



The 25th IS team Fit Eagle champions are, from left, Master Sgt. Larry Fedele, 1st Lt. Dawn Talty, Tech. Sgt. Eric Robledo, 1st Lt. Regan McClurkin and Staff Sgt. Craig Hale.

25th IS wins second Fit Eagle competition

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For the second consecutive year, the 25th Intelligence Squadron took first place honors at the Hurlburt Field Fit Eagle Competition.

This year's Fit Eagle challenged 24 teams consisting of three men and two women in seven events, including push-ups, pull-ups, three mile run, sit-ups, flexibility, a secret event and the tug of war.

The 25th IS dominated the events competing against the best Air Force Special Operations Command had to offer.

The commander of the 25th, Lt.

Col. Philip Riede, stated that "this win was a remarkable accomplishment considering this is a small tenant unit competing against the larger units in AFSOC. After last year's win, the AFSOC community claimed it was a fluke that our unit won the competition so they came out this year to prove that it couldn't possibly happen again."

Needless to say, the 25th IS team proved the AFSOC community wrong. The team racked up a total of 1,726 points, over 160 points more than the closest competition.

1st Lt. Dawn Talty, team captain, also took home first place honors in the push-up event (female category) with an astounding 66 repetitions.

"It's apparent that the PT pro-

gram in our unit has a lot to do with the physical abilities of our team," said Talty. "Everyone on the team contributed, we were consistent in each event. That's the secret: teamwork."

Talty also noted that each year the team has shown a constant improvement. Since 1996, when the team was the base runner-up, they have improved in all categories.

"We don't try to beat the other teams we are competing against, we just strive to beat our previous years performance," said Talty.

"No tenant unit has ever won Fit Eagle once, let alone twice and no team has ever won three consecutive years. That is our goal now," said Riede. ■

Christmas-in-April

From left, Tech. Sgt. Mark Dewitt, Tech. Sgt. Steven Klamon and Staff Sgt. John Hardison were among thirty 97th Intelligence Squadron volunteers participating in Omaha's Annual Christmas-in-April Home Renovation Project. The 97th team repaired the utility room adding structural support to the ceiling, drywall and texture, paint, and carpet. They also fixed exterior structural problems and replaced the door and gutters. The entire house was painted and the lawn received intensive care. The event was part of National Rebuilding Day consisting of 5,280 homes with 207,230 volunteers nationwide. The program is available to homeowners over age 65 or who are permanently disabled at any age who meet financial guidelines.



Retired airborne linguists use website to tell war stories to today's airmen

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Do you want a new website to cruise? Try the Beamer Banner at www.radiks.net/mykime/index2.html. The site was conceived by J.D. Colon, a former Spanish cryptolinguist of the Air Intelligence Agency's previous organizations, who organized a small reunion of cryptolinguists in San Antonio with Segundo Espinoza.

They met and talked about old times, compared notes with some of the newer ops and to reiterate that Comfy Levi is better than Rivet Joint any day.

The group of people who united had more hours accumulated than most active duty flying squadrons, over 11,000 hours per person.

Colon published a newsletter that eventually found its way to Nebraska where an active duty spanish cryptolinguist at the 97th Intelligence Squadron volunteered to make a web page to share the wealth with all of the new ops in the Agency and the other more experienced cryptolinguists who have since retired.

Feedback included e-mail from young airmen who have joined the site and are amazed with some of the war stories that were posted.

This is the type of reaction Colon hoped to foster when he envisioned the site, a passing of the flag from old to new, a way to ensure the experience and values of USAFSS and ESC are fostered and a way to make sure the war stories don't get too exaggerated.

The site even has photos of C-130s, RC-135s and cryptolinguists, a links page, new page of patches, Hall of Honor and may help you find an old acquaintance. **1**

Reservist teaches English at Japanese High School



Maj. Tom Tullo, commander of the 710th Information Flight and assistant principal of Judson High School in San Antonio, Texas, had the opportunity to teach English at Hadano Senior High School in Hadano, Japan, during an active duty tour with the U.S. Air Force Reserve north of Tokyo during spring break. From left, Akiko Nagai, student council president; Masaharu Tokiwa, principal; Hiroko Tagami, English teacher; and Maj. Tom Tullo. Not pictured is Senior Master Sgt. Roger Pratt who accompanied Tullo on the tour.



photo by Boyd Belcher
Cub Scouts from Pack 315 help clean the EC-47 in front of the Air Intelligence Agency headquarters, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas. The field trip/community service project was coordinated by Staff Sgt. Mike Goodrich of the 433rd Training Squadron on Lackland Air Force Base.

324th IS recognized by local school during Military Appreciation Week

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The 324th Intelligence Squadron and Pacific Air Forces Computer Systems Squadron were recognized recently for GOALS 2000, a program that began four years ago to pave the way for mentorship of at-risk children at Waimalu Elementary School.

The thankfulness of these children during Military Appreciation Week went beyond the grateful smiles and heartfelt thank yous.

Gail Yamaguchi, vice-principal of the school, brought a bounty of homemade goodies and several large hand-painted posters to both squadrons.

The appreciation is returned in full as military members are afforded the opportunity to give something of themselves to those in need of time and compassion.

Touching the lives of children, a way of shaping this country's future, has been and continues to be a top priority in fostering successful community relations for both the 324th IS and PACAF CSS. **1**