



## In Brief

### Mission Support

Maj. Rodney H. Nichols took command of the 325th Mission Support Squadron in a ceremony at the enlisted club here Friday. Lt. Col. Stephen V. Miliano relinquished command of the squadron.

### Induction

The 10th Annual Senior NCO Induction Ceremony is scheduled to be held July 27 at the Pelican Reef Enlisted Club here.

Cocktails start at 6 p.m. followed by dinner and the ceremony is at 6:30 p.m. The attire for the evening is Mess Dress or Semi-Formal for military members and Black Tie or Formal for civilians. The food choices are London broil, stuffed chicken breast or steamed vegetable pasta.

The cost is \$18 for club members and \$20 for non-club members. Those interested must sign up through their unit's First Sergeant.

### Tryouts

Tryouts for the 2007-08 Tyndall Tigers Men's Varsity Basketball team is scheduled to begin Monday, Aug. 27 at 6 p.m. at the fitness center here. All interested individuals are encouraged to sign-up



Lisa Norman

### Back in the saddle of speed!

Lt. Col. Mark Hayes, 95th Fighter Squadron and Capt. Caleb Haley, 95th FS assist Aldo Andretti, former professional racecar driver, into the cockpit of an F-15 Eagle before an incentive flight Tuesday. Andretti is also the brother of car racing legend, Mario Andretti.

Inset: Andretti gives the thumbs up sign to signal he's ready to take off.

## Tyndall pilot hits career homerun

**SENIOR AIRMAN  
TIMOTHY R. CAPLING  
325TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

A Tyndall pilot was inducted to the College Sports Information Directors of America Academic Hall of Fame July 1 in a ceremony at the Marriott Hotel in San Diego.

Maj. Lance Pilch, 43rd Fighter Squadron operations officer, was honored for his performance on the baseball field while playing for the United States Air Force Academy and for his outstanding

academic record while attending the Academy. He was also recognized for his multiple achievements throughout his Air Force career.

Major Pilch, a lieutenant colonel select, graduated from the Academy in 1993 with a grade-point average of 3.5, earning his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in the top 15 percent of his class. He also played as a center fielder on the academy's baseball team.

His baseball career started when he was 4 years old and continued through

his time at the Academy all the way to a tryout with the New York Mets.

To be eligible for the CoSIDA Academic Hall of Fame, nominees must be nominated by their alma mater's sports information director, earn Academic All-American status during their time at the school, graduate with at least a 3.0 grade-point average, receive their diploma at least 10 years ago and have proven career success and philanthropic service.

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## Checkertail Salute

Capt. Melissa Williams



Senior Airman Timothy R. Capling

**Captain Williams, 325th Operations Group executive officer, takes a phone call regarding a decoration package Friday. Captain Williams has been at Tyndall since 2003.**

Captain Williams revamped the Operations Group suspense tracking system, led her group's control center through three hurricane accountability exercises, was a key player in the Operations Group change-of-command ceremony by editing the script and securing multiple base agencies' support, directed the Operations Group quarterly awards call and processed more than 150 enlisted and officer performance reports.

- Duty title:** 325th Operations Group executive officer
- Hometown:** Tallahassee, Fla.
- Time on station:** Three years, seven months
- Time in service:** Five years, 10 months
- Hobbies:** Golf and Texas Hold em'
- Goals:** To become a pharmacist
- Favorite thing about Tyndall AFB:** The people
- Favorite movie:** "A Few Good Men" and "Rounders"
- Favorite book:** "The Da Vinci Code" and "Angels and Demons"
- Pet peeves:** I don't have any.
- Proudest moment in the military:** Deploying to Afghanistan

*Supervisors can nominate individuals for the Checkertail Salute via their squadron and group commanders. Award recipients receive a certificate, letter from the commander and a one-*

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Past winners include U.S. senators, Nobel Prize winners and professional athletes.

To earn his nomination, Major Pilch had many accreditations in his career. Some of his achievements were graduating at the top of his class for the F-16 Falcon Weapons School, earning his master's degree with high honors at the University of Michigan, helping to build the first F-16 Fighter Squadron at Cannon Air Force Base, NM and assisting in the development of the first F-22 Raptor squadron here.

"I enjoy being an operations officer here," he said, "I'm lucky to be in this job."

He hasn't been able to play organized baseball recently due to the heavy demands of his life as a fighter pilot, he said.

I give credit for this award to the support of people who helped me along my way, he said.

"It's the people around you who make you better," the major said.

"Lt. Col. select Pilch is one of the greatest Americans I know," said Lt. Col. David A. Krumm, 43rd FS commander. "His accomplishments in the United States Air Force are legendary and he has continued that exceptional performance in the academic world."

"He is and will continue to be one of our country's greatest leaders, and I can't wait to see what amazing things he's going to do next," Colonel Krumm said.

# Congratulations! Tyndall's Newest Colonels



Lt. Col. Kim R. Brooks  
53rd Weapons  
Evaluations Group



Lt. Col. Larry J. Duvall  
325th Maintenance Group



Lt. Col. David A. Krumm  
43rd Fighter Squadron



Lt. Col. George T. Menker Jr.  
325th Operations Group



Lt. Col. William G. Rountt  
95th Fighter Squadron

## Congratulations to Tyndall's newest Lieutenant Colonels

Maj. Lorraine R. Barton  
325th MOS

Maj. Ryan L. Traver  
325th AMDS