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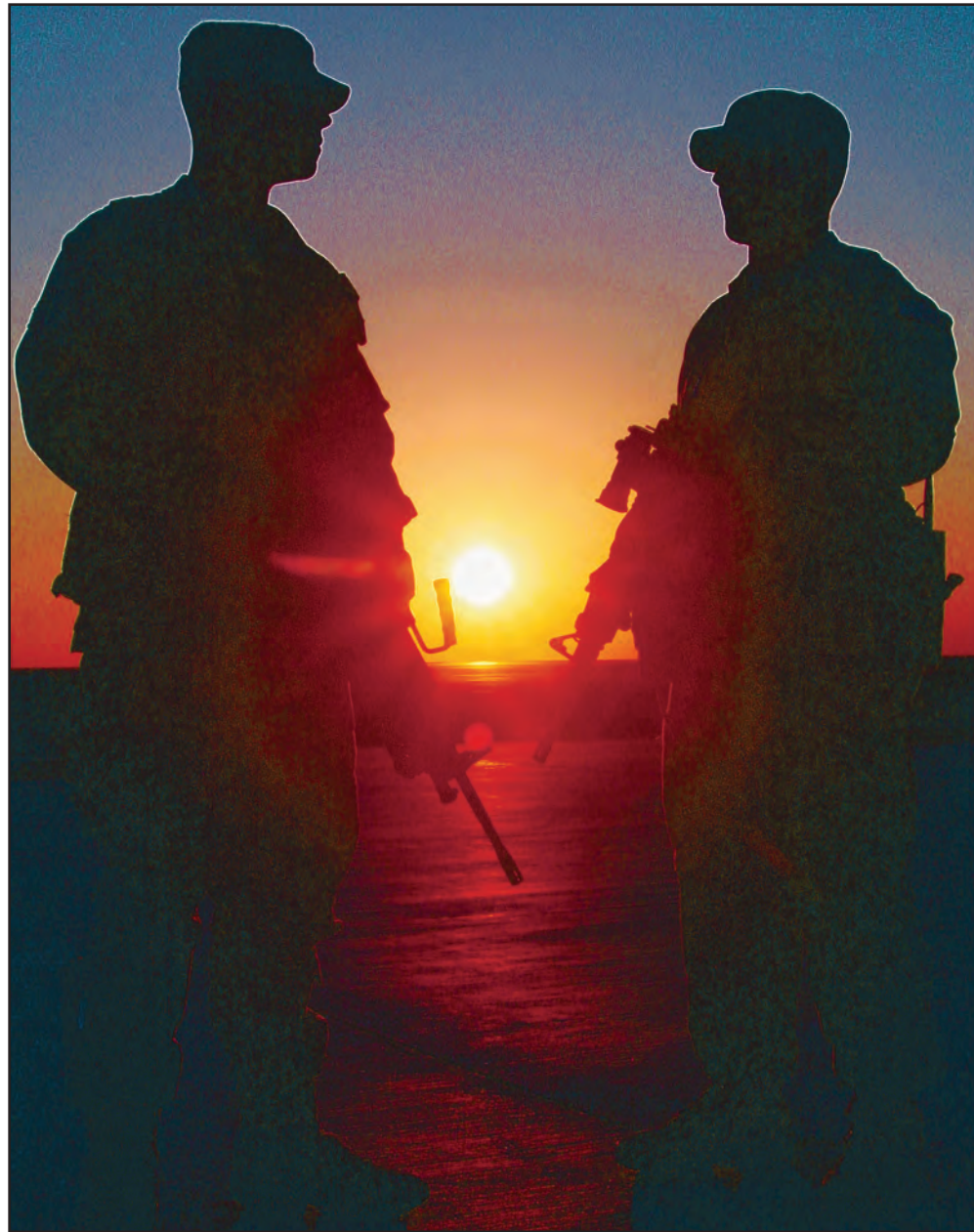


Photo by Tech. Sgt. Scott Sturkol

Airman 1st Class Johnny Hinojosa, left, and Staff Sgt. Matthew James, both security forces journeymen assigned to the 380th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, watch over the flightline at a undisclosed base in Southwest Asia Dec. 30. Sergeant James is deployed from the 81st Security Forces Squadron at Keesler and Airman Hinojosa is deployed from Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. The 380th Air Expeditionary Wing supports Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom and the Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa. Sergeant James is one of 251 Keesler members currently deployed.

## Air Force's enlisted leader visits base

By Senior Airman Kimberly Moore

Keesler Public Affairs

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James Roy visited Keesler, one of his former duty stations, Dec. 17-18.

Chief Roy spent three years here, arriving in 1997 as facility maintenance chief for the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron. He was superintendent of the military personnel flight before becoming superintendent of the 81st Mission Support Group.

After he left Keesler in 2000, he served as a command chief at four other bases and senior enlisted adviser for U.S. Pacific Command before becoming the Air Force's top enlisted leader in June.

When asked how the base has changed since he left, Chief Roy said, "Visually, a lot of new buildings."

Destruction from Hurricane Katrina in 2005, partnered with the Economic Recovery Act, led to the largest military family housing project in Air Force history, as well as construction of several new structures.

One thing equally as noticeable to the chief as the visual differences is Keesler's spirit of resiliency.

"Some Airmen here were here when Katrina went through and they recovered, and the base certainly has recovered," Chief Roy said, noting that Keesler is once again "a fully-functioning, fully-operational base."

Chief Roy explained how Keesler's resilient people affect the future of the Air Force.

Please see **Chief Roy**, Page 9

## We must maintain our 'human weapons system'

By Chief Master Sgt. Rob Tappana

Air Education and Training Command command chief

It all started during a staff meeting at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. Seeing a major I didn't know, I introduced myself. In reply she spoke a sentence that still echoes in my mind.

"Hello Chief, I'm Major Jennifer Halter. I am a crew chief on the human weapons system."

Puzzled, I asked for clarification and she replied, "I am a crew chief on the human weapons system; I maintain the critical emotional guidance system of our most valued asset." She was our new mental health officer.

I paused to consider her unique point of view. Was I a "weapons system?" Did I want to be one? The answer to that question was a quick "yes."

In the Air Force, we revere our weapons systems. When I enlisted, there were seldom pictures of people on the walls, but there were always pictures of our weapons — aircraft, missiles, satellites, etc. We are a technological force and we love our stuff.

Afterward, I looked out my window and pondered the F-15s on the flight line. Each is a complex system of systems requiring dedicated and skilled maintenance. Each is assigned a crew chief and assistant crew chief responsible for ensuring the jet is always in good repair. No pilot steps to a jet until the crew chiefs prepare it and verify it's ready to go.

"Sir/ma'am, the jet is ready. All systems are green. If you handle it properly it will take you out and back and you'll both be ready for tomorrow's mission."

The crew chiefs have access to specialists in the "back shops" to provide specialized maintenance beyond their expertise. Avionics, fuels, weapons — whatever help is needed to ensure the performance and safety of the jet. On occasion, we will even take a jet off the line and send it for depot-level maintenance, an upgrade of its major systems. This allows us to fly our aircraft for 50 years and more.

I realized there are many parallels between Airmen and aircraft. I am, we are, a complex system of systems. We require constant and competent maintenance.

Who is my crew chief? I believe I am. Basic maintenance — food, rest, exercise, education — is my responsibility. My supervisor, teammates, wingmen and chain of command serve as assistant crew chiefs. Sometimes, though, I need more maintenance than my supervisor and I can provide. This is where the "back shops" play their role in maintaining our human weapons system.

Should my spiritual compass go askew, our chaplains will help me "re-center" it. The professionals at the dining facility are here to ensure I am properly fueled. Should I suffer a physical breakdown, the medical group is standing by with specialists for all my physical systems. If I find my thrust-to-weight ratio off and my performance slowing, I can go to the health and wellness center and the fitness center for a fitness tune up. Just as we have preventative maintenance for aircraft, we also have preventative maintenance for people, including routine performance feedback, proper diet and exercise and preventative health assessments.

We even have depot-level maintenance. After all, what is professional military education but depot-level maintenance for the leadership guidance module of the human weapons system?

Too often we treat our equipment like treasure and our people like labor. We often work our people as hard as we can and then are disappointed when they break down or fail.

We don't do it intentionally, but it still works out that way. I'd like to serve in an Air Force where our human weapons systems are as revered as our other weapons systems — one where each member works as hard at maintaining themselves and their people as the weapons and processes they are responsible for, one where no Airman is sent on the day's mission until his or her supervisor checks him or her over and ensures he or she is mission-ready.

"Sir/ma'am, I've checked out Airman Snuffy. All systems are green. If you treat her right she'll perform well and be ready for tomorrow's mission when we need her."

There's no reason we can't become more capable as we age. It all boils down to how well we maintain ourselves and our teams.

I owe Major Halter a great deal. She reshaped how I look at maintaining myself and my team. She was right; we are the Air Force's most valued asset. America provides us with her most precious treasure, her sons and daughters. It is up to us to ensure that each reaches their maximum potential and provides their best to our mission of defending the nation.

I am Chief Master Sgt. Rob Tappana. I am a crew chief on the human weapons system and so are you.

## Successful leadership leaves out the self

By Senior Master Sgt. George Barnes

81st Security Forces Squadron operations superintendent

The Professional Development Guide defines leadership as "the art of influencing and directing people to accomplish the mission." Additionally, it tells us that a successful leader recognizes that people are what makes the mission (or task) successful and that without their support, failure is inevitable.

Clearly, leadership is an issue that affects us all. Not only are we impacted by it, we are called upon to exercise it. Whether it is leading business or government, steering young minds, leading a family or standing for what is right, everyone has a role to play in leadership. Throughout our lives, we are each thrust into many different leadership roles again and again to be leaders for what is right and good and for those entrusted in our care.

True leadership is, has and will always be a selfless action. It involves taking yourself out of the picture and upholding what is best for all people even if it may not be in the leader's own interest to do so. It is a way of thinking that takes other people into account even when your own needs are pressing.

It asks what is right or best in the wider interest. This attitude of mind focuses on the task and not on what may be gained from the position of leadership. It requires a concerned

relationship between leader and follower and motivation for the follower's best interest.

Leadership is getting out with your people and listening to their complaints and suggestions. If leaders do not listen to their people, it can be interpreted as being disrespectful and can manifest itself in the way they treat their work, their customers, each other and their superiors.

Listening must be conducted in such a way as to reflect high standards of honesty, confidence, compassion, a positive attitude, fairness, trust, respect, courtesy, integrity, loyalty and selflessness. This kind of listening coupled with timely responses leads your people to treat their work, their customers, each other and their superiors with similar respect and caring.

When we are called to leadership positions, what kind of leader we will be depends greatly on what we understand a leader to be, on how we think about other people and on how we determine what is right and worth holding in trust.

As best said by Gen. Colin Powell, "Leadership is solving problems. The day (Airmen) stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them. They have either lost confidence that you can help or concluded you do not care. Either case is a failure of leadership."

### ACTION LINE 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. Ian Dickinson

81st Training Wing commander

You're encouraged to work concerns through your chain of command or contact an appropriate helping agent. For unresolved issues, contact the commander's action line. Suggestions to help make this a more valuable and useful tool are welcome. Call the commander's action line, 377-4357; write to Commander's Action Line, 81st TRW/PA, Keesler AFB, MS 39534-2603; e-mail 81st TRW Commander's Action Line (onbase) or commanders.line@keesler.af.mil (off-base).

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Photos by Kemberly Groue

Tech. Sgt. Douglas Toro sweeps Muse Manor for a suspected perpetrator during active shooter crisis response training.

## Security forces train to thwart sniper attacks

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

In December, Keesler law enforcers got the instruction they need to respond to sniper attacks by participating in active shooter crisis response training.

"This training is essentially responding to a Columbine or Fort Hood type of event," explained Tech. Sgt. Joshua Reese, the lead instructor for the 81st Security Forces Squadron. "We provide the officer with the basic fundamentals, characteristics and responsibilities to an active shooter crisis response.

"Through demonstration practice, a laboratory and a practical exercise, this course introduces the students to basic and non-traditional tactics that will increase their survivability when facing an active threat," he continued. "Students learn the importance of using good tactics and teamwork when responding to and searching for an active threat."

As of Dec. 17, 125 of Keesler's security forces have received the training. Sergeant Reese noted that the course becomes a mandatory requirement this year.

"Given the circumstances and history of prior violent exchanges between active shooters and law enforcement on military bases, I feel that this is a critical and perishable skill," said Sergeant Reese, who taught the course with other squadron graduates of Air Education and Training Command's pilot ASCR course.

"During the initial phase of training, we are only training 81st SFS personnel, with the intent to train jointly with our civilian counterparts annually in the future," he added.

"The volunteer assistant instructors and role-players have been instrumental in making this phase of training an overwhelming success," he pointed out. "There's no way I could complete this without their help."

## Gators vie for technical training award

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The 334th Training Squadron is the 81st Training Wing nominee for the 2009 Gen. William R. Looney III Training Squadron of the Year Award.

The Gators now compete at 2nd Air Force for nomination to Air Education and Training Command.

The squadron, commanded by Lt. Col. Michael Callender, provides world class command and control training for eight distinct Air Force specialties including air traffic control, combat control, aerospace control and warning, aviation resource management, airfield management and command post operations.

"The squadron's reach includes training for 23 nations," said Brig. Gen. Ian Dickinson, 81st Training Wing commander, said in his announcement message. "The 334 TRS graduated 4,900 C2 warriors, some of whom were trained using advance technologies to emulate deployed battlefield C2 centers and mobile training teams to deliver nuclear C2 at Offutt Air Force Base (Neb.)"

In addition to training, the Gators volunteered more than 6,000 hours and generated or contributed more than \$140,000 in donations to various charitable organizations.

Staff Sgts. Jonathan Garner, left, and Eulonda Jackson move down a Muse Manor hallway during a Dec. 17 training exercise.



# Air Force Medal of Honor recipients to be honored at AETC symposium

By Capt. Rose Richeson

AETC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Each year, more than 3,000 Air Education and Training Command Airmen meet in San Antonio to learn about the most innovative technological advancements in Air Force training through two days of seminars and a technology exposition by the nation's leading military members and defense contractors.

The 2010 AETC Symposium, Jan. 14-15, follows the same structure; however, this year's capstone event will draw a crowd partly due to five Airmen's special attendance at the formal ball, 7 p.m. Jan. 15 in the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center.

"The remaining five U.S. Air Force Medal of Honor recipients, who were honored for valor during the Vietnam War, will be recognized for their heroic actions and the sacrifices they made to ensure our freedom," said Lt Col. Andrew Huisentrut, AETC Symposium action officer.

Retired Cols. Bernard Fisher, Joe Jackson, Jim Fleming, Leo Thorsness and Bud Day will sit among AETC Airmen entertained by a drill team and musical string performances throughout the night. Gen. Norton Schwartz, Air Force chief of staff, will provide the keynote speech complementing the rare occasion in which all five members are gathered together.

The John Jay High School Air Force National Champion Armed Drill Team, Silver Eagles, is a repeat agenda item for the symposium ball due to their extended standing ovations at previous year's symposium events. The varsity drill team took top individual and team honors at the annual Texas State Drill Competition.

The Strolling Strings element of the Air Force Band will stroll through the audience bringing music performed exclusively from memory and without the aid of a conductor. Their repertoire includes classical, popular, continental, Broadway, bluegrass and patriotic compositions. Truly international



## Keesler representatives

Keesler has 160 personnel, including 2nd Air Force members, attending next week's Air Education and Training Command symposium, according to Senior Master Sgt. Jeff Pray, 335th Training Squadron superintendent and instructor, who's been coordinating base representation.

"All of our slots have been filled," Sergeant Pray said. "Last year, we had 100 allocations."

ambassadors of music, the Strolling Strings have traveled to every continent, every state and virtually every Air Force installation.

Retired Gen. Lloyd "Fig" Newton, former AETC commander, returns to the convention center for his second consecutive year as emcee of the symposium and ball. While General Newton lays the foundation for the evening, attendees will dine on a gourmet meal.

"This event will give our service members an opportunity to learn more about our military training heritage and pay tribute to the people who have served before us," said James Sturch, AETC Symposium event director.

## Final formal retreat for 2009



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Airman 1st Class Amber Pate, left, straightens the flag before folding along with Airman Basic Michael Ford as students from the 338th Training Squadron conduct the base's final formal retreat ceremony for 2009 on Dec. 16 in front of the Levitow Training Support Facility. The student exodus began Dec. 19, and trainees reported back to Keesler Saturday.

# New policy requires SNCOA completion before promotion to senior master sergeant

By Daniel Elkins

## Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — As of Jan. 1, completion of the resident Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy or a sister service equivalent becomes a requirement for promotion to senior master sergeant.

The change in the professional military education requirement supersedes the current policy that requires Air Force SNCOA completion for promotion to chief master sergeant.

“The goal is to provide enlisted (professional military education) at correctly targeted career points,” Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James Roy said. “By providing PME earlier and more evenly spaced over an enlisted Airman’s career, we ensure enlisted leaders have the tools they need to be successful sooner and at more relevant periods of their career.”

The idea for the policy change came from the 2008 Enlisted Professional Military Education Triennial Review that examined enlisted PME attendance across an Airman’s career. A proposal from the review called for earlier attendance to produce more capable NCOs.

By requiring SNCOA completion for promotion to senior master sergeant, master sergeants will acquire increased knowledge and leadership skills as they sew on their next stripe and take on increasing roles of responsibility, said Chief Master Sgt. Mark Long, the

Air Force’s enlisted promotions, evaluations and physical fitness chief.

This policy change aligns the Air Force with its sister services enlisted PME requirements, reduces the time span between NCO Academy and SNCOA attendance by approximately two years and increases the return on the investment for attending advanced PME, Chief Long said.

Airmen selected for promotion to senior master sergeant but unable to attend or complete resident SNCOA before their line number increment will require a promotion waiver for PME attendance. The Air Force Personnel Center enlisted promotion and military testing branch will provide a list of E-8 selects to base military personnel sections so they can notify commanders that a waiver may be necessary.

Airmen with approved waivers must attend the SNCOA within 179 days of their effective promotion date. Those with approved waivers who are unable to attend due to deployment must complete their PME within 90 days of their return.

Master sergeants who are time-in-grade eligible are still required to complete the SNCOA either by correspondence or in residence to be eligible for senior rater endorsement, Chief Long said.

Master sergeants without a line number for promotion will continue to have the opportunity to attend the academy in residence using existing selection criteria.

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## Students achieve perfect scores



Airman David Brambley, left, and Airman 1st Class Kelly Ford achieved perfect scores in the basic electronic principles course in the 332nd Training Squadron. Airman Brambley is now a student in the visual imagery and intrusion detection course in the 338th TRS. Airman Ford continues her training at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, in the F-15 avionic instrument and flight control systems apprentice course.

## TRAINING, EDUCATION NOTES

### Education briefings

**Post-9/11 GI Bill** — Starting next week, briefings are 1 p.m. Wednesdays in the Sablich Center auditorium.

**Officer Training School** — 10 a.m. Tuesdays, Room 224, Sablich Center.

**ROTC** — bi-monthly at 10 a.m. Tuesdays starting today, Room 224, Sablich Center.

No briefings are held March 22-26.

For more information, call 376-8708 or 8710.

### Be a physician assistant

Completed applications are due Jan. 25 for the next board for Physician Assistant Phase I training classes.

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

### Hap Arnold grants

Applications are available online for the Air Force Aid Society’s Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program at <http://www.afas.org/Education/ArnoldEdGrant.cfm>

The \$2,000 grants are given to selected sons and daughters of active duty, Title 10 Active Guard/Reserve,

Title 32 AGR performing full-time active duty, retired, retired reserve and deceased Air Force members; spouses (stateside) of active duty members and Title 10 AGR/Reservists; and surviving spouses of deceased members for undergraduate studies.

The application deadline is March 12.

For more information, call Linda Edison, 376-8517.

### CCAF program

The Community College of the Air Force’s General Education Mobile is a partnership between CCAF and civilian academic institutions that offers clustered online general education courses to meet CCAF degree requirements.

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

### NECP deadlines

Nurse Enlisted Commissioning Program deadlines are Feb. 26, notification of intent to apply; March 26, academic evaluation; and April 23, applications due.

For more information, call the education office, 377-8708.

## New year's first baby

Venessa and Petty Officer 2nd Class Tylor Blasko admire their son Eli Jan. 5 in Keesler Medical Center's family birthing center. Eli, born 11:48 p.m. Sunday, is Keesler's first baby for 2010 and the couple's first child. Eli weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20 inches long. Petty Officer Blasko has been assigned to the Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport for five years. The couple is from Elmira, Mich., and resides in McHenry, Miss.

Photo by Steve Pivnick



## Ground broken for new dorm

By Angela Cutrer

Keesler News staff

Dec. 18, Keesler broke ground on a \$14.9 million permanent party personnel dormitory.

The structure, set for completion in June 2011, is the first new permanent party to be built in 50 years.

The new lodging, the first of up to four new permanent party dorms, is being built at the site of the former North Pinehaven housing development. The new dorm is just east of the new commissary and across from where the new post office is being built, making it an easy jaunt for single Airmen living on base.

The project, which falls under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act set-aside of 100 percent for small business, includes the construction of a 57,000-square-foot, 144-room main building, an expandable central

heating, ventilating and air conditioning plant and the demolition of two existing dormitories. This project, with contractor Anderson Drace Joint Venture and architect-engineer Eley Guild Hardy Architect at the helm, achieves LEED Silver certification, a national benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings.

Mike McAdams, engineering branch manager for CSC, said the dorm will consist of four three-story wings to house 144 personnel in four-room modules.

"Each module will provide a private bedroom and bathroom along with a common kitchen, living space and laundry facility for the occupants," Mr. McAdams noted. "There will also be a single-story commons building, central chiller plant and recreational spaces located in an outdoor courtyard."

## Medical center groups earn cash awards

**81st Medical Group**

Four Keesler Medical Center work centers and clinics received a total of \$15,000 in awards Dec. 15.

The checks recognized outstanding performance as part of the Uniform Business Office Incentive Program.

Winners are:

**Small group** — mammography and orthopedic clinics, \$2,500 each.

**Medium group** — admissions and dispositions office, \$5,000.

**Large group** — emergency room, \$5,000.

Clinics and work centers receive daily notices of incoming patients with outdated insurance information and are instructed to have patients update that information using Form 2569. The UBO staff collects the forms daily and logs each work center's performance. At the end of each quarter, they calculate the percentage of required forms received and recognize the top-performing work centers based

on the volume of patients seen.

This is a very important process because the UBO bills third-party insurers, such as Blue Cross, for the cost of care administered to patients using other health insurance. That money comes directly back to the medical treatment facility and may be used as needed — \$8.7 million at Keesler in fiscal 2009. The top performing units each receive a percentage of the collections for the quarter.

## IN THE NEWS

### King luncheon is Wednesday

The annual luncheon in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day is 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Dragon's Lair located in Locker House.

Guest speaker is the Rev. Seymour Adolph Jr., pastor of the First Missionary Baptist Church of Gulfport.

Tickets for the event are \$13 and may be purchased from the following individuals. No tickets will be sold at the door.

**81st Medical Group** — Laverne Larry, 376-4351; Faith Lee, 376-4350; Staff Sgts. Janel Kumse, 376-3169, and Ruth Celestine, 376-4712.

**81st Force Support Squadron** — Staff Sgt. Michelle Coleman, 376-8403; Senior Airman Ciara Brown, 376-3203.

**81st Training Wing** — Shelia Alexander, 377-2975.

**CSC** — Barbara Samuel, 376-8349

For more information, call 376-4351.

### Pass Road Gate update

The southbound lanes of Ploesti Drive from the gate to Hercules Street are closed for about three more weeks for construction of denial barriers.

All traffic entering the base at the Pass Road Gate is detoured north on Ploesti around Bay Breeze Golf Course and marina park.

The Rodenberg Gate is open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily except Sundays and holidays.

### Quarterly awards luncheon

The 81st Training Wing quarterly awards luncheon is 11 a.m. Jan. 28 at the Dragon's Lair.

Tickets are available from group representatives:

**Wing staff agencies** — Master Sgt. Michael Rieger, 377-2975.

**81st Medical Group** — Master Sgt. Helen Vandergrinten, 376-4344, or Tech. Sgt. Dakita Bailey, 376-4694.

**81st Training Group** — Master Sgt. Carl Greene, 377-7337.

**81st Mission Support Group** — Tech. Sgt. Pricothye Brown, 377-0630.

### Parts of two streets to be closed

Segments of two streets will be closed Feb. 8-22 to complete sewer connections for the new training aids facility at the corner of Larcher Boulevard and Chappie James Avenue.

**Chappie James Avenue** — closed from Larcher Boulevard to Larcher Chapel's east parking lot entrance.

**Larcher Boulevard** — southbound from L Street north to the crossover at B Street. Traffic will be detoured west at intersection of Tingle (C) Street to Third Street, then south on Third and X Streets to L Street; then east on L Street back to Larcher.

### Off-limits establishments

Off-limits establishments for military members are Guitars & Cadillacs in D'Iberville; the Blue Note Lounge, Boulevard Nightclub and Henry Beck Park (except during daylight hours or official events) in Biloxi; Bunksmall Apartments and H&H Hideaway in Pascagoula and Toni's Lounge in Moss Point.



From left, Chief Master Sgts. Anthony Woitalla, Roy, Lonnie Slater and Malcolm Golson talk during the Keesler Chiefs Group luncheon Dec. 17. Chief Woitalla is the 403rd Wing command chief, Chief Slater is the 81st Training Wing command chief and Chief Golson is assigned to 2nd Air Force.

## Chief Roy, from Page 1

“The mission at Keesler is quite unique — you are preparing our future in training our Airmen of the future,” the chief said during an enlisted call. “I applaud you for that.”

Chief Roy spent two days touring the base and meeting with personnel in various sections. He said he likes to remind every group, “We are a nation at war — we are absolutely at war and things are changing.”

“As Keesler is a training wing, the young men and women you are training today may be in combat within a few weeks or months,” he emphasized. We are in a war that requires us to go off to battle in different locations. That’s OK, folks. Away games in this type of sport are OK — we like those.”

Chief Roy added, “We are absolutely the best Air Force in the world but we didn’t get here by accident. If we want to keep that status, we’re going to have to look at where we’re going in the future, and the future starts right here in training.”

In addition to the local training emphasis, Chief Roy touched on the importance of community in the Air Force. Building new dormitories and housing units encourages a positive sense of community, he explained.

“We should focus on housing, bring the sense of community back to base so Airmen will want to be a part of this community,” he said.

Being a part of the Air Force community can be difficult, and Chief Roy had advice on how to make it easier.

“For both those Airmen who are deploying and those here, it’s essential that we take care of families,” he emphasized. “Key Spouses is certainly one of those programs we want people to engage with. It’s an essential key to keeping people informed. That’s why people stick around — they feel part of the team and have that sense of community.”

Finally, the chief emphasized the things he is encouraging people to focus on — the mission, people and the standards.

Before departing, Chief Roy reminded Team Keesler, “Take care of each other — be wingmen.”



Chief Roy speaks to a nonprior service student roll call Dec. 17 at Welch Auditorium. He also conducted an enlisted call, visited Airman Leadership School and attended the Mathies NCO Academy graduation banquet.



Photos by Kemberly Groue  
Chief Roy signs a handbook for Airman 1st Class Mark Landry, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, following a Dec. 18 groundbreaking for the first of up to four new permanent party dormitories. Airman Landry represented current dorm residents at the ceremony. For a story about the new dorm, see Page 8.



# PERSONNEL NOTES

## NCO retraining program under way

Air Force officials have announced Phase II of the fiscal 2010 noncommissioned officer retraining program for retraining from Air Force specialty codes with overages to AFSCs with shortages.

This mandatory phase runs through Feb. 1.

For more information and a list of retraining-in and retraining-out AFSCs, check the virtual MPF or call the military personnel section.

## Hours change for finance office

New hours for finance customer service in Sablich Center have changed to include compressed work schedule Fridays:

**8 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Monday-Friday.

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## Security changes for myPay

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Click on "life and career," then "money-finance central" for information, tools and tips.

## 2010 selection boards

**Monday, June 7, Sept. 27** — special selection boards.

**Feb. 1** — senior master sergeant evaluation.

**March 8** — lieutenant colonel line of the Air Force and medical service corps; major MSC.

**June 21** — senior noncommissioned officer supplemental.

**July 12** — colonel LAF-judge advocate/chaplain/ biomedical services corps; lieutenant colonel and major LAF-judge advocate and chaplain.

**Aug. 16** — command screening board.

**Sept. 13** — colonel MSC/medical corps/dental corps; lieutenant colonel and major MC/DC.

**Oct. 18** — chief master sergeant evaluation.

**Nov. 8** — colonel LAF; lieutenant colonel and major BSC.

**Dec. 6** — colonel and lieutenant colonel nurse corps; major LAF/nurse corps.

## 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.

## Identification card requirements

To be issued an identification card, two forms of legal identification are necessary. Dependents are required to be accompanied by their sponsor unless they have power of attorney or a Defense Department Form 1172.

For more information, call 376-8339.



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81st Security Forces  
Squadron  
law enforcement desk,  
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# Wingman 2009 Day

## Keesler News staff

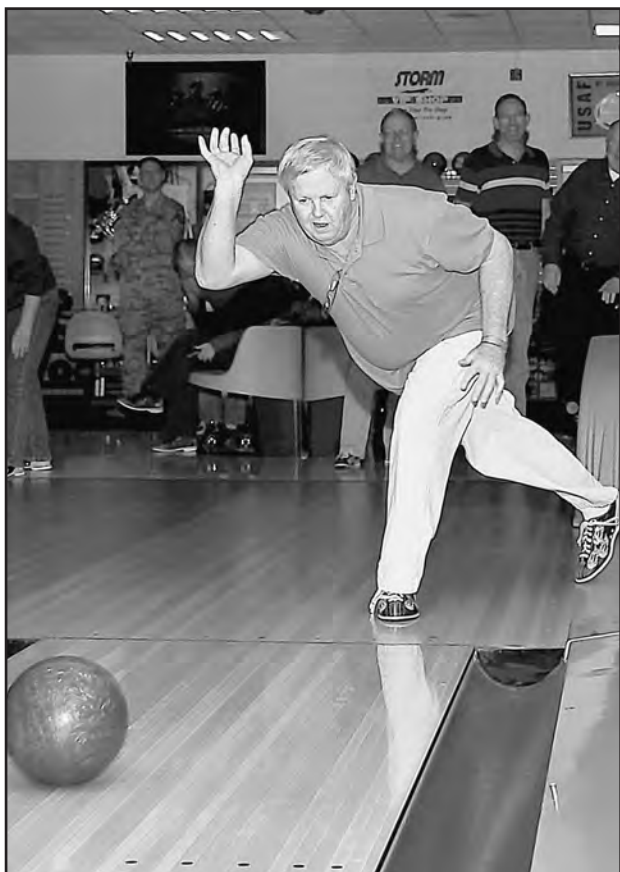
Dec. 17, Keesler observed Wingman Day as a reminder to take care of each other as the peak of the holiday season approached.

As Lt. Col. Sean Gallagher, 81st Mission Support Group deputy commander, explained, Wingman Day is a day to emphasize the well-being of fellow Airmen.

“Wingman Day gives us that time to

get to know our wingman better and provide support from an Air Force family perspective,” he said. He also noted it was a time to promote safety on and off the job, as well as a time to bond with fellow Airmen.

Airman came together for exercises for units and individuals, including team-building activities and explanation of services available from support agencies.



Dennis Richardson, 81st Training Support Squadron, takes his turn bowling as his wingmen in the background cheer him on.



Left, Master Sgt. Lorne Ryland, 81st Training Wing, and Maj. Keith Melancon, 338th TRS, go through stacks of free CDs given away during the burger burn.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Right, Airmen Tasha Doerner and Cristina Aguilar, 81st Dental Squadron, who are each other's wingman, help themselves to dinner at the burger burn.



Airmen engaged in a morning run on the flightline and other team-building activities for the Wingman Day observance. With the slogans “Promoting Resilience” and “Reducing Stigma,” the purpose of the event was to remind Airman to take care of each other during the holiday season.

The Hurricane Hunters collect data ahead of winter storms to improve accuracy of forecast models by 15 percent. In addition to Pacific storms, the squad-ron, shown here de-icing a plane, flies along the eastern seaboard during winter storms, which often form from December through April.

Photo by Master Sgt. Randy Bynon



# Hurricane Hunters fly winters collecting data for weather service

By Senior Airman Kimberly Erickson

403rd Wing Public Affairs

On Dec. 18, the Air Force Reserve Hurricane Hunters took up the task asked by the National Weather Service to fly their first winter storm of the season on the East Coast.

The 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron “Hurricane Hunters” assigned to Keesler’s 403rd Wing are perhaps best known for their primary mission: to collect weather data during tropical storms, enabling forecasters to make more accurate predictions.

Between hurricane seasons, the Hurricane Hunters have a lesser known, but equally important role: collecting weather data during winter storms.

“Whenever there’s a system track that will cause an impact, there’s potential for winter storms,” said Lt. Col. Jon Talbot, 53rd WRS aerial reconnaissance weather officer since 1992.

To prepare for a winter storm flying mission, the Hurricane Hunters carefully plan the mission, review which flying route they will take and make altitude reservations by coordinating with air traffic control, said Lt. Col. Roy Deatherage, 53rd WRS ARWO.

“The National Weather Service runs computer models that forecast the weather three to five days in advance of a storm,” said Colonel Talbot. As an ARWO, he acts as a mission director and liaison between the NWS and his crew. “Winter storms have a lot of impact,” he said, detailing the emergency services and salt trucks used.

The Hurricane Hunters have two winter storm missions, Colonel Talbot said. The first is the Pacific mission. “We average 20 missions over 30 days when we deploy our airplanes to either Alaska or Hawaii,” he said. The second is flying winter storms locally in the Gulf of Mexico and in the Atlantic Ocean.

“The goal is to improve the weather forecast for the East Coast because we have a lot of people and money tied up in the Washington to Boston corridor,” Colonel Talbot said.

The return of investment for flying winter storms and collecting data is an estimated 15 percent greater accuracy in weather forecasting. “There are some 5,000 salt trucks in New York City alone,” said Colonel Talbot. The increase in forecasting accuracy directly impacts emergency management capabilities by reducing the unnecessary dispatch of expensive resources.

“If you collect the right information at the right place—over the Pacific Ocean—you can make a big impact to the forecast four to five days later,” Colonel Talbot said, with the idea that flying winter storms before they happen can make the forecast better for the entire area.

Colder weather at high altitudes presents a unique challenge to the Hurricane Hunters since the crew must remain cognizant of icing, said Maj. Kevin Fryar, 53rd WRS ARWO. The Hurricane Hunters fly WC-130Js at high altitudes, typically 5-10,000 feet above their normal range, and drop small weather canisters, or dropsondes, designed to collect weather data in key locations of high weather activity. Weather information collected from the dropsondes is then transmitted to the NWS and is ultimately used by forecasters to assess weather patterns enabling them to forecast more accurately.

In a storm, data is transmitted to the National Weather Agency and is later passed on to the Air Force Weather Network, said Colonel Talbot.

“When you fly a hurricane mission, you know you’re making a difference,” said Colonel Talbot. “With this mission, we know there are people waiting for the information we give to make the best possible forecast. It’s essentially the same thing (as a hurricane mission).”

To Colonel Talbot, a 24-year veteran of the weather field, the experience is as rewarding as it is beneficial. “What other meteorologists get to fly? You get the best of both worlds,” he said. The information he collects can mean the difference between spending hundreds of thousands in preparing for the weather rather than millions of dollars reacting to it.



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# Year of the Air Force Family



## “Roger That”

### Web site connects Airmen to force support resources

**Editor’s note:** This is the first in a series of weekly articles in observance of the Year of the Air Force Family.

**By Maj. Belinda Petersen**

#### **Air Force Services Agency**

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — When Chief Master Sgt. Malcolm McVicar answered the question, “What does the Air Force life mean to me,” on [www.MyAirForceLife.com](http://www.MyAirForceLife.com), he replied, “The Air Force family is the family that grows each day as you meet new Airmen. Like a traditional family, they are always there when you need them the most.”

In celebration of the Year of the Air Force Family, Air Force Services Agency officials created this site to help Airmen stay connected, informed and engaged in the many programs offered by force support squadrons.

This interactive Web site also offers a number of opportunities to participate, including “Roger That,” where Airmen, families, and friends can provide an inspirational quote and share their thoughts about what Air Force life means to them.

In Chief McVicar’s case, the lines between Air Force family and biological family cross, starting with his father who was a chief master sergeant and served more than 28 years in the Air Force. Out of respect for his father, he also joined the Air Force in 1982. He told his wife they would take a pay cut and she wasn’t happy about it at the time.

However, three years later, they decided that the Air Force life was for them and he re-enlisted. Now, more than 27 years later, Chief McVicar still takes pride in putting on the uniform and the camaraderie that comes with being a part of a big family.

Today, Chief McVicar is the commandant of the Paul W. Airey NCO Academy at Tyn-dall Air Force Base, Fla., but he spent most

of his career as a C-130 crew chief and has deployed to almost every part of the globe.

“As my wife was fond of pointing out, I traveled the world and she raised the kids,” said Chief McVicar.

In his years of experience and travels, the thing he likes most is that the Air Force takes ordinary citizens who have volunteered to do extraordinary things.

As far back as Chief McVicar can remember, family was a big deal. Growing up, his mom and dad always made time for the kids and helped them no matter what. Since joining the Air Force, Chief McVicar has experienced the same thing with his Air Force family.

“I lost both my parents and most recently my wife,” the chief said. “When my wife passed away this last July, the Air Force stepped into action providing comfort, answers, help, and so much more. The family ties we build with complete strangers in the Air Force are something no Fortune 500 company could ever gain. We as an Air Force family are unique, and although our biological family means everything to us, the Air Force family is ready to step in when needed.”

When giving advice to his son, Chief McVicar said the Air Force will give you the education, discipline, responsibility and leadership skills to tackle anything. “Don’t look at the Air Force as a job with steady money,” said the chief. “Instead, look at what you can experience over the next four years of your life.” His son now carries on the family tradition as an Airman.

To view more “Roger That” inspirational quotes and to submit your own quotes, go to <http://www.MyAirForceLife.com>. Visit the site to find out more about future competitions including short story, video, original song and photo contest.

# Keesler medics earn 22 command awards

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

The 81st Medical Group earned 22 individual and team honors in the 2009 Air Education and Training Command Air Force Medical Service awards competition.

Winners are:

**Surgical excellence** — Maj. (Dr.) Kerry Latham, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron.

**Nursing service** — nurse practitioner, Maj. Michael Wascher, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron; Brig. Gen. Sarah P. Wells Award, airman category, Senior Airman Rupert Laco, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron.

**Laboratory medicine** — Category III team, 81st MDG clinical research laboratory; senior NCO, Master Sgt. Tammy McElroy, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron; laboratory supervisory level civilian, Brandi Saucier, 81st MDTs.

**Nutritional medicine** — team award, 81st MDG; field grade dietitian, Maj. Stacey Van Orden; company grade dietitian, 1st Lt. Justin Hyde; Chief Master Sgt. Harvey A. Cain Award, airman category, Staff Sgt. Capri Shand, 81st MDTs.

**Social work** — company grade social worker, 1st Lt. Kara B. Wisniewski, 81st Medical Operations Squadron.

**Medical logistics** — biomedical equipment repair NCO, Staff Sgt. Mathew Colica, 81st Medical Support Squadron.

**Resource management** — team award, 81st MDG; NCO, Staff Sgt. William Smitko, 81st MDSS; Airman, Senior Airman Tarik Carruthers, 81st MDSS (photo unavailable).

**Cardiopulmonary laboratory** — senior NCO, Master Sgt. Christopher Aric, 81st MDOS; Airman, Senior Airman Brandon Ailes, 81st MDOS.



Major Latham



Major Wascher



Airman Laco



Sergeant McElroy



Ms. Saucier



Major Van Orden

## Medic wins research grant

Capt. (Dr.) Andrew Hall has been competitively awarded a \$21,000 grant from the Office of the Air Force Surgeon General for his research on the effects of new blood vessel formation in the treatment of cold injuries such as frostbite. The study will investigate the use of the use of omental fats, which are found in the fat layer covering the intestines. According to Maj. Eric Olsen, director of the 81st Medical Group Clinical Research Laboratory, "They are capable of creating new blood vessels to increase blood flow to injured extremities and reduce the extent of cold injury. The study has military implications in reducing morbidity associated with cold injuries." Captain Hall is a second-year surgery resident currently in fellowship training at the CRL.



Volunteer — get connected.

## Awards,

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**Enlisted health services management** — airman category, Senior Airman Promesha Sloan, 81st MDOS.

**Diagnostic imaging** — Chief Master Sgt. Anton Zembrod Award, airman category,

Senior Airman Ashli Maldonado, 81st MDOS (photo unavailable).

**Medical service individual mobilization augmentee** — biomedical science corps: Col. Allan Stowers, 81st MDTS.

**Outstanding behavioral team award** — Category I, 81st MDG.

**AFMS patient safety program** — 81st MDG. AETC winners now compete at Air Force level against other major command winners.



Lieutenant Hyde



Sergeant Shand



Lieutenant Wisniewski



Sergeant Colica



Sergeant Aric



Sergeant Smitko



Airman Ailes



Airman Sloan



Colonel Stowers

## Missing pets

For missing pets, contact the pest management unit in Building 3907, the civil engineering compound, or call 377-3317 or 348-6370, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays.

## Visitor center hours

The Keesler Visitor Center is open 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and closed on weekends.

## Thrift shop hours

The Keesler Thrift Shop is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

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

For more information, call 377-3217.

## Housing maintenance

Phone numbers for family housing maintenance service are 377-5561, 5562 and 5563.

## Supply source

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

For more information, visit the CSC supply customer service element, Room 126, Taylor Logistics Center, Building 4002; call Michael Cashion, customer liaison, 377-5206, or e-mail michael.cashion.ctr@keesler.af.mil.

## Travel medicine clinic

People planning international travel should visit the travel medicine clinic at least one month before departure.

The clinic is in the allergy clinic in the medical center's basement near the emergency department entrance.

For more information, call 376-3550.

## Immunization clinic

Immunization clinic hours:

**Immunizations** — 7 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday; closed 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays.

**Allergy shots** — 1-4 p.m. Monday; 7:30-10:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

# 2nd Air Force team comes to aid of needy family

By Lt. Col. Michael Murphy

## 602nd Training Group (Provisional)

Thanks to the 602nd Training Group (Provisional) and 2nd Air Force headquarters, a local family enjoyed Christmas in the truest sense.

As the duty day wound to a close on Christmas Eve, air expeditionary force Airmen deployed to Keesler with the 602nd TRG(P) learned of a 14-year old boy who called a local charity in search of food for his family. The young man's family was in desperate need of food and assistance. Unable to react quickly enough, the charity turned to the Air Force for help.

In a few hours, Staff Sgts. Jason Ahlman and Kimberly Wright triggered a flood of food, gifts and over \$420 in donations from the 602nd TRG(P) and 2nd Air Force personnel. Airmen scrambled to

wrap toys and personalize Christmas stockings for each child. A Christmas tree with ornaments was acquired and grocery items valued at almost \$300 were purchased. Santa's sleigh was ready to fly.

With the assistance of a global positioning system, Santa's sleigh found its way to the home Marisol Majorado and her children in Saucier, Miss. The five children, ranging in ages from 3 to 15 years old, gathered around as Sergeants Ahlman and Wright, Staff Sgt. Latoleya Hayes and Master Sgts. Troy Thomas and Hareech Carswell unloaded food and gifts for the entire family. As her son translated, this young mother expressed her gratitude and appreciation for the love and kindness showered upon her and her family.

The 602d TRG (P), commanded by Col. Kevin McGlaughlin, is a total force team of permanent party and deployed AEF personnel pro-

viding fully combat mission capable Airmen in support of the joint expeditionary tasking mission directed by the Air Force Chief of Staff. The 602 TRG(P) oversees 7,500 JET Airmen annually attending combat skills training at Army installations throughout the country to ensure Airmen meet pre-deployment requirements for in-theater tasks to include provincial reconstruction teams and police transition teams.

Second Air Force, headquartered at Keesler, is commanded by Maj Gen Mary Kay Hertog. Second Air Force oversees four training wings and 92 field training units around the world providing technical training in 250 Air Force specialties through 2,500 courses graduating 245,000 Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and international students annually in a variety of career fields.



Santa's helpers from the 602nd TRG (P) say goodbye after delivering food and gifts.

## Donations collected for food bank



Photo by Kemberly Groue

From left, Mallory Freund, 2nd Lt. Jake Petro and Lt. Col. Ben Lovejoy, students in the 335th Training Squadron's basic financial management officer course, box up food collected for the Bay Area Food Bank. The class contributed 79 pounds of food and \$492 to the organization.

## Keesler shows generosity in annual drive

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Christmas was a lot happier for Mississippi Gulf Coast children who received gifts from the annual Toys for Tots campaign sponsored by the Marine Corps Reserve.

Keesler collected 2,060 toys and \$613 for the

2009 drive, according to base sponsor Cheryl Moore, 81st Communications Squadron.

"This was my ninth year to sponsor Toys for Tots on Keesler, and to date we have collected more than 16,500 toys and more than \$1,600 for local needy children," Ms. Moore said. "That's a great contribution from Keesler and a much happier Christmas for a lot of children."



## Jingle bell jogging

Tech. Sgt. Robert Carroll, 336th Training Squadron, participates in the Jingle Bell 5-kilometer fun run Dec. 16 with his daughters, 9-month old Samantha and 2-year-old Alexandra. Times weren't recorded for the run, but Sergeant Carroll's wife, Laura, was the first woman to finish. The first man to cross the finish line was Senior Airman Emanuel Balderas, 81st Medical Support Squadron.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



## Tyndall Airman named female athlete of the year

By Carol Carpenter

AFNORTH Public Affairs

TYNDALL Air Force Base, Fla. — When she was just 5 years old, she was already learning to hit softballs in her family's Fort Lauderdale, Fla., backyard. The balls were pitched patiently, one after the other, by an encouraging father who saw something special in his little girl's extraordinary ability to connect a bat with a ball.

Now 32, and a member of the Air Force and a security and requirements supervisor at Tyndall's 601st Air and Space Operations Center, Master Sgt. Karrie Warren is the Air Force's Female Athlete of the Year for 2009.

The trim and fit Airman won this distinction not only because of her ability to play an exceptional game of softball, but also because of her remarkable physical fitness and leadership skills both on and off the field.

"I was shocked, but very honored to have won this award," Warren said. "I strive to do my best whether it's at my job or in sports, and to even be nominated is something I will treasure for the rest of my life."

The award was announced at the Air Force Fitness and Sports Awards luncheon in Orlando in December.

Warren led the Air Force women's team to the full-services Armed Forces Women's Softball Championship title and was captain of the Armed Forces All-Tournament team, which took second place at the 2009 Amateur Softball Association National Championship.

Additionally, she led the Tyndall AFB women's softball team to second place in the 2009 World Softball Tournament and they played this year



Warren

at the Pac-Wide Softball Championship in Korea. For doing well at both events, the team was designated the "All-Tournament team."

Warren has spent most of her life honing her ability to play softball, as well as advancing her personal physical fitness goals along the way.

Warren said that by age 9 she was playing on organized local teams. As a teenager, she played on various school teams and amateur leagues that traveled to other states and regions of the country to compete.

"My two older brothers weren't all that interested in sports, so my father held out hope for me, his last child," she said.

"He drove me to do my best, and I've always tried to follow his advice."

She feels fortunate that her father, who died two years ago, was able to watch her play on Air Force and Armed Forces teams in previous years.

As an adult, she quickly realized that any sports ability

can be enhanced by other kinds of physical fitness, so she developed the habit of making plenty of time for regular exercise.

Today she runs two miles four times a week and weight trains three times a week, using a regimen intended for male athletes.

She also is careful about eating a healthy diet.

"I admit I love fried foods, but I try to avoid them, except in small portions," she said, adding that nutritious food is essential for the "mind, body and soul."

"My unit stresses physical fitness, and my personal motivation is that I want to feel and perform the best that I can," she said of her rigorous exercise routine.

Although she is single, doesn't have children and can usually find sufficient time after work for active pursuits, she said she thinks all Airmen, regardless of their situation, can and should carve out time for a sound fitness routine.

She said she believes it should be done not only for individual health and well-being, but also to meet the current and new Air Force PT standards that go into effect in July.

"If you are already fit, you won't have a problem with the new standards," she said.

But her first love — softball — is the main part of her fitness routine that keeps life especially interesting and fun.

"I'm not the best player, but I do try to be a smart player," said the longtime center-left outfielder.

"I don't make the big power plays; I just look for holes to place the ball and get on base. The others bring me in."

## 1984 champs honored Keesler medic among inductees for Rust College's Sports Hall of Fame

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Barbara Knox-Seymour, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron pharmacy flight, and other members of the 1984 Rust College "Lady Bearcats" basketball team were honored recently as they and their coach were the first athletes to be inducted into the school's Sports Hall of Fame.

The event was held during the 143rd Rust College Convocation Founders Day weekend held on the Holly Springs, Miss., campus.

Rust College President David L. Beckley inducted the team and their coach, Dr. A.J. Stovall, for winning the 1984 NCAA Division III Basketball National Championship.

The school also is petitioning the NCAA to induct the team into the National NCAA Sports Hall of Fame for being the first and only black team and school to accomplish this feat.

The recognition came on the 25th anniversary of the team's national championship. The Lady Bearcats were awarded gold watches, Division III jackets, gold medals, certificates, plaques and a video of the championship game.

Knox-Seymour was the forward and shooting guard on the championship squad,



Knox-Seymour

a position she played while studying communications and radio and television from 1984 to 1985.

The Blue Mountain, Miss., native resides in Biloxi. She has two sons, a daughter and stepdaughter. Bernard Seymour III, 22, attends the University of Arkansas at Monticello where he plays basketball; and Brandon Gines, 19, is on the rugby squad at Spring Hill College, Mobile, Ala.

Daughter Keionna Gines, 16, is a student at St. Martin High School and also plays basketball.

Her stepdaughter Jasmine Flowers, 13, resides in Scranton, Pa.

Knox-Seymour also is manager and singer for the local band, "Barbara & Co."

# SCORES AND MORE

## Basketball

### SEMAC varsity men

(as of Nov. 23)

Team	Won	Lost
Hurlburt	4	0
Maxwell	3	1
Mayport	2	2
Tyndall	1	1
Robins	1	1
Eglin	1	1
Keesler	0	3
Moody	0	3

### Intramural Over 30

(as of Dec. 11)

All games played at the Dragon Fitness Center.

Team	Won	Lost
333rd TRS	1	0
335th TRS	1	1
332nd TRS	1	1
81st LRS	1	1
81st FSS-81st CS	1	2
81st SFS	0	0

### Intramural Eastern Division

(as of Dec. 11)

Team	Won	Lost
81st SFS	3	2
334th TRS	3	0
81st FSS-81st CPTS	3	0
338th TRS-A	2	0
336rd TRS	1	2
332nd TRS-B	1	2
81st MDSS-A	0	3
333rd TRS	0	3

#### Upcoming games

**Monday** — 6:15 p.m. 338th TRS-A vs. 333rd TRS; 7:15 p.m. 81st MDSS-A vs. 81st SFS; 8:15 p.m. 332nd TRS-B vs. 336th TRS.

**Wednesday** — 6:15 p.m. 332nd TRS-B vs. 81st SFS; 7:15 p.m. 81st FSS-81st CPTS vs. 336th TRS; 8:15 p.m.; 338th TRS-A vs. 334th TRS.

### Intramural Western Division

(as of Dec. 11.)

Team	Won	Lost
81st MSGS	3	1
403rd Wing	2	2
81st MDSS-B	2	2
335th TRS	2	0
81st MSG	1	1
332nd TRS-A	1	2
338th TRS-B	1	3
81st DS	0	2

#### Upcoming games

**Today** — 6:15 p.m. 81st DS vs. 81st MDSS-B; 7:15 p.m. 335th TRS vs. 81st MSGS; 8:15 p.m. 332nd TRS-A vs. 338th TRS-B.

**Tuesday** — 6:15 p.m. 81st MSGS vs. 403rd Wing; 7:15 p.m. 81st DS vs. 335th TRS; 8:15 p.m. 81st MDSS-B vs. 81st MSG.

## Bowling center's reopening party Tuesday offers treats, giveaways

During Tuesday's grand reopening of Gaude Lanes Bowling Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., there'll be free bowling, beverages, sample food items and giveaways.

To sign up for the free strike contest at 11 a.m., call 377-2817. Prizes are awarded for first, second and third place.

The center renovation updated pinholders, floors and restaurant equipment.

## Bowling

**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.

**Bowling fund raisers** — for more information, call 377-2817.

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

**Gaude Bowling Center New Year's Eve party** — 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dec. 31. Bowling, dancing, music, favors, finger foods, prizes and nonalcoholic midnight toast. Alcoholic beverages sold separately. \$30 for adults, \$25 ages 6-17; 5 and younger admitted free. Ages 14 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets on sale at the desk.

**Glow bowling** — 9 p.m. Fridays and 7 p.m. Saturdays.

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

**Team building special** — 1-3 p.m. Mondays-Wednesdays, 1-5 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays. Bring your employees bowling for \$1 a game

plus shoe rental. For reservations, call 377-2817.

**Youth bowling** — for any child old enough to throw the bowling ball down the alley. League meets 9:30 a.m. Saturdays; instruction available. For more information, call 377-2817.

## Fitness centers

**Biggest loser contest** — Jan. 18-March 19. Register and weigh in at any of the three fitness centers through Jan. 15. Final weigh in on or before weekend of March 19. The top two male and female contestants losing the most weight during the competition will receive a T-shirt and Subway gift card.

**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.

**Boxing room** — Triangle Fitness Center. Six heavy bags, three speed bags and one double-end bag. Boxing gloves available.

**Dragon Fitness Center** — Due to the basketball court's water damage, center hours extended for full-court basketball play 6 a.m.-11 p.m. Mondays-working Friday; 8 a.m.-1 p.m. nonworking Friday and Saturdays. Parent-child fitness room has workout equipment and play area for ages 6 months to 7 years. For more information, call 377-4385.

**Free blood pressure machines** — available at all fitness centers.

**Free fitness classes** — boot camp, self-defense, cycling, yoga, step aerobics, Tae Kwon-do, core fitness, kick boxing and pilates at Dragon Fitness Center. For more information, call 377-2907.

**Free fitness testing, exercise prescription and personal training** — at Blake, Dragon and Triangle Fitness Centers. For more information, call for appointment.

**Free power lifting seminar** — 2 p.m. Jan. 15 at the Triangle Fitness Center. Subjects include proper lifting techniques, proper use of lifting gear, approved power lifting attire, and rules and regulations for the upcoming Muscle Mania power lifting meet on March 19.

**Fit to fight incentive program** — Dragon slayers, dragon readers, dragon gliders and dragon riders available free at Blake, Dragon and Triangle fitness centers. Awards presented. For more information, contact the fitness center of your choice.

**Massage appointments** — at

Triangle Fitness Center. For more information, call 348-6698.

**No smoking** — on Crotwell Track across from Blake Fitness Center.

**Parent/child fitness room** — at Dragon Fitness Center. Workout equipment; play area for ages 6 months to 7 years.

**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.

## Golf

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

**Twilight special** — 1 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays; play unlimited golf until closing. Fees: E1-E4, \$12; E5-O3, \$20; O4-up, \$22, guests \$22.

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

## Outdoor recreation

**Back Bay fishing trip** — \$20 per person. State fishing license required; minimum four, maximum six people. For more information, call 377-3160.

**Catamaran sailboat for rent** — \$10 per hour, minimum 2 hours, or \$75 per day. Trailer and take-off site \$100 per day or \$175 for a weekend. Must be sailboat certified.

**Camping packages** — available, including sleeping bags, lanterns, camp stoves and tents.

**Canoes, kayaks** — for rent.

**Children's wildlife poster contest** — throughout the month. Any type of wildlife including, birds, fish and animals. First-place winner receives a \$100 savings bond, second place winner receives a \$50 savings bond.

**Deep sea fishing private charter** — rent Dolphin II, \$750 for first 10 people, \$50 each additional person. No license needed; \$100 deposit.

**Deep sea fishing trips** — Nonworking Fridays and Sundays on the Keesler Dolphin II. \$75 per person includes everything you need to fish. Payment due upon reservation. Minimum 10, maximum 22 people. For more information and to reserve, call 377-3160.

**Delacroix, La. fishing site** — Outdoor fishing/hunting camp in Delacroix, La. Rent a self-contained camper, sleeps four, \$50/night, \$125/weekend (Friday noon to Monday noon) or \$300 a week (seven days

## Fitness center flooring work under way

The work that began Monday to replace the carpet with tile in the men's locker room at Blake Fitness Center is being accomplished in sections, allowing access to the showers during the entire installation process.

The project is expected to be completed by Feb. 8.

noon to noon). Bring food, beverages, cooking utensils and bedding. Louisiana license needed to fish. For more information, call 377-3160.

**January special** — Ten percent discount on all rental equipment.

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

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

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

**Paddle boats for rent** — two-person or four-person for \$5 per hour for minimum of two hours. For more information, call 377-3160.

**Pontoon boat training** — test to become certified to rent a pontoon. For more information, call 377-3160.

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

**Rent a bicycle** — 3500 Trek, seven speed, \$3 day, \$15 week, \$35 month.

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

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

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

**Wet slip fees** — monthly, 32 feet-plus, \$3.75 per foot; under 32 feet, \$2.50 per foot; overnight, \$5 per boat.

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# Falcons grab 6 interceptions in 47-20 bowl win

By John Van Winkle

## Air Force Academy Public Affairs

FORT WORTH, Texas — Six interceptions powered the Air Force Academy to a 47-20 win over the University of Houston Cougars in the Armed Forces Bowl Dec. 31 in front of 41,414 fans, a bowl record.

It was the third time the Air Force Academy and University of Houston met on the gridiron in two years. The Academy trounced the Cougars 31-28 during the 2008 regular season, and Houston repaid the Falcons by handing them a 34-28 loss during the 2008 Armed Forces Bowl.

The 2009 Armed Forces Bowl was Air Force's third trip to the bowl game in as many years, and turned out to be a rematch for the Falcons and Cougars, and pitted Air Force's No. 1-ranked passing defense against Houston's No. 1-ranked passing offense. And it was the defense that won this battle, ending six Houston drives with interceptions and limiting the Cougar offense to only four of 10 third-down conversions.

"We were outplayed today by Air



Air Force photo by Bill Evans

**Falcons quarterback Tim Jefferson gets ready for a deep pass against Houston during the Armed Forces Bowl Dec. 31.**

Force," said Houston head coach Kevin Sumlin. "I don't think there's any doubt about that. They had the No. 1 pass defense in the country and showed it today.

"You can't expect to win any time when you turn the ball over like we

did," he said. "This loss was turnover-related and from not getting off the field on third down. Air Force took advantage of some of our errors and created opportunities on their own."

"I want to thank the Air Force fans for the great turnout and show of sup-

port," said Coach Calhoun. "That was a great win, baby! The ultimate team place is Air Force football. The best stuff these guys will ever do is ahead of them in service to their country. This was just a terrific all-around effort across the board. These guys fought hard and played well. The third time here was a charm!"

For the coaches and players, the joy of a hard-won bowl game win on New Year's Eve will soon give way to preparation for the 2010 football season.

"We have to start from scratch, with a new team and new year. The work doesn't stop," said Coach Calhoun. "I leave Sunday, and hit the country to start recruiting."

Several other coaches will also be hitting the road, looking for players who fit the athletic, academic and character mold of becoming a Air Force Academy cadet-athlete.

Fifteen of the cadet-athletes who played in the bowl game are bound for graduation. As for the rest, the weight rooms await, as their offseason conditioning program started Monday.

## GRADUATIONS

### Airman Leadership School Class 10-1

**334th Training Squadron** — Senior Airman Earl Pruett II.  
**335th Training Squadron** — Senior Airman Kwadwo Agyenfrempong.

**338th Training Squadron** — Staff Sgt. Stephen Johnston (class commander and leadership award) and Senior Airman Tremayne Smith (promoted to staff sergeant).

**81st Force Support Squadron** — Senior Airman Jacob Williams (Levitow Award).

**81st Communications Squadron** — Senior Airman Sharon Lee.

**81st Security Forces Squadron** — Senior Airmen Anthony Oaks and Ryan Steelman.

**81st Medical Operations Squadron** — Senior Airman Amber Olszen.

**81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron** — Senior Airman Jamie Whitten.

**81st Surgical Operations Squadron** — Senior Airman Christina Cromartie.

**81st Medical Operations Squadron** — Senior Airmen Matthew Parker and John Sessums.

**81st Medical Support Squadron** — Senior Airmen Christopher Crist, David Diaz, Jamie Smith and Kerry Tillman II (class first sergeant).

**81st Inpatient Operations Squadron** — Senior Airmen Anthony Manney (distinguished graduate) and Isid Setosta (promoted to staff sergeant).

**81st Diagnostic and Therapeutics Squadron** — Senior Airman Shawn Rooks and Mary Whitten (academic award).

**85th Engineering Installation Squadron** — Senior Airmen Jonathan Pelletier and Clinton Phifer (promoted to staff sergeant).

### Mathies NCO Academy Class 10-1

**81st Training Wing** — Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Linville.

**81st Force Support Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. Yvonne Thomas (Levitow Award).

**81st Medical Group** — Tech. Sgt. Anthony Williams.

**81st Medical Operations Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. Donald Barr.

**334th Training Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. Clint Harper.

**336th Training Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. Shannon Easton.

**338th Training Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. Donald Fidler.

**45th Airlift Maintenance Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. Matthew McCombs.

**403rd Security Forces Squadron** — Tech. Sgts. Joshua Richey (distinguished graduate), Justice Turner and Staff Sgt. William White.

**85th Engineering Installation Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. Michael Hoelzer.

## HONORS

### Student honor roll

#### 332nd Training Squadron

**Electronic principles** — Airmen Basic David Abreu, Brent Admire, Kendrick Alltop, Donte Arrivas Bedford, John Aubuchon, Alexander Avery, Rick Baron, Heinz Bartnick, Tyler Bellamy, Zachary Berk, Natasha Bianchi, Shante Bolden, Samaura Brown, Weston Brown, Matthew Brubaker, Kolby Bumgarner, Aimee Burbridge, Cody Burtner, Aaron Cachara, Matthew Carlson, Stephanie Carpenter, Levi Collins, Bradley Combs, Jesse Coronado, Travis Cox, Richard Cross, Taylor Dakin, James Dameron, Gregory Daugherty, Alexander Davis, Brian Dottle, Timothy Drafz, Joshua Duquette, Nelson Fields, Trever Fischer Andersen, Brandon Foster, Patrick Foster, Joseph Fowlkes, Carl Free, Danielle Fulgham, Dustin Gerard, Anise Ghorbani, Allyana Gibbs, Anthony Gordon, Jacob Halstead, Craig Hamilton, Avery Hawkins, Collin Jenkins, Liam Johnson, Lester Josol, Andrew Kegley, Justin Kemp, Javon Kirkland, Wesley Klasen, Christian Klein, Lyle Koehler, Craig Kortan, Daniel Kosakowski, Josiah Kuzianiki, Andrew Laboy,

Joshua Leonard, Erik Madden, Dominique Manipol, Stephen Manzanara, Donald Matney, Mitchell McCartney, Napoleon Medina, Kyle Miller, Thomas Miller, Randy Morel, Jordan Outzen, Ronald Pearce, Tylan Pierson, Sean Rader, Christopher Reagan, Richard Rice, Wesley Risley, Briant Roby, Erik Roice, Raymond Savo, Timothy Schonfeld, Benjamin Shanklin, David Smith, Christopher Spear, Matthew Stacy, Julius Stiggers, David Storch, Paul Tumpson, Nicholas Turley, Brian Valdeiso, Lee Vang, William Vaughn, Nicholas Veerkamp, Devon Wanderon, Thomas Warda, Brandon Wheat, Brian White, Michael Whitten, Christopher Wildes and Samuel Winkle; Airmen Benjamin Belanger, Jacob Burns, Christopher Calcagni, Jeremy Caton, Daniel Chandler, Jordan Coats, Jose Diazdavila, Marcus Eason, John Eckardt, Kevin Flakes, Charvis Franklin, Justin Hollister, Kayla Hoyle, Christopher Laroche, Mark Lopez, Andrew Lowe, Randall Margritz, Matthew Nenni, Cameron Rhodes, Nicholas Richter, Solomon Rosen, Benjamin Seefeldt, Ashlynn Schmidt, Benjamin Tress and Stephen Virbitsky; Airmen 1st Class Dane Adams, Marcu AllenHall, Samuel Anderson, Johnathon Baylous, Joshua Betts, Stephen Bentley, James Blasich, Brandon Blosser, Nicholas Brazeau, Williams Brown, Joseph Cadavos, Christopher Calcagni, Mitchell Carroll, Steven Carter, Cynthia Caton, Cassidy Cervenka, Alexander Chase, Matthew Colona, Herman Cyrus, Kjell Davis, David Demster, Michael Denherder, Andres DuranVargas, Steven Evans, Jason Freeman, Justin Gaddis, Matthew Galindo, Brandon Garthwaite, Justin Greco, Justin Guzman, Eugenio Henriquez, Matthew Hordeski, Christopher Howard, Parker Imrie, Alexander Jansing, Adam Johnson, Nathan Jolley, Colby Judd, Ben Kaur, Josiah Kelsall, Matthew King, Taylor Kirby, Noel Lamy, Casey Lipe, Nicholas Loftin, Edward Lomelin, Cynthia Lose, Nathaniel MacKay, Joh Mark, Jeffery Meyers, David Miller, Emily Mitchell, Bradyn Mowers, Andrew Nelson, Bjorn Nielsen, Benjamin Nienhouse, Cassandra Pacheco, Chelsea Page, Kyle Potts, Donavan Purcell, Joshua Remer, Nicholas Resley, Rodney Ross, Christopher Rupert, Justin Shaffer, Dillon Shail, Voss Shaw, Kristofer Sirks, Eric Smith, Terry Smith, Nathaniel Sorensen, Erik Stauffer, Darren

## 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**, Triangle Chapel.....11:15 a.m.

### Jewish

Jewish services are held Fridays at 7:30 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Israel, 12277 Three Rivers Rd., Gulfport. Call Master Sgt. Michael Raff, 377-5235 or 207-2196.

### Islamic

Prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jummah congregational prayer, noon Friday. Building 2003, across from the Live Oak dining facility. 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. Call 396-5274 or (801) 787-1990.

### Orthodox

Divine Liturgy 10 a.m. Sunday at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 255 Beauvoir Rd, Biloxi. Call 388-6138 or Father Stephen Clos, 377-4105.

Stebbins, Robert Sullivan, Tiffany Thompson, Taylor Tomlin, Roy Varney, Scott Vickers, Nathaniel Vincent, James Walsh, Justin Walsh, Terrance Warner, Shawn Westbrook, Brandon Wicks, Ethan Winter, Barbara Woods, Rorrie Yeisley and Ao Zhang; Senior Airmen Gregory Bergerson, Brad Griguhn, Michael Meneses, Patrick O'Hara, David Savage and David Welch; Staff Sgts. David Barrett, Cameron Dietterick, Jeraby Dillon, Phillip Duckworth, Simeon Forona, Clifton Frye, John Fulgar, Adam Gillard, Justin Johnson, James King, Ashley Klejmont, Alexander Nishakawa, Israel Parkinson, Daniel Rodgers, Jose Torres and Johnathon Valentine; Master Sgt. Richard MacNeal.

**Metrology basic course** — Airman 1st Class Russell Elliot.

## CLASSES

### Airman Leadership School

**Class 10-2** — graduation Feb. 11.

### Mathies NCO Academy

**Class 10-2** — graduation Feb. 17.

### Arts and crafts center

**Advanced intarsia woodworking** — 10 a.m. Jan. 30. \$25 includes materials.

**Beginning intarsia woodworking** — 10 a.m. Jan. 16. \$15 includes materials.

**Beginning woodworking** — 5:30 p.m. Wednesday and Jan. 20 and 27. Make a cutting board. \$25, includes materials and shop use.

**Engraving shop** — squadron, office and individual orders.

**Glass painting** — 10:30 a.m. Jan. 23. \$25 includes a completed painted project.

**Jewelry making** — 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Jan. 16. \$20 includes materials. Learn wire wrapping and tooling.

**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.

**Pottery** — 10 a.m. to noon, Jan. 23. \$40.

**Scrapbooking** — 5:30-7 p.m. Jan. 21. \$10 includes materials.

**Wood shop** — stocked retail lumber and a large assembly area adjacent to the machine room available. Call for class information.

### Chapel

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

**Catholic religious education** — after 9 a.m. Sunday Mass.

**Protestant Sunday School** — 10:30-11:30 a.m. for preschool, elementary, teens and adults.

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

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

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

**Grief Share support group** — meets 6:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Triangle Chapel Annex. One-on-one and group support available for people experiencing difficult relationships or work situations, loss of a loved one or job, divorce, health issues and grief. For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Garrell Calton, 376-3095 or Glenda Woodard or Delphine McIntyre, 377-2531.

### Keesler Medical Center

#### Mental health clinic

**Post-traumatic stress disorder** — 1:30 p.m. Mondays.

**Healthy thinking** — 2 p.m. Tuesdays.

**Stress management techniques** — 10 a.m. Wednesdays.

**Relaxation techniques** — 9 a.m. Mondays.

To register, call 376-0385.

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## McBride Library

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

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

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

**Paperback book swap** — swap one of same genre for another.

**Playaway** — self-playing digital audio books available with content preloaded; select from large assortment of titles. Pop in a battery, plug in almost any type of headset and enjoy.

**Online catalog** — to search the inventory, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>, click link for McBride Library, then link for online catalog.

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

**Research databases** — comprehensive research capabilities. Many specialty areas.

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

**Tours/orientations** — for more information, call 377-2604.

**Volunteers needed** — to shelve books, assist with children's story time and create displays. For more information, call 377-2181.

## CLUBS AND CENTERS

### Vandenberg Community Center

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

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

**Legends Café** — buffet specials 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Pool tournaments** — 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

### Katrina Kantina

**All ranks invited** — open 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays. Snacks, beverages and music; \$5.25, chips and salsa, DJ Wayne and his karaoke machine.

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

**Lunch** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays. \$6 for club members, \$8 for nonmembers. Menu changes weekly.

### Youth center

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

**TRAIL** — 6-8 p.m. Mondays.

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

**Classes** — Guitar, piano and gymnastic classes available. For more information, call 377-4116.

**Open recreation** — 3-5:45 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 front desk.

**Youth employment service** — earn money for college tuition. For more information, call 377-4116.

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

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

## TICKETS AND TRIPS

**Discounted tickets** — for more information, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the ITT link.

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

**Tour bus** — available for group rental, seats 23.

## TRANSITIONS

### Workshops, briefings

**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.

**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 separating/retiring under special circumstances, call 376-8728 for appointment.

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

**Transition assistance program** — The Department of Labor's program is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. the first three days; the fourth day is the Veterans Affairs benefits brief from 8-11 a.m. and the retirement benefits briefs from 1-6 p.m. The schedule is Monday-Thursdays; Feb. 8-11; March 8-11; April 12-15; May 10-13; June 7-10; July 12-15; Aug. 9-12; Sept. 13-16; Oct. 18-21; Nov. 15-18; and Dec. 13-16. To register, call 376-8728 to register.

## 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** — 7 a.m. third Tuesday of the month, Live Oak Dining Facility. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Rich Striggow, 377-4800, or visit <http://chapter.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).

**Airman's Council** — meets every first and third Tuesday at 4 p.m., Sablich Auditorium. For more information, call Senior Airman Alonda West, 377-2994.

**Airmen Against Drunk Driving** — For more information, call Staff Sgt. Aaron Eden, 377-1907; Staff Sgt. Brad Mills, 377-1714, or 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 (601) 528-4337, e-mail [Camoprincess92@gmail.com](mailto:Camoprincess92@gmail.com) or visit <http://www.keeslercap.org>.

**Company grade officers council** — 4:30 p.m. every second Wednesday at the Katrina Kantina at the marina. For more information, call Capt. Naomi Henigin, 377-0779.

**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 Amateur Radio Club** — Net with news-line and echo-link is held Wednesdays on 146.79, minus offset, no PL tone. Monthly meeting is 7 p.m. second Mondays at Locker House. Enter courtyard near Second Street. Enter door marked "T flight" and go straight ahead to sign saying "K5TYP."

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## DINING HALL MENUS

### Today

**Lunch** — pork chops, gravy, braised liver with onions, fried fish, rissole potatoes, rice, gravy, broccoli, peas and carrots, corn, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chili, bean and ham soup, buffalo wings and roast beef subs.

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

### Friday

**Lunch** — shrimp scampi, beef stew, roast turkey, franconia potatoes, pea and pepper rice, gravy, corn on the cob, stewed tomatoes, collard greens, three-bean salad, chile con queso, Tuscan vegetables, chicken noodle, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

**Dinner** — chili macaroni, barbecue chicken, fried catfish, potato wedges, Spanish rice, gravy, fried cabbage, carrots, broccoli, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chile con queso, Tuscan vegetables, chicken noodle soup, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

### Saturday

**Lunch** — baked chicken, Swedish meatballs, creole shrimp, mashed potatoes, rice, gravy, corn, asparagus, squash, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, chicken chili, minestrone soup, baja chicken enchilada and chicken nuggets.

**Dinner** — baked fish, knockwurst, Chinese five-spice chicken, potatoes, rice, gravy, stir-fry vegetables, baked beans, creamed corn, spinach, fruit salad, bean salad, chicken chili, minestrone soup, baja chicken enchilada and chicken nuggets.

### Sunday

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

**Dinner** — stir-fry beef with broccoli, turkey nuggets, orange- and honey-glazed ham, sauteed mushrooms and onions, baked potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, corn on the cob, green beans, tomato salad, German coleslaw, chili, broccoli soup, chicken with rice and cheese pizza.

### Monday

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

**Dinner** — spaghetti with meat sauce, loin strip steak, turkey, baked potatoes, pea and pepper rice, gravy, squash, carrots, broccoli, sauteed mushrooms and onions, cucumber onion salad, macaroni salad, chili con queso, Tuscan vegetable, cheeseburger chowder, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

### Tuesday

**Lunch** — teriyaki chicken, veal parmesan, baked fish, rice, parsley buttered potatoes, gravy, cabbage, succotash, carrots, macaroni salad, cottage cheese salad, timberline chili, minestrone, baja chicken enchilada, barbecue beef, sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

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

### Wednesday

**Lunch** — fried chicken, cajun baked fish, jalapeno cornbread, barbecue ribs, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, okra tomato gumbo, fried cabbage, cole slaw, frijole salad, white-bean chicken chili, clam chowder, chicken gumbo, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

**Dinner** — lemon-herb chicken, sweet and sour pork, jambalaya, scalloped potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, Mexican corn, broccoli, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, chicken chili, clam chowder, chicken gumbo, cheese fishwich and pizza.

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**Keesler Spouses Club** — second Tuesdays. For more information, e-mail Devalynn Solomon, deesolomon@cableone.net, or visit <http://www.KeeslerSpousesClub.com>.

**Retired Enlisted Association Magnolia Chapter 81** — 5:30 p.m. second Thursdays, Sablich Center, Room 108-B. For more information, call Charles Partin, 313-3267.

**Top III** — second Tuesday of the month. Meetings are 7 a.m. at Live Oak Dining Facility in January, March, May, July, September and November; 3:30 p.m. remaining months at Katrina Kantina. For more information, call Master Sgt. Tammy McElroy, 376-3164.

**Tuskegee Airmen Inc., Col. Lawrence E. Roberts Chapter** — 5 p.m. first Thursdays, McBride Library. For more information, call Glenda Mosby, 243-1992, gmosby1@bellsouth.net, or Charles Bowers, 860-3665.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Movies

**Editor's note: Movies shown in Welch Auditorium; \$3 adults, \$1.50 children for regular features; \$2.50 adults and \$1 children for matinees. For upcoming features, call 377-6627.**

### January weather outlook

Fog and stratus are the major weather problems encountered at Keesler in January. However, cold polar outbreaks may also bring periods of rain and very rare occurrences of snowfall. Prolonged periods of poor flying conditions that occur are commonly associated with nearby frontal systems over the Gulf. In contrast, fairly long stretches of cool and clear conditions are not uncommon after the passage of cold fronts.

Extreme maximum temperature (F) .....	81
Mean daily maximum temperature (F) .....	59
Mean daily minimum temperature (F) .....	45
Extreme minimum temperature (F) .....	10

Mean relative humidity (percent) .....	72
Mean monthly precipitation (inches) .....	5.28
Mean number of days with precipitation .....	10
Mean number of days with thunderstorm .....	3
Maximum 24-hour rainfall (inches) .....	6.49
Percentage of observations with ceiling less than:	
2,000 feet .....	19.6
1,000 feet .....	13.4
300 feet .....	4.6
Percentage of observations with visibility less than:	
6 miles .....	26.3
3 miles .....	11.4
1 mile .....	4.6
Percentage of observations with wind:	
0-3 knot .....	32.5
4-10 knots .....	57.7
11-21 knots.....	10.4
22 knots or greater .....	0.1

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