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22 days until  
Thunder on the Bay  
Air Show  
and Open House

Dragons deployed — 223

## Eyes to the skies



Keesler artist Suzan Templin created this poster to promote Keesler's Thunder on the Bay Air Show and Open House. Performances by the Air Force Thunderbirds, Army Golden Knights, Trojan Phlyers aerobatic team, Air Force Wings of Blue parachute team, T-33 vintage Thunderbird and others are planned. Demonstrations of the Navy F-18, Coast Guard search and rescue team and Keesler's C-130s and C-21s are also on the schedule. For complete information about the event, visit the Keesler public Web site, <http://www.keesler.af.mil> and click on the "Thunder on the Bay" icon.

## Environmental inspection takes place March 23-27

By Janet Lanier

### CSC environmental contractor

A 16-member external Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment Team from Air Education and Training Command headquarters comes to Keesler March 23-27 to conduct a wide-ranging audit covering facets of base activities with the potential to impact the environment.

The external ESOHCAMP is conducted every three years, but Keesler hasn't been inspected since before Hurricane Katrina struck the base in August 2005.

This year's visit monitors for standard regulatory compliance issues associated with Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, Air Force and state environmental, safety and health areas.

The audit also examines the base's implementation of the Environmental Management System. Since Fall 2005, Keesler has been considered an "appropriate facility" to implement EMS, and has been striving to successfully put in place a holistic environmental management system that meets ISO 14001 international standards for organizational management.

This has led to required EMS awareness, practitioner and senior leadership training for many base personnel.

Keesler also published an EMS manual in 2006 that outlines policy, an implementation plan, training requirements, document and operational controls, organizational responsibilities and a host of other concerns, including emergency response.

In January 2007, President Bush signed Executive Order 13423 which re-emphasized the need to implement EMS and led to a requirement to train contractors who work on base.

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## Off-duty decisions, tragic losses

By Maj. Gen. Anthony Przybyslawski  
AETC vice commander

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — It's a true honor to serve as the vice commander of this great command ... the First Command! I'm associated with world class professionals focused on our mission everywhere I go. But there is one drawback to the position: I chair the reviews for all the fatalities within Air Education and Training Command. Many of you have participated in the video teleconferences we've held covering these fatalities. These briefings always leave me saddened and, more importantly, concerned about a trend I've noticed in the ranks.

Specifically, I'm troubled with some of the off-duty decisions our Airmen have made that ultimately result in the tragic loss of a military member, someone who believed in the same thing you and I believe in, the defense of our great nation. It's heartbreaking when tragedy strikes our professional and personal families, especially when unwise choices and unlawful actions were the cause, leaving the surviving family potentially without the protection of Air Force benefits.

Did you know if, as a result of overindulgence of alcohol, an Airman dies or sustains an illness or injury resulting in inability to perform military duties for more than 24 hours, there will be a line of duty investigation?

Did you know if the line of duty investigation determines that an Airman's death, illness or injury is due to personal misconduct and finds the Airman was not acting in the line of duty, substantial government benefits could be lost?

Did you know that your actions will affect the ones you leave behind? Even if you survive, your future medical care following separation from the Air Force could be lost if it is determined your actions were not in the line of duty. Which begs the real question: should you expect the same benefits for an act of irresponsibility as for an act of bravery and honorable duty?

Don't let this happen to you, espe-

### Far-reaching consequences

A finding of "not-in-the-line of duty" due to misconduct may also impact an Airman's:

**Disability retirement and severance pay** — If an Airman is injured such that a medical disability separation occurs, a LOD determination of "not in line of duty" will prohibit any disability compensation from being awarded.

**Forfeiture of pay** — You may not be entitled to pay if you were absent from regular duties for a continuous period of more than one day because of injury that was directly caused by or immediately following an alcohol related incident.

**Extension of enlistment** — An enlisted member's period of enlistment may be extended to include that period of time he or she was unable to perform duties because of his or her intemperate use of alcohol. Any time the Airman was not present for duty due to hospitalization, being on quarters or being on convalescent leave is counted as "bad time." Bad time has to be made up. This means that an Airman's estimated time of service date will be moved back one day for every day the Airman is not present for duty.

**Veteran benefits** — The Department of Veterans Affairs may use a member's official military records, including an LOD determination, when determining veteran benefits. If an Airman is found not in the LOD, the resulting loss of certain benefits could cost a dependent child or spouse \$250,000 or more in monies and benefits that are denied. These include, but are not limited to, VA dependency and indemnity compensation, Montgomery GI Bill death benefit, medical and dental benefits up to three years from the date of death of a member and access to base facilities.

**Survivor benefit plan** — If you die on active duty and "in-the-line-of-duty," your surviving dependents may be eligible for benefits under the SBP. If an LOD investigation determines that your death was due to alcohol-related misconduct, your surviving dependents may be ineligible for SBP benefits.

**Basic educational assistance death benefit** — Certain survivors of deceased members entitled to basic educational assistance may be entitled to death benefits, which are jeopardized if there is a finding the member was not in the line of duty.

cially when this type of tragedy is preventable. Operating a vehicle after drinking alcohol can only result in a dangerous situation. Most recently, our losses were a result of this fatal combination ... apparent reckless driving (80 mph in a 35 mph zone) and "off the chart" blood alcohol levels (0.27 blood alcohol content).

Here are a couple key points to consider next time you decide to put yourself at risk. If there are any complications from an injury deemed "not-in-the-line-of-duty," the Department of Veterans Affairs may determine the Airman is not eligible for VA benefits. Any further medical care would then be chargeable to the Airman and his/her insurance com-

pany. If you can't cover the cost, think of the expenses your family members might end up paying for you. If you die as a result of your misconduct, your dependents will not receive the more than \$1,000 per month in VA Dependency and Indemnity Compensation.

If you choose to drink, you must do so responsibly. And keep this in mind: although it sometimes gives us a feeling of invincibility, alcohol doesn't make us immune to accidents.

I encourage you to educate yourself on line of duty determinations. If you need more information, talk to your commander or first sergeant. And always remember who you are and what you represent ... 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

## Next text could be your last

By Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

Did you read the Sun Herald on Sunday? If you didn't, I highly recommend you read Robin Fitzgerald's article titled, "OMG! TWD is definitely not kewl." In the article, Ms. Fitzgerald highlights the dangers we face with drivers on our public roadways sending text messages...while driving!

Texting while driving? Really? Are people really that reckless and irresponsible to do that? Sadly, the answer is yes. In fact, when you check out the Sun Herald's Web site, you'll see numerous comments to the story of folks debating and defending the use of cell phones while driving. The debate is lively with some proposing that use of the phones while driving be made illegal while others argue that it is an essential part of their business to use the cell phone while driving.

Here on base, the rules are simple. You will not operate a cell phone while driving unless it is in hands-free mode...and out of your hands. This is Air Force policy and will be enforced. The safety of our Airmen and our families is very important to me and I have directed the security forces to strictly enforce this order. Having the cell phone on speakerphone and holding it in your hands is not hands-free operation and is a violation of orders. If you are a military member, violation of orders will be handled in accordance with the Uniform Code of Military Justice. If you are a civilian, you will be fined and have your driving privileges suspended in accordance with policy.

Why does the Air Force have this policy? It is because there is ample evidence that demonstrates

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## DRAGON ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

Keesler News photographer

What is your favorite childhood memory?



Playing in the snow when I lived in Denver.

**Senior Airman Michael Brady, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron**



When I was 10, my grandfather flew down from California to visit for the entire summer.

**Staff Sgt. Starr Haywood, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron**



When I was in fourth grade, I won first place in a jump rope contest for the Jazzy Jumpers.

**Staff Sgt. Toy Young, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron**

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## Touhill,

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that folks who are distracted by cell phone use are less alert of their environment and more susceptible to be involved in or cause accidents. The business of the Air Force is dangerous enough and introducing the additional risk of cell phone use while driving is unacceptable.

Before you congratulate yourself for being a safe driver because you do not use the cell phone while driving, take a good look at other risky behaviors. Unfortunately, we have way too many folks speeding on base and in our housing areas. We have too many people tail-gating. Too many people do not wear their seat belts or allow their children to be unsecured in their moving vehicles. I've even seen some women fixing their makeup while driving too. Off-base, I've seen some dangerous boneheads who put the pedal to the metal and speed down Pass Road as they leave the base. Don't even ask about drinking and driving...you know where I stand on that! Folks, it isn't hard to follow the rules, so why don't we do better?

We can do better and I promise you we'll be stepping up our vigilance in enforcing the laws and policies.

If you are talking on a cell phone while driving, don't be surprised to see the blue lights of our defenders

behind you. Similarly, if you are speeding, tail-gating, or driving irresponsibly, you may be subject to a "Blue Light Special" courtesy of our 81st Security Forces Squadron while on base and the Biloxi Police Department off-base. Don't be surprised to see increased seat-belt checks around the base too.

You may be thinking, why is the commander making a big deal of this? Three reasons: safety, wingmanship and precision.

Our Air Force relies on its members to have a respect for safety to ensure effective operations. Our mission depends on our personnel consistently operating safely.

The second reason, wingmanship, is because we care about you. As wingmen, we look out for each other and protect each other.

Finally, the third reason, precision, deals with the ability to follow and execute orders. Would you trust an Airman that does not follow orders?

The laws are clear and you are tested on them before you get your license. The Air Force has clearly defined the rules of the road on-base as well. As Airmen, we are expected to follow orders and obey the laws. It's that simple.

So, next time you are behind the wheel and the phone rings with a call or alerts to a text, pull over to do your business. Otherwise, expect our security forces team to do demonstrate how they do their business.

## Aviation resource managers honor pioneers

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Seven pioneers in the aviation resource management career field are honored Friday with two special events.

An 11 a.m. ribbon-cutting ceremony on the third floor of Cody Hall marks the dedication of six technical training classrooms and a display to highlight their accomplishments. A banquet that night in the Dragon's Lair pays special recognition to the honorees and their families for their commitment to the career field.

The events highlight a career field workshop at Keesler attended by about 150 people that began Tuesday, according to Senior Master Sgt. Philip Kreiser, Air Education and Training Command's functional manager. Until recently, he served as superintendent of the 334th Training Squadron's aviation resource management schoolhouse.

"We still maintain the solid foundational practices from our past, but the tools of our trade have evolved — from keypunch machines to automation and capability to provide real time data," Sergeant Kreiser remarked. "That's why we feel it's so important to pay tribute to our rich heritage and to honor the people who paved the way for us."

"Our name has changed over the years — flight management to operations resource management to aviation resource management — but our dedication to our career field motto of 'one vision, one family, one voice' has sustained the way we've done business over the years," said Master Sgt. Kathy Jackson, AETC aviation resource manager.

"Our career field is a very diverse Air Force Specialty Code," explained Master Sgt. Roderick Fernandez, an aviation resource management career development course writer who's on the heritage



**One of the classrooms is being named after Libby Harper, Keesler's host aviation management chief.**

committee that's planned the events to recognize the honorees.

"This AFSC is responsible for managing aviation and parachutist service, flight and jump records, monitoring flight activities, tracking aircrew flying and training events, managing flight physical and physiological training, requesting special use of air space, preparing flight authorizations and establishing training program profiles in the aviation resource management system," he continued.

Staff Sgt. Betty Love, another heritage committee member, said that Rooms 301-305 and 329 are the aviation management classrooms in Cody Hall that will have entrance plaques with the names of five enlisted and one civilian standout in the career field.

"Each room that we dedicate will have a display of memorabilia belonging to the honoree," Sergeant Fernandez pointed out. "Each room has a shadow box display that tells their individual story, biography and contributions. The hallway is a living museum with old photos, memorabilia and souvenirs, along with a wall of fame to showcase our



**Photos by Kemberly Groue**  
**Tech. Sgt. Michael Hubert, an aviation resource management instructor in the 334th TRS, arranged items to be placed in a shadow box to be hung in one of the Cody Hall classrooms.**

annual award winners."

Two classroom namesakes are still active in the career field:

**Libby Harper**, 81st Operations Support Flight, serves as host aviation resource management chief at Keesler. She received the career field's first lifetime achievement award and was the first civilian career field working group chairperson responsible for providing many system enhancements supporting 10 major commands and 2,800 aviation resource managers across the Air Force. She was selected for multiple career field projects and served as subject matter expert for three utilization and training workshops. She was AETC's civilian of the year for the career field in 2002 and 2005.

**Chief Master Sgt. Darcy Standish** is the aviation management branch chief and functional manager for Air Force Special Operations Command. She served as the career field's first female manager from 2001-2004. She was responsible for changing the career field name from operations resource management to aviation resource management as she redefined duties, standardized training and created the 9-level host aviation resource management chief course. She also served as the first career field working group chairperson and established a squadron aviation resource management section for three flying units in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Four other classrooms are dedicated to retired members:

**Chief Master Sgt.**

**Lorenzo Tribbett** was the first operations resource management career manager from 1990-2001. He oversaw education, training and career development for 4,200 professionals in the career field and spearheaded development of the Air Force Operations Resource Management System to track flying training accomplishment and flight experience data for more than 57,000 aviators and verify disbursement of more than \$200 million in aircrew flight incentive pay annually.

**Chief Master Sgt. Doris Brewster** was the first female major command functional manager for the career field and last served as functional manager for Pacific Air Command. She oversaw eight host aviation resource manage-

ment offices in the command and was responsible for training more than 200 personnel and ensuring that they accurately interpreted and applied Air Force and MAJCOM aviation management policy directives. She died in 2001.

**Senior Master Sgt. Adeline "Gay" LeBret** was the aviation resource management advisor for all Air National Guard KC-135 flying units and performed staff assistance visits on numerous units requiring her expertise. She served as the first Air National Guard aviation resource management working group member for 12 years and was a key member for the Air Force working group, where she was vital in decision-making and testing the aviation resource management system. She provided outstanding leadership during 13 overseas deployments.

**Master Sgt. Lonnie Thomas** earned the Bronze Star and Purple Heart while serving with the Army in Vietnam. Later he joined the Air Force where he served in the training and education field, developed the AFORMS with AETC and created a flying hour tracking system for squadron operations centers. He also served as U.S. Air Force-Europe's functional manager. After he retired from active duty, he served as a civil service employee in the host aviation resource management section and later transferred to the communications directorate as a software developer.

Additionally, a special display in Cody Hall pays tribute to **Bill Burton**, a retired senior master sergeant who served the aviation resource management career field for 41 years on active duty and as a civilian. Mr. Burton, who died last June, was the only three-time Air Force aviation management civilian of the year. Last year, he was awarded the career field's lifetime achievement award which has been renamed in his honor.

# Trainers involved in DOD project to improve ASVAB effectiveness

By Nancy Marant and Maj. Brad Schrumph

336th Training Squadron

The 81st Training Group is playing a role in a Department of Defense project that aims to improve the effectiveness of the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery that selects and classifies recruits to the right jobs.

Last October, the 81st TRG was selected to participate in the Information-Communication Technology Literacy Test Validation Project.

This project evaluates new tests for potential inclusion into the ASVAB that would distinguish students with high ICT aptitudes and flag Airmen for future cyber jobs.

In January, the 332nd, 335th and 336th Training Squadrons stepped up to assist in the DOD project. If successful, the initiative will produce a new and better way for selecting Airmen that pursue specific Air Force Specialty Codes.

Testing experts conducted a technical review panel on ASVAB that came up with the idea to assess whether changes could improve the ASVAB's effectiveness in selecting and classifying recruits to the right jobs. If improvement is realized, training and operational attrition could be reduced, overall person-job matches could be improved and retention and mission performance could be increased.

Panel reviewers recommended adding an information-communication technology proficiency test to the ASVAB. With plans in hand, the AFPC force management liaison office, together with Air Force testing policy, took the lead on the test development of for the DOD project. During the initial phase, input was gathered from several subject matter experts on the knowledge and skills to test. An item test pool was developed to create the test, which was then administered to basic military training recruits to get a general sense of the difficulty and effectiveness of the questions.

Once this first phase was completed, AFPC's field activities division identified sev-

eral career fields that train at Keesler to participate in the test validation, including network infrastructure systems (2E2X1), satellite, wideband and telemetry systems (2E1X1), ground radio communications (2E1X3), knowledge operations management (3A0X1), communications-computer systems operations (3C0X1), network integration/tech control (3C2X1) and personnel (3S0X1).

Through coordination with AFPC's field activities division, 2nd Air Force and 81st TRG, the 332nd TRS, 335th TRS, and 336th TRS had the opportunity to proctor the ICT test surveys.

In December, trainers from the selected courses met with Brian Chasse of AFPC who provided information and directed overall objectives for the project. In January, the course proctors began to administer the surveys to students.

Tech. Sgt. Carrie-Ann Pogue, communications-computer systems training flight superintendent, explained, "Testing takes place the first day the students arrive for class. We go through orientation, then administer the test survey which takes about an hour. After administering the test, we have about 30 minutes of administrative work to complete to ensure we received all test materials back from the students and all areas have been filled in. Finally, we mail the tests back to Air Education and Training Command's field activities division."

Testing should be completed by mid-June.

The goal is to test a statistical sample of at least 180 trainees for each AFSC before beginning their specific 3-level courses.

After ICT test data collection, AETC will analyze technical training grades and test scores from each surveyed student to ensure test effectiveness in measuring aptitudes that will predict future training success in these areas.

If findings are positive, they will continue to work with DOD to add these new test questions to the ASVAB to ensure a better fit for future technical trainees.

## In a class by himself

### Program has first graduate since Hurricane Katrina

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler Medical Center's Nuclear Medicine Phase II program has recognized its first graduate since Hurricane Katrina 3½ years ago

Feb. 25, Col. (Dr.) Vincent Jones, 81st Medical Operations Squadron Nuclear Medicine Phase II course medical director, presented the graduation certificate to Staff Sgt. Vincent Raynor to mark the end of more than a year of training.

Sergeant Raynor had completed 20 weeks of Phase I at the Naval School of Health Science, Portsmouth, Va., before arriving at Keesler for the nine-month Phase II program.

According to Master Sgt. Sydney Dyche, one of two course supervisors, Phase I consists mainly of classroom training, with a small amount of clinical on-the-job training. During Phase II, students receive both classroom and clinical instruction. Both phases offer a total of 2,872 hours of schooling.

Once they have successfully completed both phases, students are eligible to take the Civilian National Registry and American Registry of Radiologic Technologists in Nuclear Medicine examinations.

Sergeant Dyche said the Phase II course has a maximum load of two students but can have several classes comprising the entire course.

Sergeant Raynor, who had been at Keesler since 2003, has received orders to Travis Air Force Base, Calif.



Sergeant Raynor



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# Weather team rallies to support 'family member'

## 335th Training Squadron

What would you do if one of your family members suddenly fell ill?

What type of question is that? Family takes care of family.

But how do you define family? In the 335th Training Squadron's weather training flight, "family" means "co-worker."

Janet Fish is the flight's secretary, and when she was diagnosed with a medical condition that would require her to miss six weeks of work, her squadron family came to her aid.

"As our secretary, Ms. Fish is one of the most important people in our flight," said Tech. Sgt. LaKeitha Luster, an instructor. "She makes sure our mail gets out, gets us to your appointments, runs errands, makes sure we get all messages and makes sure that our graduation certificates are always completed on time."

When Ms. Fish became ill, her squadron family was concerned.

"As a civilian, that meant that unless she has enough leave to cover her entire convalescence, she would not get paid," Sergeant Luster explained. "As an administrative specialist, she's not topping out the pay scales."

"When we found out that one of our own needed our help, we didn't think twice about if we would help or not — we thought more about what we would do," she continued. "My co-

workers are the best group of people that I know. I've never thought of a time when one of us has needed some help moving or painting and no one has showed up."

For starters, squadron members knew that Ms. Fish would need to relax while she was recovering. Flight donations paid for a recliner and a brand new mattress set.

"Ms. Fish is a grandmother who takes care of her grandson," Sergeant Luster remarked, "but we know that even grandparents need a break, so we've donated volunteer hours to get her grandson to Little League, the movies and just out for a while. Ms. Fish never has to cook since we bring over weekly meals."

Knowing that Ms. Fish could use help paying for her hospital stay and medical bills, the flight's students sponsored a pizza sale that raised more than \$700.

Team Keesler stepped up to the plate when the call went out to all civilians asking for donated leave hours for Ms. Fish. They responded with 384 hours of leave to assist Ms. Fish.

"I must say that in my career, I've never worked with a group of people that I would necessarily consider family," Sergeant Luster observed. "Yeah, there were acquaintances and some friends here and there, but never family — until I got stationed at Keesler. I'm grateful for this reminder that family can be much more than just blood relatives."

# TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

## Drill downs, parades

The 81st Training Group conducts drill downs and parades on the parade field behind the Levitow Training Support Facility.

**Drill downs** — 8 a.m. April 17; 7 a.m. June 12 and Aug. 7; 8 a.m. Oct. 2.

**Parades** — 6 p.m. July 23 and April 17.

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

## Parking lot closed

The parking lot on the southeast side of the NCO Academy is closed until 4 p.m. today and noon April 1 for drill practice and evaluation.

In case of inclement weather, the hours may change or the lot will be open.

For more information, call

Master Sgt. Greg Jackson, 377-2740.

## Scholarship available

Applications are accepted through March 31 for the 2009 Hurricane Hunters Association Swan 38 Memorial Scholarship.

For eligibility requirements, instructions and application forms, log on to <http://www.hurricanehunters.com>.

## KSC scholarships

April 10 is the deadline to apply for six scholarships being offered by the Keesler Spouses Club.

High school and home-schooled seniors and spouses in Jackson, Harrison and Hancock counties who are dependents of Keesler active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retirees, deceased members, and Defense Department civilians are eligible.

Applicants must enter an accredited two-year or four-year college or university this fall.

Applications are available at high school counselor offices, the Keesler Thrift Shop and online at <http://www.keeslerspousesclub.com>.

## Special testing dates

Application deadlines and dates for special testing are:

**PRAXIS I and II** — Monday for April 13; June 14 for July 13.

**ACT** — March 27 for April 27; May 22 for June 22.

**SAT** — April 24 for May 25. Test time is 7 a.m. for all.

For more information, call 376-8708.

## GI Bill benefits

Montgomery GI Bill benefits may be used in conjunction with tuition assistance.

For more information, call 376-8708.



## CCAF launches new partnership

### Education office

The Community College of the Air Force launched a new program March 2.

General Education Mobile is a new partnership between CCAF and civilian academic institutions that offers clustered online general education courses to meet CCAF associate degree requirements.

Delivered through Air Force Portal and the Air Force Virtual Education Center, the GEM program enables students to sign up for their general education requirements in a single block of courses from the same college, providing greater educational continuity and faster degree completion.

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

## Academic aces



**Staff Sgts. Rob Fiscus, left, and Thai Ton graduated March 5 from the electronic principles course in the 332nd Training Squadron with perfect scores. Sergeant Fiscus is an instrument and flight control systems apprentice from Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Sergeant Ton is a communication/navigation/mission systems apprentice stationed at Channel Island Air National Guard Base, Calif. Both are headed to Sheppard AFB, Texas, for additional training.**

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response coordinator hotline,  
377-7278.

Don't drink and drive.  
Call 377-SAVE  
for a safe ride home.



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Capt. Sarah Abel, an emergency room nurse, reviews the patient status board.

## Keesler's emergency room first in Air Force to use electronic medical records system

By Steve Pivnick

### 81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler Medical Center has introduced a unique system in its emergency department.

The staff began using electronic medical records — T-System — Jan. 15 to become the only emergency department in the Air Force with the capability.

According to Capt. Scott McKee, an emergency room clinical nurse specialist and project officer for the program, the system makes medical records available in “real time.”

“If a patient returns to the ER, the provider can review prior visits,” the captain pointed out. “We can also make records available to any medical treatment facility in the Department of Defense, allowing them to see the record of anyone seen here. This has never been possible before.”

The captain said continuity of care is a major benefit of the system.

“Primary care managers can see what treatment we provided and are able to design appropriate follow-on care,” he noted.

After a patient is seen in the ER, the staff uploads the record into AHLTA, the electronic system used by military providers, allowing providers to see everything that was done.

“This is currently done manually,” Captain McKee said, “but we hope to be able to do it

electronically within the next year if DOD approves the concept and the necessary interfaces and network access are completed.”

Using electronic records also assists the ER staff to better manage patient flow through the department. As soon as a patient checks in, their information is placed onto a status board.

“This contributes to patient safety, particularly when prescribing medication. The entries are easy to read; the staff doesn’t have to try to decipher handwriting,” the captain said. “Patients also receive more comprehensive discharge instructions.”

Captain McKee commented it took the staff about 10 days to become proficient using the system. He noted that about two weeks after the system came on line, the department saw one of its greatest volumes of patients in some time, yet the average length of stay in the department was reduced by about 20 minutes.

“We are now able to run reports to show our busiest times and can staff the department appropriately,” he added.

The captain praised the department’s staff for the way they adapted to the new process and expects the system to improve incrementally as DOD allows more interfaces.

“We eventually will go wireless so the staff will be able to use tablets and mobile computers to make annotations in the patient treatment rooms,” he concluded.

## IN THE NEWS

### Wing change of command April 6

Leadership of the 81st Training Wing changes hands April 6 when Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill turns over command to Col. Ian Dickinson.

The 9 a.m. student parade and ceremony takes place on the parade field behind the Levitow Training Support Facility.

Colonel Dickinson is headed to Keesler from the Pentagon, where he is Joint Staff deputy chief information officer. He is expected to report by March 31.

General Touhill, who’s served as wing commander since October 2007, has a new assignment as Chief, Office of Military Cooperation, U.S. Central Command, Kuwait.

### Promotion ceremony for chiefs

The Keesler Chiefs Group’s annual ceremony recognizing those individuals selected for promotion to chief master sergeant is 6 p.m. March 27 in the Dragon’s Lair.

This year’s honorees are Chief Master Sgt. James Morrison, 81st Comptroller Squadron; and Senior Master Sgts. Danny Ogas, 2nd Air Force; Joe Watson, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron; and Pamela Manning, 81st Training Wing.

Tickets are \$25 for the formal/semi-formal event and are available from any Keesler chief or Chief Master Sgt. Bob Madigan, 377-5958.

### Biloxi Back Bay closes for air show

Biloxi’s Back Bay, north of the base, is closed to civilian and commercial maritime traffic in preparation for and during Keesler’s Thunder on the Bay Air Show and Open House, 12:30 to 5 p.m. April 2-5.

The Federal Aviation Administration directs closure of the waterway to “sterilize the show box” during performances by the Air Force Thunderbirds and other aircraft.

### Death notification

Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander, regrets to announce the death of Tech. Sgt. Brenda Gibbs, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron.

Any persons with claims for or against her estate, call 2nd Lt. Yvonne Sparks, summary court officer, 377-5549.

### Medical center parking reduced

#### 81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Ongoing construction projects will impact about 200 parking spaces on the north, east and west sides of Keesler Medical Center until the completion of the new inpatient tower, currently scheduled for October 2011.

Except for about 15 parking spaces on the north side of J Street adjacent to the emergency department, parking won’t be permitted on J Street north side of the medical center from 3rd Street to the medical logistics loading docks on 5th Street, including all parking on the south side of J Street from the generator courtyard east to 5th Street. Parking isn’t allowed in the current emergency room parking lot or some spaces in front of the new central energy plant for safety reasons.



## 18 selected for promotion

By Susan Griggs  
Keesler News staff

Eighteen Keesler master sergeants have been selected for promotion to senior master sergeant.

They are:

**2nd Air Force** — John Coleman and Valencia Parker-Evans.

**81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron** — Keith Davis and Jason Devereaux.

**81st Communications Squadron** — Isaac Brown and Reynaldo Garza.

**81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron** — Thomas O'Connell.

**81st Force Support Squadron** — Vanessa Polk.

**81st Inpatient Operations Squadron** — Ronald Ware.

**81st Logistics Readiness Squadron** — Marten Matthews.

**81st Medical Support Squadron** — Melanie Dolzanie.

**81st Surgical Operations Squadron** — Erin Cimenski.

**81st Training Support Squadron** — William Shipton.

**81st Training Wing** — Cynthia Barrowman.

**334th Training Squadron** — David Brown.

**336th TRS** — Gary Edwards Jr.

**85th Engineering Installation Squadron** — Trevor Kearns and James Sims.

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Additionally, the executive order set new conservation standards in energy and fuel usage and has required the base to update tasks and track metrics on the base's five major environmental management plans. Finally, it set in motion a requirement for annual refresher training for EMS awareness for any base personnel who can have a significant impact on the environment.

Shop supervisors and workers can expect to be checked on compliance issues related to air emissions, hazardous materials, hazardous waste, POL/fuel storage tanks, drinking water and waste water protocols. In the safety area, lock out/tag out procedures will be inspected. In occupational health areas, chemical hazards, ergonomics, HAZCOM, hearing conservation, heat and cold stress, ionizing radiation, radiation, PPE, respiratory protection programs and ventilations systems are inspected.

Not only does the inspection cover these compliance issues, but shop personnel can expect to be asked questions about the 81st Training Wing commander's EMS policy. That policy is to comply with laws and regulations, to prevent pollution and minimize hazardous waste, to seek continual improvement, and to implement EMS throughout all organizations.

Shops can also expect generalized questions about the base's EMPs and steps being taken to achieve objectives and targets of those EMPs, as well as questions about each individual's own shop regulations. Personnel need to know their individual training requirements, their shop goals and procedures in place to prevent or minimize impacts to the environment.

For example, if you operate a paint spray booth, you'll be expected to be able to articulate that the impact is air pollution from those processes, as well as in some cases, generation of hazardous waste from cleaning paint sprayers. A fuel tank custodian must understand and be able to communicate that mishandling of petroleum products

could lead to spills that could contaminate soil or waterways and possibly lead to EPA or state enforcement actions and a risk of fines in the face of gross negligence.

To prepare shops and supervisors, CSC's safety and bioenvironmental personnel are currently visiting each shop to not only check compliance issues, but to first ask questions concerning completion of EMS training and evidence of certificates of completion.

Other questions will focus on EMS policy, worker knowledge of the base's major plans, compliance with energy conservation measures such as adhering to required thermostat settings, measures being taken to conserve fuel or efforts to find alternative products to prevent generation of hazardous waste.

Environmental section personnel can supply a questionnaire to supervisors and workers that goes a long way toward preparing Keesler personnel for this unique inspection.

For more information, questionnaires or general assistance, call the environmental section, 377-1262.

## Keeping bikers safe is goal of Keesler courses

By Susan Griggs  
Keesler News staff

Keesler is ready to offer motorcycle safety courses on base again for the first time since Hurricane Katrina.

Jerry Gardner, 81st Training Support Squadron, is one of five trained motorcycle safety instructors on base. Monday, he was striping a section of the parking lot adjacent to Dolan Hall for the basic course, March 24-25, and the experienced rider course, March 26. Plans are to hold the classes on a monthly basis.

"It will be great to have courses on base again," Mr. Gardner said. "After Katrina, the temporary base exchange was built on the parking lot where we used to have our courses, so we held our training at the Seabee Base in Gulfport."

The basic rider course is for cycling novices. Loaner motorcycles have been provided for the class by Suzuki City of Biloxi. The one-day course for experienced riders is offered for bikers to hone their skills or get familiarized with a new motorcycle.

Instructors attend regional training by the Motorcycle Safety Federation and incorporate its materials into the courses.

Resumption of the base's motorcycle safety courses comes as the Air Force's safety director at the Pentagon, Maj. Gen. Frederick Roggero, is working to get the message out about the spike in ground and aviation mishaps during the spring months, which he refers to as the Spring Spike.

During March and April of the previous two years, the Air Force had 16 Class A and B motorcycle mishaps which resulted in death or permanent total disability.

"The spike in motorcycle fatalities can mainly be attributed to motorcyclists not being prepared for the riding season and vehicle operators not looking out for motorcyclists," General Roggero said. "This Spring Spike is second only to the 101 Critical Days of Summer as a threat to our Airmen. We've developed a full range of tools to highlight the risks and provide mitigation solutions (to be provided to base safety offices.)"

To sign up for motorcycle safety courses, contact your unit motorcycle safety representative.



Jerry Gardner paints the motorcycle safety training area in the parking lot next to Dolan Hall Monday.  
Photo by Kemberly Groue



## 2009 selection boards

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

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

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

**Aug. 17-28** — command screening.

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

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

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

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

## Total Force Service Center

### Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Members of the total force now have one central phone number for personnel questions.

Air Force members can call the Total Force Service Center, 1-800-525-0102, to reach a customer service counselor to discuss issues ranging from retraining, promotions and identification cards to leave, retirements and civilian benefits.

When calling from outside the U.S., dial the toll-free AT&T direct access number for the country they are located, then dial 1-800-525-0102. Direct access numbers are found at [http://www.business.att.com/bt/dial\\_guide.jsp](http://www.business.att.com/bt/dial_guide.jsp).

There's no change for individuals with hearing impairments. They can still reach the civilian Benefits and Entitlements Service Team and AFPC's Personnel Systems Operations Control Center and ask employment questions, by calling the Telephone Device for the Deaf number, 1-800-382-0893 or 1-210-565-2276.

For answers to many personnel questions, log on to <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil> or <http://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil>.

## Medical appointments

People needing appointments at Keesler Medical Center can book them online instead of calling the central appointment desk.

Log on to <http://www.tricareonline.com> and click on "My Health" to complete registration. Common access card holders may use their cards and personal identification numbers, while others must set up a username and password.

The site allows users to book urgent and non-urgent appointments based on their needs.

Appointments are automatically booked with the individual's primary care manager. If the PCM is unavailable, the user is given the option to make the appointment with another provider in the same clinic.

All active-duty members should register themselves at the online site when they arrive at Keesler.

Family members must be registered separately.

For more information, call 376-3101.

## Military personnel contacts

Military personnel section phone numbers:

**Customer support** — 376-8738.

**Career development** — 376-8739.

**Force management** — 376-8740.

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

**Testing** — 376-4111.

## Deployment data deleted

### Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Deployment history data is now deleted from duty qualification briefs for officer selection and preselection and from senior noncommissioned officer evaluation briefs.

# Personnel desktop application expanded

By 2nd Lt. Gina Vaccaro

### AFPC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Group and wing commanders now will have access to vital personnel information right at their fingertips according to officials at the Air Force Personnel Center.

The Base-Level Service Delivery Model commander's tool now provides personnel information, such as manning documents and family care rosters, to all commanders.

"Ensuring all commanders have access, with ease and efficiency, to specific personnel information is a priority for AFPC," said Lee Shick, chief of the field operations branch. "We'll continue to seek feedback and adapt as necessary to improve our products and services."

The BLSDM tool allows commanders to pull up standardized personnel reports they need to manage their unit. The recent enhancement expands access to the tool to group and wing commanders.

With the BLSDM tool, group and wing commanders now have direct access to unit rosters, like evaluation, Air Expeditionary Force association and promotion rosters. Commanders no longer have to rely on an individual to provide

that information. The tool is more efficient and user-friendly than the previous version, which first debuted for squadron commanders in the fall of 2007.

"With the enhancements, the products delivered in BLSDM are now clearer, easier to use and customized to meet the customer's needs," said Master Sgt. Zachary Swann, superintendent of personnel systems management and employment. "These improvements are a direct result of commanders telling us what they need in a tool."

Sergeant Swann was a member of the Airmen's Time Assessment Team that visited numerous installations in August seeking concerns from commanders and Airmen.

"We listened to the concerns squadron commanders had about the original BLSDM and really worked to ensure this enhanced tool gives the commanders what they need, when they need it," said Sergeant Swann. "Our aim is to give commanders more data and keep the wing and group commanders empowered with personnel data."

For more information about the BLSDM commander's tool or other AFPC automation tools, visit AFPC's "Ask AFPC" Web site and type "BLSDM" into the search engine.

Identity theft is a personal nightmare and security risk. Shred bills, statements, letters, old journals, records, outdated application forms and any documents that contain your full name, Social Security number, duty title and job information, credit card, bank account numbers and names of family members. If you see documents being removed from trash cans, call the 81st Security Forces Squadron law enforcement desk, 377-3040.

# Pathologist ends military career

By Steve Pivnick

## 81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Col. (Dr.) Robert Zalme ended a 30-year Air Force career Feb. 13.

An oral pathologist with the 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron pathology and clinical laboratory flight, Colonel Zalme had mixed emotions about the occasion — happy to begin a new chapter in his life, but a bit regretful for being unable to complete a major project with which he's been involved.

He began his Air Force career in 1979 as a general dentist at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.

In June 1982, the colonel entered the oral and maxillofacial pathology residency program at Atlanta's Emory University Dental School. He followed that with a yearlong fellowship at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington, D.C.

Colonel Zalme was a staff pathologist at Lester Naval Hospital and Kadena Air Base, Japan, and David Grant Medical Center, Travis AFB, Calif., before arriving at Keesler in 2002.

At Keesler, the colonel spearheaded two major congressionally-funded online pathology projects.

The first was a \$20 million, seven-year effort to develop telepathology used to practice pathology over the Internet.

"Basically, it involves placing a glass slide on a scanner to create a digital image that is saved to a computer," Colonel Zalme explained. "That allows consultants around the world to view a particular slide, enabling us to share our workload or complex cases with other military pathologists worldwide."

He's also been deeply involved the past two years with another congressionally-funded effort to develop an online pathology course. Funded with almost \$2 million, he spent the first year creating a highly-interactive didactic course concentrating on forensic dentistry. He's spent the second year designing a virtual, interactive lab.

"The computer will have collections of large numbers of missing persons and specimens, CT scans and photos. When a student logs on, the computer randomly selects a scenario from 100,000 possible mixes. Students complete autopsy forms on line which instructors will verify. It also includes a wealth of reference material."

While its original purpose was to serve as an educational tool to meet a training requirement for dentists, the unique system will be available not only to all medical and dental providers but also to law enforcement and legal Air



Colonel Zalme

Force Specialty Codes. It's also capable of enabling remote online completion of forms and determination of body identification for real-world missions.

"It will provide a 24/7, worldwide training capability," he remarked. "The interactivity software remains in the development stage, hopefully to be completed this summer."

"It's been exciting to be a part of these projects," Colonel Zalme continued, "but I regret I'm not going to be here to see them come to fruition."

"It's been a good and challenging ride," the colonel said of his military career. "I've set foot in 14 countries and all 50 states. I've met numerous VIPs, presidents and ambassadors. It's been very rewarding to have the ability to deploy anywhere in the world to identify victims. At that time, your team is very important. I've enjoyed working with people who have a strong desire to succeed. I've also enjoyed working in the training environment, teaching mainly dental residents, but also a few medical residents."

He's one of just six dental pathologists in the Air Force; there were 12 when he first started in the field.

Colonel Zalme and his wife, Judy, have a daughter, Heather, who just graduated from Tulane University in New Orleans. The family is moving to Georgetown, Ky., outside Lexington, where he will teach at Georgetown College, his alma mater.

## DRAGON OF THE WEEK

**Name** — Airman 1st Class Heather Kelly

**Unit** — 81st Training Wing legal office

**Position** — civil law paralegal

**Time at Keesler** — eight months; this is my first duty station.

**Hometown** — Sacramento, Calif.

**What are your hobbies?** snowboarding (even though I'm terrible at it), drawing and improving my physical fitness.

**What are your short- and long-term goals** — short-term, to complete my bachelor's degree; long-term, to go to Officer Training School.

**What's your favorite quote?** — The Golden Rule: Treat others as you would like to be treated.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

**Why did you join the Air Force?** — I wanted to utilize my paralegal degree, further

my education and have medical benefits with job security.

## DIAMOND NOTES

Continuous feedback plays a crucial part in the development and success of all Airmen. In accordance with Air Force Instruction 36-2406, Officer and Enlisted Evaluations Systems, feedback is mandatory for all officers, second lieutenant through colonel, and all active duty and Reserve enlisted personnel.



Master Sgt. David Brown, 334th Training Squadron first sergeant

## MEMORABLE MOMENTS



**March 7, 1942**

Keesler Field opened its first hospital and admitted 92 patients during its first day of operation.

## Combatting sexual assault

# Intervention program tested at Keesler highlighted at congressional hearings

By Staff Sgt. J.G. Buzanowski

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON -- When it comes to preventing sexual assault, Airmen have a responsibility to look out for their own, the Secretary of the Air Force's policy expert on preventing sexual assault told members of Congress Friday.

"Our current prevention initiative focuses on development of a bystander intervention training program," testified Charlene Bradley before the Charlene Bradley before the House Armed Services Committee Military Personnel Subcommittee.

Keesler and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, tested the pilot program in November.

"Bystander intervention is a strategy that motivates people who may see, hear or otherwise recognize signs of an inappropriate or unsafe situation, to act in a positive, pro-social way," Ms. Bradley said. "The most effective prevention efforts must be focused on Airmen who, by their participation in peer groups and activities, might either actively or passively provide support or camouflage for the sexual predators in their midst," she added.

When people are passive about a situation that they see could lead to an assault, they're contributing

to the problem, Ms. Bradley said. And in addition to the harm to the individual Airman, sexual assault also affects the mission.

"Sexual assault is a crime, period." Ms. Bradley said. "Assaults go against the core values of the Air Force and degrade mission effectiveness. Airmen have to be able to trust their comrades in arms. If they can't trust the people they work with, how can they be expected to be successful?"

Because the issue so directly affects mission readiness, Air Force commanders have been trained on how to help victims as well as cultivate a culture where sexual assault isn't tolerated at any level. "Our commanders are getting the training they need and it's really helping," Ms. Bradley told the subcommittee. "Commanders are held responsible and they take this very seriously."

Sexual assault prevention is a never ending commitment. It requires consistent, continuing education and training, Ms. Bradley said.

"To continue with our prevention efforts, we are developing a long-term plan that will provide the continuing emphasis and attention to our ultimate goal: to create an environment and culture where sexual assault does not occur," she said.

Susan Griggs, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.



Photo by Kemberly Groue  
Paul Buckingham, left, demonstrates a self-defense technique called target hardening to Staff Sgt. Charmaine Johnson, 81st Operations Support Flight, as Senior Airman Kathryn Barber, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, looks on. Mr. Buckingham is the sexual assault response coordinator at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas. Six Keesler members were trained as instructors and 37 others were introduced to the techniques last week.

# Promotion list includes six captains from Keesler

## 81st Force Support Squadron

Six captains assigned to Keesler have been selected for promotion to major:

**2nd Air Force** — Robert Wilder.

**81st Communications Squadron** — Andre Johnson.

**338th Training Squadron Detachment 1, Fort Gordon, Ga.** — Bobby Roper.

**81st Force Support Squadron** — Christa Shavers.

**Air Force Institute of Technology/University of Southern Mississippi** — Robert Rayner.

**45th Airlift Squadron** — Jason Eddy.



To claim found items or to report lost items, call the 81st Security Forces Squadron investigations office, 377-4500.



AAFES employee Wendy Cleland stocks luggage at the Keesler exchange.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

## Survey confirms AAFES savings

### AAFES Corporate Communication

DALLAS – The results of an exhaustive market basket survey that shows the Army and Air Force Exchange Service saves authorized shoppers 20.38 percent, compared to other retailers, are now available at <http://www.aafes.com/docs/valuestory.htm>

The complete results, sorted by category of merchandise, retailer and market, are posted at the site.

“It’s important that the results of this survey are available to authorized shoppers, especially Reservists, National Guard personnel and retirees,” said Lt. Col. Dean Thurmond, chief of corporate communication for AAFES. “The convincing savings confirm that visiting the (base and post exchanges) and rediscovering the value of AAFES is worth the drive.”

Conducted by an independent research firm last October

year, the AAFES Market Basket survey is a snapshot in time of prices compared to the competition.

More than 300 products, including shampoo, diapers and makeup, were compared item by item.

Example comparisons included four rolls of Charmin Bath Tissue for \$3.19 at AAFES sold for \$3.99 at a leading drug store chain, 25 oz. Tide Ultra Liquid 2X original scent, available at AAFES for \$5.19, was \$7.59 at a national big box retailer and 1.25 ounce Icy Hot Extra Strength Pain Relieving Cream was \$3.15 at AAFES compared to \$3.89 at a national grocery store chain.

In addition to the national survey, each major AAFES Exchange location conducts local price surveys monthly to ensure AAFES pricing is consistently competitive.

## Sweepstakes gives away free fuel

DALLAS – The Army and Air Force Exchange Service and ConAgra Foods, Inc., one of North America’s largest packaged foods companies, are putting military shoppers in the driver’s seat as they give away \$20,000 in free fuel, Friday through March 19.

Entry forms for the sweepstakes will be available at exchanges worldwide. Prizes include 150 \$100 AAFES gift cards, as well as five \$500 exchange gift cards to be awarded as grand prizes.

Prizes for the sweepstakes will be awarded about April 16. This contest is open to all authorized exchange shoppers including National Guard and Reserve personnel, active-duty Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors and Marines, military retirees and their families.

### Savings percentage by department October 2008

<b>Automotive</b>	— 29.81
<b>Books</b>	— 13.56
<b>Boys apparel</b>	— 35.09
<b>Cameras</b>	— 6.57
<b>Computers/peripherals</b>	— 22.34
<b>Cosmetics</b>	— 20.11
<b>Electronics</b>	— 13.97
<b>Fashion jewelry</b>	— 19.93
<b>Giftware</b>	— 21.71
<b>Girls apparel</b>	— 28.74
<b>Greeting cards</b>	— 20.10
<b>Handbags, hosiery</b>	— 20.10
<b>Hardware</b>	— 12.58
<b>Health and beauty</b>	— 20.93
<b>Household</b>	— 23.72
<b>Housewares</b>	— 16.13
<b>Infants</b>	— 16.68
<b>Intimate apparel</b>	— 23.11
<b>Juvenile furniture</b>	— 19.93
<b>Ladies apparel</b>	— 25.41
<b>Luggage</b>	— 59.26
<b>Magazines</b>	— 8.59
<b>Major appliances</b>	— 23.44
<b>Men’s apparel</b>	— 27.01
<b>Retail food</b>	— 21.42
<b>Shoes</b>	— 21.42
<b>Small appliances</b>	— 9.18
<b>Sporting goods</b>	— 27.75
<b>Stationery</b>	— 31.43
<b>Sunglasses</b>	— 22.64
<b>Toys</b>	— 17.03
<b>Watches</b>	— 16.41



## Paralegals in demand

The paralegal career field, Air Force Specialty Code 5J0X1, offers many opportunities for people interested in retraining into a challenging job with assignments in many locations.

To qualify, a member must be at least a senior airman with a minimum 5-skill level in any AFSC; minimum general Airman Qualification Exam score of 51; ability to type at least 25 words per minute; have no convictions by court-martial, punishment under Article 15, or conviction by civilian court, excluding minor traffic violations.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Tavia Whitley, 376-8601.

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I am a warrior.  
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American Airman.  
My mission is to fly,  
fight and win.

I am faithful to  
a proud heritage,  
a tradition of honor  
and a legacy of valor.

I am an  
American Airman,  
Guardian of  
freedom and justice,  
My nation's sword  
and shield,  
its sentry and avenger.  
I defend my country  
with my life.

I am an  
American Airman:  
Wingman,  
leader, warrior.

I will never leave  
an Airman behind.  
I will not falter,  
and I will not fail.



# Child care on base requires licensing

Volunteer — get connected.

By Earlene Smith

## 81st Force Support Squadron

People living in base housing who care for children in their homes could be breaking the rules.

Air Force Instruction 34-276, which governs day care in on-base quarters, states “any individuals caring for children more than 10 hours a week on a regular basis must get approval.”

It states that the “installation commander may revoke the housing privileges of individuals who provide child care but refuse to become licensed or who continue to provide care after their license has been suspended or revoked.”

The rule applies whether or not caregivers are compensated for their services.

“We feel people living in base housing, who regularly care for children without being licensed, may be unaware of the regulation,” said Mary Pleasant, family child care program coordinator. “We want not only to bring the information to their attention, but to educate them on the alternative — to become a

licensed family child care provider.”

Licenses are granted by the 81st Mission Support Group commander, usually within 30 days upon completion of the initial FCC provider training, background screenings and home inspections.

The training includes child guidance, play environments, nutrition, ages and stages of development, child abuse and neglect, recordkeeping, business management, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid.

“FCC providers are professionals trained to give the best possible care to the children left in their charge,” said Ms. Pleasant.

Once licensed, providers may care for children from 2 weeks through 12 years old assistance from the FCC staff in setting up their home and have access to an extensive library for toys, equipment and materials which help keep costs down. They may set up their own hours of operation and fee structure.

For more information, call 377-3189, 5934 or 5935, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

**Road rage is a recipe for disaster.**

# Air Force needs more recruiters

## Air Force News Service

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The decision to increase the Air Force end strength from 316,000 to 330,000 at the end of 2008 forced Air Force Recruiting Service officials here to ramp up the number of recruiters across the nation, offering more Airmen a chance to enter a uniquely challenging career.

“Recruiting offers a direct opportunity for Airmen to step out of their current career fields and provides them the chance to change people’s lives,” said Chief Master Sgt. Vance Clark, AFRS command chief.

“Men and women who would not have as many opportunities in their home towns are afforded the chance to train, learn, experience and see things and places in the Air Force they never would,” he said.

Recruiters act as representatives of the Air Force to the local communities within which they serve. They are the first to touch the lives of future Airmen before they enter onto active duty, thus shaping the service’s future enlisted force.

Master Sgt. Craig Ploessl of the AFRS recruiter screen team said most Airmen choosing to enter recruiting identify three primary reasons: autonomy, stability and hometown. In addition to working independently to find young men and women interested in Air Force career opportunities, an assignment in recruiting comes with an assurance that recruiters will be dedicated to the special-duty job at or near their home towns for the next four years.

“Who wouldn’t want the opportunity to influence young American’s and show them the value of serving their nation while getting back 10-fold from their training and experiences?” asked Chief Clarke.

To find out more about recruiting opportunities, call the recruiter screening team, 1-210-565-0584. You can also learn more about eligibility at <http://www.rs.af.mil>.

# KEESLER NOTES

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## Medicare seminar

A medicare seminar is 5:15-7 p.m. Tuesday at the Mississippi State University Coastal Research Center on Popps Ferry Road, Biloxi.

The seminar is co-hosted by the Area Agency on Aging Mississippi Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program coordinator and the Keesler Airman and Family Readiness Center.

Refreshments are provided.

For more information, log on to [\\keefs0302\81mss\\_common\lupb&w.pdf](http://keefs0302\81mss_common\lupb&w.pdf)

To register, call 376-8728.

## Art show, auction

The Keesler Spouses Club art show and auction is March 21 at the Katrina Kantina.

Work by Keesler artist Susan Templin is featured.

The preview is at 5:30 p.m., with the auction at 6:30.

Tickets are \$10 per person. Light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar are planned. Attire is business casual.

Net proceeds benefit the KSC scholarship fund.

To respond, call 257-6842 or e-mail [hooligandog@aol.com](mailto:hooligandog@aol.com).

## Kick the habit

The 81st Medical Operations Squadron sponsors a "Kick the Habit" seminar for people addicted to nicotine, 1-2:30 p.m. March 27 in the hematology/oncology clinic.

To register, call 376-3845.

## Commissary closed

The commissary is closed April 12 for Easter.

## Play group

A play group for children ages 5 and younger is 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesdays at the youth center.

For more information, call Andi Hunter, 313-9822.

## Thrift shop hours

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 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays.

## Dark Knights outlast Marines in Fort Gordon basketball

By Senior Airman Terrance Dixon

338th Training Squadron Detachment 1

**Editor's note:** This report is reprinted from the Feb. 13 issue of *The Signal*, Fort Gordon, Ga.

Fort Gordon Air Force and Marine detachments bumped heads on the hardwood for their monthly competition, continuing a tradition started in December.

During the last month of the year, the two detachments started a tradition competing in sports once a month for an Air Force/Marines plaque. In December, the Marines challenged the 338th Training Squadron Air Force Detachment to a flag football game. The Marines came to play and destroyed the Air Force Detachment.

In January, the Marines feeling confident about their win, challenged the Air Force to a basketball game. Members of the Air Force Detachment came to the court determined to redeem themselves from a devastating loss.

Jay Alston and Terrance Dixon served as player coaches for the Air Force Detachment and Scott Gurley was the coach for the Marine Detachment.

From the opening tip it looked like the Marines were ready to trounce the Air Force again.

As the game progressed with 10 minutes left in the first half, the score was 13-9 with the Marines in the lead.

The Air Force Detachment was struggling offensively and the Marines capitalized with a couple fast break points by Ryan Pippen.

Kedric Beachem repeatedly plowed his way into the lane providing a seemingly unstoppable scoring threat.

All that the 338th defenders could do was foul him to keep him from easy buckets.

He spent much of the first half at the charity stripe. Scott and Gurley combined for nine gimme's at the free throw line in the first half.

With the clock winding down toward the half, Air Force found the defensive set that worked. Stefon Cunnikan and Jordan Mees came off the bench with a tenacious defense that frustrated the Marines into turnovers and a couple of quick fast break scoring opportunities for Air Force.

Jeffrey Pelkey caught fire in the turnaround tempo and hit a couple of key three-pointers to keep the 338th in the game. At the end of the first half, Air Force had whittled the score to 21-20 with the Marines hanging on to the lead by a thread.

With the start of the second half, the Air Force pushed the defensive envelope with an all-out full court press. The Marines stuck to their original game plan tied to a steady 2-3 zone.

The contest surged on with the Marines holding on to its fragile lead but unable to corral an Air Force unit that would not let up.

As a result of the full court press the Air Force caused a few turnovers leading into quick scores by Jay Alston, Terrance Dixon, Jimmy McCloskey, Thomas Woodard and Thomas Nelson.

While the aggressive Air Force press yielded some quick easy points, the flip side of the press — fouls — gave the Marines trips to the free throw line where they capitalized.

Kedric Beachem, William Cruz, Scott Gurley, and David King all took advantage of the charity opportunities.

Late in the game with the clock winding down and the press beginning to wear the Marines down, Benjamin McNaughton sparked a turnover. The ball passed to John Answorth who posted up and swished a three-pointer. Air Force took the lead 32-30.

Bolstered by the smell of victory, the Air Force Detachment threw everything except the bench into the game.

They never looked back. Despite a last minute push by the Marines to regain the lead, Air Force held out and came away the victors with a 46-39 win.

Jeffrey Pelkey was the leading scorer for the 338th Detachment with 14 points. He was 4- 5 from beyond the arch. Kedric Beachem from the Marine Detachment led his team with 13 points; he was 7-9 from the free throw line.

The units will continue their rivalry this month with a softball contest.

## International soccer on the way



Photo by Kemberly Groue  
Canadian Army Maj. Steve Kiroopoulos, left, acting president of the Conseil International du Sport Militaire soccer technical committee, and Brian Mooers, Keesler's CISM project officer, tour Biloxi High School athletic facilities March 3. The school is a venue for CISM's 10-day women's soccer tournament hosted by Keesler in June.

For more news, videos, information and photos,  
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<http://www.keesler.af.mil>

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# SCORES AND MORE

## Bowling

### Monday Night Budweiser

(as of March 2)

Team	Won	Lost
New Meat	107	47
Perry's Refrigeration	100	47
DOG Squad	93	61
Robbie's Rejects	88	66
Hit 9 Get 9	86	68
Slater's Shooters	83	71
Wrong Foot Forward	79	75
Pot Luck	78	76
Man On!	78	76
Our Gang	77	77
Sandy's Gang	76	78
403rd Strykers	75.5	78.5
All Screwed Up	74	80
Martini's	72	82
Ricky's Rookies	71.5	82.5
Team 18	64	90
Hoops Gang	60	94
Why Not	60	94
Team 12	57	90
Unpredictables	54	100

### Wednesday Night Mixed

(as of March 4)

Team	Won	Lost
Wild Gang	96	65
Dee's Crew	94	67
Any Takers	84	77
Ichi Ban	84	77
Neighbors Plus 1	84	77
Clyde's Crew	83	78
MUDD	76	85
70s Plus	73	68
Team 6	72	89
Guys and Dolls	59	102

### Thursday Retired Seniors

(as of March 5)

Team	Won	Lost
6-Pack	99	62
Kitty and Kats	96	65
Team 12	88	73
Team 16	87	74
Team 14	84	77
TBB Express	83	78
CHMATO	83	78
Three's Company	82.5	78.5
Two He's and a She	81	80
Team 13	78	83
Team 8	75	86
Team 11	75	86
2 Kings and A Queen	73	88
Team 5	72	89
3-70s Plus	69	92
Lucky Trio	60.5	100.5

### Friday Night Mixed

(as of Feb. 13)

Team	Won	Lost
Rose and Her Thorns	104	57
Frustrated	101	60
Sandbaggers	89	72
Mixed Nuts	80	81
The Strikers	72	82
Lady and the Tramps	78	83
We Take Ugly	78	83
3 Guys and a Babe	76	85
Fun Timers	76	85
Pin Busters	73	88
Pin Pals	71	90
Beyond Control	61	100

## Other

**Registration** — continues for Keesler Youth Bowling Association at Gaudé Lanes. Any child old enough to throw the bowling ball down the alley is eligible. League meets 9:30 a.m. Saturdays. Instruction available. For more information, including fees, call

377-2817.

**Glow bowling** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, \$1 per game and \$1 for shoes; 9 p.m. Fridays, 7 p.m. Saturdays, \$5.50 adults, \$3.50 ages 17 and younger, including shoes.

**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. weekdays. Bring your employees bowling for \$1 a game plus shoe rental. For reservations, call 377-2817.

**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.

## Fitness centers

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

**Massage appointments** — at Triangle Fitness Center, call 263-5515.

**Triangle Fitness Center** — open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays and weekends; closed holidays. For more information, call 377-3056.

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

**Blake Fitness Center** — open 4:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays; 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekends and holidays.

**Dragon Fitness Center** — 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays. Parent-child fitness room has workout equipment and play area for ages 6 months to 7 years.

**Wall of Fame** — powerlifting event, 1-4 p.m. first compressed work schedule Friday each month, Triangle Fitness Center. Squat, bench press and dead lift; one attempt in any or all three events; 12 weight classes for men, 10 for women. Set record for most pounds lifted or break an existing record and get your picture on the wall. Open to all Defense Department personnel 18 years of age and older.

For more information, call 377-3056.

## Golf

**Nonprior service student special** — show phase card or UBU card. Greens fee and cart, \$15 for 18 holes, \$10 for nine holes; add \$5 for rental clubs.

**Free golf lessons for nonprior service students** 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays; first come, first served. Maximum 10 per session; bring your own clubs.

**Twilight special** — 2 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays. Pay the nine-hole fee and play until course closes.

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

## Outdoor recreation

**St. Patrick's Day special** — March 17. Wear green and get 10 percent discount on rental equipment.

**March fish of the month** — weigh in the largest croaker and take home a \$100 savings bond; minimum three participants.

**10 percent discount** — No. 1 camping package.

**Rental campers** — \$50 day. Two available; one sleeps six, one sleeps eight. For more information and towing requirements, call 377-3160.

**Fish of the month** — weigh in the largest redfish during February and win \$100 savings bond; minimum three participants.

**Back Bay fishing trip** — \$20 per person. Mississippi fishing license required; minimum four, maximum five people. For date and time, call 377-3160.

**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.

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

**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.

**Nonprior service student special** — 35000 Trek seven-speed bikes, \$5 day on nonworking Friday, Saturday and Sunday, or Saturday/Sunday.

**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.

## Running

**St. Patrick's Day 5-kilometer run** — 3 p.m. Tuesday at the marina. Sign up by 2 p.m.

## HONORS

### Student honor roll

#### 332nd Training Squadron

**Electronic principles** — Airmen Basic Karl Almquist, Nicholas Ames, Simon Anderson, May Azcarraga, Max Bachicha, Christopher Basciano, Amanda Benefield, Cody Berck, Sidney Berthold, Kaylee Bledsoe, Caleb Bohnsack, Paul Borja, Remington Burnette, Ernesto Cano, Zackary Chaussee, Terrell Cheeks, Omar Colon-Hernandez, John Conafay, Matthew Conkey, Benjamin Cooper, Evan Corzine, Kurtis Cox, Kevin Crowley, Richard Crumley, Anthony Cucchiara, Christopher Culver, Duane Davis, Matthew Day, Jose DeJesus, Christopher DeLaTorre, Brent Desouza, Jesse Dick, Shawn Diviney, Marymae Domingo, Mark Eicher, Christopher Farrell, Nicholas Fields, Joshua Frankum, Derek Fulton, William Gabel, Daniel Gaudetta, Giancarlo Gaviria, Adam Gerych, Anthony Gilbert, Nicholas Goldsmith, Alexis Gonzalez, Joseph Gratson, Jona Green, Christopher Hanson, Robert Harden, Paul Harrington, Arthur Hatch, Jose Hernandez, Jake Hysell, Rashodrick Jackson, Jeffrey Kallas, James Kata, Aaron Kempf, Leonard King, Justin Kugleman, Samuel Laird, Brian Lawrence, Jommel Lazaga, Wesley Llanes, Benjamin Lockwood, Fernando Lozano, Stuart Lunsford, Christopher McDowell, Ronald Meckes, Matthew Mendez, Crystal Mendosa, Zachariah Miniea, Bradley Mowery, Joshua Newell, Benjamin O'Keefe, Robert Padget, Devin Peatt, Daniel Poelking, Cheylene Pollard, Marc Porter, Kyle Puls, Adrian Ramirez, Aaron Ratcliff, Brady Raynor, Justin Rhoads, Chelsea Root, Riley Roy, Christopher Ruby, Christopher Rupertus, Joshua Schickedanz, Christopher Schultz, Marcus Sharpe, Machek Sherepa, Thomas Sloan, Tyler Starkey, Richard Synger, Nicholas Taghon, Cullen Tracy, Abel Tuinei, Travis Tyler, Thomas VanEngen, Christopher Vaughn, Jeremy Waid, Christopher Walka, Nicholas Wellenbrock, Jeffrey Wiebers, Steward Williams, Corby Wilson, Zachary Winfrey and Stephen Yount; Airmen Dominick Alfano, Christopher Bahe, Douglas Bohl, Michael Bright, Adam Bushman, Tyler Carey, Josef Christman, Nicholas Clementoni, Cody Feher, Gregg Gurganus, Allison Hamlin, Paul Hendrick, Charles Hulse, Eric Joice, Woodrow Keith, Matthew Kuhns, James Lee, Gregory Miller, Christopher Miscisin, Charles Potter, Aaron Potts, Jacob Rutter, Michael Seymour, Ashton Terry, Matthew Thelen, Matthew Wilson and Jared Wineland; Airmen 1st Class Peder Aarness, Kalo Abban, Lisa Agent, Dustin Anderson, Donald Baker, Richard Barnes, Matthew Belt, Joncristofer Boam, Keith Bohn, Erik Borgeson, Kyle Bradford, Micahel Branch, Douglas Brummund, Cesar Cantu, Timothy Carey, Jared Carter, Maresa Cheersamran, Steven Childers, Kelvin Ciprian, Jason Cordell, Kevin Cox, Nicholas Ervin, Thomas Estes, Jacob Fair, Darryl Fancher, Eric Finney, Clinton Frantz, Joseph Frantz, Reginald Graves, David Haas, Eric Hagerty, Andrew Harmon, Kyle Heffler, Bradley Higgins, Tartiana Houston, Damien Howard, Kevin Johnson, Nickolas Jones, Christopher Joren, William Keeley, Douglas King, Alisha Kruger, Jeremy Letsche, Adam Lichtenberg, Eric Litteken, Travis Livingston, Roy Loran, Annette Martinez, Thomas Mayotte, Horacio Maysonet, Richard Melcher, Hillary Miller, Kevin Monroe, Ryan Mowen, Chandler Mulkey, Thorval Munksgaard, Mark Murray, Aaron Oliver, Tyler Owens, Gregory Pagan, Kayla Parcell, Deepak Prasad, Jonathan Roche, Eric Sanborn, John Saringo, Herson Segovia, Michael Shine, Wesley Shirley, Wesley Sorrill, Justin Teixeira, Derek Terrini, Martin Wagner, Kyle Walden, Joshua Watson, Hart Weber, Jonathan Williams and Benjamin Yi; Senior Airmen Kevin Brengle, Matthew Doney, Scott Hirzaumi, Delandon Jackson, Horacio Martinez, Darrick Mitchell, Marvin Moreland, Joshua Reid, Taya Schram, Bradley Snyder and Reginald Woods; Staff Sgts. Eldric Bankston, Anthony Bellinger, Terrance Bias, Paul DeForge, Alfredo Diaz, George Gerner, Jules Guidry, Scott Husler, Nicholas Leuschen, Patrick McCarthy, Jason McDonald, Daniel Perkins, Kareem Pitts, Allen Reaves, Michael Sistrunk, Stephanie Smith, Levi Tovar and Eluah Vo; Tech. Sgts. Adam Blair, Robert Hoffman, Joshua Jopling, Keith Kinsey, Matthew McCoy, Johnny Robertson, Tyson Scholes, James Warrack and David Winston; Master Sgt. Andres Crespo; Chief Master Sgt. Mohammed AlQahtani; Thomas Jalbert.

#### 334th TRS

**Air traffic control operations training flight** — Airmen Basic Sarah Bartleson, Derek Boger, Daniela Boone, Shawn Brown, Zachary Beyer, John Deward, Giovanni Gallo, James Guitard, Tyler Hicks, Derek Savage, Jacob Twigg, Luke Wallerstedt and Logan Wilbur; Airmen 1st Class John Moyle,

Luke Simons, Aryn Thornberg and Joshua Tomko; Staff Sgt. Nathan Jeter; 2nd Lt. Gergo Csermak.

**Command post apprentice course** — Airmen Basic Garrett Lee and Natalie Untalan; Airman William Lott; Airmen 1st Class Joseph Cardamone, Kristabel Elam, Kyle Morales and Gregory Nakamura; Staff Sgts. Stuart Aldrich, Matthew Ash, Adam Crogan, Christopher Gallo, Amy Kodera, Dusty Littleford, Burke Mills and Shawn Wentz; Tech. Sgt. Christopher Simon; Master Sgt. Jeffrey Cummings.

#### 335th TRS

**Comptroller training flight** — Airmen Basic Aaron Coleman, Jessica Dalton, Ricardo Diaz-DeLeon, Michael Hatfield, Michael Peak, David Shaw and Joshua Tibbit; Airmen Kristopher Barrientes, Kelsey Buis and Julia Fomina; Airman 1st Class Precious Akitoye, Vincent Bulatao, Lanita Collins, Carlos Esguerra, Jesse Hughes, Michael Millar, Petra Reid, Douglas Vice and April Williams; Senior Airman Ryan Ferguson, Joshua Krueger, Elisabeth Peshek and Patrick Salmon; Staff Sgts. Jennifer Baker, Rasheem Cephas, Martin Hanley, Erica Harper, Jerry Madriaga, Howard McGriff and Rodney McInnis; Tech. Sgt. Tamesha Rayes; Master Sgts. Amanda Colvin and Doris Hagan.

**Weather training flight** — Navy Airmen Recruit Mathew Chesko, James Lawson, Kevin McGee, Martin Redditt, Heather Shaw and Ashley Vivian; Airmen Basic Ritchie Clemmons, Jesse Hagler, Eric Novela, Ryan Pierce and Christopher Smith; Navy Airmen Apprentice Christopher Lampley and Michael Rodriguez; Airman Amy Lipira and Steven Vasko; Airmen 1st Class Douglas Cuff, Michelle Enderle, Jasmine Huertas, Julian McAlister, Jeffery Miles, Nathan Morga, Jessica Morris, Shane Thomas and Hailey Trueblood; Navy Airmen Nicole Phelps and Ashley Warn; Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Joseph Liotino; Marine Corps Cpl. Hans Hanner; Senior Airman Breeana McDonald; Marine Corps Sgt. David Randolph; Staff Sgts. John Dickson, Tyler Iteen, Kirk Joyce, Vondee Martin, Joseph Moran and Johnie Smith; Tech. Sgt. Andrea Sheeran; Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Daniel Hammonds.

#### 336th TRS

**Communications-computer systems flight** — Airmen 1st Class Ryan Brewer, Brian Davis, Eric Messer, Benjamin Paddock, Colin Smith, Shawn Spears and Joshua Steward; Senior Airmen Jeremy Kaufman and Paul San; Staff Sgts. Mario Chavez-Rivas, Chad Stanley and Jeffrey Whitaker and Harvey Williams; Tech Sgts. Joseph Derrico and Stephen Wall; Master Sgts. Allen Faust and Michael Nabholz.

## CHAPEL SERVICES

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

### Protestant

#### Sunday worship

Larcher Chapel traditional with children's ministry.....8:30 a.m.  
Triangle Chapel contemporary service.....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

For worship opportunities, call 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 801-787-1990.

**Communications and information flight** — Airmen Basic Brett Adams, Timothy Baker, Michael Butler, Christopher Cianfrone-Adams, Joshua Goddard, Joshua Perry, Julian Pfister, Austin Proll, Christopher Rushing, Evan Soriano, Brandon Tyler, Gary Williams and Sean Williamson; Airmen Noah Blach and Eric Leyva; Airmen 1st Class Raeann Batz, Matthew Benoit, Richard Cabantan, Michael D'Amico, Brandon Devault, Joshua Deville, David Hickox, Chelsea Kline, Jonathan Martin, Nicholas Morrison, Michael Pazarena, William Randall, Juan Rivera-Puig, Jayme Rodriguez, Jared Silva, Daniel Simmons, Michael Trum, John Valadon and David Whittaker; Senior Airmen Justin Hunnicutt, Corey Ross, Wesley Sobczyk; Staff Sgts. Aaron Copeland, Donna Doyon, Alicia Dunn, Charlie Freeman, Tremaine Joseph, Thomas Knoll and Russell Warren; Master Sgt. Jascha Patton; Senior Master Sgt. David Robles, Chief Master Sgt. James Boswell.

## CLASSES

### Airman Leadership School

**Class 09-3** — graduation April 1.

### Mathies NCO Academy

**Class 09-3** — graduation April 2.

### Airman and family readiness center

**Key Spouse training** — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 26, Room 108B, Sablich Center.

### Arts and crafts center

**Open house** — 4:30-7:30 p.m. today and March 26. Meet instructors, tour shops, register for door prizes.

**St. Patrick's Day special** — guess number of jelly beans in the pot of gold, and weight of the Blarney Stone. Prizes awarded; winners announced Tuesday.

**Jewelry making** — 10:30 a.m. to noon March 28. \$30 including materials. Learn wire wrapping and tooling.

**Beginning intarsia woodworking** — 10 a.m. March 20. \$15 including materials.

**Advanced intarsia woodworking** — 10 a.m. March 21. \$20 including materials and tool use.

**Beginning woodworking** — March 25. \$15 including shop use and materials. Class certifies you to use the woodworking equipment.

**Beginning framing** — one class, three sessions, 5:30 p.m. today, March 19 and 26. \$60. Bring your favorite photograph or art work no larger than 11 x14 inches.

**Powder puff mechanics** — 5:30 p.m. today in the auto hobby shop. \$10 per person.

**Thursday crafting** — 5-7:30 p.m. crafting pleasure, painting, pottery, scrapbooking.

**February classes** — ceramics, card making, jewelry making, baking, pottery and intarsia woodworking.

**Multi-crafts center** — potter's wheels, ceramic molds, air brushing and tools are available for use in the shop. Craft classes for beginners, intermediate and advance levels. Craft supplies for sale.

**Engraving shop** — squadron, office and individual orders are our business.

**Wood shop** — stocked retail lumber and a large assembly area adjacent to the machine room are available. Call for information on beginners and advanced woodworking classes.

### Auto hobby shop

**Open shop use.**

**Vehicle storage lot** — for a secure place to store your vehicle, call 377-3872.

**Car care** — 24-hour coin-operated car wash, vacuum and tire air pump; features foamy brush wash, high pressure rinse, wax system, towelettes and Armorall, and a vacuum station.

### 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 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Registration, license and proof of insurance required. \$10 per month per stall

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for regular vehicles, \$20 per month for recreational vehicles and boats.

## 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 pre-school, 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.

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

## McBride Library

**Orientations for teens and older** — 6:30 p.m. March 19, 23 and 29. Basic information on Ebsco and Gale Group.

**Book displays** — Ireland, Monday-March 20; Shakespeare with Ides of March topic, March 23-27.

**Overdrive audio online book program** — individual or family accounts can be set up to allow download/playing of full length audio books on a personal computer. Check with library staff for details.

**Rosetta Stone online language learning center** — 30 foreign languages including Spanish. For more information, check with the library staff.

**Chief of Staff professional military reading list** — titles available for checkout from the special book collection.

**Orientations for commanders, instructors and first sergeants** — 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

**Homework help** — 4-5 p.m. Tuesdays, middle school only.

**Volunteers needed** — dancers, singers, musicians, artists to share their talent with the children during the summer reading program. For more information, call 377-2604.

**Online catalog** — to search the inventory of books, DVDs, CDs, videotapes, magazines, periodicals and more, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>, click on the link for McBride Library, then the link for the online catalog.

**Available** — two large meeting rooms, audio room, typing room and children's library.

**Wireless Internet** — information available at the front desk.

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

**Tours/orientations** — call 377-2604.

## CLUBS AND CENTERS

### Vandenberg Community Center

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

**UBU party** — 8 p.m. March 20, nonprior service students only. Prizes and giveaways.

**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.

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

**Movie nights** — 7 p.m. Wednesday; free popcorn.

### Katrina Kantina

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

**St. Patrick's Day party** — 5 p.m. Tuesday. Free food for members, \$3 for non members. Green beer, door prizes and karaoke.

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

**Tuesday special** — 5 p.m., red beans and rice, \$1 bowl.

**Karaoke** — 6-9 p.m. Jan. 22; DJ Wayne, drink specials.

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

### Youth center

**Editor's note:** All children registered in a youth center program receive free membership.

**Open recreation** — 3-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 3-6 p.m. Fridays and 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays, ages 9 and older. Boys and Girls Club programs including computer media center, homework assistance "Power Hour" program, and triple-play sports and recreation activities. Students sign themselves in at the front desk.

**Mississippi Child Identification Program** — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; co-hosted with the airman and family readiness center. For more information, call 377-4116.

**Image makers photo contest** — March 24-27, ages 5-18. Entries accepted Monday-Thursday. Judging March 27. For more information, call 377-4116.

**American Red Cross babysitting course** — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 28, ages 11-15. \$45 payable at registration, no later than March 13. Maximum 10 participants.

**Friday night fun** — 6:30-9:30 p.m., ages 6-12. Free skating music and games.

**Youth center action council** — meets monthly. If you're interested in military youth programs and have a child age 6-18, call and join this focus group.

**Military home schoolers** — meet monthly at the youth center. For more information, call 377-4116.

**Power hour** — 4-6 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. Homework help and tutoring, ages 6-12. No charge for those registered in the youth program.

**Classes** — gymnastics, karate, children's theater and guitar; \$50 month. Classes meet Saturday mornings. For more information, call 377-4116.

**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.

**Commissioners and coaches needed** — for youth sports. For more information, call 377-4116.

**Shuttle service** — parents interested in a shuttle service for ages 9 and older for Biloxi area schools and base housing to youth center, sign up at the center as soon as possible.

## TICKETS AND TRIPS

**Editor's note:** Now located in arts and crafts center.

**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.

**Free Disney World tickets** — for information, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>

## 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 Tuesdays in Room 111, Sablich Center, 1 p.m. for those who are separating and 2:30 p.m. for those who are retiring. If someone is separating/retiring under special circumstances, they can schedule an appointment by calling 376-8728.

**Transition assistance program** — briefings for 2009 are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 13-16, May 11-14, June 8-11, July 13-16, Aug. 10-13, Sept. 14-17, Oct. 19-22, Nov. 16-19 and Dec. 14-17, 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.

**Air Force Reserve opportunities** — for members separating within 180 days, call Master Sgt. Charlene Morse, 377-7116; e-mail [charlene.morse@keesler.af.mil](mailto:charlene.morse@keesler.af.mil) or visit Room 125-F, Sablich Center.

**Palace Chase** — for information about how to apply for a program to attend college full time and work part time, visit Room 125-F, Sablich Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Charlene Morse, 377-7116; e-mail [charlene.morse@keesler.af.mil](mailto:charlene.morse@keesler.af.mil) or visit Room 130, Sablich Center.

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## DINING HALL MENUS

### Today

**Lunch** — herbed baked chicken, beef and noodles, fried catfish, blackeyed peas with rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, peas, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, cheeseburger soup, frontier chicken chili, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

**Dinner** — roast pork loin, jaegerschnitzel veal, chicken cordon bleu, potato halves, orange rice, gravy, carrots, pinto beans, corn combo, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

### Friday

**Lunch** — Mexican baked chicken, country-style steak, stuffed peppers, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, beans, Spanish beans, peas and carrots, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chicken with wild rice soup, onion soup, chili, barbecue pork sandwiches and burritos.

**Dinner** — lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken cacciatore, rice, gravy, broccoli, cauliflower, Italian baked chicken, corn O'Brien, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chicken with wild rice soup, onion soup, chili, barbecue pork sandwiches and burritos.

### Saturday

**Lunch** — baked chicken, beef yakisoba, canned ham, baked potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, broccoli, peas, carrots, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, raisin sauce, clam chowder, tomato florentine soup and buffalo wings.

**Dinner** — fish almondine, stir-fry chicken with broccoli, pork chops, rissole potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, calico corn, club spinach, fried okra, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, clam chowder, tomato florentine soup, chicken frontier chili and buffalo wings.

### Sunday

**Lunch** — baked fish, sauerbraten, chicken breast parmesan, au gratin potatoes, egg noodles, gravy, cauliflower combo, mixed vegetables, fried cabbage, tomato salad, German coleslaw, cheesy chicken tortilla soup, baked potato chowder, chili and cheese pizza.

**Dinner** — ginger barbecue chicken, fried shrimp, beef manicotti, potato wedges, mashed potatoes, gravy, black-eyed peas, collard greens, corn O'Brien, tomato salad, German coleslaw, cheesy chicken tortilla soup, baked potato chowder, chili and cheese pizza.

### Monday

**Lunch** — Swiss steak, baked chicken, sausage, peppers and onions, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, carrots, cucumber and onion salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumplings soup, minestrone, chili with beans, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

**Dinner** — turkey, ribeye steak, tempura fish, mashed potatoes, combread dressing, gravy, succotash, tempura vegetables, green beans, garden cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone, chili with beans, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

### Tuesday

**Lunch** — lemon garlic fish, pork schnitzel steak, beef and yakisoba, ginger rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, pinto beans, spinach, squash, spinach salad, waldorf salad, frontier chicken chili, beef pot roast soup, vegetable soup, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

**Dinner** — roast pork loin, barbecue beef cubes, chicken fajitas, O'Brien potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower, corn on the cob, lima beans, waldorf salad, frontier chicken chili, beef pot roast soup, vegetable soup, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

### Wednesday

**Lunch** — lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken cacciatore, noodles, baked potatoes, baked beans, green beans, simmered squash, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, chili, cheese fish-wich and cheese pizza

**Dinner** — spaghetti with meat sauce, Swiss steak, fried chicken, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, fried cauliflower, asparagus, simmered cabbage, coleslaw, country style tomatoes, chicken noodle soup, potato soup, chili with beans, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

## Employment opportunities

**Career focus program for spouses** — information on area employment opportunities, job Web sites, human resources contacts, temporary jobs, on-base listings and free training programs. Computer lab available for resume preparation or job search in Room 108B, Sablich Center. For an appointment, call 376-8728.

**Junior ROTC** — immediate employment opportunities for retired or retiring Air Force officers and noncommissioned officers. Those who retired within the past 10 years or are six months from retirement may qualify to be an instructor. To apply or for more information, go to <http://www.afjrotc.af.mil> and select "AFJROTC" or call Jo Alice Talley, toll free 1-866-235-7682, extension 7742; DSN 493-7742, or commercial (334) 953-7742.

**Air Force Office of Special Investigations** — senior airmen with less than six years time in service, and staff and technical sergeants with less than 12 years time in service are eligible. Foreign language, computer or technical skills are desired, but not required. Those accepted attend the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick, Ga. for training in instruction in law, report writing, forensics, interview techniques, firearms and defensive tactics and other subjects related to the challenges of investigative duty. For more information on applying, contact AFOSI Detachment 407, 377-3420.

## Web sites

**Defense Manpower Data Center** — <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dors> or <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/tbb>.

**Air Force Blue to Corporate Gray** — <http://www.bluetogray.com>.

**Air Force Federal Employment Resume and Information** — <http://www.afpcrandolph.af.mil/resweb>.

**Civilian job certification and licensing requirements for military personnel and veterans** — <http://www.dol.gov/dol/vets>.

**Department of Veterans Affairs** — <http://www.vba.va.gov/efif/index.htm>; for members returning from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

**Southern Region Military and Civilian Job Fair** — <http://www.mesc.state.ms.us/jobfair>.

**New military spouse career center** — <http://www.military.com/spouse>. Extensive job board including public and private sectors. For more information, call Vince Patton, 703-269-0154, or e-mail at [vince@militaryadvantage.com](mailto:vince@militaryadvantage.com).

**Military Connection** — online resources database for military family members seeking civilian employment at <http://www.militaryconnection.com>.

**America's Job Bank** — <http://www.ajb.dni.us>.

# MEETINGS

**African-American Heritage Committee** — 3:30 p.m. second Tuesday of the month, Room 109, Taylor Logistics Building. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Yolanda Jerry, 377-2157, or Kurt Higgins, 377-5250.

**Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 652** — 4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month, Katrina Kantina. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Rich Striggow, 377-4800, 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 Staff Sgt. Aaron Eden, 377-1907; 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, 376-8500, or Master Sgt. Ernesto Alvendia, 376-8501.

**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 1st Lt. Stephanie Lutz, 377-8638.

**Keesler 5.6** — 3:15 p.m. third Wednesday of the month; location varies. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Kimberly Sturdivant, 377-1813.

**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>.

**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.

**Top III** — 3 p.m. third Thursday of the month, Katrina Kantina. For more information, call Master Sgt. Michael Krejci, 377-4451.

**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. For recording about current features, call 377-6627.**

**Friday** — 6:30 p.m., Bride Wars (PG, 89 minutes).

**Saturday** — 2 p.m., Hotel for Dogs (PG, 100 minutes); 6:30 p.m., Notorious (R, 123 minutes).

**Sunday** — 1 p.m., New in Town (R, 96 minutes).

## Volunteer income tax assistance

**Tax office manager** — Rich Ess, 376-4141.

**2nd Air Force** — Howard Antoine, 377-1341.

**81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron** — Clinton Anderson, 377-6161.

**81st Comptroller Squadron** — Susie Cagle, 377-8209.

**81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron** — Tammy Pfeifer, 376-5064, and Evangeline Villanueva, 377-9281.

**81st Force Support Squadron** — Ian Johnson, 376-8362; Matt Stapley, 243-1336.

**81st Logistics Readiness Squadron** — Larico Brownlee, 377-2430.

**81st Medical Operations Squadron** — Shane McDonald, 376-0438; Jacqueline Scott, 376-0438.

**81st Training Group** — Vickie Simants, 377-2108.

**81st Training Support Squadron** — Jerold Strauss, 377-9401.

**81st Training Wing** — Sheila Alexander, 377-2975; John Smith, 376-8123; Wanda Tisdale, 377-4349.

**332nd Training Squadron** — Enrico Fiorentino, 377-0186.

**333rd TRS** — Michael Chappell, 377-0186; Cedric Lynam, 377-1871.

**334th TRS** — Shiree Holder, 377-3456; Deanna Pylant, 377-3275; Erica Stokes, 377-2002.

**335th TRS** — Kerry Bartels, 377-0342; Veronica Bird, 377-0216; Gloria Lewis, 377-0153.

**336th TRS** — Karla Proper, 377-5160.

**338th TRS** — Robert Blaze, 373-3474; Sharon Floyd, 377-2220; Eve Redd, 377-3371.

**Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit** — Kristine Ingle, 377-3080; Jonathan Pickett, 377-0547.

**Keesler Marine Corps Detachment** — 377-1489.

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