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In Brief

Squadron closure

The 325th Contracting Squadron will be closed today. In case of an emergency, please contact Master Sgt. Brian Stricker at 774-1152.

Dry cleaning and alterations facility relocated

Dry cleaning has temporarily relocated to the Military Clothing Sales store in Bldg. 1506 and alterations has relocated to the Base Exchange customer service area. The hours of operation for both services will remain the same.

Housing privatization

Tyndall residents are encouraged to attend the town hall meeting 6 p.m. Oct. 16 at the Youth Center. Residents will have the opportunity to meet the developer's staff and ask questions.

Lease signing is scheduled 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 17-20 at the Education Center.

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Chrissy Cuttita

'Run' way

Airmen finished off Wingman Day Sept. 28 with a 1.5 mile fun run on the runway here. Wingman day consisted of 325th Fighter Wing commander's call and several sporting events. For more pictures of Wingman Day, turn to Page 10.

Readiness Airmen receive occupational badge

MARTY SPIKES

325th Civil Engineer Squadron readiness flight chief

When six Airmen received the new Civil Engineer Readiness occupational badge during ceremony here Oct. 2, a lasting impression was made on the careers of those involved in the ceremony and present in the chemical warfare classroom during the event.

"This badge will ensure they are recognized as experts in a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear environment," said Chief Master Sgt. Mike Connors, chief enlisted career field manager and presenter at the ceremony.

It took three and a half years for Chief Connors and his team to get the badge approved so the proud individuals of the 325th Civil Engineer Squadron's readiness

flight could wear a badge that recognizes them as readiness experts among the people with whom they serve.

This chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive community includes readiness specialists in our sister services, as well as NATO and other coalition allies. This new occupational badge reflects the achievements and laurels gained through the professionalism of this career field, primarily in emergency management and CBRN defense, during both peace and war time operations.

"We're providing the proper equipment and resources, while their commander is providing the time for training," said Chief Connors. "It's now up to them to

become the experts."

The 325th CES commander, Lt. Col. Sue Grumbach, was a participant in the historical ceremony. In her address to the newly-badged Airmen, she suggested they study hard in their career development courses and manage time to get them done so that they will be able to anticipate what will happen in the CBRN environment and be prepared to respond.

As the threats of terrorism and the use of weapons of mass destruction continues to escalate, the need to



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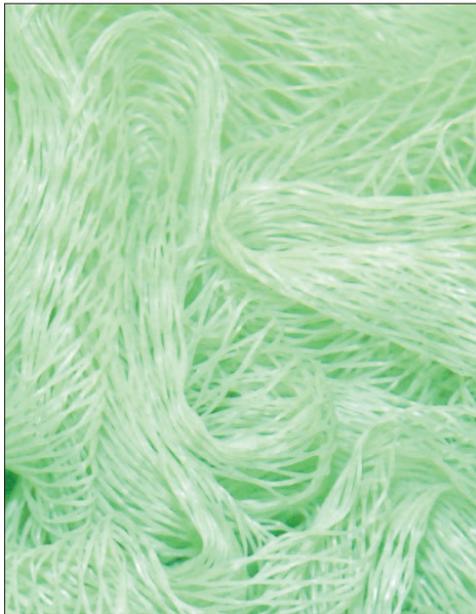


Lisa Norman

You got served!

Airman 1st Class Zachary Waldon, 325th Communications Squadron ground radio technician, is served a bowl of baked beans from Senior Master Sgt. Billy Simmons, 325th Maintenance Group weapons standardization superintendent, at the first Dorm Barbecue held Sept. 27 at Bldg. 1149. Tyndall's Top Three organization plans to make the Dorm Barbecue an annual event.

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.

Kristina Gibson correctly guessed the Sept. 29 "Identify This" as a dog chew toy. Congratulations Kristina Gibson! Come claim your prize.

ON THE STREET

325th Services Squadron focus: What is the most challenging aspect of a Services' deployment?



"Being away from my family was hard. My wife just had our daughter, so it was hard being away right after she was born."

SENIOR AIRMAN BRANDON JOHNSON
Fitness specialist



"It is difficult to make sure you're reaching out to everyone there and trying to bring as much of home to the desert as possible.."

SENIOR AIRMAN JESSICA HENSLEY
Food service shift leader



"It's challenging being away from my family. The long days and demands of your job are hard also."

TECH SGT. SHERYL PYKA
Sand Dollar Inn NCO in charge



"The most challenging part is the large populous of people. No one goes off base to do anything, so we provide activities for everyone."

TECH SGT. JIM FOLSOM
Fitness Center NCO in charge

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Tell the Air Force story... it's your story to tell

LT. COL. TED DAVIS
325th Air Control Squadron commander

The American public loves a great story. With that said, the Air Force has that great story and it's your story to tell.

Not surprising to anyone in this day and age as we are fighting a Global War on Terror, there are great stories in the making every day not only in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Pacific theater and a number of countries in Africa, but right here at home. As amazing as some of these stories are, and as proud as they make us feel to be Americans in the profession of combat arms, they make up only a portion of the Air Force story.

The need to get the Air Force story out to the general public is so important that Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne along with Air Force Chief of Staff General T. Michael Moseley recently created the Office of Strategic Communication to help the American public better understand our daily successes and challenges. Brig. Gen. Erwin Lessel III, who leads the Secretary of the Air Force's Office of Strategic Communication states, "Every Airman can become an Air Force spokesperson at any time."

Airmen are engaged at every level of this conflict in every theater across the globe, and sometimes to a fault, we humbly go about our business taking for granted what we do. We need to do a better job making our entire story known to the American public both on a national level and at the local level.

"By nature, we are quiet warriors," said General Lessel. "We do not beat

our chests and talk about what we do. It's going to take a culture change, but it helps the public better understand the Air Force when they hear from the Airmen themselves."

As difficult as it may be for us to recognize our terrific accomplishments, and as humble as we are sometimes, when the American public gets an insight into what we do they are simply amazed. Amazed at what we take for granted, because the things we do in many ways are indeed amazing.

Maj. Gen. Scott Mayes, commander of Air Forces Northern, said it best some time ago when he was a guest speaker at a 325th Fighter Wing Warrior Call. To make his point, he used the setting of a high school reunion to illustrate to us how important our work is and how much the American public wants to hear about it. He told a room full of Air Force officers how, when compared to many of the jobs and occupations our high school classmates have gone on to be successful at in the private sector, it's our achievements and adventures as Airmen that captivate our school friends and hold their attention. As noble as their entrepreneurial successes might be, and as financially well off as they may become, it's the Airman who defends the nation both at home and abroad who everyone wants to catch up with and hear from.

When I say we need to know our own story as individuals, what this means is we should be able to tell our civilian friends and neighbors about what we do personally in the Air Force and how our roles and responsibilities play into

the bigger picture of our squadron, wing and greater Air Force mission. We need to tell what we actually do, what purpose that specialty serves and what that brings to bear on the battlespace. If the Air Force story can be summed up by "payload, effects and reach" then there must be a lot of detail supporting it. That's where we come in.

One of the best things about being assigned to Tyndall is that every one of us can clearly state, without exception, that we are a part of America's Air Dominance Force. From there, each of us should be able to trace back to our individual specialties and duty titles and explain how we contribute to that honorable distinction. Whether assigned to the Checkertail Clan or one of the tenant units, every one of us is either fighting the Global War on Terror directly or feeding that fight. We must learn to articulate the facts to those not versed in "Air Force speak" and welcome the opportunities to do so, while also recognizing that sometimes we tell that story in ways we don't even realize.

Our story is told not only in our words, but in our deeds and appearance. Sometimes we tell the Air Force story not by standing in front of a thoughtful audience, but by our appearance, actions and deeds in the community. One small example of how this works is when we go off base. Whether we realize it or not, something as simple as going off base to have lunch creates a forum for the public to form its own opinion of the Air Force story. Off base, like on base, we are constantly in the spotlight, being watched with every move we make.

The key point is that we are being watched by the very people we swore to protect and defend when we took the oath of office.

How we wear the uniform, how we behave in public and even how we drive going to and from home all speak volumes about the Air Force story. It illustrates our discipline as individuals and members of a select group of professionals in that respected profession of combat arms. Wearing the uniform while driving a car proudly adorned with "I'm in the Air Force" insignia automatically identifies us as Airmen. By following the basic traffic rules in a courteous manner, we send a message that our Air Force is one of respectable Airmen from every demographic of American society and walk of life, and that we are not only guarding freedom, but we are also good neighbors and citizens.

We all know how great our Air Force is. The public hears about the success stories that get publicized in the open media, but those stories don't always tell the larger Air Force story. Don't be so humble that you don't recognize how great you are as active duty Airman, Guardsman, Reservist, Air Force civilian or contractor, and don't take for granted your personal day-to-day routine. Truth be told, it is actually very interesting to the American public. And don't assume that the American public isn't anxiously watching and listening to find out more about this greatness. The public enjoys a great story. Learn the Air Force story and willingly tell it. Tell the Air Force story...tell your story!

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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operate in a joint environment also increases. As technical professionals, CE readiness Airmen work closely with other DOD, civil and international CBRN specialists who will recognize this insignia as a universal identifier.

“We’ll stand out now as more than just people who teach chemical warfare classes on base,” said Senior Airman Jenny Raybon, 325th CES readiness apprentice.

This badge also represents an Air Force capability. The readiness career field is a valuable resource that enables commanders to sense, shape, shield and sustain the battlefield while also supporting Air Force personnel in a CBRN environment. This resource, combined with expertise as emergency managers, enables commanders to prepare for,

prevent, respond to, recover from and mitigate risks to the mission, making these readiness Airmen an invaluable asset.

With this in mind, the Air Force Chief of Staff approved the CE readiness occupational badge Feb. 7 with the approved wear date of Oct. 1.

Maj. Gen. Del Eulberg, the Air Force Civil Engineer, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington D.C., pinned on the first of these occupational badges to Chief Connors as the oldest person in the career field.

When the awarded CE Readiness occupational badge is worn, it must be worn above the appropriate CE occupational badge. Wearing the badges together shows the tie readiness has to CE, and provides recognition for possessing distinctive, highly technical and specialized CBRN defense capabilities.

Air Force Memorial completed

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFPN) - The Air Force Memorial’s stainless steel spires were finished Sept. 21.

Reaching a height of 270 feet and located on a promontory overlooking Arlington Cemetery, the memorial will transform the greater Washington, D.C., skyline and provide visitors with a commanding view of the nation’s Capitol, according to retired Maj. Gen. Edward F. Grillo Jr., president of the Air Force Memorial Foundation.

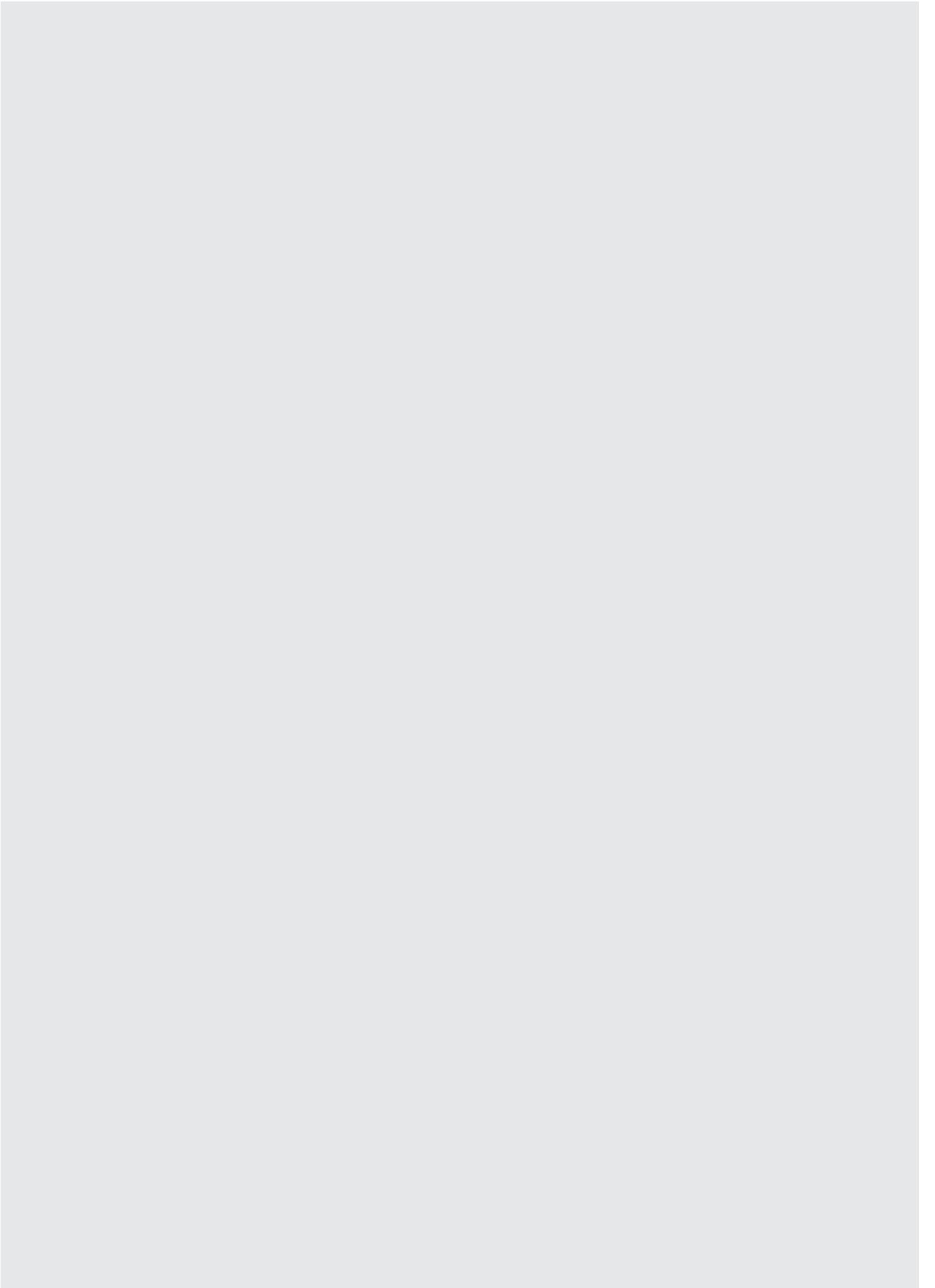
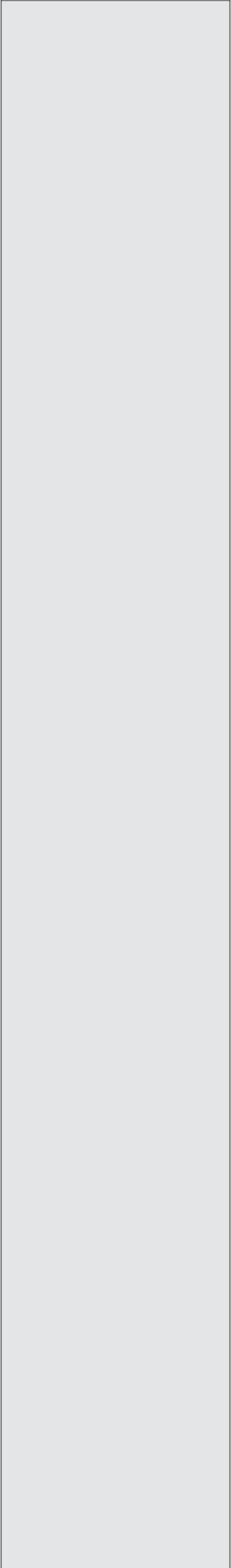
“The reality has lived up to the dream that we’ve had for almost 15 years since we embarked on this project to develop the memorial,” said General Grillo. “As we remove the cranes and peel away the blue plastic covering to reveal the stainless steel in the next

few weeks, the nation will finally be introduced to this lasting tribute to the men and women of the Air Force and its predecessor organizations.”

Designed by the late James Ingo Freed, an architect with Pei Cobb and Partners, the spires are evocative of the bomb-burst flying formation made famous by the Air Force Thunderbirds.

The Air Force Memorial will officially be dedicated Oct. 14.

“We are expecting over 30,000 people to join with us to celebrate the official dedication of the memorial,” the general said. “As an Air Force veteran, I am incredibly excited about the planned events and wish to extend an invitation to all Americans to join us in Arlington, Va. Oct. 14.”



Watch What You Heat

MICHAEL NEWBURY

325th Civil Engineer Squadron base fire inspector

How often has the doorbell rung or a child interrupted you while you were cooking, causing you to forget about the chicken you left sizzling on the stove until smoke filled the house?

If this scenario or a similar one doesn't sound familiar, you may want to think about it more because it's likely that you, a friend or family member has run the risk of starting a dangerous fire.

Why?

Cooking is the leading cause of home fires, according to the National Fire Protection Association. The latest statistics from NFPA show that one out of every three home fires started in the kitchen, and more than 100,000 fires a year are related to cooking.

The Tyndall fire and emergency services is joining forces with NFPA and thousands of other fire departments across the nation to commemorate Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 8-14. The theme, "Prevent cooking fires – watch what you heat," reminds everyone that leaving cooking unattended and other unsafe kitchen practices are a recipe for disaster.

When firefighters are called to a cooking-related fire, the residents often tell them they only left the kitchen for a few minutes. Sadly, that's all it takes for a dangerous fire to start. The bottom line is that there's really no safe period of time for a cook to step away from a hot stove. A few key points to remember are:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, broiling or boiling food. If you must leave the room, even for a short period of time, turn off the stove.

- When you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, stay in your home and use a timer to remind you.

- Keep cooking areas clean and clear of combustibles such as pot holders, towels, rags, drapes and food packaging.

- Keep children away from cooking areas by enforcing a "kid-free zone" of three feet around the stove.

- If you have a fire in your microwave, turn it off immediately and keep the door closed. Never open the door until the fire is completely out. If in doubt, get out of the house and call 911.

- Always keep an oven mitt and



Lisa Norman

Sparky, the fire safety dog, talks to Gage Smith about fire safety during Oktoberfest.

a lid nearby. If a small grease fire starts in a pan, smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid over the pan (make sure you are wearing the oven mitt), turn off the burner and call 911. Do not remove the lid; doing so will cause the fire to rekindle. Never pour water on a grease fire. If the fire does not go out, get out of the house and call the 911.

- If an oven fire starts, turn off the heat and keep the door closed to prevent flames from burning you or your clothing. Get out of the house and call 911.

A cooking fire can quickly turn deadly. Heed these simple safety rules. Firefighters would like to be in your kitchen, but only when you invite us for dinner!

In support of National Fire Prevention Week, Tyndall Fire and Emergency Services will be present in the Base Exchange daily from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 9 - 13. Firefighters will be present to provide information and answer questions to help keep your home and family safe from fire.

Fire prevention personnel will be conducting fire safety classes and passing out fire prevention material from 8 a.m. to noon Oct. 9 -11 at Tyndall Elementary School; 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 12 at the Tyndall Youth Center; and 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Oct. 13 at the Child Development Center. They will also conduct fire evacuation drills with the use of their fire safety trailer for children attending Tyndall Elementary School.

Tyndall aims for base, Air Force energy goals

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

(This is part one of a four part series highlighting energy issues on Tyndall during October, which is Energy Conservation Awareness Month.)

As the largest consumer of energy in the Department of Defense, the Air Force has developed a two-part strategy to reduce energy consumption and waste.

“This strategy of assured domestic supply and aggressive energy conservation will benefit our entire Air Force, but we need all Airmen to do their part,” said Secretary of the Air Force Michael Wynne in his latest Letter to Airmen, which addresses energy use in the Air Force.

In the letter, Secretary Wynne recognized the Air Force’s commitment to conservation and urged every Airman to personally and professionally conserve energy.

“To assist in our efforts to communicate our energy strategy, every Airman should develop new ways to personally and organizationally conserve energy,” he said. “Your efforts in making energy conservation a part of your day-to-day activities will benefit our entire Air Force, and free up precious dollars for other critical programs.”

The Air Force initiative is strongly backed by

Tyndall’s own agenda to conserve energy.

“The new requirement for Tyndall under the Energy Policy Act of 2005 is to reduce our energy consumption by two percent each year starting in 2006,” said Gilbert Walker, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron energy and utilities manager. “Our base is not only going to meet that goal for 2006, but will exceed it by more than six percent.”

Energy consumption increases when equipment and weapons systems are added to operations, especially when additional training sorties are generated.

“Because of the new squadron of F-22s and the increased number of sorties, reaching our goal means Tyndall will have to work harder to conserve resources,” said Mr. Walker.

Although the Air Force consumes more energy than any other defense agency, it is also the nation’s largest purchaser of renewable energy, according to the Department of Energy.

“As the nation’s largest purchaser of renewable energy, we used over one million megawatt hours of green power in 2005,” said the Secretary. That amount of energy is enough to power 70,000 homes for one year, he said.

The Air Force Research Lab here contributes to the “green power” effort by developing solar panels,

hydrogen fuel cells and other alternative energy sources. Solar power cells and geothermal heat pump units are already being used to generate electricity at facilities on Tyndall, and similar technology will soon boost energy production for facilities in deployed locations.

With energy demands steadily climbing, the need for alternative energy technology is becoming increasingly important.

“Green power accounts for 11 percent of all Air Force electric consumption, which includes 37 Air Force installations,” said the Secretary. “We are currently testing and developing several innovative methods of powering ground vehicles with alternative fuels, such as E-85 ethanol, hydrogen and hybrid fuel cell-electric power systems. Additionally, our aviation and acquisition and technology communities are aggressively looking for ways to increase aircraft fuel efficiencies through engine and airframe design.”

The Air Force is taking the first step by reducing mission-related energy consumption, but personal efforts in the workplace are just as critical.

“We have both a tremendous opportunity and a clear responsibility to lead by example with smart energy management,” said Mr. Walker.

Associate Spotlight

Tech. Sgt. Andre Ancic



Steve Wallace

Sergeant Andre Ancic receives the Associate Spotlight from Capt. Christopher Reese, 372nd Training Squadron /Detachment 4 commander.

Sergeant Ancic managed his detachment's 41 instructors' classes and instructed hydraulic classes. He also created solutions for a persistent F-15 brake and a recurring hydraulic system malfunction for the 95th Aircraft Maintenance Unit. In his free time he volunteered at the local American Red Cross Center and collected over 500 pounds for hurricane disaster preparation efforts.

Duty title: F-15 crew chief instructor
Time in service: Eleven years and one month
Hometown: McCalla, Ala.
Hobbies: Playing my Xbox 360, racquetball, wallyball
Goals: To finish my bachelor's degree and achieve master instructor
Favorite thing about your unit: The impact that our instructors have on the flightline.
Favorite movie: "Napoleon Dynamite"
Favorite book: "Tyrannosaur Canyon" by Douglas Preston
Pet Peeves: People who say they are team players but are quick to blame others for their mistakes.
Proudest moment in the military: Getting an incentive ride in an F-15

The Associate Spotlight is a 325th Fighter Wing commander program designed to recognize a Warrior from one of Tyndall's tenant units. Supervisors can nominate individuals via their squadron and group commanders. Award recipients receive a certificate from the wing commander and other items presented by their unit.

Staff Sergeant sentenced in court martial

CAPT. ROSEMARY GILLIAM
 Chief of Military Justice

A staff sergeant was convicted of one specification of wrongful use of cocaine in a special court-martial held here Sept. 13. Staff Sgt. Earl Ellis II, 325th Maintenance Squadron, pled guilty to violating Article 112a of the Uniform Code of Military Justice before a military judge, admitting to using cocaine in March.

After testing positive during a random urinalysis, the former staff sergeant admitted to snorting two lines of cocaine. After reviewing documentary evidence, taking testimony from a witness who testified on behalf of Sergeant Ellis, and hearing arguments from both the government and the defense counsel, the judge returned a sentence of four months confinement, reduction to senior airman, and a reprimand.

"This Airman's conviction serves as a reminder that drug use is unlawful, regardless of how many stripes you have on your sleeve or the rank you have on your shoulders," said Capt. Ezra Glanzer, Base Legal Office assistant staff judge advocate. "The fact that this individual was a staff sergeant did not make his crime less serious. It made it much more serious, as he was expected to set an example for other airmen."

In 2005, there were 497 convictions Air Force wide for wrongful drug use, including 87 convictions in Air Education and Training Command and five convictions here.

To date in 2006, there have been 281 convictions in the Air Force for drug use, to include 66 convictions in AETC and five convictions here. These numbers illustrate the effectiveness of the Air Force urinalysis program and the fact that wrongful drug use will not be tolerated in the military. This former sergeant was the fifth individual here to be convicted and sentenced to jail based upon a positive urinalysis this year.

Checkertail Salute

Ms. Andrea Moore



1st Lt. Amanda Ferrell

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

Ms. Moore, 325th Medical Group, provided medical care and treatment to more than 2,000 beneficiaries in the last four months. She also recognized and referred three women with breast cancer to a specialized clinic. Her prompt actions helped bring early treatment to patients, giving them a higher chance for recovery.

Duty title: Women's Health nurse practitioner
Hometown: Los Angeles, Calif.
Time on station: Four years active duty, 10 months as a contractor
Time in service: 26 years, retired in December 2005
Hobbies: Church activities and biking
Goals: To be able to continue nursing until age 65
Favorite thing about Tyndall AFB: The beaches and people
Favorite movie: "Back to the Future"
Favorite book: The Bible
Proudest moment in the military: Promotion to the officers' corps

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 Rudy Martinez 325th Air Control Squadron pilot simulator technician



Intelligence students get smart on AF Special Ops

RALPH WADE

Intelligence Formal Training Unit Instructor

Knowing your enemy is age-old advice. But in today's battle space, maintaining information superiority is critical to mission success. Determining threats in an often blurred, undefined battle space is the one mission every special operations intelligence trainee seeks to accomplish.

The Air Force Special Operations Command Intelligence Formal Training Unit is a course conducted at Hurlburt Field, Fla. The training unit at Hurlburt Field is identified as Operating Location-B, and is subordinate to the 325th Fighter Wing here.

"The purpose of the AFSOC IFTU is to bridge the gap between the intelligence skills taught at basic intelligence school, and those skills needed to successfully support the special operations war fighter," said Maj. Kenneth Cushing, commander of Operating Location-B. "The intelligence training mission is to provide initial qualification training to both officer and enlisted intelligence personnel, which will prepare them to provide immediate support to an operational special operations unit."

Graduates are nearly mission-ready when they complete the course, saving significant mission qualification time upon arrival at their gaining units, he said.

"The AFSOC IFTU training satisfies all of the special operations intelligence mission-essential tasks," said Master Sgt. Jason Olszewski, Operating Location-B superintendent. "The training syllabus covers topics like intelligence requirements determination, research and review of intelligence data, data analysis and dissemination, intelligence debriefing and reporting, evasion and recovery planning and information operations."

The four-week course is anything but a vacation on the sunny beaches of the Gulf of Mexico. Students complete more than 166 hours of academics, testing, practical exercises and presentations. They also receive familiarization tours of various special operations aircraft such as the AC-130 Gunship, MC-130 Talon, EC-130 Commando Solo and the MH-53 Pave Low helicopter.

Some graduates will arrive to their operational units and receive additional mission-specific training, but most deploy

almost immediately to support special operations teams on the front line engaged in the Global War on Terror.

Eight classes graduate annually, and each class consists of twelve students. The demographics of each class are diverse, with students ranging in rank and experience level.

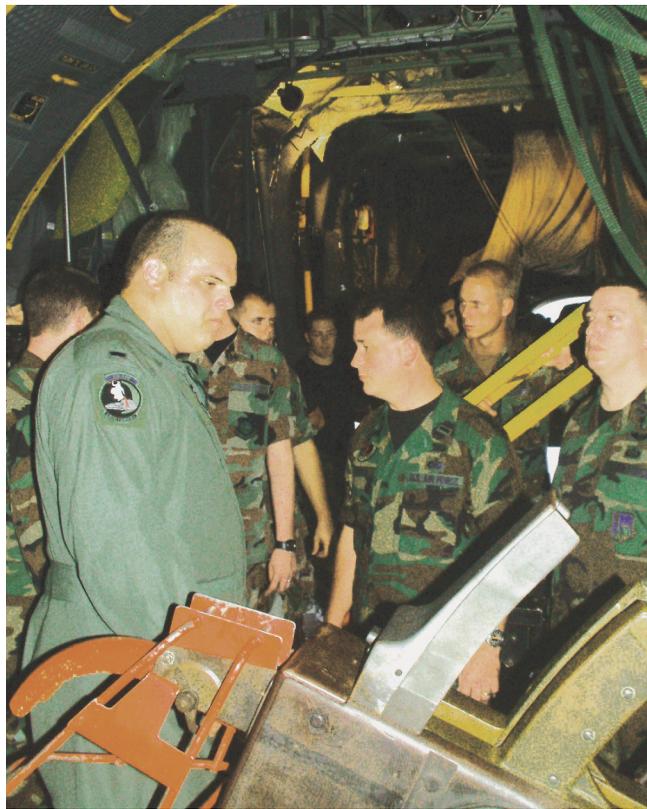
"Officers between the rank of second lieutenant and major make up approximately 60-70 percent of the annual class demographics," said Major Cushing. "The enlisted ranks attending the class are normally between airman first class and senior master sergeant."

While the course is specifically designed to train intelligence specialists to support special operations aircrews and Special Tactics units, other commands such as Air Combat Command, Pacific Air Forces and United States Air Forces Europe, all request slots in the course to train their rescue personnel.

John Smith, a retired Air Force pararescue specialist, teaches the Combat Search and Rescue portion of the course. He also conducts Code of Conduct Level-B training.

"I live vicariously through each and every student that comes through the class," said Mr. Smith, who continues to support the special operations mission as an instructor.

Col. Roy Horton, AFSOC director of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, supports the course through funding and personal involvement. Because he understands the importance of world-class training, Colonel Horton directs five highly-qualified instructors to conduct the course through instruction, courseware development and subject matter expertise.



John Smith

First Lt. Steve Skipper (center) and Capt. Denny Landes (right) are briefed on the 40MM Bofors cannon by an AC-130 Gunship electronic warfare officer while attending the special operations intelligence training course at Hurlburt Field, Fla.

Intelligence trainees at Hurlburt Field agree that the specialized training they receive through AFSOC only compounds the knowledge and experience they already possess, adding a level of expertise that will directly benefit our current war fighting effort.

"The AFSOC IFTU course has covered many topics I previously had little knowledge of, which support my mission as a HH-60 Pave Hawk Combat Search and Rescue intelligence officer," said Capt. Denny Landes, an AFSOC IFTU trainee. "I'm very happy to have had the opportunity to attend and get a broad picture of the different AFSOC missions, aircraft and other pertinent topics that tie together all of the 'low and slow' Air Force and joint missions to support."

Whether the AFSOC intelligence trainees return to their home base following training or deploy to the front lines, they all move forward with the same imperative mission: Providing actionable intelligence tailored to the needs of U.S. special operations forces and our allies during the ongoing Global War on Terror.

Training Spotlight



What is the most important lesson you want your students to learn at the NCO Academy?

"The most important is getting to know your people. If you get to know folks you will increase production and be able to help them with their problems."

MASTER SGT. CLIFF KINCHEM
NCOA leadership division supervisor



Congratulations to Mission Ready Airmen graduates of Classes 2006-

0705 and 2006-0706

from the 372nd Training Squadron/Detachment 4!



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Wingman Day - Airmen sweat out the end of fiscal year 2006



Chrissy Cuttita

Airmen 1st Class Alexandro F. Alvarado-Young, 325th Maintenance Squadron, succeeds in scoring against the 325th Air Control Squadron while playing with the 325th Operations Support Squadron.



Chrissy Cuttita

Staff Sgt. Jerome Christian plays horseshoes for the 325th Communications Squadron.



Isaac Gibson

Tracy Alvey, 28th Test Evaluation Squadron/Detachment 2, was the overall winner in tennis.



Master Sgt. Michael Jones

The 325th CS tugs their way to victory against the 325th MXS. The 325th CS was the overall winner of Wingman Day.



Lisa Norman

Senior Airman Anthony Showers, 325th CS, (middle) charges past two other Airmen to win the 100 yard dash.



Isaac Gibson

Staff Sgt. Christopher Buckius, 325th Medical Operations Squadron pushes it during the Check-ertail Challenge.



Chrissy Cuttita

Tech. Sgt. Steve Fox shoots the cue ball for the 95th Aircraft Maintenance Unit after beating the 325th Maintenance Operations Squadron in the first game.

Briefs

Flightline barber shop closure

The Flightline barber shop will be closed for renovations until Oct. 12.

Airman's Attic volunteers needed

The Airman and Family Readiness Flight and Airman's Attic are in need of volunteers. The Airman's Attic is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Airman's Attic is designed to help reduce the 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.

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.

Bonita Bay flea market

The Bonita Bay fall flea market will be 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 21 in the Bonita Bay parking lot and pavilion area. Those interested in selling items in the flea market must register for space and tables by Oct. 15. Used rental equipment from Outdoor Recreation will also be for sale. To participate in the event or for more information, call 283-3199.

GCCC classes

Tyndall's Gulf Coast Community College center will offer Principles of Economics - Macro 5 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. and Western Civilization II 5:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Mondays and Wednesday starting Oct. 18. The deadline for withdrawal from these classes is Oct. 20.

Retiree Appreciation Day

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

Embry-Riddle

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Winter 2006 Term



Toni Johns

Jumping for CAP

Civil Air Patrol Cadet Irene Ozen is assisted by a Ranger School instructor at Fort Benning, Ga., prior to her initial jump training class. This is one of many field training events senior cadets participate in to prepare themselves for duties in support of state and federal organizations.

CAP operates with three distinct missions: aerospace education, cadet programs and operations which includes search and rescue, aerial reconnaissance for homeland security, disaster-relief and damage assessment. For information on how to become a member of CAP, call Bill Leslie, 283-3950.

begins Oct. 18. Registration will be held Oct. 10 -17 at the ERAU office in the Education Center, Room 48. For more information, please call 283-4557.

Spouse employment assistance

The The Airman and Family Readiness Flight's military family employment specialist is available from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. They assist military spouses with job placement and referrals for positions in the Panama City area, and register spouses in the workforce employment system. For more information or to make an appointment, call 283-4204.

Tyndall health fair

Tyndall will host a health fair 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 14 in Bldg. 662, room 237. For more information, contact Bell Ward at 283-8233.

Officers' Spouses Club

The Officers' Spouses Club luncheon will be at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 17 at the Officers' Club. The fall event will feature pumpkin decorating. Chicken Waldorf salad or vegetable lasagna will be served for lunch. The cost is \$10 for members and \$12 for guests. For more information call Geraldine at 871-1895.

Federal employees health benefits

Open season will be Nov. 13 through Dec. 11 for FEHB Program enrollees to change health plans and enrollment. New eligible employees may also enroll during this time. The new Federal Employees' Dental and Vision Insurance Program will be open for enrollment during this time.

Representatives from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida, the Mail Handler's Benefits Plan, and Government Employees Hospital Association, will be present at the health fair to answer questions about benefits.

**Catholic services**

Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m.
Monday-Friday,
Chapel Two
Reconciliation, 11 a.m. Fridays
Blessed Sacrament Room, Chapel 2
or by appointment
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 comments on the week of upsets

PIGSKIN PROGNOSTICATOR
From the land of Nirvana

Like Lucy pulling the ball from a kicking Charlie Brown, this was a weekend of close-calls and upsets.

First, how the heck did Houston beat Miami? I know the Dolphins barely have their dorsal above the water, but losing to the Texans has to have them sunk.

Looking at all the numbers but the score (17-15), Miami should have went home 2-2. Instead, Houston's No. 1 draft pick Mario Williams saved the day by tipping a 2-yard conversion pass attempt by Daunte Culpepper. The Texans finally lassoed a "W" in the win column.

Second, feathers flew as the Bears swatted down the Seahawks. I really thought Seattle would put up a good fight, but without star running back Shawn Alexander, quarterback Matt Hasselbeck was forced into a passing game.

That was bad news, apparently, because Chicago's Ricky Manning Jr. was there to intercept two passes, taking the Bears to a 37-6 victory. Starting the season at 4-0 for the first time since 1991, Chicago is showing that they're a team to contend with.

Finally, to those pickers who envisioned San Francisco beating the Chiefs ... what were you thinking?! I think 41-0 is punishment enough so I won't name names, but they rhyme with NCOA, 28th TES, 372nd TRS, and 325th MXS.

Much deserved congratulations go to 325th CES for winning this week with 11 correct picks. While most of us managed a measly seven, they engineered a near-perfect list.

I tried to reach them for comment, but they're apparently 'digging up' more inside information.

Before I head off to get an arm chair-quarterback fuel of corn chips and brew, I must grudgingly apologize to Cornelious Thompson from 325th OSS. The Redskins vs. Jaguars game was pretty good. Reggie Williams and Santana Moss made up an entire highlight reel just between the two of them.

So much for a boring match-up. Looks like I'll be watching the U.S. Olympic synchronized swimming team during the next Olympics after all. But I am not showing my team spirit by wearing a Speedo.

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

Who is Tyndall picking?

Pig Prog's picks for NFL Week five:

Buffalo at Chicago

Cleveland at Carolina

Detroit at Minnesota

Miami at New England

St. Louis at Green Bay

Tampa Bay at New Orleans

Tennessee at Indianapolis

Washington at N.Y. Giants

Kansas City at Arizona

N.Y. Jets at Jacksonville

Oakland at San Francisco

Dallas at Philadelphia

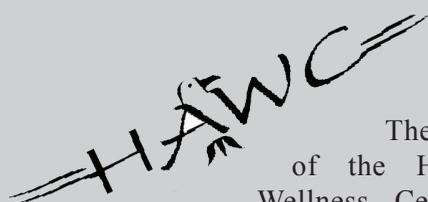
Pittsburgh at San Diego

Baltimore at Denver

HAWC provide basic nutrition information and also have some hands-on activities so participants can apply the information to their own lives and eating habits:

- Restaurant Finesse 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday
- Meal Management 8 to 9:30 a.m. Wednesday and 2 to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 26
- Recipe ReDo 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday
- Sensible Weight 5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 17
- Commissary Tour with a nutritionist 8:30 to 10 a.m. Oct. 19
- Eating on the go 10 to 11 a.m. Oct. 23
- Label Appraisal 2 to 3 p.m. Oct. 25

For more information, call the HAWC at 283-3826.



The mission of the Health and Wellness Center is to provide nutritional information to the entire Tyndall community, including active duty, dependents, retirees, and government and contract civilians.

They provide a wide range of classes, commissary tours and education opportunities as well as participate in health fairs, the base air show and other activities to get the word out about healthy eating and living a healthy lifestyle.

This month the following workshops at the

Intramural Sports Standings

Flag Football

Team	W	L	Team	W	L
SFS	10	0	MDG	5	5
AMXS	8	2	83rd FWS	3	7
MXS	8	2	ACS	2	8
OSS	7	3	601st 1	1	9
CES	5	5	372nd TRS	1	9
COMM	5	5			

Congratulations to the following teams for making the playoffs:

- 325th SFS
- 325th OSS
- 325th AMXS
- 325th MXS

Golf

Golf finals will be held Tuesday at Pelican Point Golf Course.

325th CES vs 325 MSS

Bowling

Team	W	L	Team	W	L
Test	49	15	AMXS 4	36	28
MOS	46	18	DS2	34	30
MSS	46	18	372nd TRS	34	30
Phase 1	40	24	ACS 2	32	32
RED HORSE	40	24	83rd FWS 2	26	38
AMXS 2	40	24	43rd AMU	26	38
Services	38	26	CONS	26	38
AMXS 1	38	26	AFNORTH 1	26	38
CES	38	26	ISRDR	24	40
AFCESA 1	36	28	AFNORTH 3	24	40
SFS	36	28	Phase 2	24	40
AFCESA 2	32	32	MDG	24	40
83rd FWS 1	32	32	CS 2	21	43
ACS 1	32	32	CS 1	20	44
AMMO	30	34	Bye	8	48

Team High Game Scratch	DS2	969
Team High Series Scratch	AFNORTH 1	2860
Team High Game Handicap	Phase 1	1111
Team High Series Handicap	CS 1	3329
High Male Game Scratch	Robb Fry	267
High Male Series Scratch	ET Parker	678
High Male Game Handicap	Brent Bean	270
High Male Series Handicap	Snacks Souther	749
High Female Game Scratch	Chong Dodson	222
High Female Series Scratch	Rachel Petri-Rose	673
High Female Game Handicap	Jessica Williams	273
High Female Series Handicap	Tracey Kessler	685

Pig Prog Scorebox

CONS	42	Pig Prog	36
MXS	39	ACS	36
1st FS	39	28th TES	36
OSS	39	MDOS	35
CPTS	37	NCOA	35
372nd TRS	37	1st Sgts.	31
CES	37	SFS	29
		CS	27
		SVS	26
		AMXS	25



OKTOBERFEST PROVIDES ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL

The 325th Services Squadron hosted Oktoberfest Sept. 30. The annual event featured German food, music, exploding pumpkins, a car show and entertainment for Tyndall families and guests.



Sierra Birge gets a bird's-eye view from the climbing wall.



Tech. Sgt. John Oliver, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordinance disposal NCO in charge, shows children the effects of a MK-31 cannon on a pumpkin. The water cannon is used by an F6-A robot to open suspicious packages.

Photos by Lisa Norman



Cole Tabor considers a future career in firefighting while sitting in a Tyndall fire truck.



Several cars were on display by owners seeking the first place trophy in their category and the Best in Show trophy during the 7th Annual Tyndall Car, Truck and Motorcycle show.

Forecaster shares love of weather with students

STAFF SGT. STACEY HAGA
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Rain rains.
Wind blows.
But, who knows what the weather holds?

Tech. Sgt. Publio Casillas knows. This rhyme was true to the second graders of Tyndall Elementary School when they were visited by the 325th Operations Support Squadron weather flight mission services element NCO in charge.

During a career presentation Sept. 28, Sergeant Casillas spent his afternoon answering questions the students had about weather.

“Some questions were as broad as, ‘What is weather?’ and some were specific like, ‘What creates a tornado?’” said Sergeant Casillas. “Once I answered all their questions, I tried to touch on weather safety pertaining to lightning, flash floods and tornadoes. Many children go out and play on weekends or afternoons and have no idea how weather can affect them.”

Along with information, the sergeant brought several pictures to illustrate weather phenomena to the second graders.

“The pictures showed us what weather looked like,” said Adam Parker, a Tyndall Elementary



Chrissy Cuttita

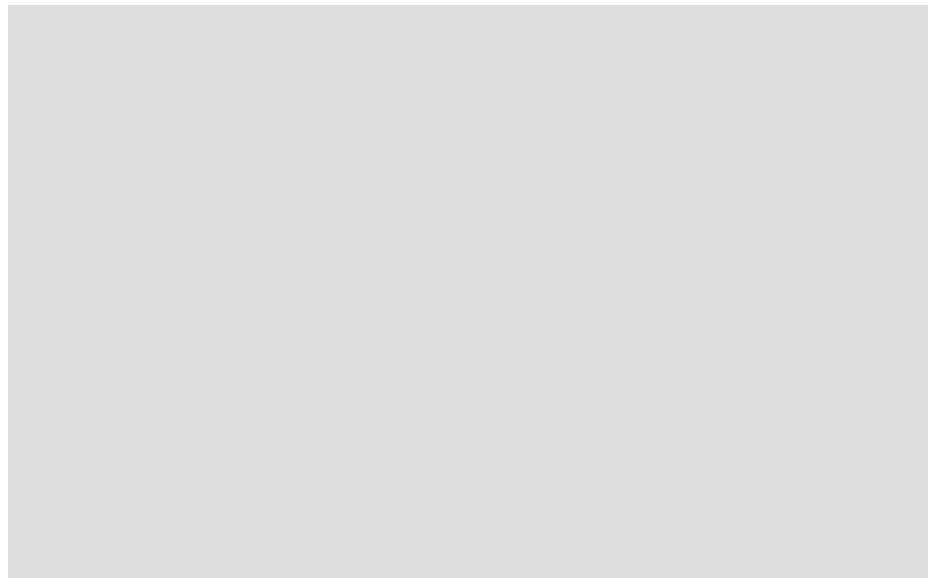
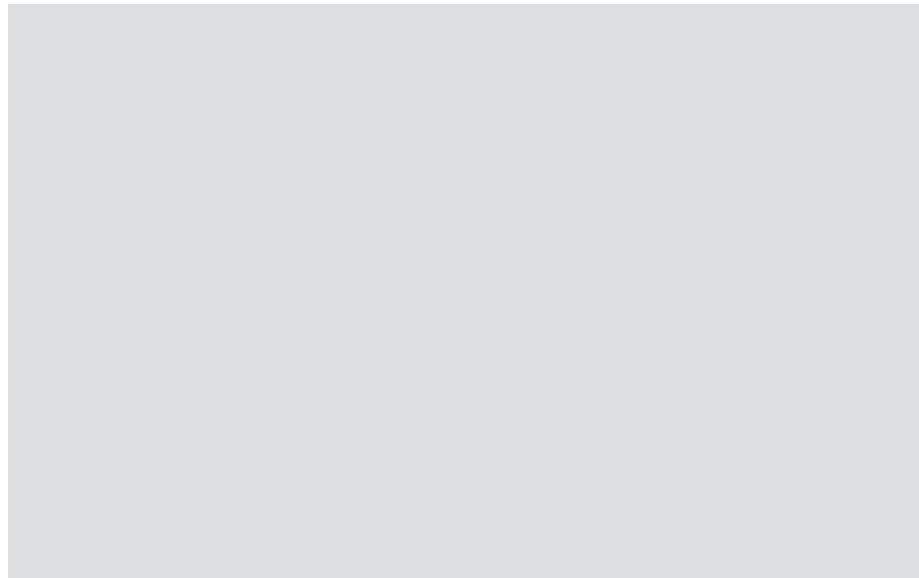
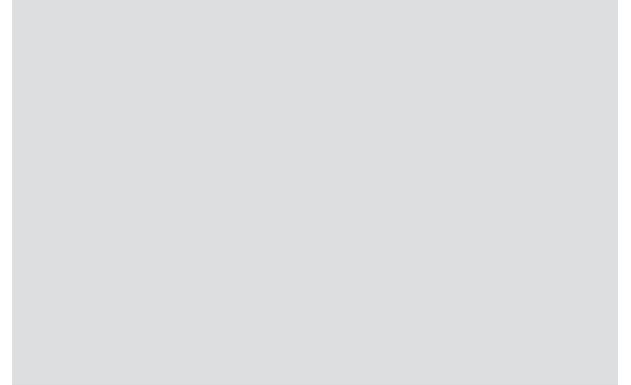
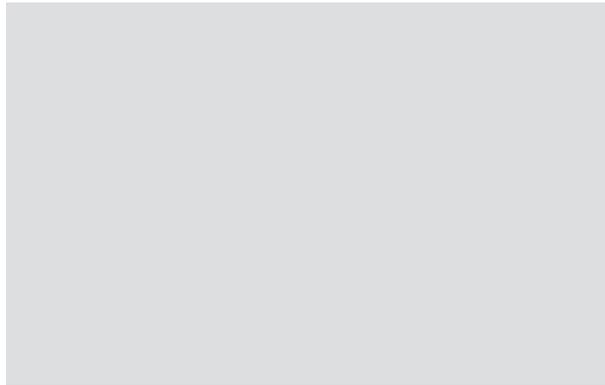
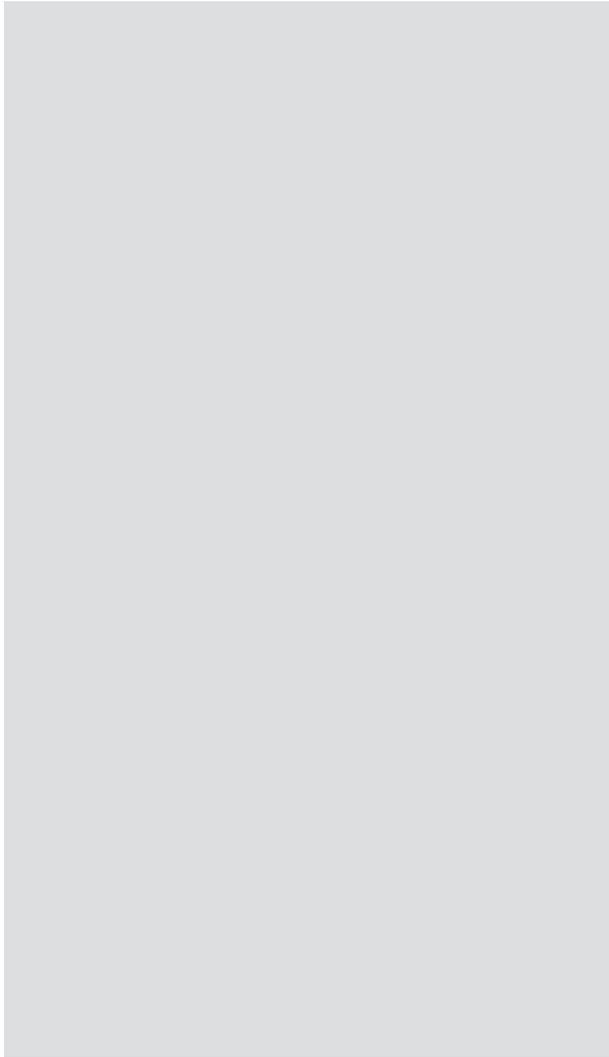
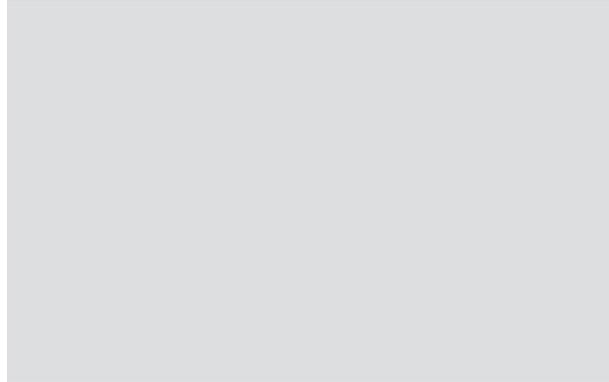
Sergeant Casillas answers individual student’s questions after his presentation on weather.

student. “I liked the dust devils, because they look like tornadoes.”

Despite the busy schedule weather forecasters have during hurricane season, Sergeant Casillas jumped at the chance to talk to the students.

“I have spoken to children before about weather and I’ve enjoyed it every time,” he said. “Their questions are so genuine, and they always surprise you. The look of thought they have after you answer their questions as they absorb the knowledge is very

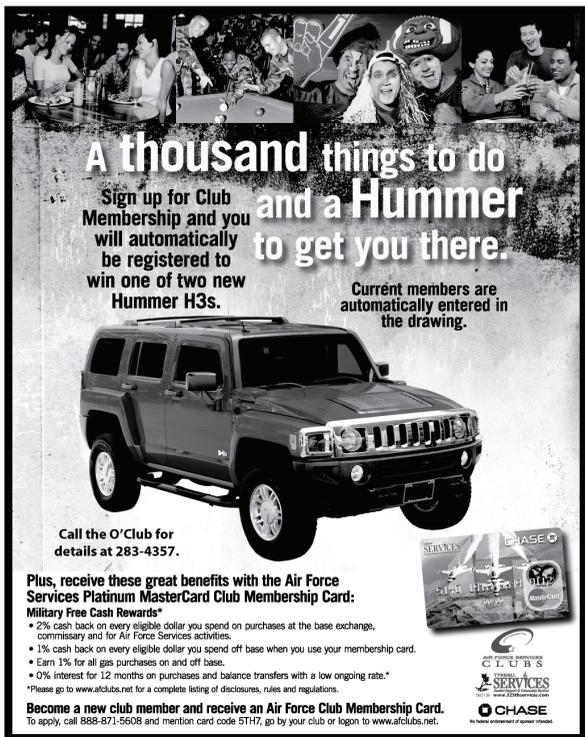
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283-4366
Oct. 20
6 p.m.

Games, food & lots of fun for the entire family!

Enjoy these activities:

Face Painting	Spooky Maze	Basketball Shoot
Fish Pond	Bingo	Climbing Wall
Cake Walk	Crafts	Pony Rides
Bean Bag Toss	Lollipop Tree	Lots More...

Volunteers Needed!!! Set up, decorating, cooking, operate booths and clean up.

46 for arm bands purchased early starting October 16.
10 for arm bands the day of the event.



Annual FLEA MARKET FOR SALE THIS FALL

Oct. 21 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sign-up Oct. 1 - 15

Space Only	\$12
Space + 1 Table	\$15
Space + 2 Table	\$18
Small Pavilion	\$25
Large Pavilion	\$30

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Call Bonita Bay for details at 283-3199.

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Oct. 1 effective date for Air Force uniform changes

WASHINGTON (AFP) – Noticeable changes with the Air Force uniform occurred Oct. 1.

Three changes included doing away with enlisted shoulder board ranks and introducing a new physical training uniform and an insignia.

Senior NCOs may now only wear shoulder boards on the blue sweater.

“We are excited for our enlisted force to return to our heritage of wearing our stripes on our sleeves,” Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney McKinley said.

Airmen will now also have physical training gear to wear when taking part in group physical training events or annual fitness tests. Unlike other uniforms, saluting is not required when wearing the uniform. Unit commanders can decide how it will be worn in organized fitness activities.

The U.S. insignia in a circle will be mandatory wear on the blue jacket enlisted members wear Jan. 1. The change reverts back to the traditional insignia.

AAFES Columbus Day Weekend Hours

FACILITY	Oct. 7	Oct. 8	Oct. 9
Main store	9 a.m. - 7 p.m.	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
MCSS	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Closed	Closed
Shoal point	11 a.m. - 6 p.m.	11 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Closed
Class Six	8 a.m. - 10 p.m.	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Felix Lake	6 a.m. - 9 p.m.	6 a.m. - 9 p.m.	6 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Service station	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Closed	Closed
Charley's	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Closed	Closed
Anthony's	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.	11 a.m. - 4 p.m.	11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Robin Hood	Closed	Closed	Closed
Burger King	7 a.m. - 8 p.m.	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Closed
Cool Beanz Coffee	Closed	Closed	Closed
Barber shop	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	11 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Closed
Barber (flightline)	Closed	Closed	Closed
Beauty shop	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Closed	Closed
Dry Cleaning	Closed	Closed	Closed
Alterations	Closed	Closed	Closed
Optical shop	9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Closed	Closed
GNC	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Cell n' Accessories	9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Closed	Closed
Smoothie Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed

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satisfying.”

Some questions asked by the children provided comic relief during the presentation.

“The student who sticks out so clearly was a particular little boy and his question. It wasn’t the wording of his question. But that once he had my attention, he wanted to get in every question he had built up along with a few anecdotes of his own,” said Sergeant Casillas. “He was so sincere in his question asking, and so focused, he blocked out everything else including the teacher telling him his turn was over.”

“It is times like this I wish I could answer every question,” he continued. “To children, these questions are important, and they are very inquisitive about the world at this age.”

But even the comical moments of the presentation provided a learning experience for the students.

“I learned that a fire storm is really a storm,” said Wyatt Kerby-Sanders, a second grader who likes to read books about fire.

“I hope they learned that weather forecasting and observing are fun,” said Sergeant Casillas. “Also, I hope they learn that although weather sometimes means just putting on a coat or taking an umbrella with you to school, it can also change your life in the blink of an eye.”

Another lesson learned that day was military people are just that – people. Military speakers convey this lesson every time they give a speech in public.

“Our mission here is to train,” said Sergeant Casillas. “I think talking and getting involved with the community helps people understand that we are not all ‘gung-ho warriors’ looking for a fight,” he continued. “Instead, we are sons, daughters, fathers and mothers helping to preserve our way of life by doing our little part to protect the country and our families. It is essential that people realize, despite what we hear on the news, that we are responsible for our own security. By showing people who we are and how we operate, we inspire others to either join or take seriously what we do to protect our country.”

