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## Keesler remembers Sept. 11 terrorist attacks

By Staff Sgt. Tanya Holditch

Keesler News editor

Sept. 11 marked the seventh anniversary of the terrorist attacks on American soil.

Nearly 50 Keesler members mourned the event at a memorial service at the Triangle Chapel.

People prayed, lit candles and read scripture in remembrance of the victims of the four hijacked planes, the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

"The overall mood was prayerful," said Chaplain (Col.) Richard Dunn, 81st Training Wing. "The reason people came was to remember and honor not only the victims, but to recognize them as heroes."

Col. Chris Valle, 81st TRW vice commander remembered Capt. Leroy Homer, with whom he flew C-141s at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.

Captain Homer was the first officer of United Airlines Flight 93, which crashed in Somerset County, Pa.

"It's important for us to recognize the sacrifices many have given to defend our great nation," said Colonel Valle. "It's different when it is personal — when you lose a friend.

"I think of the family he left behind, his wife and children," he said. "They bear the burden of these terrorists' acts every day, as do the thousands of family members who lost someone on Sept. 11, 2001.

"Today's services were exactly what they should be," he said. "We took a moment out of our busy day and stopped — we recognized and gave thanks to those who made sacrifices.

"We're all affected by the events of 9/11 every day," Colonel Valle continued. "We recently deployed more than 100 Airmen to Southwest Asia in defense of the global war on terrorism, which was started by these events, and we continue to send more. Sending those men and women off is a stark reminder of what things could be like if we aren't vigilant."

Other Keesler members honored the victims, heroes and family members of Sept. 11 in a retreat ceremony by lowering the base flag which flew at half-mast.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Hundreds of Marines, Airmen, Sailors and Soldiers salute the flag as it's lowered during the Sept. 11 retreat ceremony in front of 81st Training Wing headquarters.

## Tanker solicitation cancelled

By Staff Sgt. Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Robert Gates has cancelled the competition for the \$35 billion Air Force tanker contract.

Secretary Gates told the House Armed Services Committee Sept. 10 that he decided the contract cannot be awarded by January, and that rather than award a contract that will be contested, the better idea is to let the next administration make its decision.

"It has now become clear that the solicitation and award process cannot be accomplished by January," he said. "Thus, I believe that rather than hand the next administration an incomplete and possibly contested process, we should cleanly defer this procurement to the next team."

Air Force officials had awarded the

contract for what's known as the KC-X to the Northrop-Grumman/EADS/Airbus consortium, which prompted a protest from rival bidder Boeing. Inspectors in the General Accountability Office found irregularities in the awarding of the contract, and Secretary Gates re-opened the bidding process on July 9.

Secretary Gates told the representatives that the department has been trying for seven years to find the proper way to replace the current fleet of KC-135 Stratotankers. During that time, the process has become most complex and emotional, Secretary Gates said, partly because of Defense Department mistakes.

"It is my judgment that in the time remaining to us, we cannot complete a competition that will be viewed as fair and competitive in this highly-charged

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## Air Force celebrates 61st birthday today

By Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

Sept. 18 marks the 61st anniversary of the official creation of the United States Air Force. In the aftermath of World War II, the Congress of the United States passed legislation reorganizing the armed forces of our country, creating not only the Air Force, but also establishing the National Military Establishment (later amended in 1949 to be called the Department of Defense), the National Security Council, the Central Intelligence Agency and numerous other changes to how we defend our country.

The National Security Act of 1947, which was signed into law by President Truman on July 26, 1947, but took effect on Sept. 18, 1947, was landmark legislation for our country. It fundamentally reorganized our armed forces, intelligence organizations, and foreign policy. It also formally created the world's greatest air force. Airmen from the Army Air Forces and the maritime services joined

together under this new construct to form the United States Air Force under Secretary Stuart Symington and Chief of Staff Gen. Carl "Tooney" Spaatz (pronounced "Spots"). Since then, Airmen have carried the stars and stripes around the world in the defense of freedom and liberty.

Today at Keesler, we celebrate the Air Force birthday with a concert on the parade ground, some fun physical training and remembrance of all those Airmen who have served before us.

We celebrate those who saved freedom during the Berlin Airlift like Gail Halvorsen, the noted "Candy Bomber," who gave the children of Berlin hope in time of dire despair. We celebrate Airmen like Maj. Gen. Bill Tunner, who proved that air power could make a difference in supporting national objectives.

We celebrate those who served in the Korean War and sacrificed so much. Do you know that the last time an American ground soldier was

attacked from the air was during the opening phase of the Korean War? After the initial attack, the Air Force quickly gained and maintained air supremacy along with a 14:1 kill ratio, keeping American and allied ground forces safe from air attack.

We celebrate the warriors of the Strategic Air Command, who lived their motto, "Peace is our Profession." These brave men and women stood armed ground and air alert for over 30 years, maintaining a strong deterrent posture that kept the peace. Many argue that they were instrumental in winning the Cold War. I agree.

We celebrate our veterans of the Vietnam War. Who can forget the Linebacker missions that brought the North Vietnamese back to the negotiating table? Who can forget the vivid images of the C-141 "Freedom Birds" flying back our former prisoners of war? Who can forget the airlift of the orphans and refugees in the aftermath of the war? Our Airmen made a difference.

## ACTION LINE ... 377-4357



By Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

You're encouraged to work concerns through your chain of command or contact an appropriate helping agent. For unresolved issues, call the commander's action line for assistance.

Suggestions to help make this a more valuable and useful tool are welcome. Call the commander's action line at 377-4357, write to Commander's Action Line, 81st TRW/PA, Keesler AFB, MS 39534-2603, e-mail 81st TRW Commander's Action Line (on-base) or commanders.line@keesler.af.mil (off-base).

We celebrate our veterans of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, as well as Southern and Northern Watch. American airpower moved more than 500,000 men and women to the area of operations and combat air and space power quickly routed enemy forces. The United States Air Force proved its mettle.

Today, we continue to prove our mettle every day. American Airmen continue to stand the watch protecting our country. Whether it is on alert here in the continental United States or deployed forward in an expeditionary operation, American Airmen

continue to carry our flag forward, defending freedom and our way of life. Airmen continue to make a difference in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, risking their lives every day so that others may live a life of freedom and without fear.

Your Air Force has accomplished so much in the last 61 years. As we look over the horizon to the next 61 years, we see an even better Air Force, carrying on the traditions of integrity, service and excellence that make us the world's greatest air, space and cyberspace force. Happy Birthday Airmen!

## Welfare of people motivates new first sergeant

By Master Sgt. Joseph Wheeler

81st Training Support Squadron first sergeant

I recently celebrated my 16th year in the Air Force. While reflecting on my career, I wondered about my motivation to become a first sergeant. Luckily, I was on the way to my weekly "long run" which included the Ocean Springs Bridge, so I had plenty of time to ponder the question.

I always wanted to be a first sergeant, so I submitted my package for review a couple of months ago. I had been told many things about being a "shirt." Statements like, "It's difficult to make rank," "babysitter," and "too demanding" rang clearly in my head.

As I pounded out the mileage, the endorphins made my thoughts a bit more acute. I realized that the majority of memorable moments in my military career involved teaching, congratulating and setting the wayward Airman on the course to success. On Mile 4 of

my run, it dawned on me that the welfare of people was my motivation to become a first sergeant.

People are the foundation of our aerospace dominance. What I want to convey is the lesson that I learned from myself. My life story is filled with missed opportunities mostly because I feared the unknown, gave up or failed to act.

Most people think quitting is the "easy way out," but it's totally the opposite. It's easier to push through times of fear and distress because they're temporary, rather than give up or do nothing at all. Fighting through your adversities proves things aren't that terrible and increases self-confidence.

Failing to act sticks with you the rest of your life. The voice in your head that says "I should have ... when I had the chance ... if only I didn't," will echo in your soul for eternity.

I refuse to let that voice haunt me, so I made a

personal decision not to let this opportunity pass me by. In the end, I may not become first sergeant of the year, but what I can promise is an intensity and focus that will be replicated every day for my commander and squadron personnel.

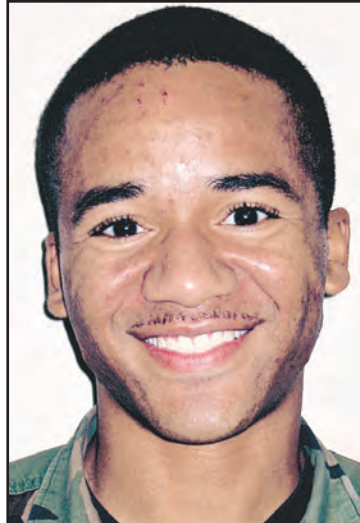
Take a personal inventory. Look deep inside yourself to see what motivates you to excel. Think about what drives you to accomplish what you do every day, no matter what duty title you own. Feed that motivation and drive, making sure to put people first every step of the way. Don't be afraid to take on more responsibility or accept a more demanding position in your section or unit.

My run was near completion. At Mile 7.3 of an 8-mile run, my legs were heavy and my shoes were waterlogged with sweat. I really wanted to give it up and walk the rest of the way. What do you think I did? What would you do?



## DRAGON ON THE STREET

Where were you  
on  
Sept. 11, 2001?



"I was in my architectural class in 11th grade. The whole school was watching TV — it was surreal."

**Airman Ronald Hodges,**  
81st Comptroller Squadron



"I was in my 11th grade Algebra II class. Our PA system announced that the Twin Towers were under attack."

**Staff Sgt. Marlena Gordon,**  
81st Dental Squadron



"I was actually here at Keesler in the immunization clinic, where I still work."

**Master Sgt. Henry Owes,**  
81st Medical Operations Squadron

# If we can't confront, what kind of leaders are we?

By Senior Master Sgt. Clayton French

81st Medical Operations Squadron first sergeant

Although it was four years ago (but not at Keesler), I remember very clearly the words out of our new group commander's mouth immediately after his assumption of command. He made all officers and senior noncommissioned officers remain behind as he dismissed the others. The few words that he hurled our way were very piercingly honed. Clearly and deliberately he said, "If you can't confront, I don't need you." He paused and then repeated with more emphasis, "If you ... can't confront, I ... don't ... need ... you!" He slowly looked us over and then left the stage.

The reactions to our new commander's comments were somewhat predictable. "Man, this is going to be a long two years." "Who's he going to kill first?" And some just exhaled, "Whew!"

The more I thought about his comments, the more sense they made. Although his message was devoid of cute and inspiring phrases, his words revealed that we weren't performing up to our potential. And he was absolutely right. There were things going on that just weren't right, such as maintenance malpractice, backing jets into each other and late reports.

I'd always been told that there are three types of leaders: those who make things better, those who make things worse and caretakers who do neither. The more I thought about the new commander's words, the more I realized that a key difference between the three types of leaders was the discipline of confrontation. If we can't confront, then

what kind of leaders are we?

All you have to do is mention the word "confront" and almost everyone freaks out. Even the mere suggestion to initiate discussion about someone's tardiness or inattention to detail is rebuffed because it could turn into confrontation.

So take a moment and imagine some farfetched scenarios.

**You've noticed** that in the last few months, Airman Johnny just hasn't been himself. He's been showing up late to work a couple of days a week, looking tired and not focused. You really don't want to ask him why he's late because you don't want to be in his business. So you don't confront; you just let it continue, hoping some day it will magically fix itself.

**You overhear** dorm residents talking about a real energetic party getting ready to happen at Airman Steve's dorm room. You know that Airman Steve is only 19 and talking about getting wasted. Do you confront? Or do you just ignore it, hoping that no one does something foolish that results in the cops responding?

**You see** Staff Sgt. Sally filling out her travel voucher and you know that she didn't use a taxi while on temporary duty, yet she's adding a reimbursable \$25 taxi fare on her voucher. Do you ignore or do you confront? What's the harm in ignoring? Isn't it her business? Isn't it just her integrity that's in question?

**You direct** Master Sgt. Ralph to accomplish a specific task by noon Friday. When the deadline arrives, he doesn't provide you anything. Rather than confront him, you decide it would be easier to do it yourself. And why not? If you confront him, he's likely to get offended and do the task sloppily. After all, there shouldn't be

anything wrong with you doing the task yourself; the task will be done just the way you like it.

These unfortunate situations happen daily. But wouldn't it be in our best interest to confront Airman Johnny about his slip in performance? We might find out that his wife just left him or his child had been diagnosed with a rare disease and he's having a tough time accepting it. We might find out that our Airman Steve is being coerced by negative peer pressure and getting ready to cave in. If we confront early, we just might stop him from making a serious mistake. We might also find out that Staff Sgt. Sally doesn't just cheat on her travel voucher; she also takes short cuts involving patient care. And we might find out that Master Sgt. Ralph either didn't understand the directive or doesn't complete a lot of things resulting in you and others having to work harder.

Confrontation has a bad name. If mistakes are being made, suspenses aren't being met and people are backing airplanes into each other, it's probably happening because we failed to confront and confront early. And if we don't confront, aren't we actually endorsing and encouraging substandard behavior?

In our Airman's Creed, we purposely articulate that we are a "Wingman, leader, warrior." What kind of leader are you? Do you make things better? Do you make things worse? Or are you a caretaker?

In just a few words, that group commander spoke volumes. If your peers and subordinates aren't performing up to their potential — confront. We need leaders that understand that to make things better, we must confront.

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## Summit aims to streamline training

By Chief Master Sgt. Paula Paige

Air Force Expeditionary Center Public Affairs

FORT DIX, N.J. — The evolving war on terrorism has made Col. Jenny Pickett's personal mission of "keeping Airmen alive" more challenging these days.

The commandant of the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Operations School, which trains Airmen for deployment, says inconsistencies in where and how troops gain war-fighting proficiency are not serving our Airmen well. The classic example is Airmen facing terroristic threats from insurgents and having insufficient training to defend themselves and their wingmen.

### Common understanding sought

To help tame this inconsistency, Colonel Pickett helped organize the Expeditionary Skills Summit Sept. 3-5 at the expeditionary center on Fort Dix where her school is based. The event, attended by more than 60 key leaders representing government civilians, active-duty Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, focused on a common understanding of the expeditionary process, identified gaps and overlaps in skills training and charted the way ahead.

"This summit is very important," Colonel Pickett said. "In addition to developing a common understanding of what it means to be an expeditionary Airman, we will address overarching training requirements to prepare Airmen to do their deployed jobs safely and to return home with their wingmen."

### Evolving roles

Summit participants acknowledged that the evolving post-Sept. 11 environment had changed the mission of average deploying Airmen, moving them from support roles to more dangerous ones where their combat environments require skills that previously were allotted to security forces.

For all Airmen, the first of four "tiers" of training begins in basic training, with foundational instruction in areas such as marksmanship and chemical warfare. Follow-on training in Tiers 2, 3 and 4, builds on an Airman's combat survival skills. By Tiers 3 and 4, those Airmen facing the greatest threats are able to hone their special skills required to support combat operations.

The expeditionary center is one of several training sites where Airmen beef up their combat skills before deployment. The others are Camp Bullis, a nearly 28,000-acre facility in north San Antonio, where many expeditionary combat skills training courses are conducted; and Camp Guernsey in rural southeast Wyoming, near F.E. Warren Air Force Base. At Camp Guernsey, Airmen become skilled at

convoy operations security and forward operating base security and learn how to clear buildings and villages of potential threats.

Meanwhile, in a corner classroom of the expeditionary center, an animated summit presenter urged attendees to unite on changes for the more than 500,000 members of the total Air Force.

### 'Every Airman is in combat arms'

"We're moving to a place where every Airman is in combat arms," said Col. Scott Bethel, deputy director of operations for technical training at Air Education and Training Command, Randolph AFB, Texas. "We've been inconsistent on (training)...Is this going to be an enduring mission or is it (global war on terrorism) focused? Who will do the training? What will we do as an Air Force to ensure our Airmen are ready (to go to war)? We need to figure out what to do better to get the expeditionary Airman trained.

"This isn't about 'who moved my cheese?'" Colonel Bethel said, referring to the best-selling business fable on embracing personal and organizational change. "The 'cheese' moved. ...We've got a bag of feathers hoping a duck appears."

Beyond dairy tales and fowl play, the expeditionary center's leader focused on more somber reasons for the summit.

### Zero combat losses is goal

"Our casualties on the ground far exceed our losses in the air over the past seven years," said Maj. Gen Kip Self, summit host. "Zero combat losses is my goal. This summit is similar to training review boards conducted among aircrew to discuss tactics, techniques and procedures.

About 78 Airmen have died and 476 have been wounded in action since Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom began, according to recent figures from the Department of Defense Casualty Reporting Office.

Since operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom began, about 80,000 Airmen have deployed annually to support the wartime effort, Colonel Bethel said, adding that that number is even higher when you include support for missions in Bosnia. About 35,000 of those Airmen get advanced skills training in areas such as emergency medical field training, he said. "Somewhere in there, there is a gap."

Col. Stephen Shea's job as deputy director of global combat support at the Pentagon puts him in an influential position for training the Airmen who deploy. At the summit's end, he expressed relief that several key issues were being resolved.

"With AETC taking the lead command and the 'memorandum of understanding' clarifying the expeditionary center's role as expeditionary skills training provider, that's helped in the synchronization process," Colonel Shea said.

## Tech students wing their way to Keesler



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Monday, leaders from 2nd Air Force and the 81st Training Wing welcomed 102 basic training graduates who arrived at Keesler onboard a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft, rather than the usual 13-hour weekly bus convoy. The plane from Altus Air Force Base, Okla., picked up the students at Lackland AFB, Texas, and brought them to Keesler for technical training. Usually Airmen don't get an opportunity to fly on an Air Force aircraft so early in their careers, but when Hurricane Ike caused massive damage throughout Texas and major traffic congestion on Interstate 10, it was safer and quicker to transport the students via the 90-minute flight.

## Civilian tuition assistance OK'd

Voluntary civilian tuition assistance has been approved by Air Education and Training Command for fiscal 2009.

"We've received twice the funding we received in FY08," said Jeanie Lessley, force development chief for the 81st Force Support Squadron.

Civilian tuition assistance is for courses that begin on or after Oct. 1. Civilians are limited to one course per term.

The funds are intended for courses required for an employee's job. Employees such as air reserve technicians can't use reserve tuition assistance at the same time as civilian tuition assistance.

Fees aren't paid for civilians except for those directly related to instruction of the course, such as lab or technology fees.

"This is a major command elective program, not an Air Force program, funded at the discretion of the AETC commander which is independently offered by only three commands," Ms. Lessley said. "Money is allocated at the beginning of the year, and once it runs out, it's unlikely we'll receive more."

For more information, call the education office, 376-8708 or 8710.



## Perfect students

Airman Basic Brian Coleman, left, and Airman Ryan Fox recently graduated from the 332nd Training Squadron's electronic principles course with perfect scores. Airman Coleman, from Tuckerton, N.J., and Airman Fox, from Dover, Del., continue their training in the 332nd TRS in the precision measurement equipment laboratory apprentice course.

## TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

### Drill downs, parades

The 81st Training Group holds drill downs and parades on the drill pad behind the Levitow Training Support Facility.

**Drill downs** — 7 a.m. Friday; 8 a.m. Nov. 14.

**Parades** — 6 p.m. Oct. 16.

For drill down information, call Tech. Sgt. Trina Girley, 377-2737. For parade information, call Staff Sgt. Donald McNair, 377-9527.

### Pitsenbarger awards

Community College of the Air Force fall graduates may apply for a \$500 Pitsenbarger Award sponsored by the Air Force Association and the Aerospace Education Foundation.

The Pitsenbarger Awards are presented to selected top Air Force enlisted personnel graduating from CCAF who are pursuing or plan to pursue a bachelor's degree. Prior winners aren't eligible.

Applications are available at the education office, Room 224,

Sablich Center or at <http://www.afa.org>. Completed applications with supporting documentation are due to the education office by 4 p.m. Sept. 26.

Awards are presented the CCAF commencement ceremony Oct. 21.

For more information, visit the education office or call 376-8708 or 8710.

### CCAF scholarships

The Keesler Chiefs Group is offering three \$150 scholarships for airmen basic through technical sergeants pursuing their first Community College of the Air Force degree.

Those interested submit an application and write an essay on the value of education to Air Force enlisted personnel to the education office or any chiefs group member by Oct. 9.

Scholarships are awarded at the CCAF graduation ceremony Oct. 21.

For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Tom Clarke, 377-1314.

### Top scores



Staff Sgt. Ryan Gentzler, fire department, scored a 95 on his career development course test. Other high scores for August were Senior Airmen Zachery Chichwak and John Taylor, 93, fire department; Airman 1st Class Chelsie McCall, 94, 81st Security Forces Squadron; Airmen 1st Class Victor Maldonado and Phoukom Miller, 92, and Susan Mangeno, 90, 81st Medical Group; and Airman 1st Class Travis Crowell, 94, and Senior Airman Charles Martin, 93, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Sabrina Johnson

An MQ-1 Predator unmanned aircraft from the 361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron takes off from Ali Base, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Through the use of advanced capabilities, focused doctrine and detailed training, the Predator provides integrated and synchronized close air combat operations, to include intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.

## Air Force develops plan for filling unmanned aircraft positions

By Master Sgt. Russell Petcoff

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — The Air Force is taking a two-pronged approach to address the increasing need for pilots of unmanned aircraft systems in Afghanistan and Iraq, an Air Force official said recently.

The first approach will use a small percentage of undergraduate pilot training graduates for the short term. The second will examine the potential for a distinct career path for Airmen to fly unmanned aircraft.

“The UPT approach will happen quickly,” said Col. Pete Lee, chief of the operational training division in the Air Staff Operations.

In the next couple of weeks, Air Force officials will select approximately 10 percent of UPT graduates to begin UAS training when they graduate in October. Their UAS training will be at Creech Air Force Base, Nevada.

After completing a standard UAS tour, UPT Airmen will receive a follow-on assignment to a manned aircraft, Colonel Lee added.

In January, the Air Force will begin the second approach, a small-group testing of a program to train approximately 10 active-duty officers to specifically fly unmanned aircraft. Colonel Lee said the lessons learned from the first group will be used to train a second group of 10.

Initial training will begin in Pueblo, Colo., where the Air Force conducts introductory flight screening. UAS-specific training will follow with full major weapons system qualification completed at Creech.

“The plan is to develop and validate training

programs that prepare non-UPT pilots for wartime UAS duty,” Colonel Lee said. “We will continue to uphold the highest levels of Air Force flight safety standards.

The colonel said this is a historic time for the Air Force.

“Pilots flying unmanned aircraft today and Airmen selected for the new UAS training program are charting groundbreaking paths for the Air Force,” he continued. “They are truly trailblazers.”

The general who oversees air, nuclear, space, cyber and weather operations for the Air Staff said there’s a critical demand for UAS in theater.

“The combat contributions of unmanned aircraft systems in today’s fight have surpassed all expectations and have taken a crucial role in our ongoing operations in Iraq and Afghanistan,” said Lt. Gen. Daniel Darnell, Air Force deputy chief of staff for operations, plans and requirements.

“The surveillance-only role of UAS has rapidly expanded to include strike, force protection, and additional intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions,” the general added.

Colonel Lee said unmanned aircraft are the tip of the spear for Air Force combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq because of “their ability to identify, track and engage our enemies.”

From January to August of this year, Predators and Reapers flew more than 4,400 sorties, logging over 81,800 combat flight hours. They also engaged more than 9,900 ISR targets and were an integral asset during more than 300 incidents of troops in contact with the enemy and more than 1,000 raids.

## IN THE NEWS

### New mission statement

The Air Force has refined its mission statement after a strategic summit in late August with leadership from around the service.

“The mission of the United States Air Force is to fly, fight and win ... in air, space and cyberspace” outlines how global vigilance, reach and power capabilities are foundations to the joint fight, according to Gen. Norton Schwartz, chief of staff, who hosted the summit with Michael Donley, acting secretary of the Air Force.

“Articulating what we do — what we bring to the joint fight and how eager we are to serve — is important for every Airman to know and understand,” the general said.

### Blues on Monday

The blue uniform is now the duty uniform on Mondays.

### Dental clinic renovation finished

The second phase of the Keesler Dental Clinic renovation is complete, so access to the main entrance to check in for appointments and the parking lot in front of the building is restored.

### Hazardous waste collection

The semi-annual household hazardous waste collection day is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at the recycling center.

**Acceptable items** include flammable, corrosive, toxic, poisonous or reactive substances such as paints and solvents, lawn care chemicals, household cleaning and maintenance products, pool chemicals, craft and hobby supplies and automotive products, batteries, thermometers, lead solder and fluorescent lights.

**Unacceptable items** include radioactive waste, needles, syringes, medical waste, “white goods” such as stoves and refrigerators, ammunition, explosive materials or any waste generated by any business or base work area. No container over five gallons in size are accepted.

For more information, call 377-3004.

### Victim advocate training

The sexual assault prevention and response program conducts volunteer victim advocate training, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 29-30 and Nov. 5-6 in the SAPR conference room on the third floor of Locker House.

For more information, call 377-8635.

### Death notifications

Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander, regrets to announce the deaths of:

**Master Sgt. Louis Henderson**, a reservist with 403rd Maintenance Squadron and a civilian with the 81st Training Support Squadron. He was assigned to the 403rd Wing on active-duty orders at the time of his death.

Any persons having claims for or against Sergeant Henderson’s estate, call 1st Lt. Bobbie Young, 377-4025.

**Airman Kyle King**, 338th Training Squadron. Any person or persons having claims for or against Airman King’s estate, call Capt. Robert Curran, 377-1617.

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environment,” the secretary said. “I believe the resulting cooling-off period will allow the next administration to view objectively the military requirements and craft a new acquisition strategy for the KC-X as it sees fit.”

Secretary Gates said he’s been assured that the current KC-135 fleet can be adequately maintained to satisfy Air Force missions for the near future, and sufficient funds will be recommended in the fiscal 2009 and follow-on budgets to maintain the KC-135 at high mission-capable rates.



## Bye-bye, Daddy

Staff Sgt. Gregory Anderson, 81st Security Forces Squadron, cuddles his 4-year-old daughter, Ariana, at the deployment facility Sept. 9. Sergeant Anderson and his wife, Amanda, have two other daughters — Mylah, 3, and Jazmin, 6 — who were on hand to tell their daddy goodbye as he departed for Southwest Asia with 46 other Keesler members.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

# Gustav and Ike put crimp in Lifesaver exercise

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Hurricanes Gustav and Ike put a crimp in the planned agenda for Lifesaver 2008 conducted Sept. 10-11 at Keesler

Medical Center and Mobile’s Brookley Field.

The exercise began with a simulated train derailment involving hazardous material in Alabama. This was followed by simulated local,

state and National Guard response as well as federal assistance requested by the state of Alabama.

In addition, the Sept. 10 events included a Federal Coordinating Center bed-reporting exercise. Keesler Medical Center established an FCC to work with area hospitals, partners in the National Disaster Medical System, to arrange with them to account for available patient beds. Keesler Medical Center is one of seven Air Force FCCs among 63 in the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs systems.

Early the next day, two military patient administration teams left the medical center for Brookley Field where they would direct patient distribution to four Mobile hospitals.

Meanwhile, activity within Keesler Medical Center increased considerably as the exercise scenario added a suspected outbreak of spinal meningitis at the child development center. The “outbreak” sparked anxiety and a civil disturbance just outside the emergency department and within the facility. Security team members quickly quelled the disturbance and restrained sev-



Capt. (Dr.) Shawn Cullen examines Airman 1st Class John Schubart, 336th Training Squadron, outside Keesler Medical Center’s emergency room. Airman Schubart was one of the suspected spinal meningitis patients “treated” as part of the exercise scenario.

Photos by Steve Pivnick



From left, Senior Airman Alyssa Rodriguez, 81st MDG, and Airman Drew Park, 334th TRS, portray parents who brought children to the emergency room to be examined by 2nd Lt. Zackery Kalinauskas, a physician’s assistant.

eral perpetrators, some of whom required treatment.

The 81st Medical Group was directed to activate facility expansion from 77 to 126 beds. This involved physically reconfiguring two administrative areas into patient rooms.

The exercise ended at 1 p.m.

Other medical facilities participating were Mobile’s University of South Alabama Children’s and Women’s Hospital, USA Medical Center, Mobile

Infirmiry Hospital, Infirmiry West Hospital, Thomas Regional Hospital and Providence Hospital. Members of the Alabama Disaster Medical Assistance Team were involved at the Brookley Field patient reception area.

Lt. Col. Chris Morgan, 81st Medical Support Squadron medical readiness flight commander, said planning is already under way for Lifesaver 2009, tentatively scheduled for May.



# Secretary of the Air Force names outstanding units

## Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The Secretary of the Air Force Personnel Council recognized the following organizations for 2007-2008 Air Force unit awards for the periods indicated below:

### Meritorious Unit Award

3rd Expeditionary Air Support Operations Group, Dec. 13, 2006-Nov. 25, 2007.

### Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for valor

The 755th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, May 27, 2007-Jan. 17, 2008.

### Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

Headquarters 11th Wing, Nov. 1, 2005-Oct. 31, 2007.

Air Force Office of Special Investigation Field Investigative Regions 1 and 2, Jan. 1, 2006-Dec. 31, 2007.

### Air Force Organizational Excellence Award

Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Financial Management and Comptroller, Jan. 1, 2006-Dec. 31, 2007.

Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Logistics, Jan. 1, 2006-Dec. 31, 2007.

Office of the Under Secretary of the Air Force, Jan. 1, 2006-Dec. 31, 2007.

Office of the Assistant Secretary (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), Jan. 1, 2006-Dec. 31, 2007.

Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, Jan. 1, 2006-Dec. 31, 2007.

Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Directorate of Studies and Analysis, Assessments and Lessons Learned, Jan. 1, 2006-Dec. 31, 2007.

Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Jan. 1, 2006-Dec. 31, 2007.

Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Oct. 1, 2005-July 31, 2007.

Headquarters Air Force Office of Special Investigations, Jan. 1, 2006-Dec. 31, 2007.

Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command, Jan. 1, 2006-Dec. 31, 2007.

Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Oct. 1, 2005-Sept. 30, 2007.

The Air National Guard Readiness Center, July 1, 2005-June 30, 2007.

The Office of the Judge Advocate General, Headquarters U.S. Air Force and Air Force Legal Operations Agency, Jan. 1, 2006-Dec. 31, 2007.

Headquarters Air Force Petroleum Agency, Oct. 1, 2006-Jan. 31, 2008.

The Air Force Safety Center, Jan. 1, 2006-Dec. 31, 2007

All approved unit awards will be updated on the Air Force Personnel Center's Web site no later than Oct. 1.

For details concerning the individual awards entitlement and records updates, contact parent organizations or local military personnel flights or call the Air Force Contact Center, 1-800-616-3775, for more information.

## PERSONNEL NOTES

### 2009 selection board

Air Force officials have announced the schedule for selection boards convening in 2009:

**Jan. 12-16, May 18-22, Sept. 21-25** — special selection boards.

**Feb. 2-20** — senior master sergeant.

**March 9-20** — colonel line of the Air Force; lieutenant colonel and major biomedical sciences corps/nurse corps.

**June 8-26** — lieutenant colonel and major BSC/NC.

**July 13-24** — senior noncommissioned officer supplemental.

**Aug. 17-28** — command screening.

**Sept. 14-18** — colonel medical service corps, medical corps and dental corps; lieutenant colonel and major MC/DC.

**Oct. 13-26** — chief master sergeant evaluation.

**Nov. 2-13** — colonel and lieutenant colonel judge advocate and chaplain; major LAF, judge advocate and chaplain.

**Dec. 1-11** — colonel LAF/BSC/NC, lieutenant colonel and major BSC/NC.

### Military members affected by A-76

All military members affected by A-76 should have an assignment by Sept. 30.

The AFPC assignments team is expected to return to Keesler in September to speak to with the individuals that weren't selected for one of their eight choices. Once these individuals have been identified, AFPC will offer assignment choices that the Air Force may be able to support.

For more information, call 376-8380.

### Phone numbers for military personnel

Military personnel section phone numbers are:

**Customer support** — 376-8738.

**Career development** — 376-8739.

**Force management** — 376-8740.

**Student personnel center** — 377-4111.

**Testing** — 376-4111.

## Online benefit courses now available to civilians

By Maj. Beth Kelley Horine

### Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Three new online courses for federal civilian employees offer retirement, financial planning and new employee orientation training.

The training, available on the automated Employee Benefits Information System Web program, applies to Air Force-serviced civilian employees at all stages of their careers.

"Currently, EBIS offers civilian employees the ability to make benefit elections, such as health insurance, life insurance, Thrift Savings Plan, obtain a benefits summary, and run a variety of retirement estimates, all self-service from their home or office," said Linda Hundley, technical support section chief for the Air Force Personnel Center's civilian operations branch. "By adding the Benefit eSeminars to EBIS, it just further enhances employee self-service," Ms. Hundley added.

The three new online courses are:

**Planning for Your Retirement** gives employees a detailed understanding of the benefits civilians are entitled to under the civil service and the federal employee retirement systems. The training helps civilian employees understand benefits related to the federal benefit programs of Social Security, Medicare, TSP, the Federal Employees Health Benefits program, long-term care insurance, the Federal Employees Group Life Insurance program and the Flexible Spending Account program.

**Financial Planning** assists civilians with

proper management of finances to enable them to meet life goals now, in the future and for retirement. The training focuses on the topics of insurance, taxes, investment options, investment planning and estate planning.

**New Employee Benefits Orientation** provides new civilian employees with an understanding of each federal benefit program, how each program works, and how to receive the maximum benefit from them.

"There is an obvious need for civilian financial education and pre-retirement seminars," said Ms. Hundley. "There are currently 106,618 Federal Employees Retirement System employees — of those that are eligible to receive matching agency contributions, 28,423, 27 percent, aren't contributing or contributing less than 5 percent to the Thrift Savings Plan. Since TSP makes up one-third of a FERS employees retirement income, this figure is astounding."

The training also meets the regulatory requirements for required retirement, financial planning and benefits counseling, as well as supporting the Personnel Service Delivery goal of more efficient and effective delivery of services to civilian employees.

To take the eSeminars, civilian employees need access to EBIS via the Air Force Portal or the Air Force Personnel Center "Ask" web site's secure link. Once logged into EBIS, click on the eSeminars icon at the top of the screen to see the list of courses available.

For more information, call the Air Force Contact Center, 1-800-616-3775.

# DRAGON OF THE WEEK

**Name** — Staff Sgt. Kimberly Smith

**Position** — noncommissioned officer in charge of customer service

**Unit** — 81st Comptroller Squadron

**Time in Air Force** — 10 years

**Time at Keesler** — two years

**Hometown** — Lubbock, Texas

**Noteworthy** — recognized as 81st Training Wing operational readiness inspection ‘hard charger’ for her dedication as a field exercise team member, helping the wing earn an “excellent” rating.

**Why did you join the Air Force?** to serve my country, pursue education and gain job experience

**Your favorite quote?** “I rant, therefore I am.” — Dennis Miller

**What are your hobbies?** arts and crafts, comic books, “Legos” and hanging out with family.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

## DIAMOND NOTES

Personal readiness  
is everyone’s responsibility.  
The definition for “being prepared”  
doesn’t contain the phrase “last minute.”  
Take the time now to think about  
what actions you will take.

Master Sgt. Mike Worley,  
334th Training Squadro first sergeant



## MEMORABLE MOMENTS



**Sept. 20, 1941**  
The Army Air Corps  
Replacement Training Center  
(Technician)  
was activated to train new recruits.

# Base rallies around tiny baby, grateful mother

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Nadia Antruneet Johnson has big brown eyes that light up her tiny face. Her rosebud lips smile as her dainty hand curls around her mommy's finger. Nearly 11 months old, Nadia weighs just 10 pounds, 8 ounces.

"She's very petite, but she's very happy and in good health," said her mother, Pam Tunstall, a voucher examiner in the 81st Comptroller Squadron.

Ms. Tunstall, who's worked on base for 15 years and serves as Keesler's Federal Women's Program manager, credits her Keesler family for overwhelming support since her daughter's birth. Other federal employees on base donated about 482 hours of personal leave to allow Ms. Tunstall to care for her daughter long after her own leave was depleted.

Nadia was born Oct. 25, more than 11 weeks before her Jan. 9 due date. She weighed only 2 pounds.

"I had an appointment with a high-risk obstetrician in Mobile at 8:30 that morning," Ms. Tunstall remembered. "In the next hour, I was being taken by ambulance to Mobile's Women and Children's Hospital. Everything went fast and crazy, and by 2 p.m., Nadia had entered the world."

By December, the tiny baby weighed 4 pounds, 6 ounces, and Ms. Tunstall and her husband, Lester Johnson, were hoping and praying that they could bring their daughter home to Biloxi.

"I was driving to Mobile almost every day," Ms. Tunstall recalled. "Nadia would be coming home on a heart monitor. I attended every class there was for premature babies. Nadia was having problems eating and forgetting to breathe. She couldn't finish a bottle without tiring out and falling asleep.

"People from my job and across the base were calling and visiting," she continued. "At a time when I felt like I didn't know which way I was going, I needed all of those encouraging calls and visits."



Photo by Kemberly Groue

## Nadia and her mom enjoy a visit to marina park.

One Saturday Ms. Tunstall went to visit Nadia, and the cardiologist was there. She was told that if Nadia didn't start eating well within two weeks, she'd have to go to the University of Alabama-Birmingham for heart surgery. He said Nadia's weight had to increase to 5 pounds or an additional surgery would be required later.

"I didn't go home," Ms. Tunstall explained. "I was blessed that the hospital put me up in the Ronald McDonald House, and I went to the hospital every three hours to feed Nadia."

Jan. 21, Nadia was flown to Birmingham, and surgery was performed two days later.

"Nadia stayed in the surgery intensive care unit, because fluid built up around her lungs," Ms. Tunstall said. "Because her organs were so small,

it would have taken another surgery lasting hours to search if they had nicked something. There were many up-and-down health issues."

Finally in March, Nadia was able to come home with her family. In addition to her mom and dad, she has a 6-year-old brother, Leonard Tunstall. Because of the leave donations from Keesler personnel, Ms. Tunstall was able to stay home with the baby until she returned to work in July.

"So much help has been given to me — I don't think I can ever repay everyone," Ms. Tunstall admitted. "I was so blessed to have leave donated to cover my time off. I don't even know all the people who gave up their leave, and I can never tell each person how thankful I am.

"I've learned that you never know who you may have to call on for help, so always help when you can," she added.

She said her squadron has provided a true example of family. Members collected gas money to help with her trip to Birmingham and kept in close contact with calls, cards, visits and gifts for Nadia. The commander's secretary, Celeste Schmitt, even came to her aid when her son was sick.

"I was in Birmingham when the school called to tell me Leonard was very sick," Ms. Tunstall explained. "My sister who was caring for him couldn't leave work. I called to my job, and Celeste said she'd pick Leonard up, take him to the doctor and keep him until my sister could get off work. I am very grateful to her — it's hard to be miles away taking care of one baby and worrying about the other."

Her religious faith has been reinforced by the outpouring of support.

"I am so grateful to be employed at Keesler," Ms. Tunstall remarked. "I want to thank everyone who helped our family. I know God will reward you for your good deeds."

# CHARLIE DANIELS BAND<sup>®</sup> IN CONCERT SEPT. 18

*7 P.M. ON THE  
KEESLER PARADE FIELD*



These facilities close at the following times today  
in support of the Air Force birthday celebration:  
**Vandenberg Community Center,**  
**Legends Café and Katrina Kantina** — closed all day.  
**Gaudé Lanes** — closes at 2 p.m.  
**Outdoor recreation** — closes at 3 p.m.

# Navy team refurbishes memorial mast

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Chiefs and prospective chiefs from Keesler's Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit recently refurbished the mast of the USS Mississippi, a focal point of the Mississippi Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

A rededication ceremony was held Sept. 11 at the Ocean Springs site.

"Our chief selectees usually undertake a community relations project," said Chief Petty Officer Kimberly Rawlins, a CNATTU instructor. "We try to choose a project with Armed Forces significance because heritage and history are really important to the Navy's chief petty officers."

The team used a man lift to climb to the top of the mast's ladder while battling a huge beehive to finish the work.

In addition to Chief Rawlins, others team members are Chief Petty Officers Denie Kiger, Jason Couch and Dylan Ouellet, and prospective chiefs Michelle Simmons, Michael Harris, David Elliot and Patricia Kelly.



Photos by Kemberly Groue Harris, left, and Simmons paint the mast at the Mississippi Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

About 20 manhours were spent repainting the mast for the Ocean Springs memorial.

## Airmen share information via new blog

# Happy 61st Birthday, Air Force!

### Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — In an effort to open up online conversations with Airmen, families and the public, the secretary of the Air Force's office of public affairs has launched a new blog called Air Force Live.

"Air Force Live allows us to reach a vast online community who may not necessarily know where to find Air Force information," said Capt. David Faggard, chief of Air Force new and emerging media. "Although in its infancy, we're building up to provide more information faster."

Air Force Live is an official presence in the blogosphere which will offer perspectives and news products different than those currently offered on the Air Force's public Web site. However, due to local firewall restrictions, some Airmen may not be able to access the blog from on base.

"We intend to empower every Airman to share his or her stories and experiences, while remaining smart and not endangering the mission or fellow warfighters," Captain Faggard said. "Education is critical."

Additional phases include educating Airmen worldwide on the capabilities of Web 2.0 applications, empowering them to share their experiences online, while also providing support to warfighters. Maintaining vigilance, while adhering to rigorous operational and communication security online, is critical to communicating online, according to Capt. Faggard.

Other new and emerging media programs include an Air Force blog contest planned for Spring 2009 called, "For Airmen, by Airmen," where Air Force officials will solicit Airmen from different career fields and ranks to blog about their experiences in the Air Force, Capt. Faggard said.

# Climate survey launches Oct. 1

## Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Have you ever wished you could tell your leaders what you think?

That power will soon be at your fingertips with the launching of the 2008 Air Force Climate Survey Oct. 1-8.

During that time, individual e-mail invitations will be sent out Air Force-wide that will include a survey link and easy-to-follow instructions.

“This is an opportunity for Airmen across the Air Force to have a voice,” said Col. Daniel Badger Jr., commander of the Air Force Manpower Agency, which is responsible for administering the survey. “By voluntarily completing this survey, you can help our leaders identify what is going well and what needs improving.”

The survey, which runs from Oct. 1 to Nov. 26, assesses the opinions and perceptions of the Air Force’s active-duty members, Reserve, Guard and civilian personnel on a wide range of topics including job characteristics, trust in senior leadership and immediate supervisor, support for deployment, recognition, resources, general satisfaction, and unit performance and unit characteristics.

This is the sixth Air Force-wide survey conducted since 1997. However, this year’s version has been streamlined and will include half as many questions. The survey will also be customized to accommodate major command-specific questions, and will include comment questions so people can express their opinions on issues about which they feel strongly.

“This survey should only take about 15 to 20 minutes to complete instead of the 45 to 55 minutes it took to finish the previous surveys,” said Dorathy Felberg, of AFMA’s Air Force Survey Office.

Once data is gathered, the results will be briefed to the secretary of the Air Force and Air Force chief of staff, and then released to the Air Force’s unit leaders sometime in early 2009.

## Housing office closed

The housing office is closed 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday for an office function.

## Operation Hero

“Operation Hero,” a deployment experience for children, is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 11 at the deployment facility, Building 1917.

The event coincides with the fire department’s Fire Prevention Week open house.

To register, call Tech. Sgt. Jessica Woodruff, 376-8508.

## Airman’s Attic

The Top III is looking for volunteers to support Airman’s Attic, a program that assists junior enlisted members with free basic household supplies.

Airman’s Attic, in the former chapel building adjacent to Sablich Center, is open 10 a.m.

to 2 p.m. Fridays and 3-6 p.m. Wednesdays when enough volunteers are available.

The program also needs donations in good condition and volunteers with trucks to assist with occasional pick-ups.

For more information, call 377-3814 or 7801.

## Zero overpricing

Submit zero overpricing items on Air Force Form 1046 to 81st Supply-Transportation Squadron customer service, Room 126, Taylor Logistics Center, Building 4002, or call Michael Cashion, 377-5206, or e-mail michael.cashion@keesler.af.mil.

## Pediatric dentistry

The pediatric dentistry clinic is looking for patients for the advanced education in general dentistry residency program.

Children ages 4-12 are eval-

uated for restorative needs. No orthodontic treatment or use of oral sedation is available.

Patients must be available for treatment on Thursday mornings.

For more information or to set up a screening appointment, call 376-5144.

## DRMO information

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office is a free source of supplies and equipment.

For more information, visit the 81st Supply-Transportation Squadron customer service office, Room 126, Taylor Logistics Center, Building 4002, or call Michael Cashion, 377-5206, or e-mail michael.cashion@keesler.af.mil..

## Thrift shop

The Keesler Thrift Shop, in the former chapel building adjacent to Sablich Center, is

open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Consignments are accepted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays. Donations are accepted during regular hours.

For more information, call 377-3217.

## Honor guard recruiting

The Keesler Honor Guard needs officer and enlisted volunteers to represent the Air Force at funerals and other ceremonies.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Andrea Turner, 377-0765; Tech. Sgt. David Warren, 377-1986, or James Taylor, 377-2081.

## Special Olympics

Keesler’s Special Olympics committee needs two volunteers to take on two roles formerly handled by civil engineers. — set-up leader and tear-down leader. The duties

are complex and require many additional hours.

Applications are due Nov. 1. For more information, call Senior Airman Chris Freimann, 377-5857.

## Endodontic services

The 81st Dental Squadron’s department of endodontics has resumed the endodontic residency.

All authorized beneficiaries, including military retirees and dependents of active duty and retired, may be eligible for care.

Patients accepted for treatment are treated by either the endodontic specialty program residents or general dentistry program residents.

Referrals from civilian dentists for root canal treatment are considered.

For more information, call 376-5227.



A 3-5 minute steady tone  
on the base siren  
is a TORNADO WARNING — take cover.

## Intramural flag football playoffs start Monday

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Starting Monday, 16 teams compete in the base's intramural flag football playoffs.

Two of those teams have maintained unblemished records during the regular season — the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, 7-0 in the American League, and the 81st Medical Group, 9-0 in the National League.

However, intramural sports director Laurence Wilson explained that in this season's playoffs, all teams start with a clean slate and battle for supremacy in their leagues in the single-elimination tournament. The two league playoff winners meet at 6 p.m. Sept. 29 for the championship game, barring any weather delays.

Along with the 81st CES, the only American League team with a winning regular-season record is the Marine Corps Detachment (5-1).



Quarterback Fredrick Fortenberry led the 81st MDG to an undefeated regular season.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Yderian Grimes, 81st MDG, tries to stop Edward Austin, 81st MDSS, as he heads down the field in a National League game Sept. 11. The 81st MDG squeezed out a 24-21 victory, capping a 9-0 record in the regular season.

Other teams in the league are the 81st Force Support Squadron (3-4), 81st Training Support Squadron (3-5), 81st Communications Squadron (2-4), 336th Training Squadron (1-4) and 81st Dental Squadron.

In the National League, the 81st MDG is followed by the

338th TRS (5-2), 81st Supply-Transportation Squadron (4-2), 81st Security Forces Squadron (4-3), 81st Medical Support Squadron (4-4), 332nd TRS (2-7), 85th Engineering Installation Squadron (2-5) and 333rd TRS (0-7).

For playoff schedule, call Wilson, 377-2444.

# SCORES AND MORE

## Bowling

**Glow bowling** — 9 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays.

**Lunch and bowl special** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. Bowl for \$1 a game plus \$1 for shoes.

**Team building special** — 1-5 p.m. working Fridays. Bring your employees bowling for \$1 a game plus shoe rental. Call 377-2817 for reservations.

**Open bowling** — limited on league days; first come, first served. Reservations accepted with groups of 20 or more. Discounts available with groups of 25 or more.

**Club member special** — show current club card Thursdays and bowl for \$1.50 per game; free shoe rental.

**Birthday party package** — 1:30-3 p.m. or 3:30-5 p.m. Saturdays. Basic party with bowling and food \$8.95 per child. Mid party, including table supply and T-shirt, \$11.95 per child. Premium party with games and a pin, \$15.95 per child. Reservations required.

**Hurricane alley, fundraisers** — for more information, call 377-2817.

**81st Training Wing logo shirt** — short sleeve with collar, \$22.

## Flag football

### American League

(Final regular season standings)

Team	Won	Lost
81st CES	7	0
MARDET	5	1
81st FSS	3	4
81st CS	3	5
81st TRSS	2	4

403rd Wing	2	4
336th TRS	1	4
81st DS	1	7

**Sept. 8** — MARDET 13, 81st TRSS 7; 81st CES 23, 81st FSS 19; 336th TRS 7, 403rd Wing 0 (forfeit).

**Sept. 10** — MARDET 13, 81st FSS 0; 81st TRSS 35, 81st CS 6; 338th TRS 7; 85th EIS 0 (forfeit).

### National League

(Final regular season standings)

Team	Won	Lost
81st MDG	9	0
338th TRS	5	2
81st SUPS-TRANS	4	2
81st SFS	4	3
81st MDSS	4	4
85th EIS	2	5
332nd TRS	2	7
333rd TRS	0	7

**Sept. 9** — 81st MDG 38, 332nd TRS 18; 81st MDSS 19, 81st SFS 18.

**Sept. 11** — 81st MDG 24, 81st MDSS 22; 338th TRS 13, 332nd TRS 6; 85th EIS 21, 81st SFS 0.

## Fitness centers

**Free Volksmarch** — Saturday. Register 7:30-9:30 a.m., marina park; 10-kilometer walk around the base with refreshment at each check point, medals for finishers. Sponsored by Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Defense Commissary Agency, Harris Jewelry, Keesler Federal Credit Union and Rex Distributing.

**Free fitness classes** — yoga, step aerobics, turbo-core, spin/cycle, slobotics, boxing workout and fencing at Dragon Fitness Center. For more information, call 377-2907.

**Computerized fitness assess-**

## Air Force bike team wins award

The 140-member Air Force Cycling Team, with six Keesler members, won the Rider Cup for the top team in the Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa.

Thirty teams competed.

Keesler participants were Erik Vacarelli, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron; Matt O'Donnell, 332nd Training Squadron; Eric Greeson, 81st Medical Operations Squadron; David Hunt, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron; and Naomi Henigin, 81st Support Squadron.

**ments, counseling** — available by appointment at Dragon Fitness Center. To schedule, call 377-2907.

## Golf

**Twilight golf special** — 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays. Pay nine-hole fee and golf until course closes.

**Dragon fun league** — Thursdays. Meet at 4 p.m., shotgun start 4:30 p.m. Four-person teams; two-person blind draw. Sign up as twosome or single. \$20 per person including greens fee, cart, food, beverages and prizes. Format decided by draw each week. Limit 44 golfers.

**Golf lessons** — \$25 for 30 minutes. For appointment, call 424-0479.

**Driving range** — 40 balls, \$2.

**Course and pro shop** — 7 a.m. to dusk daily. For tee times, call 377-3832.

## Outdoor recreation

**Discount on all boat rentals** — 10 percent off Monday.

**Trip to Chandeleur Island** — Tuesday-Wednesday. Bring food, drink and lures. Call for prices.

**One-day fishing trips** — to Horn, Ship or Cat Islands. You select the date. Charter trip in Delacroix and Reggio, La. with professional fishing guide. For more information, call 377-3160.

**Cruisin' Keesler** — Sept. 27, marina park. Vintage cars and motorcycles.

**Fish of month** — weigh in the biggest alligator gar for the month and take home a \$100 savings bond.

**Camping packages** — for rent include sleeping bags, lanterns, camp stoves and tents. For more information, call 377-3160.

**RV, boat and trailer storage** — \$20 per month.

**Delacroix, La. fishing site** — two self-contained trailers for rent, \$50 per night. Maximum four per trailer. Bring linens and cooking utensils. Louisiana fishing license required.

**Pontoon boat training** — to rent a pontoon you must take a test and be certified. Call for information.

**Bicycles for rent** — 3500 Trek seven-speed bikes, \$3 day, \$15 week.

**Wet slip fees** — monthly, boats more than 32 feet, \$3.75 per foot; less than 32 feet, \$2.50 per foot. Overnight, \$5 per boat.

**Deep sea fishing trips** — compressed work schedule Fridays and Sundays on the Keesler Dolphin II. \$75 per person includes everything you need to fish. Payment due upon reservation. Minimum 15, maximum 22 people. For reservation, call 377-3160.

**Deep sea fishing private charter** — rent Dolphin II, \$850 for first six people, \$60 each additional person. \$350 deposit required.

**Back Bay cruiser** — 17-foot vessel for rent. Mississippi boater registration card required. For prices, call 377-3160.

**Marina park pavilions** — to reserve, call 377-3160.

**Disk golf** — distance, fairway, multi-purpose, putt and approach disks for sale or rent.

**Resale area** — snacks, beverages, fishing and rental equipment, hunting and fishing licenses.

**Paintball course** — open by reservation only; for reservations or more information, call 377-3160.

## Swimming

**Triangle Pool** — open 3-7 p.m. weekdays except Wednesdays and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Hours may change depending on availability of lifeguards

## GRADUATIONS

### Keesler NCO Academy Class 08-6

**81st Medical Operations Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. Earnest Mann Jr.

**81st Medical Support Squadron** — Tech. Sgts. Judy Khamphan and Tasha Thomas (John Levitow Award).

**81st Supply-Transportation Squadron** — Tech. Sgts. Charles Kenny Jr. and Ayhan Ozturkoglu.

**333rd Training Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. John Lane.

**334th TRS** — Tech. Sgt. Jacob Chandler.

**338th TRS** — Tech. Sgts. Thomas Baker Jr. and Jeremy Sedlak.

### Airman Leadership School Class 08-6

**81st Civil Engineer Squadron** — Senior Airmen Matthew Griffin, Elliot Session and Lloyd Sheteron.

**81st Communications Squadron** — Senior Airmen Jessie Alcaay (distinguished graduate and academic achievement) and Cory Habersham.

**81st Inpatient Operations Squadron** — Senior Airmen Seth Stucker (class commander) and Melissa Baxter (class first sergeant).

**81st Medical Group** — Senior Airman Tyreena Gordon.

**81st Medical Operations Squadron** — Senior Airmen Anthony Bradford (John Levitow Award), Evelyn Baxter (distinguished graduate), Nancy Gilli and Bradon Leach.

**81st Supply-Transportation Squadron** — Senior Airman Alan Jones and Johnathan Robertson.

**81st Surgical Operations Squadron** — Senior Airman Vanessa Clark.

**85th Engineering Installation Squadron** — Senior Airmen Aaron Kline, Donovan Chavez and Seth Reed.

**334th Training Squadron** — Senior Airman Christopher Simpson (commandant's award).

## HONORS

### Student honor roll

#### 332nd Training Squadron

**Electronic principles** — Airmen Basic Adriana Abbott, Brandon Auwaerter, John Banister, Justin Bryant, Mark Caples, Dayle Christian, Mark Christian, David Cohea, Kenneth Conrad, Michael Cortez, Michael Deboard, Alexander Doe, Kevin Dougherty, Brandon Dukes, Blake Edington, Stevan Eliserio, Aaron Etheridge, Jeronia Evans, Jeremy Fangman, Frank Fauland, Timothy Ferris, Andrew Gacke, Jessica Gillespie, Chase Guhr, Cody Gunter, Mitchell Guntrum, Matthew Hardwick, Brent Harland, Matthew Harrington, Randy Hubbard, Derek Kreiner, Eric Landers, Christopher Lee, James Leeman, Anthony Leonor, Chavis Littlejohn, Ross Malcolm, Joshua Mixon, Creston Moon, Matthew Morrison, Drae Moss, Martin Ortiz, Christian Perez, Christopher Phillips, Gregory Posch, Jacob Rader, Jason Railsback, Kenneth Ramsey, Daniel Rankin, Seth Richmond, Robert Saunders, Zachary Sefton, Garrick Sliney, Robert Smoot, Joshua Swanson, Eric Tedor, Christopher Thomas, Jeffrey Westmorland, Emerick Wierzba, Sean Wilder, Adam Willis, Zachary Wills, Dustin Wilson, Rick Yoo and Jonathan Zurek; Airmen Beth Badalamenti, Dallas Gilbertson, Anthony Gonzalez, Scott Green, Andrew Heckerman, Robert Price, Christopher Richardson, Alan Schumacher, William Thompson, Joshua Udem and Luis Valderrama; Airmen 1st Class Kelsa Adams, Jack Berno, Michael Boateng, Matthew Brindle, Adam Brock, Chad Caramella, Robert Carper, Hines Carter, Terrell Collins, Jacob Conrads, Tanya Daigle, Royce Fladung, Willy Fleming, John Fortner, Scott Friski, Sidney Garay, Benjamin Hanke, Rodney Heller, Christine Hinshaw, Steven Hodges, Ryan Johnson, Andrew Knoll, Edward Letendre, James Lockheed, Andrew Maggard, Andrew Maldonado, Matthew Marinaccuo, Stephanie Navarro, Jayce Nugent, Steven Pate, Rafael Reyes, Barton Rice, Jared Siedschlag, Amandeep Singh, Risenn Talamoni, Asa Terry, Joseph Trapani, Rodney Warrdew and Michael White; Senior Airmen Paul Ballard, Gary Ervin, Tom Kwiczor, Matthew Martin and Rudy Mora; Staff Sgts. Ronald Cassi, David Cole, Joseph Hudson, Charles James, Heber Laing, Timothy Nester and Elbert Sharp; Tech. Sgts. Terence Dartez and Daniel Howard.

#### 334th TRS

**Air traffic control operations training flight** — Airmen Basic Patrick Buckman, Nathan Carl, William Formiller, Jonathan Jackson, Thomas Juvera, Steven Koss, Robert Mason, Angel

Nelson, Shane Richardson, Justin Rodriguez and Logan Shaide; Airmen Andrew Rickmers and Ryan Warner; Airmen 1st Class Christina Anderson, Matthew Burt, Michael Massey, Derrick Revilla, Damian Turcotte, James Ward and Thomas Wojnarowski; Staff Sgts. Jacob Balik and Spencer Smith.

**Command post apprentice course** — Airmen Basic John Haynes, Jennifer Ochoa and Whitfield Williams; Airmen 1st Class Brenton Bailey, Rachel Dunham, Derek Gordon and Jacob Soldat; Senior Airman Franklin Williams; Staff Sgt. Nicholas Todd; Tech. Sgts. Jason Arnold, Bobbie Checolinski and Christopher Goninan

#### 335th TRS

**Weather training flight** — Airmen Basic Evelyn Bainbridge, Adam Chmielowski, Jeremy Frechette, Bre Huit, David Labrie, Sarah Myers, David Ramirez, Lilly Samaniego, Jesse Sanders and Matthew Trimmings; Airmen Brandie Awol, Katie Shaffer and Bryan Smith; Navy Airman Larry Kempson; Pfc. Mark Czelusniak and Jonathan Oliver; Lance Cpl. Amy Jenkins, Andrea Pratt and Kenneth Sheridan; Airman 1st Class Amber Baumgarten, Samuel Carter, Jonathan Cortopassi, Joshua Jerrett, Cole Klubek, Blake Medler, Shawn Naegele and Rudy Vogel; Marine Cpl. Richard Duran; Staff Sgts. Adam Garcia, Adam Hernandez and Rose Selko; Marine Sgt. Dustin Heflin and Jimmy Scott.

#### 336th TRS

**Communications-computer systems flight** — Airman Basic Jason Marshall; Airmen 1st Class Jacob Corrigan, Justin Lail and Marc Rhodes; Senior Airman Joseph Sparks; Staff Sgts. Christopher Back and Robert Gallant; Senior Master Sgt. Stanley Walker; Lt. Vladislavs Stuznevs.

**Communications and information management flight** — Airmen Basic Christopher Barrow, Daniel Chaffee, Jennifer Correa, Douglas Daniel, Darren Diones, Ian Fischer, Benjamin James, Bryan Napier, Alexis Rivera, Francis Rhodd III, Brandon Smith, Camdace Thomas, Cody Trender, William Twomey and Daniel Yockey; Airmen Eric Byrne and Mark Quinlan; Airmen 1st Class Austin Carroll, John Delarma, Kevaghn Murray, Ryan Poster, Ashley Tison and Patrick Weller; Senior Airmen Jose Alvarez-Vargas, Christopher Enright, Hyun Lee and Tracie Oster; Staff Sgts. Pedro Cancel, James Emercih and Jayson Maxwell; Tech. Sgts. Jason Cleaver, Jay Goodman, Herry

Stallings and Miguel Valdivia; Master Sgts. Timothy Norton and Daniel Whalen; Thomas Love.

#### 338th TRS

**Airfield systems** — Airman Nicholas Irwin; Airmen 1st Class Jacob Enyart, Nicole Hualpa and Michael Rossi; Staff Sgt. Steven O'Leary.

**Ground radar** — Airmen Basic Alysia Braswell, Jennifer Hurley and David Matthews; Airmen Jonathan Alamillo, Jeffrey Alexandre and Drew Manoram; Airmen 1st Class Oscar Calhoun and Benjamin Cristofich; Senior Airman Nathan Smith; Senior Master Sgt. Daniel Finchum.

**Ground radio** — Airmen Basic David Caudle, Teverence Davis, Rory Lottinger and Dejuan Wallace; Airman Jaime Ramirez; Airmen 1st Class Joshua Kessinger, Andrew Krebs, Courtney Pfeifer, Jeffery Phillips, Eric Ronning, Adam Sconyers, Casey Volk and Joshua Wilkison; Master Sgt. Brian Bunce.

## CLASSES

### Airman Leadership School

**Class 08-7** — graduates Oct. 28.

### Keesler NCO Academy

**Class 08-7** — Monday through Oct. 30.

### Airman and family readiness center

**Eldercare seminar** — 5:15-7 p.m. Sept. 25, at Mississippi State University Coastal Research Center, Popp's Ferry Road, Biloxi. Legal issues in aging, caregiver resources, self care and how to make your parent a dependent are discussed. Refreshments provided. To register, call 376-8728 or e-mail sandra.brzovic@keesler.af.mil.

**Marketing Yourself for a Second Career** — 9-11:30 a.m. Oct. 6, Sablich Center auditorium. Brian Blanchfield, deputy director of the officer placement service for the Military Officers Association of America, an expert on transitioning from military to civilian employment, presents seminar for interested officers, noncommissioned officers and spouses. This program is presented annually at more than 150 U.S. military bases worldwide. It has a reputation as a "must attend" for those three years or less from separation or retirement. Those who attend have an opportunity to ask questions and receive a free copy of the publication, "Marketing Yourself for a Second Career." To register, call 376-8728.

### Arts and crafts center

**Artist/craftsman and photography contest** — today is entry deadline for drawing and painting, sculpture and multimedia. Crafts from original design and from kits and patterns. Black-and-white and color photos mounted on 8x10-inch mounting board depicting military life, nature/scenic, people and creative effects. Registration forms available at center.

**Nonprior service Airmen and friends special** — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday; 50 percent discount on shop fee.

**Crafting for November holiday fair** — 4-8 p.m. Thursdays. Bring your supplies to make projects and crafts to sell at the fair.

**Youth crafts workshop** — 3:30-6 p.m. Thursdays, grades 7-12. Projects include sculpting, painting, cooking, macramé, sewing, decoupage and more.

### Multicraft shop

**Wheel-thrown pottery** — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 20. Learn to use the wheel, center and lifting techniques. \$40 including five pounds of clay and project firings.

### Wood shop

**Beginning intarsia** — 10 a.m. Saturday. \$20. Intarsia is the art of piecing wood in a decorative pattern.

**Advanced intarsia** — 10 a.m. Sept. 27. \$10 including all materials and tool use. New project each month.

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## CHAPEL SERVICES

**Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2520.**

### Protestant

#### Sunday worship

Larcher Chapel traditional service.....8:30

Triangle Chapel contemporary worship.....10:30 a.m.

Triangle Chapel gospel service.....Noon

### Roman Catholic

#### Sunday Mass

Triangle Chapel.....9 a.m.

#### Weekday Mass

Medical Center chapel.....11:15 a.m.

### Jewish

**Rosh Hashanah** — 8 p.m. Sept. 29, 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sept. 30, 9:30 a.m. Oct. 1.

**Yom Kippur** — 6:30 p.m. Oct. 8, 9:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. Oct. 9.

For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Scott Jobe, 377-2520, or Master Sgt. Michael Raff, 377-5235 or 273-2226.

### Islamic

**Building 2003** — prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jummah congregational prayer, noon Friday.

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

### Latter-Day Saints

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints** — student group service, 2 p.m. Sundays, Triangle Chapel. For more information, call 396-5274 or 1-801-694-8900.

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## Frame shop

**Beginners framing** — 12:30-4 p.m. Friday. Learn equipment use and basic techniques of matting and frame assembly. \$30 including supplies. Qualify for the operator's card to use shop.

**Customized picture framing and military flag and show box design** — self-help framing area is available for certified hobbyists, or pick matting and molding and shop will do the work.

## Engraving shop

**Perfect for students** — personalized mugs and laser-engraved pen and desk sets.

## Vehicle resale lot

One block west of Larcher Boulevard on Tingle Street north of the 81st Security Forces Squadron building. Register at multi-craft shop; \$10 per month per vehicle, \$20 for recreational vehicles or boats. Registration, license and proof of insurance required. To place a car on the lot, call 377-2821.

## Chapel

All classes are held at the Triangle Chapel Annex. For more information, call 377-2520.

**Catholic religious education** — after 9 a.m. Sunday Mass.  
**Protestant Sunday School** — 10:30-11:30 a.m. for preschool, elementary, teens and adults.

**Men's prayer breakfast** — 9 a.m. to noon second Saturday of the month.

**Women's prayer breakfast** — 10 a.m. to noon first Saturday of the month.

**Tuesday Bible study** — 6-7:30 p.m. at the Haven.

**Dinner and the Bible** — 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Triangle Chapel Annex.

## McBride Library

**Orientations for commanders, instructors and first sergeants** — 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

**Patron appreciation day** — 2-4 p.m. today in observance of the Air Force's birthday; refreshments served.

**Book displays** — today for National POW/MIA Day; through Tuesday for Constitution Week.

**Available for use** — children's library and meeting, audio and typing rooms.

**Free wireless Internet** — check at circulation desk.

**Tours/orientations** — call 377-2181.

## CLUBS AND CENTERS

### Vandenberg Community Center

**Editor's note:** All events, except dances, are open to all Keesler personnel.

**Free shuttle service** — 6-9:30 p.m. Thursdays before nonworking Fridays; 1-11 p.m. nonworking Fridays and Saturdays and 6-11 p.m. working Fridays. Also stops at Muse Manor, McBride Library, arts and crafts center, I Tyer House, bowling center, outdoor recreation, Katrina Kantina and Bay Breeze Golf Course.

**Legends Café** — open 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, 5-9 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 5-11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

**Pool tournaments** — 6 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays.

**Movie night** — 6 p.m. Wednesdays. New releases, popcorn.

**Dances** — 6 p.m. to midnight Thursdays before compressed work schedule Fridays, and Fridays and Saturdays. \$3.

### Katrina Kantina

**All ranks invited** — open 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays. Snacks, beverages and music.

**Luncheon specials** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays. New menu each week. \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers. For more information, call 377-2219.

**Tuesday special** — red beans and rice, \$1 bowl.

**Martini and jazz night** — 5 p.m. Thursdays before nonworking Fridays.

**Membership special** — sign up for club membership and receive scratch-off for change to win up to \$100 on the spot. All members register to win one of 10 \$1,000 cash prizes. Club dues are free.

**Catering** — experts can assist with planning weddings, holidays, birthdays, official functions and other special occasions.

## Youth center

**Back-to-school registration** — sign up for before- and after-school program.

**National Day of Play** — 4-7 p.m. Sept. 26. Free games, snacks, prizes, music, and tournaments; volunteers needed.

**Free open recreation** — 4-7:30 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays for ages 9 and older. Activities include basic sewing, cooking, FitFactor, art and life skills events.

**Instructors needed** — for Saturday karate, dance and gymnastics classes; call 377-4116.

**Coaches, referees needed** — for basketball. Call for more information.

**Classes** — register for dance, gymnastics, piano, tennis and assorted sports clinics.

**Youth employment service** — earn money for college tuition; call for more information.

**Congressional Award program** — ages 14-21; self-directed merit program promoting personal development, physical fitness and community involvement.

**Volunteers needed** — for sports, open recreation, crafts, cooking, computers, arts, reading, sewing and general cleaning and decorations. Must be 18 or older. For more information, call 377-4116.

## TICKETS AND TRIPS

**Trips to New Orleans Saints games at Superdome** — Sept. 28, San Francisco. \$60 per person including transportation and admission. Sign up at Vandenberg Community Center customer service desk. Seating limited to 20 passengers, first come, first served.

**Tours to additional Saints games** — go on sale Sept. 18. Three games in October, one in November and two in December. Call 377-5576 for schedule.

**Gulf Island Water Park tickets** — daily adult \$18, daily child under 42 inches \$13, season pass \$74.95.

**Discounted tickets** — for many attractions including Busch Gardens, Sea World, Universal Studios and Disney World in Florida. For price list, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>.

**Information on area and out-of-state attractions** — free brochures for Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Georgia.

## TRANSITIONS

### Workshops, briefings

**Congressionally-mandated pre-separation briefings** — counseling by airman and family readiness center for active-duty military members of any branch of service who'll receive honorable discharges and no extra transition benefits. Briefings are Thursdays in Room 111, Sablich Center, 1 p.m. for those who are separating and 2:30 p.m. for those who are retiring. Those with less than honorable discharges, receiving extra benefits such as second enrollment opportunity in Montgomery GI Bill, Reserve or Guard personnel coming off 180-day deployments or entering the disability system, call 376-8728 for individual counseling appointment. To register, call 376-8728. For more information, call Jackie Pope, 376-8505.

**Transition assistance program** — 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Sept. 18, Oct. 20-23, Nov. 17-20 and Dec. 8-11, Room 108A, Sablich Center. For military personnel who are 12 months or less from separation or 24 months or less from retirement, and Department of Defense civilians; spouses welcome. Military members should complete congressionally-mandated pre-separation counseling in advance. Attire is business casual — no uniforms, jeans, shorts or T-shirts. To sign up, call 376-8728.

**Military retirement benefit seminars** — 8-10:30 a.m. Oct. 2, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4, Room 108A, Sablich Center. Tricare, Survivor Benefit Plan, movement and storage of household goods, military and retired pay issues and other topics covered. Spouses encouraged to attend. To sign up, call 376-8728.

## MEETINGS

**African-American Heritage Committee** — 3:30 p.m. second Tuesday of the month, Room 109, Taylor Logistics Building. For more information, call Paulette Powell, 377-2270, or Kurt Higgins, 377-1390.

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## DINING HALL MENUS

### Today

**Air Force birthday lunch** — shrimp cocktail, french onion soup, fruit salad, waldorf salad, strip loin steak, herbed lemon baked fish, chicken breast with orange glaze, mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, oven-browned potatoes, corn on the cob, peas, carrots, candy, lemon-filled cake, devil's food cake, buffalo wings and roast beef subs.

**Dinner** — baked chicken, pepper steak, pasta primavera, mashed potatoes, rice, gravy, mixed vegetables, fried okra, green beans, potato salad, fruit salad, cream of broccoli soup, cheeseburger soup, chicken chili, buffalo wings and roast beef subs.

### Friday

**Lunch** — shrimp scampi, beef stew, turkey, egg noodles, rice, gravy, corn on the cob, cauliflower, collard greens, three-bean salad, chicken and wild rice soup, French onion soup, chili, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

**Dinner** — chili macaroni, barbecue chicken, fried catfish, potato wedges, Spanish rice, gravy, fried cabbage, carrots, broccoli, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chicken and wild rice soup, French onion soup, chili, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

### Saturday

**Lunch** — baked chicken, Swedish meatballs, creole shrimp, mashed potatoes, rice, gravy, creamed corn, asparagus, steamed squash, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, clam chowder, chicken chili and chicken nuggets.

**Dinner** — baked fish, knockwurst, Chinese five-spice chicken, potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, stir-fry vegetables, baked beans, spinach, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, clam chowder, chili and chicken nuggets.

### Sunday

**Lunch** — oven fried fish, spareribs, chicken breast parmesan, macaroni and cheese, O'Brien potatoes, gravy, peas, sweet potatoes, broccoli combo, German coleslaw, tomato salad, chicken tortilla soup, baked potato chowder, chili and cheese pizza.

**Dinner** — stir-fry beef with broccoli, turkey nuggets, pork chop suey, sauteed mushrooms and onions, baked potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, corn on the cob, green beans, German coleslaw, tomato salad, chicken tortilla soup, baked potato chowder, chili and cheese pizza.

### Monday

**Lunch** — beef pot roast, baked stuffed fish, roast pork loin, potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, succotash, green beans, cucumber/onion salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone, chili with beans, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

**Dinner** — spaghetti with meat sauce, loin strip steak, turkey, baked potatoes, pea and pepper rice, gravy, squash, carrots, broccoli, sauteed mushrooms and onions, macaroni salad, cucumber/onion salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone, chili with beans, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

### Tuesday

**Lunch** — teriyaki chicken, veal parmesan, baked fish, rice, parsley buttered potatoes, gravy, fried cabbage, succotash, steamed carrots, macaroni salad, cottage cheese salad, beef pot roast soup, vegetable soup, chicken chili, sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

**Dinner** — country captain chicken, meatloaf, turkey a la king, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, tempura vegetables, mustard greens, okra tomato gumbo, macaroni salad, cottage cheese salad, beef pot roast soup, vegetable soup, chicken chili, sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

### Wednesday

**Lunch** — Mexican baked chicken and pork chops, beef fajitas, jalapeno cornbread, refried beans, corn, gravy, pinto beans, peas and carrots, cole slaw, garden cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

**Dinner** — lemon-herb chicken, sweet and sour pork, jambalaya, scalloped potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, Mexican corn, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, chicken noodle soup, cream of potato soup, chili, cheese fishwich and pizza.

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**Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 652** — 4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month, Katrina Kantina. For more information, call Master Sgt. Kat Hataway, 377-1389, or visit the group's Web site, <http://www.afsa652.org>.

**Air Force Sergeants Association Auxiliary** — 6 p.m. third Tuesday of the month. For more information, call Michelle Foster, 273-4591, or e-mail [auxiliary.president@afsa652.org](mailto:auxiliary.president@afsa652.org).

**Airmen Against Drunk Driving** — For more information, call Senior Airman Aaron Eden, 1907; Staff Sgt. Brad Mills, 377-1714, or call 377-SAVE.

**Asian Pacific-American Heritage Committee** — 11:30 a.m. first Wednesday of month, Room 111, Sablich Center. For more information, call Lucy Belles, 377-2179, or Larry McKean, 377-3252.

**At Eze Toastmasters Club** — 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Building 1101 conference room. For more information, call Dewi Clark, 377-2714 or e-mail [dewi.clark2@keesler.af.mil](mailto:dewi.clark2@keesler.af.mil); Arleen Stewart, 377-2440, or visit <http://www.toastmasters.org>.

**Blacks in Government** — 5:15 p.m. second Thursday of the month, Taylor Logistics Building conference room. For more information call Florence Clay, 377-8681, or Paulette Powell, 377-2270.

**Civil Air Patrol Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron** — 7 p.m. Tuesdays upstairs in Hangar 3 for youth and adults. For more information, call 1-601-528-4337, e-mail [Camoprincess92@gmail.com](mailto:Camoprincess92@gmail.com) or visit <http://www.keeslercap.org>.

**Company grade officers council** — meets first Wednesday of the month. For time and location, call Capt. Ted West, 377-7343.

**Keesler Amateur Radio Club** — 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Hangar 3, Room 215. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Justin Meyer, 377-4149 or 324-5806, or e-mail [justin.meyer2@keesler.af.mil](mailto:justin.meyer2@keesler.af.mil).

**Keesler Christian Home Educators Association** — 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month, September-May, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call Heather Melancon, 831-8895.

**Keesler Spouses Club** — second Tuesday of the month. For time and place, call Leanne Ramsay, 377-3217, or visit <http://www.KeeslerSpousesClub.com>.

**Native American Heritage Committee** — for more information, call R.I. Whiteside, 863-0479, or Capt. Elizabeth Taillon, 377-6242.

**Retired Enlisted Association Magnolia Chapter 81** — 6:30 p.m. second Thursday of the month, Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call Larry McKean, 377-3252 or 374-5922.

**Rising VI Association** — 3:15 p.m. third Wednesday of the month; location varies. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Toyshaline Young, 377-0591, or Tech. Sgt. Jodi Evans, 377-2835.

**Top III** — 3:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month, Katrina Kantina. For more information, call Master Sgt. Michael Krejci, 376-6346.

**Tuskegee Airmen Inc., Col. Lawrence E. Roberts Chapter** — 5 p.m. first Thursday of the month, McBride Library. For more information, call Glenda Mosby, 243-1992, [gmosby1@bellsouth.net](mailto:gmosby1@bellsouth.net), or Charles Bowers, 860-3665.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Movies

**Editor's note: Movies are shown at Welch Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 adults and \$1.50 children for regular features, and \$2.50 adults and \$1 children for matinees.**

**Friday** — 6:30 p.m., The Mummy Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG-13), 120 minutes.

**Saturday** — 2 p.m., Swing Vote (PG-13), 120 minutes; 6:30 p.m., Stepbrothers (R), 95 minutes.

**Sunday** — 1 p.m., The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (R), 112 minutes.

## Voting assistance

**Installation voting officer** — Dave Duggins, 377-5799.

**2nd Air Force** — 1st Lt. Howard Antoine, 376-1341; Master Sgt. John Scott, 376-6350.

**45th Airlift Squadron** — Capt. Brett Ellis, 377-0663.

**81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron** — Capt. Mark Kahrhoff, 376-0449.

**81st Civil Engineer Squadron** — Master Sgts. Bruce Dishman, 377-6611 and Aubrey Goff, 377-4209; Tech. Sgt. Melvin Jackson, 377-5565.

**81st Contracting Squadron** — Staff Sgt. Jesus Gutierrez, 377-1812; 1st Lt. Jennifer Mapp, 377-1801.

**81st Communications Squadron** — 1st Lt. Trevor Owen, 377-4041; 1st Lt. Kanasha Webber, 377-8885.

**81st Dental Squadron** — Master Sgt. Wendell Thomas, 377-5158; Capt. Eric Ladimer, 376-4510.

**81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron** — Master Sgt. Karen Jenkins, 376-4427; 2nd Lt. Sarah Montoya-Ortega, 376-5066.

**81st Inpatient Operations Squadron** — Capts. Tina Johnson, 376-0623, and Eric Vacarelli, 376-3328.

**81st Medical Operations**

**Squadron** — Capts. Don Smith, 376-3179, and John Harrell, 377-0500; Maj. Karin Crever, 376-3759; Master Sgts. Joseph Hebert, 376-3754 and Corey Johnson, 376-3754; Staff Sgt. Jessica Aglibut, 376-3501; Tech. Sgt. Keri Bernhardt, 376-4950.

**81st Medical Support Squadron** — Christopher McMillian, 376-4914; Tech. Sgt. Judy Khamphan, 376-4513; Capt. Renee McClennon, 376-4727.

**81st Mission Support Squadron** — Master Sgts. Terrence Hardwick, 377-3647, and Kelle Turner, 377-3697.

**81st Operations Support Flight** — Staff Sgt. Michael Delgado, 377-3305.

**81st Supply-Transportation Squadron** — Master Sgts. Kevin Benjamin, 377-1784, and Jimmie McClish, 377-2976.

**81st Services Division** — Master Sgt. Andrea Turner, 377-1986, and Tech. Sgt. Carl Cephas, 377-3705.

**81st Training Support Squadron** — Dave Duggins, 377-5799; Tech. Sgt. Anthony Bowie, 377-3683; Sherry Clark, 377-1224; James Franks, 377-0758.

**81st Training Wing** — 1st Lt. Thomas Greenwood (legal office), 377-7071; Michael Plummer (public affairs), 377-4103.

**85th Engineering Installation Squadron** — Capt. Justin Stoner, 377-3350.

**332nd Training Squadron** — Master Sgt. Jason Harrell, 377-0984; Tech. Sgt. Len Kedrow, 377-0737.

**333rd TRS** — Master Sgt. Brian Frazier, 377-3602; William Bacon Jr., 377-2469.

**334th TRS** — Senior Master Sgt. CarolAnn Daniels, 377-3408; Master Sgt. Lori Derr, 377-4127.

**335th TRS** — Master Sgt. Charlafayette Dukes, 377-2926; Tech. Sgt. Sharon Utsey, 377-0331; Robert Lloyd, 377-7641.

**336th TRS** — Sharon Myers, 377-5672; Boyd Cooke, 377-4599.

**338th TRS** — Alexander Verrett, 377-3371; Joe Collins, 377-5632; George Landrum, 377-2784.

**403rd Wing** — Wesley Brantley, 377-3885.

**Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit** — Moses Balls, 377-3502.

**Keesler NCO Academy** — Master Sgts. Lisa Arnold, 377-8622, and David Harrison, 377-8623.

**Marine Corps Detachment** — Master Gunnery Sgt. William Scott, 377-8762; Chief Warrant Officer 4th Class James Lewis, 377-0789.

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