



In Brief

CFC kick-off

The 2007 Team Tyndall Combined Federal Campaign runs Sept. 17 to Oct. 29. For more information, call Capt. Edward Mangual at 282-4317 or 1st Lt. Patrick Wilkinson at 283-4858.

Burger Burn

The Tyndall Top Three will host the Annual Dormitory Burger Burn noon Friday at bldg. 1149. For more information, call Master Sgt. Roger Thornton at 283-2969.

RAO meeting

The next Retiree Committee meeting is 10 a.m. Oct. 9 in the 325th Mission Support Squadron conference room 204 of building 662. All retired military members and their spouses are welcome to attend. For more information, call 283-2737.

FY08 NCOLRP

Due to a demand in some AFSCs and AFSC mergers, the Air Force has a need to reclassify a limited number of Airmen back into previously held specialties.

The program is designed to allow Airmen who hold a current, specified valid skill level, other than their control AFSC, such as a secondary or tertiary AFSC, to be administratively reclassified back into their "old" AFSC.

Call Staff Sgt. Purington at 283-4144 for details.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Timothy R. Capling

Lt. Col. Kevin Huyck, 95th Fighter Squadron commander, explains the F-15 to C.J., one of the Pilot for a Day participants, here Tuesday.

Tyndall's best teach tomorrow's pilots

STAFF SGT. TIMOTHY CAPLING
325TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Three local children, who have been diagnosed with serious illnesses, suited up and jumped into the cockpit of an F-15 fighter aircraft Tuesday as they experienced a day in the life of an Air Force fighter pilot. The 95th Fighter Squadron hosted the children and their families during the "Pilot for a Day" event here.

"Some of the highlights of the day are taking the kids on a tour around real F-15s, letting them suit up at life support with flight gear, and they'll then fly the same simulator as real pilots," said Lt. Col. Kevin Huyck, 95th FS commander.

The "Pilot for a Day" program originated at Randolph AFB, Texas in December 1994. The goal of the program is to offer the children a chance to experience a day as a United States Air Force pilot and for a time, forget about the challenges of their everyday lives and develop new friendships with some of Tyndall's finest fliers.

"The day revolves around the children and their families who are our honored guests, and allows them to focus on an enjoyable, unique experience," said Capt. Jason Nalepa, 95th FS pilot and event organizer.

"This is one way for the Boneheads (the 95th Fighter Squadron) to show

how good we really are," Colonel Huyck said. "We consider ourselves the premier fighter pilot training squadron in the world, and this gives us a chance to train some of the world's youngest pilots."

"I was most impressed with how fast they fly," said Kasey Kooler, Pilot for a Day participant. "It's been a fun learning experience."

"My favorite part was getting to sit in the cockpit," said Dustin Murdock, also a participant.

The program's youngest pilot for a day, a 5-year old named C.J. said he couldn't wait to get his hands on the simulator and loved the F-15.

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Checkertail Salute

Airman First Class Brandy N. Hamm



Lt. Patrick Casey

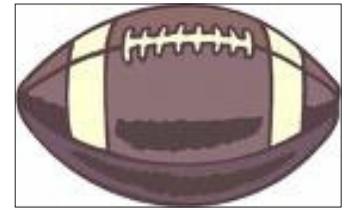
Airman Hamm, 325th Medical Group, receives the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award from Brig. Gen. Tod D. Wolters, 325th Fighter Wing commander.

Airman Hamm performed outstanding duties during a manning shortage, revitalized the computer systems management continuity binder, identified need for a medical logistic's snack fund and participated in the Tyndall Active Airman Association carwash.

- Duty title:** Medical materiel apprentice
- Hometown:** Wichita, Kan.
- Time on station:** 10 months
- Time in service:** One year, two months
- Hobbies:** Spending time with my husband and my animals
- Goals:** Finishing my Bachelor's degree in psychology
- Favorite thing about Tyndall AFB:** Going to the beach
- Favorite movie:** Empire Records
- Pet Peeves:** People who have a lack of self-respect
- Proudest moment in the military:** Graduating from Basic Military Training

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.

**2007 Standings
Flag Football**



(as of Oct. 8)

Team	Win	Loss
AMXS	5	0
SFS	4	0
SVS	4	1
COM	3	1
MOS	4	2
OSS	3	2
MXS	3	2
MDG	3	2
MSS/FW	3	2
601st	2	3
ACS	1	2
CES	2	4
CONS	1	3
53rd	2	6
823rd	0	4
AFRL	0	5

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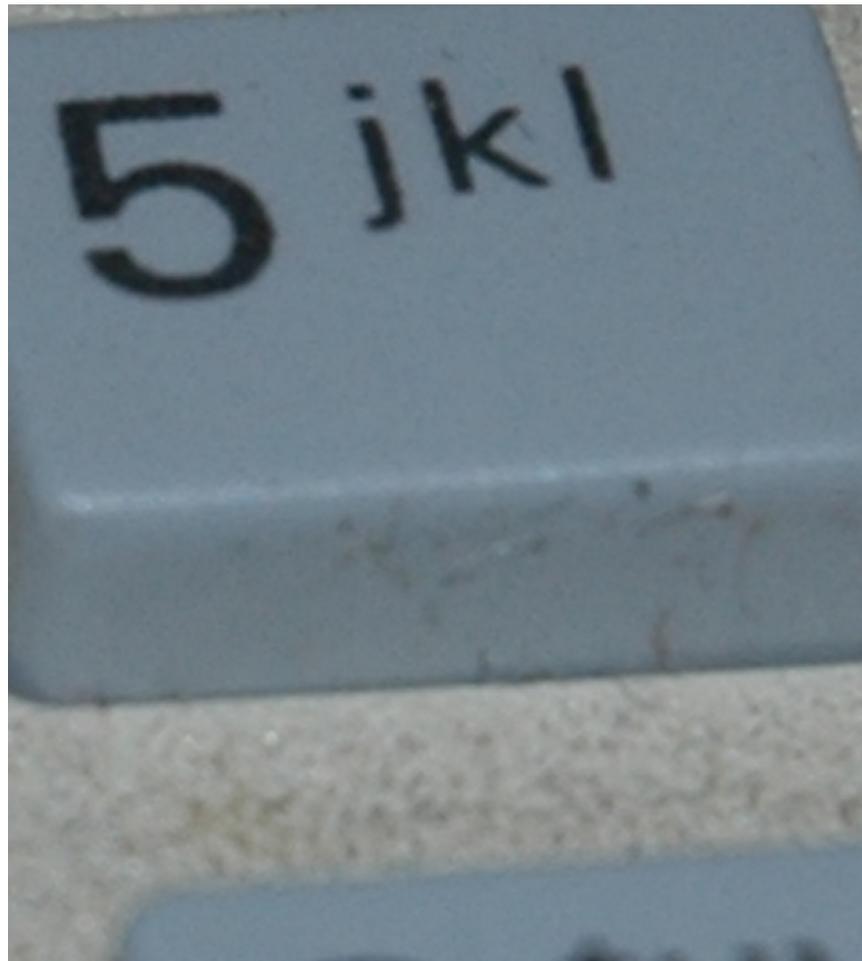
"They're cool," he said.

"It's a privilege for us to be able to share what we do with local youth who are enthusiastic about life, despite their challenges," said Capt. Ryan McLain, 95th FS pilot and event host.

"I know everybody understands how much (the children) enjoyed their time here, but what most people probably don't know is how much fun we had," said Capt. Caleb Haley, pilot with the 95th FS and event host. "Spending time with the kids was the highlight of our week in the 95th. It was a real privilege to give back to the community in the form of having a great day hanging out with great kids."

"We wanted this to be an extraordinary day for these extraordinary kids. We wanted to show them what we can really do," Colonel Huyck said.

The 95th Fighter Squadron has partnered with the American Heart Association and the Make a Wish Foundation to coordinate the one-day event on an annual basis.



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.

Staff Sgt. Joseph Harris, 325th Maintenance Group, correctly guessed the Sept. 24 "Identify This" as a recycling symbol." Congratulations Sergeant Harris.

Base celebrates diversity

CHRISSEY CUTTITA

325TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Its not everyday you get to go to the restaurant and hand them mom's recipes so you can enjoy her cooking away from home, but Oct. 2 was just that kind of special day at Tyndall's Club.

The staff of professionals there were just one of the many pieces of the puzzle in getting an authentic Spanish flare for Tyndall's Hispanic Heritage Committee's annual luncheon honoring the national heritage month.

Every year from mid-September to mid-October the President of the United States declares Hispanic Heritage month to honor

Hispanic American contributions to the nation and celebrate the rich cultural traditions of our Hispanic-American community.

That is exactly what the committee did by setting up the luncheon for the base populace. Hispanic military veterans were honored; Panama City's Gypsy Rhythm Dancers performed, traditional Spanish music was played and sung; tables were adorned accordingly and authentic Hispanic food was served.

Diversity helps shape national character said guest speaker Chief Master Sgt. Jose Perez, 43rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit maintenance superintendent.

According to online resources, during this month America celebrates the culture and traditions of U.S. residents who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico and the Spanish-speaking nations of Central America, South America and the Caribbean. Sept. 15 was chosen as the starting point for the celebration because

it is the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on Sept. 16 and Sept. 18, respectively.

As the largest growing demographic in the U.S., it is no wonder Hispanic Americans make up 10 percent of the nations military.

Elimination of terrorism is a priority for all and the diverse group of men and women who serve are the linchpin in destroying this enemy of the world, said Chief Perez.

"The commitment to family and the devotion to faith and country make us strong," he said.

Gen. Wolters, 325th Fighter Wing commander, echoed the chief's comments by saying the heritage event was in good timing regarding the importance of family in upcoming holidays.

Hispanic influence made our nation powerful and we can't forget that, said the general.



Walk it out

Photos by Lisa Norman

Left: Airman 1st Class Trevor Terry, 325th Maintenance Squadron propulsion backshop, picks up foreign object debris during a Tyndall Airfield FOD walk Thursday.

Bottom Left: Tech. Sgt. Travis Clark, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron dorm manager, collects more FOD.

Bottom Right: Col. Brett Haswell, 325th Maintenance Group commander, speaks to the group after the FOD walk and thanks them for all the hard work throughout the year.



Commander's Commentary: The three "T's" to become a successful AF leader



MAJ. ALISA RICKS
325TH CPTS/COMMANDER

By the time you lay eyes on this article, Sept. 30, 2007 will have come and gone and we will be in a brand new fiscal year. Since I'm a comptroller, you might expect to read about end of year closeout, the importance of efficiently executing Air Force dollars, or paying your Government Travel Card on time, but that's not the case. All of those things are indeed important, but as a leader and a new commander, I believe other things are even more important and deserve some attention.

I held my first commander's call

in July and had been contemplating what I would share with the members of the 325th Comptroller Squadron. A portion of what I said to them had its beginnings over a year ago in a finance PME course I took. We were asked to voluntarily share a simple leadership thought with the class, so I let the creative juices flow and developed what I called "My Three T's." As I prepared for the commander's call, I reflected on this and felt it essential to share these thoughts with the new squadron I had just been charged to lead. Little did I know that what had begun as a simple leadership thought would become the foundation of my leadership philosophy and the basis for how I would guide this new organization. So, what are "My Three T's?" I'm so glad you asked.

My first T is Take care of... I believe to be a good leader I must first take care of myself, and I expect every member of the comptroller team to take care of themselves and their families. I must keep my priorities in the right order and remain healthy spiritually, mentally, and physically. If we do not take care of ourselves, we will not be able to contribute to the mission in the best way possible. Second, in the new role I have stepped

into, I believe I have an obligation to take care of the people of the 325th CPTS. Taking care of the people means both positive and negative reinforcement. It sometimes means using discipline to punish, saying what may not always be pleasant to the ears, and making the tough decisions. As a leader, having the best interests of the Air Force and the individuals I lead requires a responsibility to take care of them. Finally, I must take care of the mission. While this element is listed last, it does not mean it's the least important. Mission accomplishment is fundamental, but if we do not take care of ourselves as people first, accomplishing the mission becomes all the more difficult.

My second T is to Trust... I must first trust myself by having confidence in myself and in the goals I have for our squadron. Not only must I trust myself, but I must have trust in the people in our squadron. Through delegation and empowerment—not micromanagement—I must trust that each member of the comptroller team can and will do his or her job. Our people need to know we have confidence in them and that we trust they will take pride in their work, always give 100 percent, and

will do their best to accomplish our mission.

My third T is to Thank the members of the 325th CPTS as much as possible. Oftentimes we focus on the negative, but as leaders, our folks need to know we take notice of not only the few bad things that happen, but more importantly we see and appreciate the good things they do. The 325th comptroller team knows that each one of them matters, and they know that I will take every opportunity to pour out praise and thanks for what they do, because even the little things matter and deserve recognition. We all deserve a "Thanks for what you've done!" every once in a while.

This is the foundation of my leadership philosophy, and how I have chosen to take on this awesome opportunity I have been given to command the 325th Comptroller Squadron. As you can see, I'm a firm believer in taking care of the people first. As long as our folks believe that we truly care about them as individuals, they know that we trust them, and we make the time to thank them for a job well done at every opportunity, I believe they will continue to execute the mission with pride...and that is why we are here.



Airman 1st Class Anthony J. Hyatt



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The Chief has returned

Left: Four finalists battle it out in a Halo 3 tournament Saturday. Halo 3 is the third and final product in the Halo franchise.

Right: Robert Hill, 19, (middle) won first place at the Halo 3 tournament at the base exchange, receiving a legendary edition Halo 3 set. Senior Airman Anthony Gonzalez (left), 325th Maintenance Group, won second place receiving a limited edition Halo 3 disc. Cameron Perdomo (right), 14, won third place and received a regular edition Halo 3 disc. There were 19 competitors.

