final event of the afternoon was the 700-pound chain drag.

The first contestant in Sergeant

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2008 Tyndall Intramural Basketball scores

Feb. 26, 2008

5:30 p.m. SFS-51 AFCESA-30

6:30 p.m. ACS-36 MXS-89

7:30 p.m. WEG-53 AFCESA-50

Feb. 27, 2008

5:30 p.m. SVS-53 MSS-45

6:30 p.m. 2FS-59 CES-44

7:30 p.m. MXS-36 OSS-58

Feb. 28, 2008

5:30 p.m. AMXS1-53 WEG-64

6:30 p.m. ACS-51 AMXS2-74

7:30 p.m. MOS-51 SFS-34

2008 Tyndall Intramural Basketball standings (as of today)

Team	Win	Loss
53WEG	10	1
MOS	11	3
MXS	10	3
AMXS2	10	3
OSS	10	3
AMXS1	8	6
SVS	6	5
COMM	7	6
SFS	6	7
AFCESA	5	8
ACS	5	9
2FS	4	9
CES	2	11
MSS	2	12
AOC	0	13



Lisa Norman

Congrats new Chiefs

(From left to right) Senior Master Sgts. Richard Nordstrom, Donnie Morris and Leonard Krombel, and Chief Master Sgts. Leonard Howard and Christopher Saylor cut the ceremonial cake at the 2008 Chief Master Sgts. Recognition Ceremony Feb. 22 at the Tyndall Community Activities Center.

Checkertail Salute

Airman 1st Class Bret Nayman



Photo by Chris Dahmer

Airman 1st Class Brett Nayman, 325th Air Control Squadron instructor pilot simulator, sets up a surveillance scope used for aircraft monitoring.

Airman Nayman single-handedly tracked and logged Air Force ancillary training for more than 300 personnel. He also devoted nearly 80 hours to special needs children; providing child-care and sign language training for autistic children. Airman Nayman has completed 15 semester hours toward his bachelor's degree in Air and Space Operations technology.

Hometown: Hazel Green, Ala.

Time on station: One year and three months

Time in service: Two years and five months

Hobbies: Going to the movies and playing paintball

Goals: To complete my degree and get commissioned

Favorite thing about Tyndall AFB: Close to family

Favorite movie: The Boondock Saints

Favorite book: Band of Brothers
Proudest moment in the military: Receiving Airman of the Quarter at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho

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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Peeterse's weight class dragged the chain the entire distance up the 100-foot hill.

"At that point all I could do was lose third," Sergeant Peeterse said. "I was too far from second to catch him. So I thought, 'I'm going to have to go the distance.' I grabbed the chain, looked at the sky and pulled for all I was worth."

He ended up 10 to 12 feet from the finish line. His effort was good enough to take second place in the chain drag and secure third for the entire day.

"Had a couple of things gone differently I would have been happier, but overall I had fun and gave 100 percent all day," he said. "Not a bad day."

His next competition is slated for March in the Support Your Troops Strongman Challenge in Pace, Fla. Sergeant Peeterse said he was planning on competing, but may not be able due to a back injury.

He said he'd like to compete in the Nationals in November, but wasn't sure yet if he'd be able to attend.