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Team Tyndall Wingman Day

A 325th Fighter Wing Commander's Call will be held 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the Enlisted Club. Wing personnel should attend one of the sessions.

A mandatory wing fun run will be held 3:30 p.m. Thursday and other sports events will be scheduled throughout the day. For information, contact your squadron's sports representative or call the Fitness Center at 283-2631.

Tyndall Clinic closed

Tyndall Clinic will be closed Sept. 29. This includes all Pharmacy, Radiology and Laboratory services. For Tricare Prime beneficiaries enrolled at Tyndall, please contact the on-call primary care manager at 283-2778 for urgent care needs during this time. For emergencies, call 911 or report to an emergency room.

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Staff Sgt. Stacey Haga

A run to remember

A group of Airmen start the first leg of the 24-hour POW/MIA vigil run Sept. 14 at Flag Park. Tyndall's POW/MIA remembrance day also included a memorial service and luncheon held Sept. 15.

Base housing privatization process to begin

CHRISSEY CUTTITA
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

With the signing of the Congressional Notification of Intent to Award letter Sept. 11, Tyndall's privatization process will begin for families here.

"Housing privatization is an exciting initiative that will greatly improve the quality of life for many of our Tyndall Airmen," said Lt. Col. Alan Lake, 325th Mission Support Group commander. The

award of this contract will lead to better housing quicker than any other available avenue and will significantly enhance living conditions for military families residing on the installation."

On Oct. 12, the developer will be officially named and permitted to occupy office space within the housing office and housing maintenance facility. The effort to privatize base housing has been

underway since November 2003.

The National Defense Authorization Act requires Congressional notification 30 days prior to the award of a contract for a military family housing privatization project.

"During this period, the housing staff and the developer will complete behind-the-scenes functions to allow for a smooth transition," said

Yvonne Brabham, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron housing flight chief.

Housing residents have the option of staying in privatized housing or moving off base. If they choose to stay, the first step is to complete and sign a "Data Release Statement," which is due to the housing office by Oct. 2.

This statement gives the housing office the authority

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1st Lt. Amanda Ferrell

Clean up

Cody and Nicky Lang collect debris from Tyndall beaches during the annual Coastal Clean-up held here Sept. 16. Tyndall's 460 volunteers covered 17 miles of beach and collected 8,370 pounds of debris.

ON THE STREET

What historical event would you have liked to participate in?



"I would have wanted to help victims of hurricane Katrina because I'm from Biloxi, Miss."

ANGELA CROMARTIE
Military spouse



"I would have liked to been at President Reagan's funeral because he was the greatest U.S. President of the 20th century."

COL. KELLY DUCKETT
Air Forces Northern

Identify this ...



Can you identify this object? If so, send an e-mail to *editor@tyndall.af.mil* with "Identify this" in the subject line.

Three correct entries will be chosen at random and drawn from a hat to determine the final winner. The prize can be claimed at the Public Affairs office.

2nd Lt. Adam Franklin, 1st Fighter Squadron, correctly guessed the Sept. 15 "Identify this" as a Xbox 360 package. Congratulations Lieutenant Franklin, come claim your prize!



"I would have liked to have seen the Wright brothers' first flight. It was the beginning of air power for this nation."

TECH. SGT. LORI SHACKLEFORD
325th Medical Group



"I would have liked to have been there when we won the American Revolution and met George Washington."

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JOSHUA ASH
53rd Weapons Evaluation Group

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Joint Chiefs chairman sends Air Force birthday message

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – The following is a message from the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Marine Corps Gen. Peter Pace, on the Air Force’s 59th birthday.

“This year marks the 59th anniversary of the establishment of the United States Air Force. Dating back to the early years as the Aeronautical Division of the Army Signal Corps, visionary Airmen

risked their lives in the quest for dominance of the air. Due to the vision of aviation pioneers then, the U.S. Air Force now stands above all challengers as the world’s premier air and space force.

“Our Airmen have risen to the challenges of the post 9/11 era



and will continue to serve our nation with distinction. Whether it is a C-17 on the ground in Baghdad, a Predator in the skies over Afghanistan, an orbiting satellite, or the support personnel who make the mission successful, the U.S. Air Force is the image of freedom and democracy throughout the world.

“To every member of the Air Force,

thank you for your steadfast dedication and commitment to defending the United States. To echo the words of Gen. Curtis Lemay, ‘If we maintain our love of freedom and superior global air power, the future of the U.S. looks good.’

“On behalf of the Joint Chiefs, the men and women of the armed forces, and a grateful nation, I would like to wish the United States Air Force a happy birthday!”

We didn’t start this fight, but we must win it for the future

COL. ANTHONY JOHNSON
455th Expeditionary Operations Group commander

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan – We sent three young men and a young woman home in flag-draped, metal containers a few days ago.

I was flying over the scene shortly after one of the young men died.

The warrior we were talking to on the radio was audibly shaken by the event. Looking down on the situation from two to three miles above, I was too far removed to truly feel his pain. He obviously wanted to avenge the loss of a fellow hero and understandably wanted revenge for the pain he was suffering.

My flight lead may have helped him reap a bit of that revenge.

However, ladies and gentlemen, we are not in the revenge business.

Our business is to make it possible again to get on an airplane without taking our shoes off and to carry a laptop, tooth paste, perfume and our MP3 player with us.

Our business is about building a free, democratic nation to let the people of Afghanistan experience a better way than tyranny.

Our business is about establishing an economy here, built around commodities that complement the values most Americans hold close to their hearts

versus one that tears at the fabric of our society. Our business is to restore the freedoms Americans enjoyed prior to 9-11.

In short, our business is to make the world a better place for our children and grandchildren.

I mentioned that I was too far removed to feel the pain felt by the young man we were talking to on the radio. But when I landed my airplane safely on an airfield inside a secure compound, the pain became a bit more real as I visited the members of the squadron who had just lost one of their mates.

I felt completely helpless. There was nothing I could do to relieve their anguish. They are warriors! Warriors conceal their grief and continue the mission, but they were hurting and I wish them God’s speed. As I think about the grief on their faces when they loaded their comrade’s body on an airplane for the journey back to his family, the thought of my family having to endure that same pain is unbearable to me.

Although I look forward to going home, it will not be an occasion to celebrate.

When all of us who have come together for this common purpose complete our task and have done some good in this place, when the women and children of Afghanistan enjoy the freedoms that most Americans



Maj. David Kurle

Colonel Johnson takes off in an A-10 Thunderbolt II from Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan.

take for granted, then we can celebrate.

Please pray for the four young people who died fighting for our freedoms and thank them in the most sincere way you can.

Thank them for fighting for you and your family. Thank them for fighting for all the thankless citizens who are going about their lives as if nothing is happening here and in Iraq.

Pray that their families’ grief will soon subside and that they will have peace.

Again, I thank you for volunteering to leave your respective towns, cities and countries and joining in this worthwhile effort. We didn’t start this fight, but we must win it for our children and grandchildren!

Action Line

Call 283-2255



BRIG. GEN. TOD WOLTERS
325th Fighter Wing commander

The Action Line is your direct line to me. It is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a response.

Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers.

If you’re not satisfied with the response or you are unable to resolve the

problem, call me at 283-2255.

For fraud, waste and abuse calls, you should talk to the 325th Fighter Wing Inspector General’s Office, 283-4646.

Calls concerning energy abuse should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

Below are more phone numbers to help you resolve any issues with a base agency.

- Commissary** 283-4825
- Pass and Registration** 283-4191
- Medical and Dental** 283-7515
- MEO** 283-2739

- MPF and I.D.** 283-2276
- SFS Desk Sgt.** 283-2254
- Services** 283-2501
- Legal** 283-4681
- Housing** 283-2036
- CDC** 283-4747
- Wing Safety** 283-4231
- ADC** 283-2911
- Finance** 283-4117
- Civil Engineer** 283-4949
- Civilian Personnel** 283-3203
- Base Information** 283-1113

Thank you for helping me improve Tyndall, and I look forward to hearing from you.

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to release a resident's housing information to the developer. All residents must sign this statement before they will be allowed to sign a lease to occupy privatized housing.

This statement was e-mailed to first sergeants and will be distributed throughout the squadrons here. The housing office can also e-mail one to anyone who didn't receive it.

Residents are encouraged to attend the town hall meeting scheduled 6 p.m. Oct. 16 at the Youth Center. Residents will have the opportunity to meet the developer's staff, learn the "nuts and bolts" about privatization, find out what the developer plans to do with housing and ask questions.

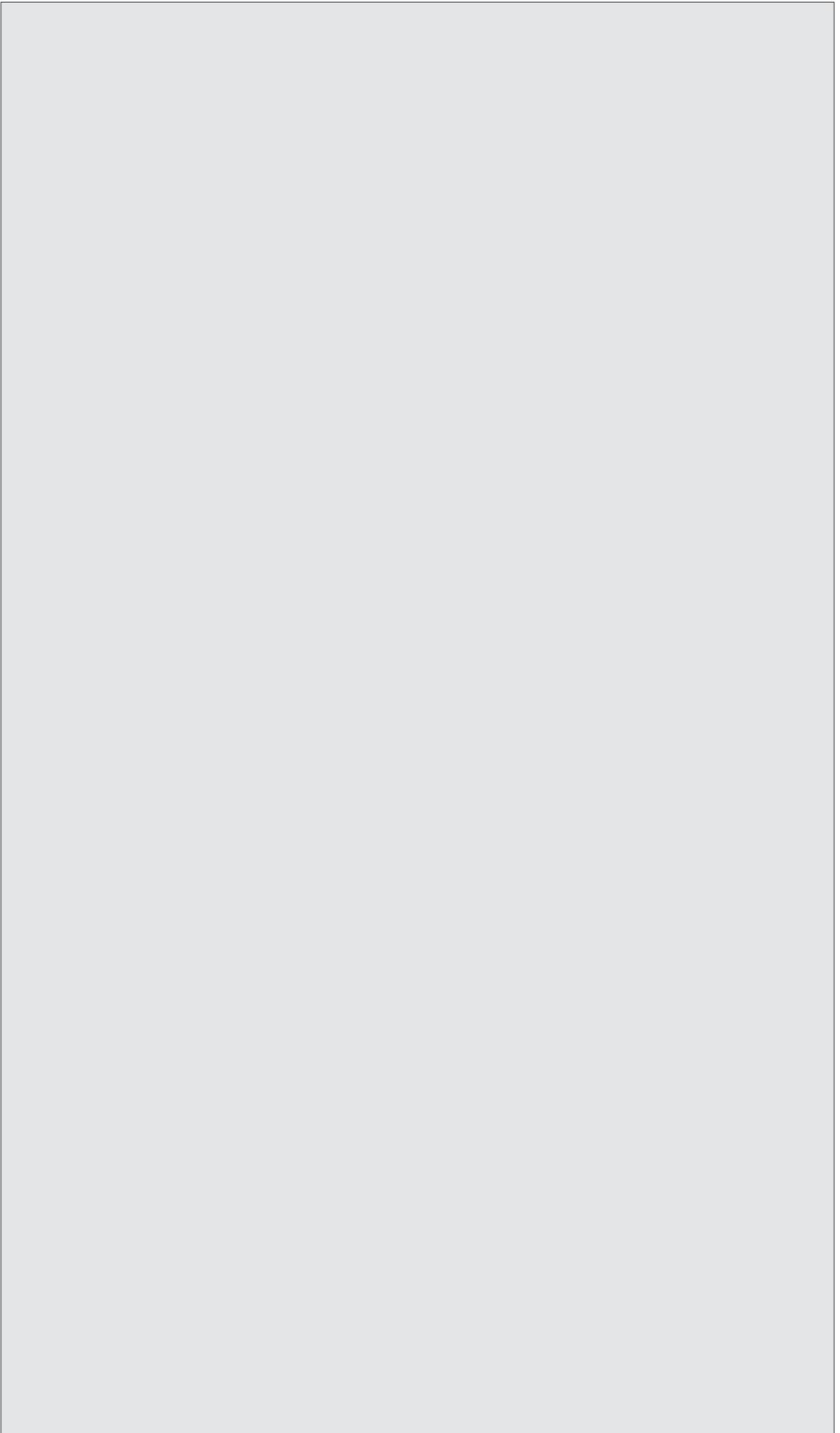
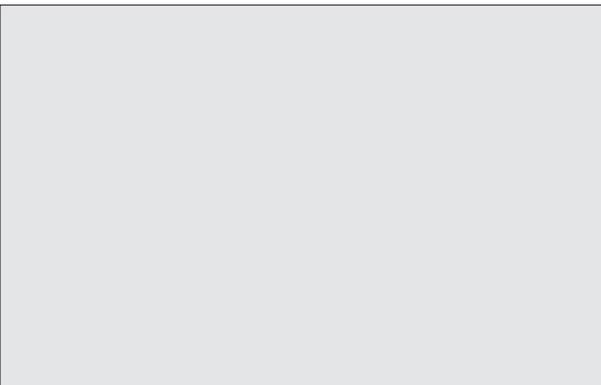
The final step is to sign the approved residential lease. If residents are deployed or planning to be deployed within the next three months, a spouse or a "responsible adult" will need to have a special power of attorney. This will give someone other than the deployed member the authority to sign a lease and start the basic allowance for housing allotment to the developer.

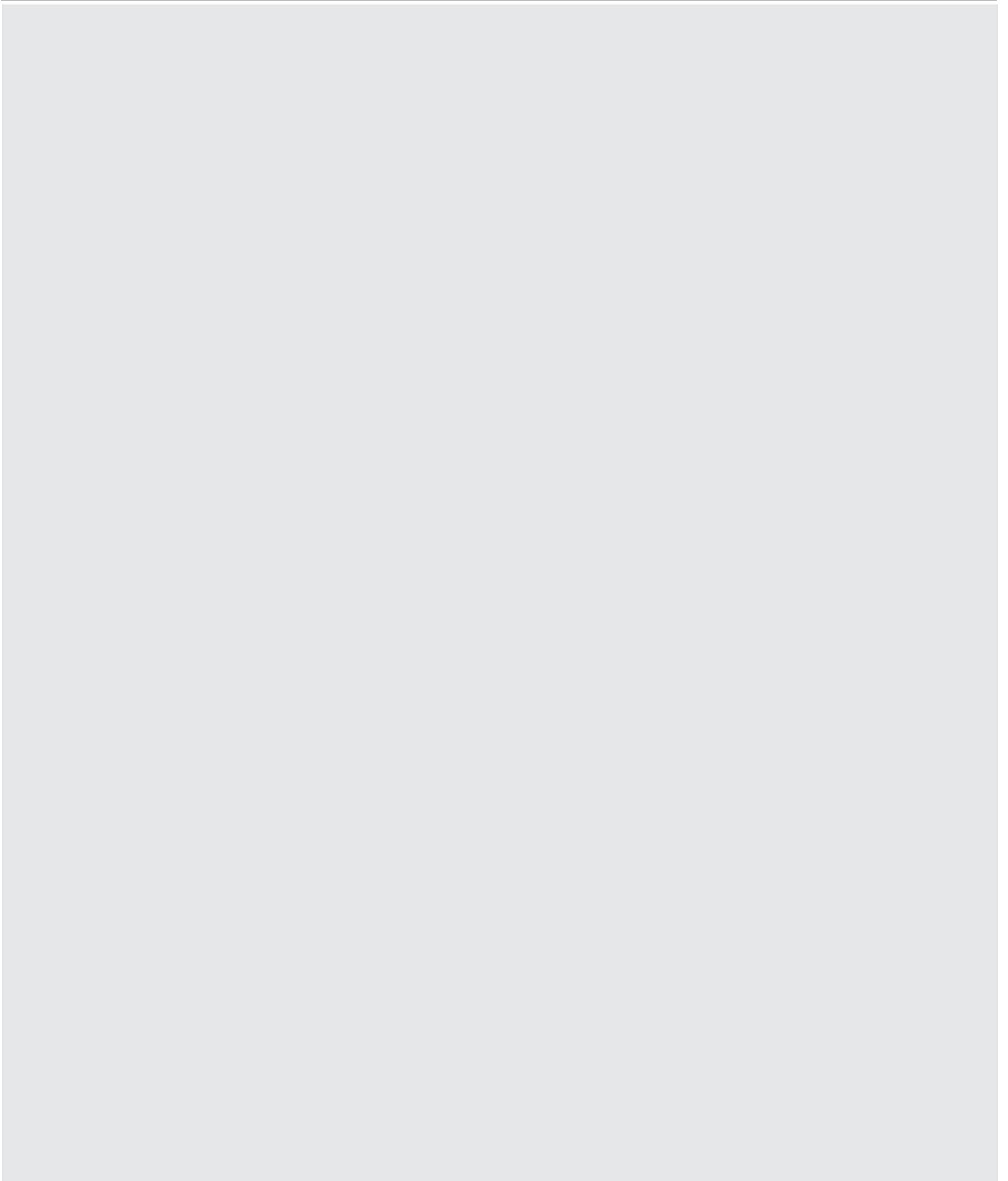
Lease signing is scheduled from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 17 - 20 at the Education Center. Once residents complete these steps, they will be prepared to live in privatized housing.

A base housing resident who chooses to move off base must move off base before Dec. 1. The move will be subsidized by the government to move to the local area of Panama City. The housing office prepares all the relocation orders.

Beginning Nov. 30, the developer will assume management and operation of base housing.

The housing office will not close. It will still be the first place Airmen go to find a place to live when they get assigned to Tyndall. The housing office will continue to help Airmen find privatized housing or off-base housing. The housing office will also help if residents have problems with their privatized house that are not resolved through the developer.





DeCA advises customers to not eat bagged fresh spinach

FORT LEE, Va. – In response to an alert from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the Defense Commissary Agency is advising its customers not to eat any bagged fresh spinach. The FDA alert, dated Sept. 14, warns that the bagged spinach “may be a possible cause” of the confirmed outbreak of *E. coli*.

“The health and safety of our patrons and employees is always a top priority with the Defense Commissary Agency,” said Patrick B. Nixon, DeCA director. “We urge everyone to take this alert seriously and avoid any consumption of bagged spinach. We also advise everyone to continue to monitor their local media and the Food Safety area of our Web site, www.commissaries.com for more information.”

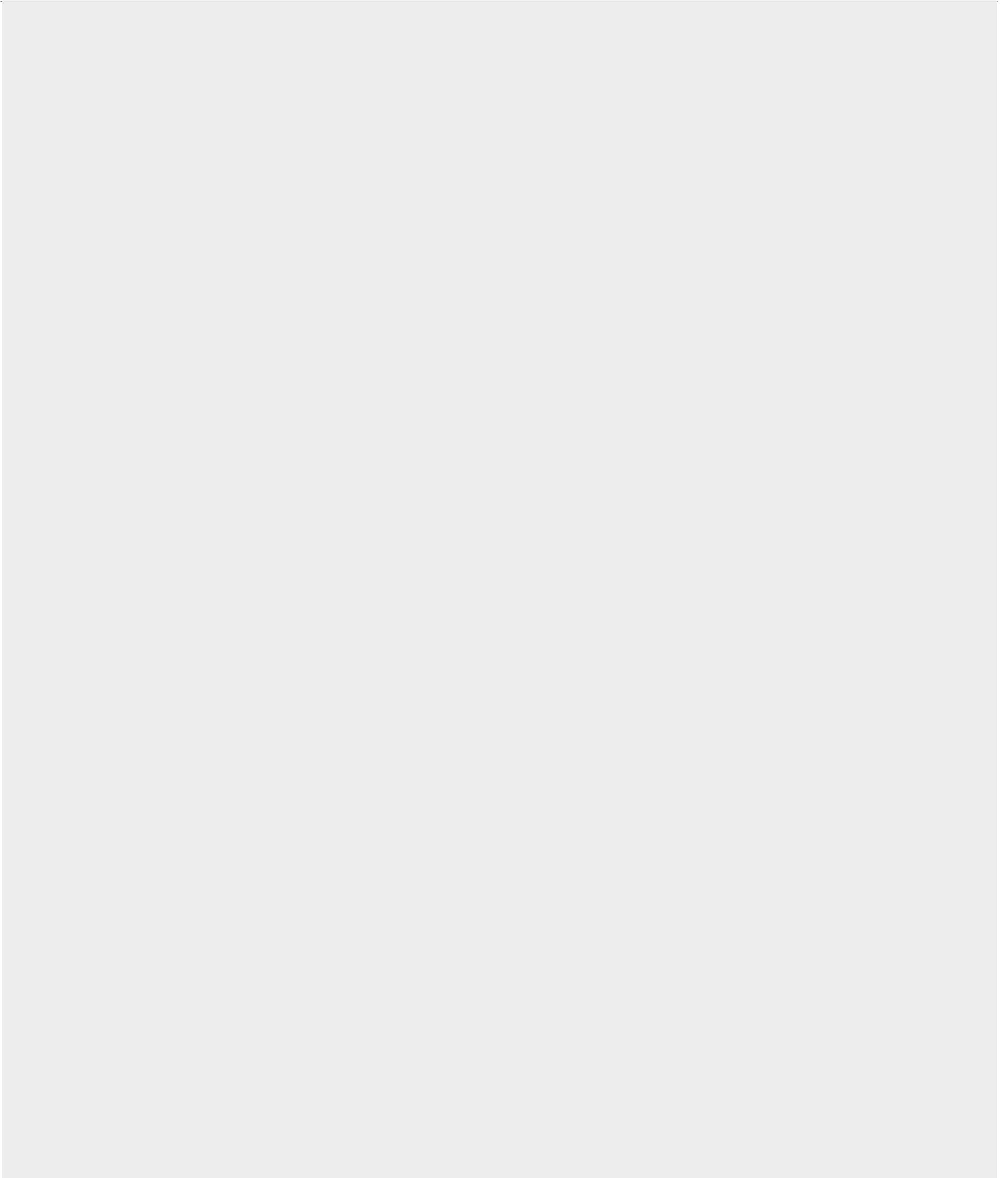
As a precaution, in light of the FDA advisory, DeCA directed its commissaries to immediately remove from their shelves all fresh spinach and any salad mix that contains spinach as an ingredient.

Tyndall’s commissary followed this direction and removed items last week. They do, however, advise anyone who may have purchased spinach recently to discard the product.

E. coli can cause diarrhea and in some cases, lead to kidney failure through a condition known as Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome. HUS particularly affects young children and the elderly. In more severe cases, HUS can lead to serious kidney damage and possible death. One death and eight cases of HUS have been linked to the recent *E. coli* outbreak. To date, nearly 50 cases of illness have been reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The FDA has identified the outbreak in eight states: Connecticut, Idaho, Indiana, Michigan, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah and Wisconsin.

Anyone who feels they may have symptoms of illness related to eating bagged spinach should contact their local health care provider immediately.



Passports to be required soon

STAFF SGT. STACEY HAGA
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

People traveling to and from the Caribbean, Bermuda, Panama, Mexico and Canada will be required to have a passport or other secure, accepted document to enter or re-enter the United States by Jan. 1, 2008 according to the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004.

“The State Department has not finalized what other documents will be accepted,” said Mary Draper, 325th Mission Support Squadron passport agent. “They are strongly encouraging all U.S. citizens to get a passport.”

In order to ease the implementation of this requirement, the administration is proposing to complete it in phases, which will be published in the Federal Register in the near future.

The proposed implementation is Jan. 8, 2007, the requirement will be applied to all air and sea travel to or from Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean and Bermuda. Jan. 1, 2008, the requirement will be extended to all land border crossings as well.

This change in travel requirements will affect all U.S. citizens entering the United States from countries in the Western Hemisphere who do not currently possess valid passports.

It will also affect foreign nationals who are

not currently required to present a passport to travel to the U.S. and most of the citizens of Canada, Bermuda and Mexico.

Due to the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, a no-fee passport is required for U.S. government employees and their eligible family members, as well as eligible family members of active duty military members moving to Canada. Those moving to Alaska and their eligible family members are authorized and strongly encouraged to obtain a no-fee passport.

Currently, a no-fee passport is preferred for U.S. government employees traveling to Canada for temporary duty. Effective Dec. 31, a no-fee passport will be mandatory for air and sea travel to Canada and by Dec. 31, 2007 for land border crossings.

“A no-fee passport is used for official business only; if citizens wish to travel for pleasure, they must have a tourist passport, which can be obtained for a fee, through the main post office downtown,” said Mrs. Draper.

To obtain a government passport, visit the passport office 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, to apply. Appointments are not necessary.

For more information, e-mail Mary Draper, at mary.draper@tyndall.af.mil, or visit www.travel.state.com.



Tyndall featured in new AF advertising campaign

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - The Air Force unveiled an innovative television and online advertising campaign Sept. 18 aimed at giving teens and Internet users a realistic view of life in the military.

Tyndall Airmen were filmed for the Air Force Recruiting's Web site, www.dosomethingamazing.com. Click "Raptor" to see Tyndall's air traffic controllers, engine mechanics, pilots, crew chiefs and aircraft.

Friends back home let Airman 1st Class John Hahn know he was seen on TV.

"I've never seen myself on screen before, so I guess it came out well," said the 325th Maintenance Squadron jet engine mechanic who is featured in one of the ads. "It's an honor to be chosen, and I'm glad that the aircraft maintenance field is getting some well-deserved attention."

Each commercial ties directly into the newly created interactive Web site featuring Air Force videos and information, according to Lee Pilz,

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Propulsion shop improves processes using AFSO21



Chrissy Cuttita

Sergeant McDuffie inspects the intake of an F-15 Eagle engine during an inspection.

TECH SGT. WILLIAM MACCARTY 325th Maintenance Operations Squadron

Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st century, or AFSO21, as it is more commonly known, is both a philosophy and set of tools that give Tyndall the opportunity to excel in its mission.

The purpose of AFSO21 is to make processes standardized, effective and more efficient, and is already being met here, especially at the 325th Maintenance Squadron's propulsion shop.

"The propulsion flight has been one of the most successful events we have run to date here at Tyndall," said Capt. Glenn Wright, 325th Fighter Wing AFSO21 officer. "The reason for this is that we were able to see and eliminate waste and make significant changes in the propulsion flight the same week as the event. We now have some organic lean tools and methodologies which will enable them to continue their enhancement effort."

AFSO21 is an approach to reduce waste and streamline processes. It is based on the concept of continually decreasing the amount of non-value added activity to a process. AFSO21 offers defect reduction, significantly

reduces waste in any given process, decreases inventory and floor space requirements, creates a more enthusiastic work environment, utilizes key operational performance metrics, and improves work center layouts for increased flexibility.

For two weeks in August, a diverse team of experts from around the Air Force and Tyndall met with the propulsion shop to discuss plans for a better future. The team of twelve completely rearranged the shop, putting logical work solutions in use.

"The facilitator, who came from the University of Tennessee gave us ideas of what other bases are doing," said Todd Benz, aerospace propulsion specialist. "We figured out what we could accomplish immediately, without funding."

Three weeks before the team got together, the propulsion shop's 10 Airmen and 18 contracted employees wrote a detailed work flow diagram to show to their visitors. Airmen explained everything that happens to an F100 engine from the time it rolls in, to when it leaves the shop.

"We discussed the day-by-day tear down and build up of engines," said Mr. Benz.

Value Stream Analysis, or VSA,

is a technique that identifies waste within the process to spotlight resources on the issues that will make the biggest process improvements.

A VSA rapidly defines the chronological process and the information applicable to each of its steps, as well as overall metrics. The map also shows how information flows, where rework occurs and where there may be value issues within the process.

After the initial gathering of information, the propulsion shop was ready for their Rapid Improvement Events.

An RIE is a short-term, high-concentration of effort, tool used to focus on a specific area for improvement. It focuses on improving the condition in respect to an existing problem, while not striving for perfection, which may take several RIEs to reach. This event requires three weeks of preparation and follow-up time after the event.

"During the RIE, we were able to relate what we do into the bigger concept of operations to understand that the proposed improvements would make it easier," said Mr. Benz.

Enacting the plan involves more than cleaning up the work area.

By moving sections to cut down walk time, moving equipment closer to the personnel who use it and putting

everything needed to get the job done in a more convenient place, the shop created a blue print of an ideal propulsion shop. This ideal is something they hope they set the bar for in the Air Force and perhaps become the regional spare engine line.

"I was just shocked everything we did was backed up by data and we reorganized the shop in two days," said Staff Sgt. Lee McDuffie, 325th MXS aerospace propulsion specialist.

Standard work is a groundwork process that sets up the docks in similar order. Before the lean workplace can be achieved, work must be standardized and reinforced. Standard work displays the best practice to accomplish a task. The best practice then becomes the goal to improve upon.

"We freed up 1,200 square feet of open space," said Mr. Benz.

In the end, applying AFSO21 aided one of Tyndall's propulsion shops in delivering war-winning capability with less non-value added work. AFSO21 fostered change within the shop and encouraged Airmen to examine their jobs better, faster and "leaner."



Chrissy Cuttita

Julie Marquez, DS2 aerospace propulsion specialist, installs a bypass valve on a F100 engine.

Regulations help Airmen understand rules on fundraising

When the holiday season gets close, it seems the desire to lend a helping hand increases. On base, there are specific rules and laws to follow before personnel can fundraise here.

Department of Defense personnel may not solicit gifts, even for others, unless the solicitation is part of an official fundraising program, such as the Combined Federal Campaign which is currently running here until Oct. 24.

There are three types of fundraising; official fundraising (CFC and Air Force Assistance Fund), unofficial fundraising (fundraising by or for off-base, non-Federal organizations, such as Girl Scout cookie sales, the March-of-Dimes Walk-a-Thon, or an American Cancer Society fundraising dinner); and fundraising for employee organization welfare funds (the office fund for flowers and PCS plaques, or the fund that raises money for the unit holiday party).

If all funds raised by an event or effort will go to CFC, Air Force Assistance Fund, Army Emergency Relief, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, or an OPM-approved emergency or disaster appeal, the event or effort is considered to be "official fundraising" or "official business."

If any part of the funds will go to an organization or effort, other than these five, the event or effort is "unofficial fundraising."

Only official fundraising events can be officially endorsed and attended in an official capacity. In these events, personnel can use their government title and

organization name; and government time, equipment and supplies. They may even accept unsolicited free attendance and travel benefits for themselves and accompanying spouses provided it is in accordance with 31 USC 1353.

In an unofficial fundraising event or effort, personnel may only attend the event in an official capacity if they are performing official duties. "Official duties" include receiving an award for meritorious public service or giving a speech when there has been a determination in accordance with public affairs guidelines that the event is an appropriate forum for the expression of an official DOD position. The sponsoring organization may not use the fact of the employee's attendance to promote the event. Personnel should take precaution when "merely attending" an event – perception of "sponsorship" or "showing Air Force support" can happen, especially if the attendee is wearing a uniform or referring themselves as an Air Force member or employee.

In a personal capacity, personnel may participate in a fundraising event or effort. Personnel may use government e-mail to notify other employees about the event or effort if the notification does not appear to be an endorsement of the event or effort, and the employee has obtained the approval of his or her supervisor who is a commissioned officer or civilian GS-12 or above. They cannot use official time to support the event or effort and they cannot use official time to serve on a planning committee, advisory

board or oversight board. Official time can be used to prepare an official speech for an event or effort.

The rules on fundraising for employee organization welfare funds are generally the same as for "unofficial" fundraising events or efforts, additionally, may not hold fundraising events for employee organization welfare funds during CFC or AFAF if they will be held "at the workplace." However, personnel may hold fundraising events for employee organization welfare funds during CFC if: the event will be held "away from the workplace" (lobbies of buildings, in the base housing area, in front of Base Exchange, or in other areas where people generally are not working), and if it will not detract from CFC or AFAF. For more information, see Air Force Instruction 36-3101.

Fundraisers by Air Force-sponsored private organizations, such as the Company Grade Officers' Council, must comply with the fundraising rules in this AFI, AFI on private organizations (AFI 34-223), and the Joint Ethics Regulation.

A commander may allow a non-Federal organization to use facilities or equipment for a fundraising event if the event will be at the 325th Services Squadron or base golf course provided they follow the regulations.

Putting out boxes to collect toys, clothing, canned goods, etc., in public areas is not considered to be "fundraising" and can be approved by the installation commander.

(Compiled by 325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)

Checkertail Salute

Tech. Sgt. Gordon Martin



Chrissy Cuttita

Sergeant Martin receives the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award from Brig. Gen. Tod Wolters, 325th Fighter Wing commander.

Sergeant Martin increased his squadron's body armor readiness by 45 percent, improved maintenance of weapons used for training and revitalized Tyndall's aerial and boat patrol. He has also volunteered as a guest speaker at a local elementary school.

Duty title: 325th Security Forces Squadron resource advisor

Time on station: Two years

Time in service: Fourteen years

Hometown: Globe, Ariz.

Hobbies: Riding horses

Goals: To make sure my unit has what it needs to fight terrorism and make master sergeant

Favorite thing about Tyndall: The people are great

Favorite movie: "Lonesome Dove"

Favorite book: "Lonesome Dove" by Larry McMurtry

Proudest moment in the military: Performing CPR on a heart attack victim who recovered.

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.

**The Gulf Defender is published for people like
Airman 1st Class
Nathaniel McConahay,
325th Communications
Squadron.**



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Crew chiefs certify for top job honors

1ST LT. AMANDA FERRELL
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Having your name painted on the side of an F-15 Eagle or an F-22 Raptor is something to be proud of, but labeling a jet as “your own” comes with serious responsibility.

The dedicated crew chief program here assigns top-notch crew chiefs from each aircraft maintenance unit to specific aircraft, making that crew chief responsible for every aspect of its maintenance and care.

The task is tremendous, and only the most qualified maintainers are chosen for the job.

Dedicated crew chiefs are responsible for the air-worthiness of the jet from nose to tail. This means that every bit of maintenance must be personally checked out by them to ensure the aircraft meets even the most stringent Air Force standards.

“The DCCs are the guys who greet the pilots at the jet with a salute and handshake before every mission,” said

Chief Douglas Martin, 2nd Aircraft Maintenance Unit superintendent, who has been a DCC for more than 25 years. “DCCs ensure every aspect of the jet is safe and ready to fly. They help the pilots strap into the cockpit, conduct start-up checks and launch the jets with confidence.”

The dedicated crew chief program, which is an Air Force tradition that has been running strong on Tyndall for decades, gives crew chiefs the opportunity single themselves out as the top crew chiefs in their units. The position is also one of leadership because younger and less experienced crew chiefs look up to those who are recognized as DCCs.

An exceptional DCC has strong military bearing, maintains their aircraft to a level beyond reproach and understands the importance of keeping a jet in flying status by conducting the highest quality of maintenance, said Chief Martin. The DCC ceremony is a quarterly event that honors the newest inductees.

Before being inducted as an official DCC, however, the selected Airmen must complete a one-week course intended to offer a broad perspective and clear understanding of flying operations.

“The course teaches crew chiefs about all aspects of flying operations here,” said Chief Martin. “They learn about the pilot upgrade process, the command structure, and ‘big picture’ flight line operations.”

The purpose of the certification course is to stress that successful flying operations are founded on a team effort between pilots, schedulers, maintainers and squadron leadership. And as a dedicated crew chief, the Airmen play a pivotal role in the success of our flying mission, said Chief Martin.

“The DCC course gives you the training necessary to know what kind of responsibility a DCC must take on,” said Staff Sgt. Marcus James, 95th AMU dedicated crew chief.

“The certification course teaches the total maintenance concept, management and leadership skills,” said Staff Sgt. Matthew Conley, 43rd AMU dedicated crew chief.

Completing the certification course is only the beginning. Assuming the responsibility as a DCC and working to ensure every part of the aircraft is well maintained takes more than “turning wrenches.”

“As an F-15 crew chief, I’ve learned that a ‘can-do’ attitude, having the will to learn and good old-fashioned experience ultimately provides Airman what it takes to be an effective and valuable crew chief,” said Sergeant James.

A strong sense of pride has already set in for the newly inducted members.

“The pride of watching your aircraft take off and return safely,” said Sergeant Conley. “That’s what I enjoy most about being a crew chief.”

Each DCC will have their own challenges as the lead maintainer, but all DCCs understand the satisfaction of being the best at what they do.

“My favorite part is when I snap to attention and salute the pilot that trusts my work and judgment,” said Sergeant James. “That’s what we are all here for. It’s a good feeling, and nothing can compare to that sense of accomplishment.”



1st Lt. Amanda Ferrell

Lt. Col. Deborah Meserve, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander and Chief Master Sgt. Douglas Martin, 2nd Aircraft Maintenance Unit superintendent, congratulate Senior Airman Leon Warrick, one of the newest dedicated crew chiefs from the 2nd AMU to be inducted.

Training Spotlight



How will the First Term Airman's Center help you become a better Airman?

“I think FTAC will help me become more familiar with the base, and help me meet other new Airmen.”

AIRMAN BASIC FABIOLA JOURDAIN
FTAC Student

Congratulations to Mission Ready Airmen graduates of Classes 2006-H02 and 2006-073 from the 372nd Training Squadron/Detachment 4!



To learn about becoming a member of the Tyndall Honor Guard, call 283-4405.

WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY

Tyndall's focus has always been training

STAFF SGT. STACEY HAGA
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

(Editor's note: All of the pictures and information is courtesy of the 325th FW historian.)

As the Air Force celebrates 59 years of air power, Tyndall looks back on over 60 years of training America's defense.

Plans for Tyndall in the Panama City area started as early as September 1940. The area was considered ideal for aerial gunnery training because of its proximity to the Gulf of Mexico which could be used aerial gunnery ranges.

When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, the Tyndall site was approximately 75 percent complete and was pushed into early completion.

Because of Pearl Harbor, Tyndall observes Dec. 7, 1941 as its day of activation, although its first flag was raised at its headquarters building until Feb. 12, 1942.

Gunnery training began later that month. During World War II, Tyndall trained thousands of men to fight as aerial gunners for bomber aircraft.

The War Department approved the name Tyndall Field on June 13, 1941, naming the establishment after Lieutenant Frank Tyndall, a World War I ace pilot, killed in the line of duty in 1930.

By 1944, Tyndall was training

bomber co-pilots for the B-17 and B-24 aircraft. During that time the Women's Air Force Service Pilots began flying here.

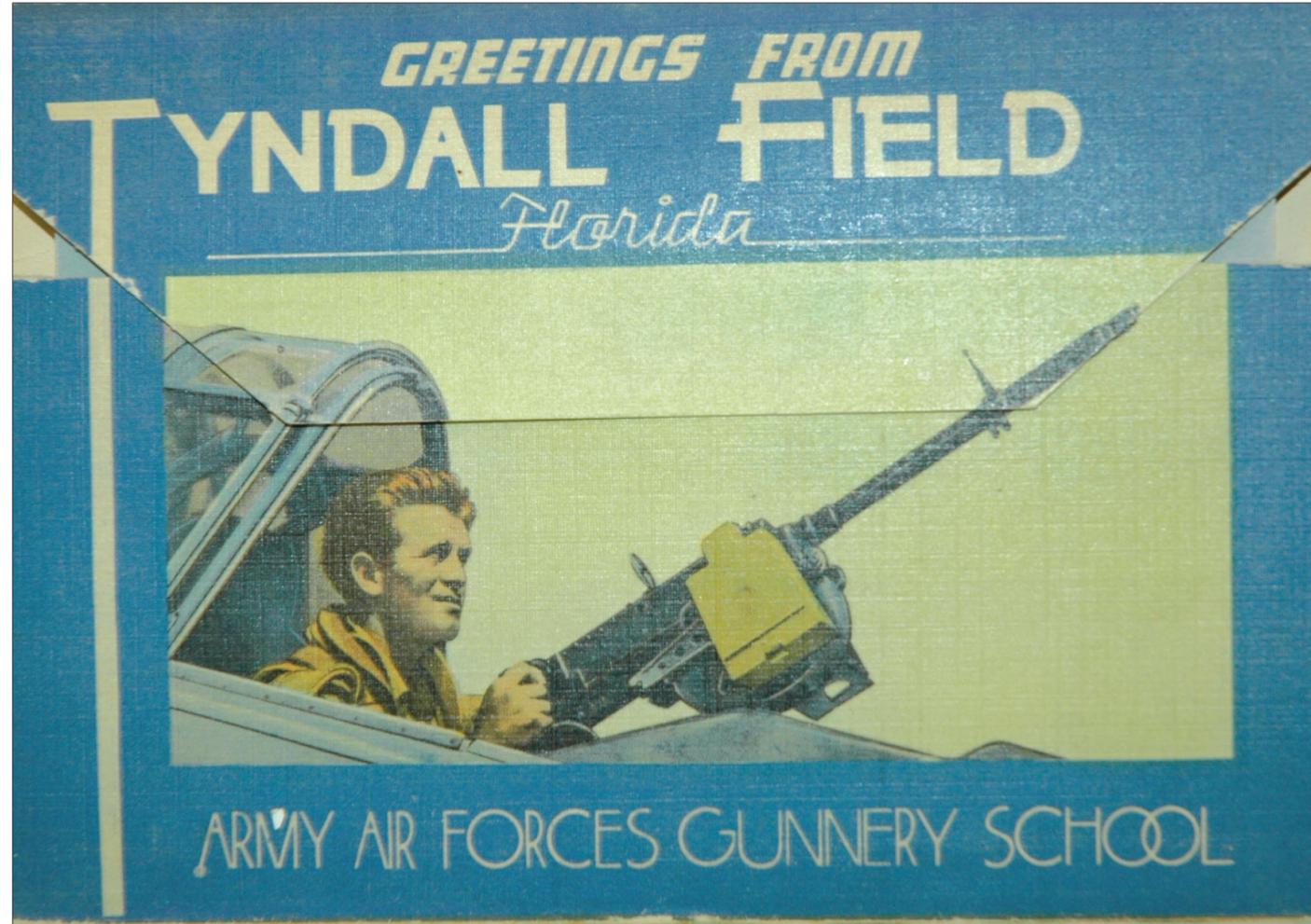
After WWII, when the Air Force became a separate branch of the military, Tyndall Field's name changed to Tyndall AFB.

The base's mission changed many times over the years, but the mission was always related to aerial defense training.

In 1957, Tyndall's primary aircraft was the F-104 while under the Air Defense Command for more than 22 years. In 1966, the base had yet another shift in mission with the combat crew training for the F-101 and F-106.

In the early 1980s, the 325th Tactical Training Wing and 475th Weapons Evaluation Group were activated, along with many other additions to the base, including the F-15 Eagle.

In 2002, Tyndall received another aircraft, the F-22 Raptor and the training mission continues in to the future.



A foldout postcard sent in 1945. The postcard unfolds to reveal colored pictures of Tyndall Field and downtown Panama City in the 1940s.

Did you know ...

Fun facts about Tyndall

- Archeologists discovered the land Tyndall sits on has been occupied for almost 5,000 years with Indian settlements.
- In the 1880s the land here was sold at \$1.25 per acre.
- The Red Fish Point area was once a citrus farm, which failed due to freezing temperatures. Two turpentine distilleries and one rabbit farm were developed prior to Tyndall, but also failed.
- Before the Dupont bridge was built there was a ferry service at the turn of the century, then a toll bridge followed by a draw bridge, which delayed Tyndall worker's commutes for as long as an hour. The draw bridge also failed in the 1950s, forcing people to travel to Wewahitchka and Mexico Beach to reach Tyndall.
- Tyndall was originally planned to support less than 2,000 troops in 1941. In 1943, there were 10,000 troops.
- Actor Clark Gable was awarded sliver aerial gunner wings after completing training here.
- Tyndall was one of the first bases to train female pilots, known as Women's Air Force Service Pilots.



An T-38 training jet sits on the flightline here in support of Tyndall's training mission.



A captain is taught how to assemble a machine gun in the 1940s.



Aerial gunners train on Tyndall's range in the 1950s.



A group of Airmen pose underneath a sign during the World War II era.



Tyndall Airmen unload 161,000 tons of cargo from a C-5 Galaxy in 1982.

Briefs

Rosh Hashanah

Rosh Hashanah begins tonight and the first service will be held 7:30 p.m. at Temple B'Nai Israel at 1900 Frankford Ave., Panama City. There will also be a service 10 a.m. Saturday at the same location. For information contact the chapel at 283-2925.

Dorm barbecue

The Tyndall Top 3 will host a dorm barbecue 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Bldg. 1149 patio. All dorm residents are invited.

Bonita Bay changes hours

Outdoor recreation will be closed Tuesday. Starting Oct. 1, Bonita Bay will be closed every Tuesday and Wednesday and open every other day 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. These seasonal hours will remain in effect until April 30.

Also, the base swimming pool closes Thursday for the season.

Airman's Attic

The Airman and Family Readiness Flight and Airman's Attic is need of volunteers. This free service is located in Bldg. 747 and staffed by volunteers. These services are available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Airman's Attic is designed to help reduce some cost of living expenses by providing donated household items or new items purchased with cash donations to eligible military members. For more information, call AFRF at 283-4913 or 283-4204.

Retiree Appreciation Day

Tyndall hosts Retiree Appreciation Day Nov. 4. Events include base mission tours, free health screenings, Base Exchange and Commissary specials for retirees. To sign up for the base tour, call 283-4204.

Military speakers needed

Community function planners, schools and local groups often ask for military to come and brief about their mission and experience in the Air Force. Tyndall has a base speaker's bureau to provide speakers for



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Olé!

Cody and Kayla Werner (left) and Alejandra Serna, decorate sombreros Sept. 16 at the Youth Center here during Boys & Girls Clubs Day for Kids. Created as a day to foster relationships between adults and children, the mission of BGC Day for Kids is to establish a day to celebrate and honor American children every third Saturday in September. Tyndall's center provided an "open house" full of games, activities, information booths and fun.

these requests. For more information on becoming a speaker, contact the 325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs office at 283-4500.

Hispanic Heritage Committee

Tyndall's Hispanic Heritage Committee is seeking new board members. The committee provides an opportunity for its members to gather and plan community events and learn about the Latin culture through talking, music and food. For more information, contact Elisa Esterley at 283-8483.

Gulf Coast Community College

The Gulf Coast Community College Tyndall Center is looking to hire an evening math tutor to work two to four hours per week.

Applicants should be proficient in math through the Calculus I level.

To apply, call 283-4332 or visit room 45-A of the Education Building.

Fee for intramural sports

The 325th Services Squadron will no longer receive appropriated funds for intramural sports programs here starting Oct. 1. Members will soon pay a fee to participate in the intramural program. For more information, call the Fitness Center at 283-2631.

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop is open 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday- Friday. Consignments are accepted from all valid ID card holders 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call 286-5888.

Eglin Officers' Spouses Club

The Eglin Officers' Spouses Club will host the 21st Annual Craft Bazaar 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 30 at the Niceville Community Center. This event is open to the public. For more information, please contact Kim Hoelscher at 850-897-4509 or mkhoelscher@aol.com.

Tyndall Chapel Schedule

Catholic services

Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m.
Monday-Friday,
Chapel Two
Reconciliation, before Saturday
Mass or by appointment
Saturday Mass, 5 p.m.,
Chapel Two
Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m.,
Chapel Two
Religious Education, 11 a.m.,
Bldg. 1476

Protestant services

Traditional worship service,
9:30 a.m., Chapel One
Contemporary worship
service, 11 a.m., Chapel Two
Wednesday Fellowship,
5 p.m., Chapel Two

(For more information on other services in the local area, call the Chaplain's office at 283-2925.)

Pig prog takes a look at a week of upsets

PIGSKIN PROGNOSTICATOR
From the eye of the Needle

Let's take a look at this week of upsets.

First, New Orleans brought its record to 2-0 with a road victory over Green Bay. I didn't expect the Saints to be doing this well. Or maybe it's just that Brett Favre is doing that bad. The Packers' quarterback had a chance to tie the 34-27 game at the end of the fourth quarter, but threw four incomplete passes. I'm not sure if New Orleans will get the same help from Michael Vick when they face him and the Atlanta Falcons at the Louisiana Superdome Monday night.

Second, there was the record-setting 9-0 Jacksonville victory over Super Bowl champs Pittsburgh Steelers. How was a record set? It was the lowest scoring game in Monday Night Football history. A game won with three field goals doesn't sound exciting, but if you like watching good defense, this was your show. I was just satisfied to see the Steelers shut out, their nine-game winning streak coming to an abrupt close. Sit down, Ben Roethliswhatever.

A man with a shorter name, Mike Malone, plans on coming back from a loss as well. Malone, the 325th MDOS picker, only got nine correct picks for Week 2, but he says he'll win overall.

"I am going to outpick the rest of the squadrons because I have several fantasy teams and I go online every night to make check injury reports, past performances against certain teams and how well do teams do on the

road versus home," said Malone. "Plus I am counting on some luck ... it's the leprechaun in me."

For Malone, the pot o' gold lies in Miami.

"My favorite team has always been the Miami Dolphins," said the Boston native. "My mom brought me home from the hospital in a Dolphins' outfit and my dad was pretty upset."

Speaking of upset, I was peeved that the 325th ACS' rookie picker Chris Doran got the best of me this week. He brought ACS to a 13-10 victory over the Pig Prog. I told him there's no way someone could pick that good, so where'd he get the tips?

"What kind of a question is that?" asked Doran. "Football is a simple game of Xs and Os. We just pick golden picks here at the ACS. That's how we do it baby!"

One of his "golden" picks for this week is Tampa Bay over Carolina.

"The game we're watching out for is Bucs vs. Panthers," said Doran. "Both had very high expectations and both are 0-2. It's going to be a fun game to watch."

He's got a point there, but can ACS rumble their way to a Super Prog victory?

"Will Bobby and Whitney make up?" he returned. "Of course the trophy will be ours!"

Like the infamous tabloid couple, I think this team's going to crack.

Now, let's get out there and watch some football!

Who is Tyndall picking?

372nd Training Squadron for NFL Week 3:

- Carolina @ Tampa Bay
- Chicago @ Minnesota
- Cincinnati @ Pittsburgh
- Green Bay @ Detroit
- Jacksonville @ Indianapolis
- N.Y. Jets @ Buffalo
- Tennessee @ Miami
- Washington @ Houston
- Baltimore @ Cleveland
- N.Y. Giants @ Seattle
- Philadelphia @ San Francisco
- St. Louis @ Arizona
- Denver @ New England
- Atlanta @ New Orleans - 27

Intramural Sports Standings

Flag Football

Team	W	L	Team	W	L
SFS	5	0	MDG	3	4
MXS	6	1	83rd FWS	2	4
AMX	5	1	372nd TRS	1	6
OSS	5	1	ACS	0	6
COMM	4	1	601st 1	0	8
CES	4	3			

Golf

Team	Points	Team	Points
372nd TRS	69.5	83rd FWS	42.5
CES	62	TEST	35.5
MXS 1	59.5	MOS 1	35.5
AFCESA	58	RHS	33
MSS	55.5	OSS	24.5
SFS	53.5	ACS	22.5
AFNORTH 1	53.5	MX2	14
53rd WEG	39	CONS	12

Bowling

Team	W	L	Team	W	L
TEST	35	5	AFCESA 2	20	20
AMXS 4	30	10	CS 2	19	21
AMXS 1	30	10	43rd AMU	18	22
CES	30	10	Phase 2	18	22
AFCESA 1	26	14	AFNORTH 3	18	22
SVS	24	16	CONS	18	22
ACS 2	24	16	DS2	16	24
Phase 1	24	16	83rd FWS 1	16	24
RED HORSE	24	16	SFS	16	24
MOS	24	16	AFNORTH 1	14	26
MSS	24	16	ACS 1	14	26
372nd TRS	24	16	83rd FWS 2	12	28
AMMO	22	18	MDG	10	30
AMXS 2	22	18	CS 1	6	34
ISRD	20	20	Bye	6	34

Team High Game Scratch	83rd FWS 1	973
Team High Series Scratch	AFNORTH 1	2897
Team High Game Handicap	AFCESA 2	1136
Team High Series Handicap	AFCESA	3412
High Male Game Scratch	Steve Murphy	267
High Male Series Scratch	Ken Young	715
High Male Game Handicap	Jeff Kerzan	276
High Male Series Handicap	Julio Morelos	751
High Female Game Scratch	Rachel Petri-Rose	204
High Female Series Scratch	Chong Dodson	555
High Female Game Handicap	Lisa Wyndham	252
High Female Series Handicap	Rhonda McMichael	708



Chrissy Cuttita

Mine!

Charlie Ray, Thunderbird team player, stikes the ball during a youth soccer game Tuesday. The Youth Center kicked off its soccer program last week and runs to November.

Pig Prog Scorebox

CONS	23	SFS	20
MXS	22	Pig Prog	19
1st FS	22	372nd TRS	19
1st Sgts.	22	CPTS	19
ACS	22	AMXS	19
28th TES/Det 2	21	OSS	19
SVS	20	MDOS	18
		CS	18
		NCOA	18
		CES	18



Athletes test their endurance with Tynman Triathlon

1ST LT. AMANDA FERRELL

325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

More than 80 Tyndall athletes gathered at the water's edge to participate in the second Tynman Triathlon and Duathlon event held here Sept. 16.

Participants ranged in age and experience level, but everyone had a similar goal: Successfully completing an event that would test their physical fitness and mental focus.

"The main thing that motivates me during triathlons is the drive to out-do myself and strive to do better in each event while constantly improving on my past performance," said Kyle Jansen, a Tynman Triathlon participant and avid triathlete. "My motivation also stems from the notion of being 'fit-to-fight' – I take that seriously."

Whether approaching the race like a tactical mission or a weekend family activity, members from Tyndall and surrounding military installations gathered to compete.

Participants entered one of two categories. Those entered in the sprint triathlon category completed a 600-meter swim, 12-mile bike and 3-mile run. The duathlon category consisted of a 1.1-mile run, 12-mile bike, and a 3-mile run.

The Company Grade Officers' Council sponsored the event with the intention of

bringing Tyndall members together in a spirit of sportsmanship, whether they're avid competitors or participating for the first time.

"This event is perfect for people of all skill levels who want to push themselves," said Andrew Overton, Tynman event coordinator and CGOC member.

Standing shoulder-to-shoulder at the Tynman starting line were first-time participants, an Ironman hopeful, a disabled veteran and representatives from other branches of the military.

Mackey Tyndall, a disabled military veteran who competes as a physically challenged athlete, knows what it takes to overcome mental and physical challenges.

"Train well and be prepared for the event," said Tyndall. "You have train hard to avoid mentally 'breaking down' during an endurance race," he said.

Using a push racer, which is similar to a wheelchair propelled by hand cranks, Tyndall competes alongside all other participants – and holds his own.

"The most challenging phase for me was the bike course, because it is the longest part of the event," he said. "My shoulders take the biggest beating because my hands and arms are trying to do the same thing other athletes' feet and legs are doing."



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Athletes head into the water by base housing to start Tyndall's second triathlon Sept. 16.

Despite the physical challenges Tyndall experiences on the course, he encourages others to participate in events like the Tynman by committing themselves to a fitness regimen.

"A very important thing to consider when you are starting out in any sport is that you must start slow," said Tyndall. "You should start slow for two reasons. First, you could hurt yourself if you do too much too quickly, and secondly, you want

to have fun and enjoy yourself."

For one athlete, building a strong foundation by participating in local events such as the Tynman Triathlon is the first step to the pinnacle of triathlon competition – the Ironman.

"Training for the Tynman and the upcoming Ironman Florida competition has improved my physical fitness test

• SEE TRIATHLON PAGE 22



Staff Sgt. Stacey Haga

Heart to Heart

Catherine Tarrant shares information about base agencies with military spouses at Heartlink. Heartlink is a meeting for military spouses to learn more about the Air Force mission and also learn about what services are available to spouses. For more information on Heartlink, call the Airman and Family Readiness Flight at 283-4205.

America, base celebrates Hispanic Heritage month

CHRISSEY CUTTITA
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Tyndall joins the nation in celebrating Hispanic Heritage this month and will continue throughout the year.

"I am one of thousands of Americans who enjoys the diversity and benefits the Hispanic/Latino culture brings to our country," said Maj. Todd Boulware, Air Forces Northern tanker officer and Hispanic Heritage Committee member. "Instead of the dull and monotonous lifestyle that would surely result from an isolated society, living in America has become a life surrounded by beautiful and diverse people, colors, food, languages and music. The Hispanic culture is a critical ingredient in that delicious recipe."

The monthly Latin dance at the Enlisted Club, held Sept. 16, proved that the population here is still enjoys gathering and sharing Hispanic culture through the rhythm of merengue, bachata, salsa and reggatone.

"It's a great way for me to learn about the different dances my family has been doing for years," said Senior Airman Mayra Duarte, 325th Communications Squadron communications cable system journeyman. "Other Hispanics always say if I hear the traditional music, I can follow because I have a similar background. The monthly dance also has a way of getting people together and getting interest in the Hispanic Heritage Committee."

Sharing the Spanish language with peers is a reminder of family, especially for those who grew up in a household that spoke in their native language.

"It's comfortable to meet others who speak Spanish, and I also like to touch up on my Spanish. It gets me back in touch with my nationality," said Airmen Duarte.

Airmen experience Hispanic culture here by enjoying local Hispanic cuisine, going to dances or just gathering at someone's house.

"When a person arrives at a base, the first few days



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A group of Airmen dance the merengue at the Enlisted Club.

are always a bit confusing, especially for the youngest Airmen," said Major Boulware. "The one thing that is sure to give people comfort in a strange new place, is to meet others who share their culture."

Unfortunately, it may be difficult for that person to find a group of friends with a similar background. With the fast pace of today's military, and having to do more with less and less, connecting with others who share native cultures can be very difficult unless the people from that culture are also looking for a group to associate with. That is what the Hispanic Heritage Committee does."

Hispanic Airmen here also get together throughout the year, especially if they are members of the base Hispanic Heritage Committee whose primary purpose is to promote a better understanding of Hispanic culture while allowing its members to share their family traditions.

Staff sergeants and above can serve as president or vice president of the committee. Chairmen can be any rank. Committee members participate in voting

on upcoming events and work to organize the committee. A May 2005 constitution made the committee an official Tyndall private organization.

All work aside, members gather for fun and camaraderie. The next event the committee plans will be the annual pot luck, which is open to all those on base. The potluck is a great place to get a taste of the Latin flavor, said Airman Duarte.

"We get the opportunity to express ourselves through clothing, cultural symbols, food and historical artifacts," she said. "Attendees get to know a little bit about our background."

"Some people don't know the history. Hispanics don't always inherit the language or culture from their family, so this is a good way to inform anyone who is interested in learning more," said Airman Duarte. "One of my friends is Mexican and another is Puerto Rican. We are all Hispanic, but we all have different backgrounds to share."

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage this month, learning about different cultures and educating yourself on other cultures are all aspects of the national recognition of Hispanic Heritage, which is from Sept. 15 – Oct. 15.

"The ability to honor our individually unique heritage is truly a celebration of America's strength as a diverse society," said Lt. Col. Alan Lake, 325th Mission Support Group commander and Hispanic Heritage committee member. "The Hispanic Heritage committee is a committee put together to remember the roots of our heritage and to reinforce that our ancestors' destiny led to us being proud Americans."



Salsa lessons are available at the Community Activities Center 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information call, 283-2945.

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For more information, contact the 325th Communications Squadron at 283-4519.



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Filled with hope

Capt. Taona Enriquez and Senior Master Sgt. Billy Simmons, Combined Federal Campaign representatives, review the correct way to fill out a CFC form. The campaign started Sept. 1 and will continue until Dec. 15. For more information, contact your unit representative or Sergeant Simmons at 283-8044.

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Comments:

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Air Force account director at GSD&M, the service's contracted advertising agency in Austin, Texas.

"The idea behind the campaign is that Air Force people are doing amazing things every day all around the world," said Mr. Pilz.

Unlike previous Air Force television commercials that were highly scripted and produced with special effects in Hollywood, the new spots were shot with a hand-held camera or used existing Air Force footage featuring Airmen performing their jobs in real-world environments.

"There wasn't much acting involved ... just the things I do on a daily basis," said Airman Hahn. "The most challenging part of it was trying not to laugh while being filmed."

The commercials allow viewers to experience the thrills of Air Force life such as jumping out the back of a C-130 Hercules at 10,000 feet with a special-operations team, calling in air strikes with joint terminal attack control Airmen or flying with the Thunderbirds aerial photographer through corkscrew spins.

"The documentary style makes the messages more convincing and authentic, especially to skeptical and media-savvy teenagers," Pilz said. "They want to see what it's really like in the Air Force. That's what we're providing."

Since the commercials are less expensive to produce, GSD&M plans to develop more of them.

"In the past, we produced eight commercials over a four-year period," Pilz said. "We can now showcase more career fields and have a better variety of TV spots and videos for the Web."

GSD&M developed the DSA concept after conducting focus group research among 16-24 year-olds in Chicago and Phoenix.

Filming for the commercials began in May and continued throughout the summer at Charleston AFB, S.C.; Eglin AFB and Hurlburt Field, Fla.; Lackland AFB, Texas; Nellis AFB, Nev.; and Schriever AFB, Colo.

Career fields such as aircraft mechanic, security forces and

explosive ordnance disposal are included in the campaign. Each commercial is voiced by an Airman in that career field and ends with the call to action "Do Something Amazing."

The Web site allows visitors to search, view and download video clips featuring on-the-job interviews with the Airmen. Teens will also find links to www.airforce.com to request more



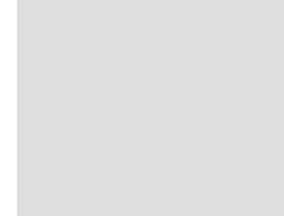
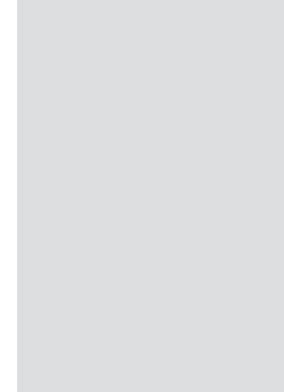
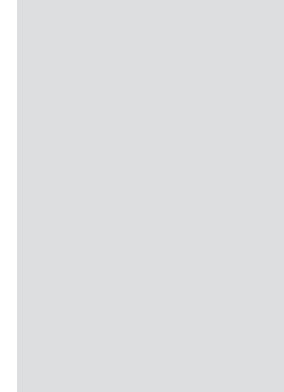
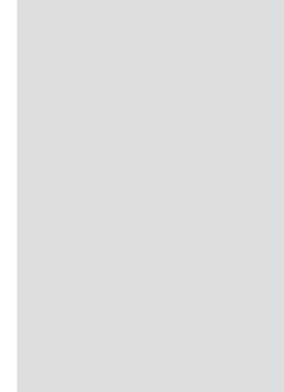
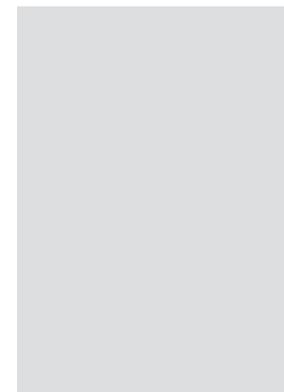
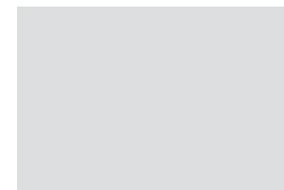
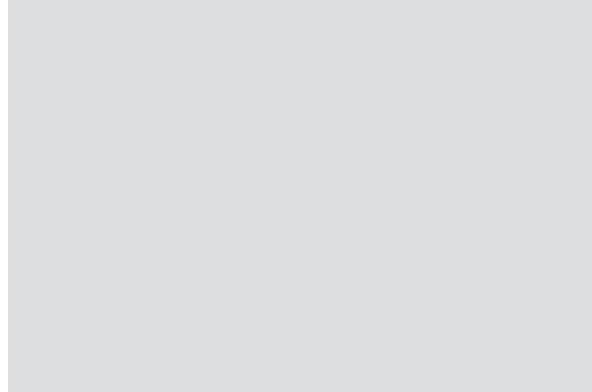
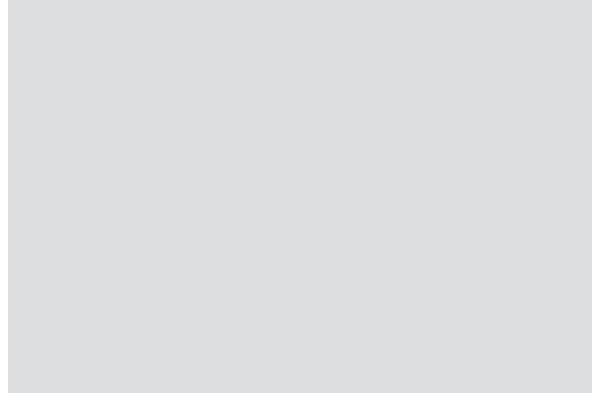
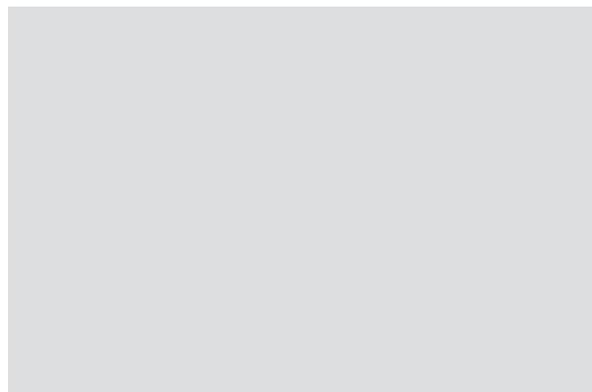
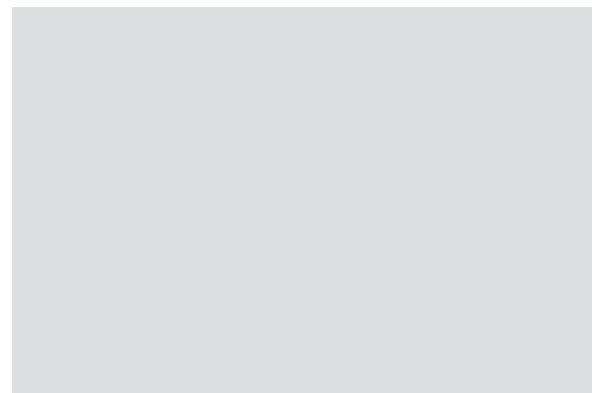
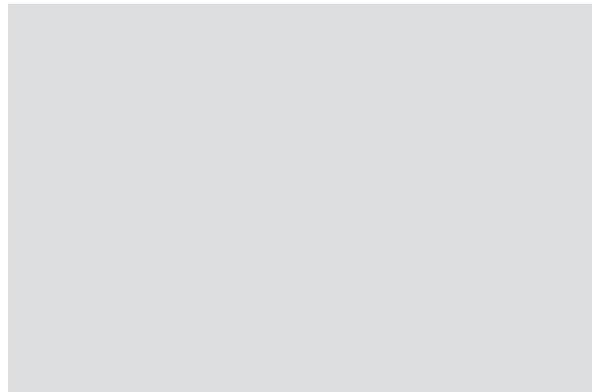
Airman Hahn (front) works on an engine in Tyndall's hush house during the filming of the Air Force commercial he was featured in.

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"It was a fulfilling experience to know that I helped the world's greatest Air Force appeal to the young men and women of the United States," said Senior Airman Chris Allen, 325th Operations Support Squadron air traffic controller featured in a commercial.

Although initially only enlisted career fields are featured in the commercials and online videos, GSD&M plans to add officer and health-professions careers to the lineup.

"We're excited about the new campaign," said Tim Talbert, deputy chief of the Strategic Communications Division, Headquarters Air Force Recruiting Service at Randolph AFB. "It's a lot different from what we've done in the past. 'Do Something Amazing' does not replace our main campaign theme, 'Cross into the Blue.' It complements it."



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scores, decreased my weight and increased my overall fitness,” said Lieutenant Jansen, who is preparing for the Ironman Florida competition in November. “My body is in better shape because of this training, which translates into being mission-ready and being able to better serve my country.”

Being a serious triathlete is a lifestyle that involves many personal sacrifices, said Jansen. And realizing that the pain from pushing yourself to the limit is over the moment you cross the finish line is a feeling like none other, he said.

While each participant stood at the starting line with a personal challenge to overcome, all finished with the same sense of accomplishment.

Those who encouraged participants with cheers from the sidelines, organized the event and volunteered, felt a similar sense of satisfaction.

“It’s fulfilling to coordinate a successful event that is fun for both the participants and volunteers,” said Overton. “We were able to put on an event that not only entertains the Tyndall family and acts as an ‘ambassador’ to the community, but also gives leadership opportunities to the nearly 60 Airmen who volunteered.”

Tyndall Triathlon Statistics

Overall Male - John McSheehey 1:02:28

Masters - Chuck Denegri 1:04:14

Physically Challenged - Mackey Tyndall 1:27:28

Clydesdale (200 lbs +) - Walter Roberson 1:08:07

19 & under – Thomas Heikkenen 1:10:11

20-24 – John Richard Lockard 1:15:50

25-29 – Kyle Jansen 1:05:25

30-34 – Trevor Teeselink 1:04:20

35-39 - Donald Borchett 1:09:00

40-44 – John Patrick Stokes 1:05:59

45-49 – John Smith 1:09:55

50-54 – Ray Maulbeck 1:11:57

55-59 – Jerry Armstrong 1:04:55

60-64 – George Palmer 1:07:02

65 & up – Chuck Law 1:37:46

Overall Female – Missy Terry 1:09:46

Masters – Carole Ann Thompson 1:14:16

Athena – Sara Cunningham 1:24:29

20-24 – Jennifer Lepper 1:15:58

25-29 – Lyndsey Hornbuck 1:13:21

30-34 – Olga Cemore 1:16:28

40-44 – Lisa Ann Ramstad 1:19:32

45-49 - Noreen Burke 1:16:28

50-54 – Eunice Mary Homsley 1:20:47

55-59 – Barbara Elliott 1:38:57

60 & up – Gwen Sprandel 1:26:21

Team Results

Female – Tamsyn Snider & Team 1:25:48

Mixed - Allyson Schutzenhofer & Mike McDonald 1:21:51

Duathlon Results

Overall Male - Lance Souther 1:03:17

Overall Female – Caitlin Harris 1:17:32

Team Results

Male – Ackerman & Tatem 1:20:43

