



In Brief

81st RCS COC

Lt. Col. Joseph Gilley will take command of the 81st Range Control Squadron during a ceremony 2 p.m. Feb. 22 in Hangar 5. Lt. Col. Barbara Omstead, who will relinquish command has an assignment as Deputy Operations Group commander at Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

Country Music Star

Aaron Tippin, a renowned country music star, will perform a free concert immediately following the USAF Thunderbirds performance at the 2008 Gulf Coast Salute air show March 29. The concert will begin at 4:30 p.m. For more information about the air show, visit www.tyndall.af.mil.

Bay County Job Fair

The 21st Annual Bay County Job Fair is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the Haney Technical Center. More than 90 companies are looking to fill a variety of positions. Bring multiple copies of your resume or employment history. For more information, call Jennifer Hall at 747-5500 or e-mail her at halljr@bay.k12.fl.us.

Tax Center

The Tax Center is open 8 a.m. to noon until April 15 at the Wing Support Building, bldg. 662. To schedule an appointment, call Staff Sgt. Charles Zaldivar at 283-4681.

Protecting four-legged family members

STAFF SGT. TIMOTHY R. CAPLING 325TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Purchasing or adopting a puppy is an experience comparable to having a child with all the feeding, bathing and exercising it takes.

Like any member of the family, canines need protection against other animals, people, cars and disease.

Canine parvovirus-2, or CPV-2, is a serious, often fatal disease dogs face throughout this country, but is generally preventable with proper measures.

"CPV-2 is a highly-contagious disease that destroys the crypt cells of the intestinal tract of dogs," said Army

Capt. Sharon Daye, Tyndall Air Force Base's veterinary treatment facility's officer in charge. "It causes sloughing of the tissues that line the intestines."

Puppies and unvaccinated dogs are most susceptible to CPV-2. Doberman pinschers, rottweilers, pitt bulls and Labradors appear to be more susceptible than other breeds, the captain said.

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association's Web site, dogs usually become infected when they ingest the feces of an infected dog. CPV-2 is resistant to changes

in environmental conditions and can survive for long periods of time. Trace amounts of feces containing parvovirus may serve as reservoirs of infection and the virus is readily transmitted from place to place on the hair or feet of dogs or via contaminated cages, shoes or other objects.

"Common symptoms of CPV-2 are lethargy, vomiting, anorexia and bloody diarrhea," said Captain Daye.

Most dogs succumb to the disease within 42 to 78 hours following the onset of symptoms, according to the AMVA Web site.

To prevent this disease, Captain Daye recommends vaccinating all puppies beginning at six to eight weeks of age with boosters every three to four weeks until the dog is 16 weeks old. The immunization is also recommended for previously unvaccinated adult dogs.

"It is important to realize that a puppy's immune system may not fully protect him or her from parvo until the full set of vaccinations has been given," Captain Daye said. "Therefore, I advise new puppy owners to keep their puppies from coming into contact with other dogs, and also to avoid taking their puppies to places where other dogs congregate, such as dog parks or pet stores."

Human family members can also unknowingly transmit parvovirus to their dog.

"If you suspect that you have walked through an infected area, wipe off your shoes with one-part household bleach to 30 parts of water solution," Captain Daye said. "Use the bleach and water solution as part of a general cleaning process of areas frequented by other dogs."



Isaac Gibson

Origins of Multiculturalism

Al McCambry, president of Knology, speaks to Black History Month luncheon attendees at Tyndall Air Force Base's Heritage Club, Thursday. The luncheon is held annually in recognition of Black History Month.

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Checkertail Salute

Staff Sgt. Bandele Howes



Photo by Chris Dahmer

Staff Sgt. Bandele Howes, a 325th Maintenance Group structural maintenance craftsman, replaces a damaged screw underneath the wing of an F-15C fighter jet.

He executed more than 50 aircraft depot-directed inspections and identified cracks, which potentially prevented catastrophic structural failures. Sergeant Howes managed more than 950 man-hours and trained 12 Airmen in new hazardous materials. Howes is also the 325th MXS Booster Club president.

Hometown: Brooklyn, N.Y.
Time on station: Four years
Time in service: Seven years
Hobbies: Working out, watching movies, playing poker and football
Goals: To become a technical sergeant
Favorite thing about Tyndall AFB: The people
Favorite movie: Equilibrium
Favorite book: The Bible
Pet Peeves: Being lied to
Proudest moment in the military: Returning home from the desert

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.

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She added that bringing a puppy to a household that may have previously housed an infected dog can be a little risky, but that risk can be decreased by cleaning any suspected areas with the same cleaning solution.

While there are no drugs to cure the disease, treatment consists of controlling dehydration and other symptoms to prevent secondary infections, according to the AMVA Web site.

In addition to the CPV-2 immunization, Captain Daye also strongly stresses the importance of immunizing dogs against rabies, canine distemper and adenovirus.

All of these vaccinations are available at the Tyndall AFB veterinary treatment facility.

For more information or to schedule your dog for an appointment call the veterinary treatment facility at 283-4038.



2008 Tyndall Intramural Basketball scores

Feb. 5, 2008

5:30 p.m. COMM-39 AMXS2-47
 6:30 p.m. SFS-37 WEG-45
 7:30 p.m. AFCESA-43 AMXS1-61

Feb. 6, 2008

5:30 p.m. AMXS2-39 OSS-32
 6:30 p.m. ACS-27 AFCESA-42
 7:30 p.m. ACS-34 SVS-54

Feb. 7, 2008

5:30 p.m. MXS-55 AOC-26
 6:30 p.m. WEG-42 COMM-39
 7:30 p.m. 2FS-39 SVS-36

2008 Tyndall Intramural Basketball standings (as of Feb. 10)

Team	Win	Loss
MXS	7	1
53 WEG	7	1
AMXS2	6	1
OSS	8	2
MOS	7	2
AMXS1	6	3
COMM	6	5
AFCESA	6	5
SVS	4	4
ACS	5	6
SFS	3	6
CES	2	7
2FS	2	7
MSS	2	8
AOC	0	11

Tyndall Air Force Base
Gulf Coast Salute 2008
 "To Servicemembers Home & Abroad"

Featuring the *Thunderbirds*

Saturday, March 29
 Gates open at 9 a.m.

Free admission. Free parking.
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