



In Brief

Military dining

Berg Liles Dining Hall is open Monday through Friday, from 5:30 to 7:30 a.m. for breakfast, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lunch, and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. for dinner.

On weekends and holidays, Berg Liles is open from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. for breakfast, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lunch and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. for dinner.

Eagle Quick Turn is open Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner. Hours of operation are 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. Flight and ground support meals are available 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Hurricane briefs

The 325th Civil Engineer Squadron readiness flight will be holding hurricane preparedness briefs for all base personnel and their dependants. Information will be provided to help people prepare for the hurricane season.

The briefs are scheduled for Aug. 2, Sept. 6, Oct. 4 and Nov. 1 at the Tyndall Enlisted Club at 2:30 p.m. Another set of briefs is scheduled for July 3, Aug. 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 2 and Nov. 6 at the 53rd Weapons Evaluation Group auditorium at 9 a.m.

Please contact the 325th CES readiness flight at 283-2010 with questions.

Military children experience 'deployment'

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Operation Jr. RAPTOR returned to Tyndall May 31 to June 1 for the program's second year to give military children the opportunity to experience the deployment process.

More than 120 children, ages 6 to 14 participated in the events.

"The program allows children the opportunity to experience a deployment similar to what their parents go through when they deploy," said Master Sgt. Ken Tate, Jr. RAPTOR program organizer. "It's a great opportunity for children to see first hand what a 'deployment' really means, and what their parents do to prepare before they leave for duty."

Children experienced a deployment out-processing line where they received ID cards, personalized dog tags and other "equipment" needed for their afternoon spent deployed.

Military members volunteered to man the deployment line, which simulated an out-processing system much like the one used by Tyndall's Readiness Flight in preparation for real-world deployments.

During out processing, each child received an ID card and dog tags, a small satchel simulating a mobility bag and then had their face painted in camouflage.

"It's amazing to see the children's reactions and their response to the event," said Ms. Jan Scheffield, a community readiness consultant attending the event. "I'm going through the experience with them today and learning about the process as well."

Children boarded buses at the Youth Center and received a send-off message from Brig. Gen. Tod Wolters, 325th Fighter Wing commander.



Capt. J. Elaine Hunnicutt

Tech. Sgt. John Oliver, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron NCO in charge of explosive ordnance disposal operations, explains how robots help keep deployed family members safe from dangerous explosives. EOD was one of the military demonstrations during the Operation Jr. RAPTOR event here June 1.

Children then traveled across the base and arrived at an aircraft hangar where they enjoyed lunch, toured a KC-135 Stratotanker aircraft, interacted with F-15 Eagle and F-22 Raptor pilots, tried on chemical warfare gear, viewed

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Checkertail Salute

Airman First Class Roque Otero-Ostolaza



2nd Lt. Patrick Casey

Airman Otero-Ostolaza, 325th Operations Support Squadron, receives the Checkertail Salute Award of the Week from Brig. Gen. Tod D. Wolters, 325th Fighter Wing commander.

Airman Otero-Ostolaza repaired 40 computers and completed 40 printer work orders without negative impact to the mission. He managed more than 100 squadron appointment letters and provided the commander with an accurate account of additional duties and policies.

Duty title: 325th Operations Support Squadron information manager

Hometown: Ciales, Puerto Rico

Time on station: Nine months

Time in service: One year, two months

Hobbies: Spending time with my wife, making computers and working on cars

Goals: To have a family, finish my bachelors degree in computer science and reach the highest enlisted position I can

Favorite thing about Tyndall AFB: The beach

Favorite movie: Beauty and the Beast

Favorite book: The Bible

Pet peeves: People misspelling my name

Proudest moment in the military: Graduating Basic Military Training as Honor Graduate and having my wife present at the ceremony

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.



Hurricane

Emergency information

Accountability:

(follow these steps until contact is made)

1. Contact supervisor
2. Contact Hurricane Evacuation Support Staff at (877) 325-EVAC (3822).
3. Contact Air Force Personnel Center at (800) 435-9941.

Phone numbers:

Straight Talk (877) 529-5540

Tyndall Toll-free (800) 896-8806

Bay County Emergency Operations Center (850) 784-4000

Tyndall Civil Engineer Readiness Flight (850) 283-2010

For downed power lines, fires or medical emergencies, call 911

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Explosive Ordnance Disposal demonstrations and visited with "Sparky" the fire dog near a Tyndall fire truck.

"I like to see what people do to get ready to leave," said Danika Plotkin, daughter of a military member and Jr. RAPTOR participant. "I want to be in the Air Force when I grow up, so they're telling me about what it's going to be like."

Once the afternoon of activities ended, children re-boarded the buses and returned to the Youth Center where their parents were waiting to welcome them "home."

"The intent of the program is to educate military children about the deployment process, and help them understand the sacrifices made by their parents and family members," said Ms. Jodie Schwartz, Airman and Family Readiness consultant. "The children here will leave with a better understanding of what the Air Force is all about, and what their parents do when they leave for deployments."

With the increase in participation this year, the program impacted a significant portion of military children on Tyndall, many of whom have parents currently deployed or slated for duty in the near future.

"The event was very successful this year," said Sergeant Tate. "And with a greater number of military members deploying from Tyndall, this is a very important program for their children - children who experience time separated from a parent while they deploy to fight in the Global War on Terror."



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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.

Senior Airman Kimoreen McKenzie, 325th Maintenance Operation Squadron, correctly guessed the June 4 "Identify This" as fire extinguisher pressure gage. Congratulations Airman McKenzie, come claim your prize!