



In Brief

Air Show

Gates for the 2008 Gulf Coast Salute open house and air show open Saturday at 9 a.m. Parking and admission are free. The show features the Air Force Thunderbirds and a free Aaron Tippin concert.

RAO Meeting

The quarterly retiree committee meeting is 10 a.m. April 8 at the 325th Fighter Wing, bldg. 662, room 204.

For more information, call the Retiree Activity Office at 283-2737.

Tax Center

The Tax Center is open 8 a.m. - noon until April 15 at the 325th Fighter Wing, bldg. 662. To schedule an appointment, call Staff Sgt. Charles Zaldivar at 283-4681.

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop hours are 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Donations can be dropped off in an outside bin anytime. For more information, call 286-

AFAF

The Air Force Assistance Fund drive kicks off 11 a.m. today at the 95th Aircraft Maintenance Unit. For more information, call Master Sgt. Lisa Winders at 283-8986.



Spring Breakers invade Tyndall!



Photo by Staff Sgt. Timothy R. Capling

Two firefighters from Detachment 1 of the Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers prepare a C-130 mockup to demonstrate their capabilities at the Silver Flag training area during an Reserve Officer Training Corps tour March 12.

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

With spring break visitors taking over the local area, even the 325th Fighter Wing couldn't out-manuever the student invasion.

In fact, the Checkertails welcomed the challenge by hosting college students from three universities on an installation tour to introduce them to active-duty lifestyle.

Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets from Indiana University, Indiana State University and the University of Louisville arrived on base the evening of March 10 and began their tour the following morning.

For the first day of the tour, the cadets got an inside look into the Air Control Squadron, the 95th

Fighter Squadron and Air Combat Maneuvering Instrumentation.

"It gave us a good opportunity to get a hands-on experience of base operations," said Cadet 3rd Class Angelo Underly, Indiana State University cadet.

The second day, the cadets visited the Silver Flag deployment training area, where they were hosted by Detachment 1 of the 823rd Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers or RED HORSE. While there, the cadets helped set up a runway, received an emergency management brief and viewed a C-130 mockup fire-fighting operation.

To cap their RED HORSE experience, the students finished the morning with a field ration

lunch of spaghetti, green beans and salad served in a deployed dining facility tent.

After lunch, the cadets received a mission brief at the 83rd Weapons Evaluation Group and viewed an F-4 drone display.

The second day concluded at the 43rd Fighter Squadron, where the students learned the F-22 Raptor capabilities, got an up-close look at the aircraft, met a Raptor pilot and interacted with some 43rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit maintainers.

"I think it was a real good experience," said Cadet 4th Class Alex Hermes, University of Louisville cadet. "Going into the Air Force as an officer, it gave us a good chance to ask questions, interact with the active duty

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Checkertail Salute

Senior Airman Andrew Wanzer



Photo by Staff Sgt. Timothy R. Capling

Senior Airman Andrew Wanzer, 325th Mission Support Group logistics planner, reviews an Air Force Northern Command contract.

Airman Wanzer was hand-picked to assist with the Department of Defense Joint Equipment Assessment Unit Inspection of chemical, biological, radiological nuclear defense equipment. He coordinated reception and redeployment of aviation forces supporting dissimilar aircraft combat training program, contributed to combining three deployment functions into one and provided top-notch deployment briefings to the First Term Airman Center.

HOMETOWN: COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.

TIME ON STATION: THREE YEARS, NINE MONTHS

TIME IN SERVICE: FOUR YEARS

GOALS: MAKE STAFF SERGEANT THE FIRST TIME TESTING, BECOME A TECHNICAL SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR AND GET A COMMISSION

HOBBIES: AUTOMOTIVE RESTORATION AND REPAIR, AND PLAYING WITH HIS SON

FAVORITE THING ABOUT TYNDALL AFB: WORKING WITH THE PROFESSIONALS IN HIS SQUADRON

FAVORITE MOVIE: "CASABLANCA"

FAVORITE BOOK: "TIMELINE, BUILDING MOPAR MUSCLE"

PET PEEVES: ARROGANT PEOPLE

PROUDEST MOMENT IN THE MILITARY:

BECOMING A PROFICIENT FIVE-LEVEL AND A VITAL PART OF TYNDALL'S DEPLOYMENT MACHINE.

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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Airmen and search for careers we may want to pursue later on."

The base tour program receives many requests during the spring for AFROTC detachments to utilize their spring break to give cadets the experience.

"I think this was a good opportunity for these cadets to see some career fields that they may not have seen," said Lt. Col. Tammy Lundborg, Indiana State University's AFROTC detachment 218 commander. "Not only that, but they got exposed to life on base in general and got a chance to interact with both enlisted personnel and officers. They don't necessarily get exposed to that at their detachments."



Tyndall Air Force Base
Gulf Coast Salute 2008

Featuring the
Thunderbirds

Free concert by
Aaron Tippin

following the
Thunderbirds

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

Free admission. Free parking.
 For a schedule of events, directions, details and more...
 Visit www.tyndall.af.mil



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Cadet 3rd Class Mike Hart, Indiana State University ROTC cadet, connects two sets of runway lights during a flightline construction exercise at the Silver Flag training area.