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## Open for business



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Senior Airman Brandon Ailes, fifth from right, is flanked by Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Defense Commissary Agency, Keesler and community leaders as he cuts the ribbon on the base's new shopping mall Tuesday. Airman Ailes, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, is Keesler's Airman of the Year. More photos, Page 9.

## Commander selected for new assignment

### Keesler Public Affairs

Brig. Gen. Ian Dickinson, 81st Training Wing commander, has been selected for a new assignment as Director, Communications and Information, and Chief Information Officer, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

General Dickinson will replace Brig. Gen. David Warner, who is retiring July 1. General Dickinson hasn't received a report date yet, but a change of command ceremony is expected this summer. The announcement of his replacement is expected soon.

"It's a distinct privilege to serve along with the great men and women at Keesler and members of the local community," said General Dickinson. "It will be hard to say goodbye, but I know the mission of the base will continue to

thrive thanks to the spectacular support I have seen over the past year."

General Dickinson came to Keesler last May and pinned on the rank of brigadier general in July.

He commands 5,000 Airmen and civilians, providing technical training for officers, enlisted and civilians of the Air Force, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and other Defense Department agencies.

At AFSPC, General Dickinson will be responsible for establishing communications and information policy, plans and architectures as they relate to space systems and cyber defense systems. He will manage key defense satellite programs, such as the Global Positioning System, and two satellite launch programs.



General Dickinson



## 'First Command' is first to influence our Airmen

By Maj. Gen. Anthony Przybyslowski

Air Education and Training Command vice commander

Editor's note: General Przybyslowski takes on a new assignment this month as a special assistant to the commander of Air Force Space Command.

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — To the men and women of the First Command, I leave Air Education and Training Command after spending the past 20 months honored to be your vice commander. Boy, have you taught me a lot! Thank you for your tremendous devotion, service and professionalism.

We call ourselves the First Command because of what you do every day. Recruiters bring in the quality; military training instructors begin the process of shaping the "rainbows," recruits in the first week of training; military training leaders polish and prepare the Airmen for their first duty; and instructor pilots create the world's greatest aviators. Let's not forget the intellectual and leadership center of the Air Force, Air University. And all your efforts are for one thing, and one thing only ... preparing the world's greatest Airmen for combat!

I stood on the Lake Michigan beach in Chicago and administered the oath to 60 new recruits about to enter the Air Force. I watched as the recruiters there already started molding these young men and women as they marched these recruits in unison in front of the 1.2 million people there for the air show! The ceremony was being broadcast on the radio and as we ended with the, "... so help me God," the roar of all those people along 10 miles of beach sent chills down my spine and literally watered my eyes. Those people realized these new recruits were about to join the Air Force for the good of the nation and to protect their way of life. That's what you do!

I spent time at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, during the in-processing of these new Airmen. I was fascinated by the rainbow appearance and attitude of these individuals as they got off the bus and got their first introduction to our way of life. "Pull those pants up!" the military training instructor firmly stated. "Move it!" "Quit gazing; you a tourist?" I broke into a chilling, cold sweat as I immediately was thrust back to Feb. 22, 1971, my first day at basic military training and the raspy

voice of Staff Sgt. Savoy, my first MTI. He got my attention immediately! That's what you do!

That all changes in 8½ weeks.

When's the last time you attended a BMT graduation? Looking for a re-bluing event, look no further! Every Friday we produce 600-800 brand new Airmen ready to move on and get their career going.

I was having lunch one day with a couple of basic trainees set to graduate in a week and asked one of them what was the hardest thing about BMT. Her response floored me.

She said, "Before coming into the Air Force, if I didn't like someone, I would ignore them. But you taught me that if I didn't get along with someone I would not be successful."

And that's when it hit me ... we aren't just making Airmen, we're making better Americans! They're warriors ready to make the ultimate sacrifice. Whether they stay in for four years or 40, they will find a way to make things better because you taught them they have something to contribute and can make a difference. That's powerful! That's what you do!

I saw our military training leaders at our technical training wings take those "airmen" from BMT and make them into "Airmen." They build on what they learned at Lackland and provide the elbow grease to polish the skills of the career field. I learned how to take out a gall bladder, set up a remote, world-class communications facility, and fire a sniper rifle well enough to plug the wing command chief's coin.

Walk the halls of the Intrepid Center or Wilford Hall Medical Center and see the care and healing of our wounded warriors. Someone trained those skilled technicians and medical staff. These instructors know that every airman they touch could find themselves quickly "outside the wire" in a combat situation regardless of the career field. The list goes on and on. You provide world-class training while instilling the American warrior ethos! That's what you do!

I'm from the bomber "tribe" so I wasn't sure about these "white jet" aviators. That changed quickly. I've flown with superb instructors in our T-1, T-6, T-38 and C-17 maintained by true profes-

sionals. I was in the C-17 jump seat for a night landing at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, with the pilots on night vision goggles. I never saw the runway. Where did they learn how to do that? Our IPs do that for every aircraft in our inventory, even the crew of the Predator and Reaper. That's what you do!

The last time I attended a course at Maxwell AFB, Ala., was at Squadron Officer School in 1982. That was a long time ago, and I had a couple of opinions about that place. Boy, was I wrong.

Everything is relevant for today's world ... support to the warfighter. Just think about what goes on there ... earn a master's degree while deployed anywhere in the world, new officers develop combat leadership skills at Air and Space Basic Course, officers and enlisted share curriculum during the resident military education programs, senior leaders hone combatant command skills in the flag officer courses, the list is endless. I've never been what one would call a "strong" student. But I can unequivocally say our Air University faculty is academic giants who push, stretch and challenge each and every student ... to the fullest! That's what you do!

I recently had the thrill of welcoming the AETC Outstanding Airmen of the Year for their visit to AETC. At the first reception, we were honored by having three former Chief Master Sergeants of the Air Force — Robert Gaylor, Frederick Finch and Eric Benken. Seeing them mingle with the truly outstanding Airmen I had another powerful realization. What we do is built on what those before us did for us. Here I was, in the presence of past great leaders, and the next generation of great leaders, who will take the Air Force to the next level.

So, we are the First Command for the Air Force. We take rainbows from across America, make them into Airmen and responsible citizens, and then continue to polish and refine for as long as they stay with us. It's because we will not let down those who came before us and built today's Air Force ... an Air Force we will make better for tomorrow ... to answer our nation's call! It's what we do!

I am so proud to be a part of this great command.



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## DRAGON ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

Keesler News photojournalist

**What is one thing that makes you feel better when you're having a bad day?**



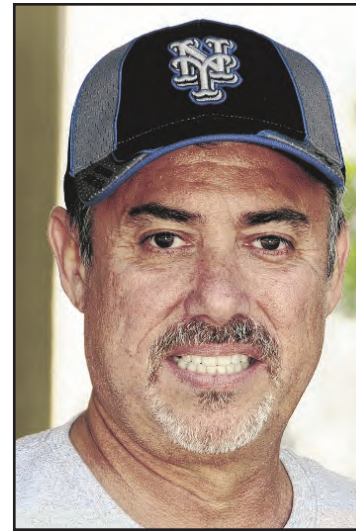
**"Seeing my son."**

Staff Sgt. Tanisha Daniels, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron



**"Seeing my family."**

Staff Sgt. Theodore Scott, 81st Security Squadron



**"Driving my car fast."**

Navy retiree Rayner Betancourt

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# TRAINING AND EDUCATION

## Learning to Cope Airman recruited by one brother, instructed at Keesler by the other

By Staff Sgt. Kimberly Moore

Keesler Public Affairs

After being recruited by a Staff Sgt. Cope, one Airman found himself in technical training being instructed by another Staff Sgt. Cope.

Staff Sgt. Creighton Cope, 334th Training Squadron air traffic control instructor, explained how he and his student figured out that they had his older brother in common.

“On the first day of class we do introductions,” Sergeant Cope said. “When I got to Airman 1st Class Shawn Menssen, he said he was recruited out of Kansas City. I told him my brother was a recruiter outside Kansas City. He later asked me what my name was and said ‘Oh yeah — your brother was my recruiter.’ That’s never happened before.”

Sergeant Cope said he called his brother after finding out his new student was his recruit.

“My brother, Christopher, told me Airman Menssen was a good guy and a family man,” Sergeant Cope said.

Sergeant Cope, a family man himself, explained how he and his brother both ended up in the Air Force.

“I joined the Air Force first and my brother came with my family to my basic military training graduation,” he explained. “After touring Lackland (Air Force Base, Texas.) and talking with me, Christopher decided to join as well.”

Sergeant Cope said his four-year-old brother joined the Air Force six months after he did.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

**Sergeant Cope, left, works with Airman Menssen on the air traffic control simulator in Cody Hall.**

“We’re both staff sergeants constantly challenging each other in our career progression,” Sergeant Cope pointed out. “Even though I outrank him, he offers me much-

needed older brother advice.”

Airman Menssen, who graduated from technical training March 31, is headed to his first duty station, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

# Coast Transit Authority expands service

## **Coast Transit Authority**

Coast Transit Authority has launched a new express bus service encompassing Keesler, Biloxi and D'Iberville.

The new Shopper Express bus service which began Friday operates 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday only with hourly service from Keesler and the Biloxi Transit Center to the Promenade and Lakeview areas in D'Iberville.

CTA officials pointed out that customers can enjoy a low cost and convenient alternative to traffic jams for their shopping, dining and entertainment pleasure.

Customers ride free during April. Regular fares are implemented May 1 with a regular adult fare of \$1.25. All CTA discounts and passes will be honored.

For a detailed map and schedule for the Shopper Express and other CTA services, call 896-8080 or log on to [www.coasttransit.com](http://www.coasttransit.com).

## **Quarterly awards presented Monday**

The 81st Training Group's quarterly awards ceremony is 3:30 p.m. Monday at the Vandenburg Community Center.

Awards are presented to outstanding military members, civilian employees and several training instructor categories for the second Quarter.

For more information, call 1st Lt. Jonathan Ketchum, 377-5536, or Master Sgt. Robert LeBlanc, 377-5838.

## Education briefings

**Officer Training School** — 10 a.m. April 20, Room 224, Sablich Center.

**ROTC** — 10 a.m. today and April 22, Room 224, Sablich Center.

**Post-9/11 GI Bill** — 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sablich Center Auditorium.

## UBU house party

A UBU house party for nonprior service students is 7 p.m. Friday in Vandenberg Community Center.

Students may pick up a free UBU card at the event or show their current card and become eligible for prizes and giveaways.

The party is sponsored by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and Keesler Federal Credit Union.

## Chiefs scholarship

The Keesler Chiefs Group offers a \$200 scholarship for airmen basic through technical sergeants pursuing their first Community College of the Air Force degree.

Along with the application, an essay is required on "The Value of Education to Air Force Enlisted Personnel."

Applications are due to Chief Master Sgt. Damian Orslene by April 20.

For more information, call Chief Orslene, 377-0403, or e-mail [damian.orslene@us.af.mil](mailto:damian.orslene@us.af.mil).

## Nursing assistant class

Twelve spouses of active-duty Air Force members at Keesler will be able to attend a certified nursing assistant program at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's Jeff Davis Campus through a grant from the Air Force Aid Society.

The class is 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, May 10-June 23, with two Saturday clinical experience sessions required.

Application is open to non-military spouses of active-duty Air Force members or nearby Air Force detach-

ments. Spouses of activated Guard or Reserve members must show orders indicating active-duty status through June 23.

Applicants bring the completed form with their identification card to Room 110, Sablich Center, by April 20. The 12 accepted applicants must have a background check from Biloxi Regional Medical Center, but with the receipt, the \$50 fee will be reimbursed.

For more information and application forms, call Lana Smith, 376-8727.

## National Prayer Event

The 81st Training Group's chaplains are joining with nonprior service students for a National Prayer Event, 6-7 p.m. April 22 at the Triangle Chapel.

The guest speaker is Chief Master Sgt. Lonnie Slater, 81st Training Wing command chief.

Nonprior service Airmen from any faith tradition who want to participate can sign up at the white rope desk in the Fishbowl Student Ministries Center.

For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Kenya Thomas, 377-2331.

## Drill downs, parades

**Drill downs** — 8 a.m. April 16 and Oct. 15; 7 a.m. June 11 and Aug. 20.

**Parades** — 6 p.m. July 22 and Sept. 16.

For more information on drill downs, call Staff Sgt. Julie Hammond, 377-2737. For more information on parades, call Staff Sgt. Gregory Washington, 377-9527.

## 81st TRG dining out

The 81st Training Group dining-out is April 30 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum Convention Center in Biloxi.

Details such as the ticket price are still being finalized, but the social hour begins at 6 p.m. with the formal event starting at 7. Chicken or vegetarian menus will be offered.

For more information, call your squadron representative.

## USM summer term

New students who plan to attend the University of Southern Mississippi during the summer term that begins June 1 should contact the USM-Keesler office now for admission guidelines.

Registration is 2-6 p.m. May 26 at the Long Beach campus.

Current students register through SOAR.

For more information, call Ashley Christian, 376-8479, or visit the USM-Keesler office, Room 219, Sablich Center.

## Swan 38 scholarship

Deadline to apply for the Hurricane Hunters Swan 38 \$1,000 scholarship is May 31.

The competition is open to active-duty and retired 403rd Wing members and their dependents.

For applications, log on to [www.hurricanehunters.com](http://www.hurricanehunters.com)

## GI Bill benefits

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

For more information, call 376-8708.

## CCAF online

Visit the Air Force Virtual Education Center, [https:// www.my.af.mil/afvecprod](https://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod), to create MyAFVEC accounts to access online customer service tools.

People can request and track Community College of the Air Force transcripts, view degree progress reports and see if a course counts toward a CCAF degree.

## 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.



## Logistics team recognized with AETC annual awards

By Staff Sgt. Kimberly Moore

### Keesler Public Affairs

The 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron claimed four Air Education and Training Command awards for 2009.

Winners now compete at Air Force level.

**Master Sgt. Patrick Key** is AETC's vehicle operations senior noncommissioned officer of the year. Sergeant Key filled both the senior enlisted manager and flight superintendent positions and managed 167 personnel with a 99.6 percent customer satisfaction rate. Sergeant Key managed the second largest Air Force mobility platform where he was responsible for 933 unit type codes, 2,200 members and more than 700 taskings.

**Tech Sgt. Robert Rakes**, air transportation NCO of the year, filled a unique role as Security Force/Army civilian affairs agent during a demanding joint expeditionary tasking to Afghanistan. He created a comprehensive tracking system through which he monitored critical NATO operations districts, a key to Afghan stability. During his deployment, Sergeant Rakes also initiated the standup of eight schools, four medical centers and 15 water wells increasing the quality of life for 280,000 Afghans.

**Tech Sgt. Antrinia Alexander** is the command's vehicle management NCO of the year. She was responsible for a 10-man fleet where her leadership was vital in the return of 75 percent of vehicles back to users in less than 24 hours, beating the major



Sergeant Key



Sergeant Rakes



Sergeant Alexander



Sergeant Stewart

command goal by 15 percent. She piloted the 81st Training Wing's low-speed vehicle conversion and jump-started "green" initiatives. Sergeant Alexander also was credited with procuring the wing's survey bus.

**Tech. Sgt. Roger Stewart** is AETC's traffic management NCO of the year. He coordinated and implemented the

first-ever electronic-ticket process at Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan, reducing customer wait time from 48 to two hours. He led a four-member team coined by 376th Air Expeditionary Wing commander and managed AETC's busiest personal property section providing service to 29,000 members with 99 percent customer satisfaction.

## IN THE NEWS

### Mail on the move

Keesler's post office, base information transfer system official mail center and Postal Service Center No. 1 for temporary duty students begin the move to a new facility next week, according to Micki Vandermeer, 81st Communications Squadron.

The \$3.3 million structure, Building 5750, is located at 201 Meadows Drive.

**BITS** is closed Tuesday for the move and reopens 9 a.m. Wednesday. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays except non-training Fridays.

**The post office** is closed April 16 and reopens April 19 in the new location. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

**PSC No. 1** was consolidated with PSC No. 2 for non-prior service students at the Levitow Training Support facility in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. As soon as a contract modification is completed, PSC No. 1 moves to the new facility as well.

No date has been set for a formal ribbon-cutting yet.

### Air Force Assistance Fund update

As of Monday, Keesler has raised \$33,181.12, or 42.8 percent of its 2010 goal of \$77,528.

The campaign continues through April 16.

### Clinics close for warrior training

#### 81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler Medical Center clinics are closed for warrior training from noon to 5 p.m. today and April 22.

Family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics and general surgery clinics each have one doctor available for urgent appointments. For urgent situations, call central appointments at 1-800-700-8603 or report to the emergency room.

Although pharmacy, radiology and laboratory services are open, they'll have reduced staffing, so patients are asked to delay visits during warrior training.

For emergency situations such as shortness of breath, chest or abdominal pain or bleeding with pregnancy, go to the nearest emergency room or call 911 for an ambulance.

### Wing calendar event-planning

The 81st Training Wing events calendar at <http://www.keesler.af.mil/events/index.asp> is designed to help organizers avoid conflicts with other events.

Once an official date is set, event planners should send details to the public affairs organizational box, 81trw.pa@keesler.af.mil. Most items are posted within one business day.

Items that must be included are the name of event, date, time, location and a point of contact.

Events should be coordinated and approved through respective chains of command and be mission-relevant to a wide audience. All inputs are subject to review and editing by the 81st Training Wing Public Affairs office.

### Obstacle course restricted

The 334th Training Squadron combat control training obstacle course is fenced with a single point of entry and is off limits to unauthorized personnel.

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Brig. Gen. Ian Dickinson, 81st Training Wing commander, welcomes dignitaries and shoppers to the opening of the new base exchange and commissary Tuesday.

## Keesler celebrates opening of shopping complex



Tye Wada prepares sushi samples kept chilled in a dragon ice sculpture on opening day at the commissary. In addition to the commissary and base exchange, the \$60 million shopping complex includes a pharmacy, food court, optical shop, GNC, a variety of concessionaires and beauty, nail and barber shops.



Senior Airman Tom Sirovey, left, and Staff Sgt. Brian Lowie, 81st Training Support Squadron, check out the backpacks at the military clothing exchange.



Kimberly Manning, left, and her mother, Evelyn Spraggins, shop for jewelry at the new base exchange. Mrs. Spraggins and her husband, retired master sergeant Larry Spraggins, live in Biloxi.

Photos by Kemberly Groue  
Master Sgt. Hope Skinner, 335th Training Squadron, and other members of the 81st Training Group chorus sing the National Anthem.



# PERSONNEL NOTES

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## Making a move

The 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron's traffic management flight's personal property and passenger transportation elements are in Room 114, Sablich Center, Bldg 0701, Room 114. Customer service hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday.

If you've completed a personally procured move, formerly known as do-it-yourself move, and are ready to submit your documentation for payment processing, the personal property element has mandatory briefings, 3 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and 8 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Bring all items listed on the PPM checklist and certification of expenses form you received when originally counseled. Make a copy of all documents for your records because originals are turned in for payment.

For more information, call 376-8530 or 8532.

## Resources for supervisors

A new virtual site for emerging leaders, supervisors and leadership is available to assist supervisors in effectively carrying out their duties.

The Supervisor Resource Center provides easy access to information on mandatory supervisor training, books, exercises, discussion forums, self development, continuous learning and more.

The SRC link, <https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/CoP/SRCCoP.asp?Filter=OO-DP-MC-15>, incorporates existing Air Force tools in one location.

For more information, call 376-8161/8154.

## 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.

## Training for new supervisors

Three mandatory supervisory training courses for newly-selected supervisors must be completed within six months of assuming a supervisory role.

**The Air Force Supervisor's Course** provides civilian supervisors with leadership and management skills required in supervisory positions.

**The Civilian Personnel Management Course** must be taken by all civilian and military supervisors who manage civilians. This course provides background information and an understanding of applicable civilian personnel laws and regulations needed to carry out civilian personnel management responsibilities.

**The Military Personnel Management Course** is designed to provide civilian supervisors of military members the basic skills, knowledge and abilities required to supervise enlisted and officer personnel.

Personnel requiring these courses can register online through the Air Force Human Resource Management School's virtual campus at <https://www.my.af.mil/afknprod/community/views/home.aspx?Filter=AF-ED-00-38>. Periodic reports will be provided by Air Staff and major commands identifying supervisory completion, so supervisors should complete the required courses in a timely manner.

For more information, call 376-8161 or 8154.

## Deciphering an LES

If you need help deciphering information on your leave and earning statement, log on to <http://www.dfas.mil/airforce2/militarypay/yourleaveearningsstatementles.html>

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# Defense Department officials work with U.S. Census Bureau to ensure military are counted

By Jordan Reimer

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Department officials are working with the U.S. Census Bureau to ensure that all military personnel are accounted for in the 2010 Census.

All service members and their families, whether stationed domestically or overseas, must be counted and attributed to their proper place of residence, said Mary Dixon, director of the Defense Manpower Data Center.

“The important thing is making sure that the states and the federal government are allocating funds to those communities where our bases are located, so they can properly support our military members,” she said.

The constitution mandates that the government take a census of United States residents every 10 years. All residents, regardless of citizenship or legal status, are legally required to take part in the census.

Census information primarily is used to reapportion the number of seats allotted to each state in the House of Representatives. The government also draws on the data to distribute about \$400 billion in aid for programs such as Medicaid. State officials use the records to determine how to allocate funds to cities and neighborhoods for critical projects such as infrastructure, hospitals and schools.

Officials from DOD and

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the Census Bureau established a joint working group in 2004 to coordinate the process of counting military members and their families. All four military services and the Coast Guard are included. The Defense Manpower Data Center — whose staff collects, archives, and maintains manpower and personnel data — represents DOD on the committee.

“This group works together to figure out what that process is going to be, making sure we have all the designated points of contact, so that the census will run smoothly during the course of the census process,” Ms. Dixon said.

Defense officials said the department is on track to submit the count forms to the bureau ahead of the July deadline.

All service members who receive a census form are required to fill it out and mail it back to the Census Bureau. The data of military members stationed overseas — who will not receive any forms — will be processed administratively. Service members who live in

group quarters will be required to fill out a “military census report” that will be distributed and collected by their installation’s service representative and submitted on their behalf to the bureau.

Service members who are not U.S. citizens will be counted in the census. Service members stationed overseas still are considered U.S. residents because they normally reside in the United States but are assigned abroad, Ms. Dixon said.

Because some service members maintain more than one place of residence, the concern exists that some people will be counted twice, or not at all, Ms. Dixon acknowledged. But she added that she’s confident that Defense Department officials, who fine-tune the process after each census, will accomplish the mission accurately and efficiently.

“There haven’t been any substantial differences in what we’re doing,” she said. “(And) I think we’ve been pretty successful in the past.”

The tax office is open in Room 229, Sablich Center.  
Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday  
and 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. training Fridays.  
For appointments and more information,  
call 376-8144.



# AETC conference focuses on innovative leadership

By Staff Sgt. Kimberly Moore

Keesler Public Affairs

Keesler personnel stepped up last week as they hosted Air Education and Training Command's commanders and senior leaders for a conference.

Gen. Stephen Lorenz, AETC commander, explained why the 118 conference attendees and support staff were at Keesler, March 29 through April 1.

"Commanders' conferences normally take place twice a year in most commands. AETC's fall session is held at Randolph (Air Force Base, Texas). I wanted the spring conference held in an area in line with this

conference's theme, 'Lead Through Innovation.'"

General Lorenz explained AETC's core competencies have been to recruit, train and educate, but innovate was recently added to keep up with the quickly changing world of technology.

"In the 21st century, the speed of change is getting faster and faster," he said. "So I brought the conference here to Keesler because it is one of the largest technical training centers for the Air Force. We are using this opportunity and location as a springboard to look into the 21st century. Keesler is on the cutting edge of innovation, teaching so many great courses to so many great Airmen."

The general spoke about what a great asset the Air Force has in its young Airmen.

"Today's young Airmen are the most innovative people we've ever had, and we need to take advantage of their brain power and use it to propel us into the future," he said. "We need to use it every day in every way."

General Lorenz pointed out how not only the Airmen here are innovative but how Keesler as a base is exemplifying innovation.

"In cyberspace, I consider where we are now equivalent to 1910 in the world of aviation when they were just learning to turn the airplane by warping the wings," the general added. "At Keesler, we are standing up undergraduate cyberspace training in a relatively short period of time. The things this base, the 81st Training Wing, is doing are really phenomenal."



Chief Master Sgt. Linus Jordan, 2nd Air Force command chief, and Brig. Gen. Leonard Patrick, commander of the 502nd Air Base Wing in San Antonio, listen to one of the conference briefings March 29.



General Lorenz gives opening remarks at the conference March 29.



Retired Lt. Gen. Clark Griffith, left, and retired Gen. John Shaud chat during a fish fry sponsored by the Biloxi Bay Chamber of Commerce March 31. General Griffith is a chamber member and a Biloxi city councilman. General Shaud is director of the Air Force Research Institute, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.



Chief Master Sgt. Robert Tappana, AETC command chief, speaks at an enlisted call at the Roberts Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Facility March 30.



Photos by Kemberly Groue  
An icebreaker in the weather schoolhouse observatory welcomed AETC leaders to Keesler.



# Sexual Assault Awareness Month

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Keesler joins the rest of the Air Force in observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month during April.

“We put up a flag display on Larcher Boulevard April 1 near the entrance of the new base exchange and commissary complex with the help of five Airmen awaiting the start of their training,” said program specialist Barry Newman from the base’s sexual assault prevention and response office. “We put up 546 flags to represent the 546 Air Force victims that reported being sexually assaulted in fiscal 2009. That figure comes from the Department of Defense report to Congress that was recently released.”

Plans call for the flag display to move to the Triangle Monday.

Comedian Bernie McGrenahan brings his Happy Hour message on a return visit to Keesler Friday. Shows are 8 and 10 a.m. for permanent party members and 3:30 p.m. for nonprior service students only.

As part of Keesler’s victim advocate training next week,

Tuesday’s Commitment to End Violence seminar in the Sablich Center Auditorium features two guest speakers.

Heather Wagner, special assistant district attorney general and director of the domestic violence division discusses state and federal domestic violence and sexual assault laws. Shalotta Sharp from the Mississippi Coalition Against Sexual Assault provides a briefing on emergency department care for victims of sexual assault from a military perspective.

Four “target hardening” self-defense classes for women are planned to cover certain situations where risk of sexual assault is high and strategies to avoid those situations, along with tools to deal with potential attacks. Non-prior service Airmen can attend training from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday and April 17 at a location to be announced. April 29, two sessions are planned for permanent party members and civilians – 8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.

For more information about any of the events, call Mr. Newman, 377-8635 or e-mail [barry.newman@us.af.mil](mailto:barry.newman@us.af.mil).

An American is sexually assaulted every 2 1/2 minutes.

One in five American women has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape.

About 10 percent of sexual assault victims are men.

At least 2/3 of sexual assaults are committed by someone the victim knows.

44 percent of rape victims are under age 18, and 80 percent are under age 30.



## Historic document signed by colonel deployed from Keesler

Lt. Col. Steven Ramsay, right, senior adviser, 4th Brigade Combat Team 1st Armor Division, Logistics Mission Advisory Team, Joint Expeditionary Tasking Airman assigned to the U.S. Army, and Iraq Staff Brig. Gen. Hassan, location commander for Camp Ur, officially sign the papers that hands over Camp Ur to the Iraq Army at Camp Ur, Iraq, March 28. Camp Ur, a 15-month project by coalition forces and an Iraqi company, built a warehouse, barracks, offices, latrines and a large dining facility for the location command and training center. Colonel Ramsay is deployed from the 81st Training Group at Keesler.

Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Elizabeth Gilbert



# Weather officer deployed from Keesler guides forecaster course for Iraqi Air Force

By Senior Airman  
Jarrod Chavana

U.S. Air Forces Central Baghdad  
Media Outreach Team

BAGHDAD — The first class of Iraqi Air Force weather forecasters completed a formal training program here taught by their U.S. Air Force counterparts, March 25.

The Iraqi Training and Advisory Mission-Air Force has assigned Airmen to teach Iraqi personnel how to create a self sufficient and sustaining military. One such class is the weather forecaster's course, taught by Airmen from the 321st Air Expeditionary Advisory Group Air Operations Center military training team. During this 52-day course, the eight Iraqi military students were instructed on everything from basic weather observations to advanced weather forecast models.

"We have advised and helped the Iraq Air Force develop a system that is similar to the United States National Weather Service, United Kingdom's Meteorology Organization and most of the members of the World Meteorology Organization," said Maj. Barry Hunte, 321st military training team weather adviser, who's deployed from the 335th Training Squadron at Keesler.

"Meteorology is an important part of flight safety and resource protection," he said. "A significant part of airport's ratings are dependent upon the meteorology observation and forecasting services they offer."

However, despite having degrees such as meteorology or physics, the officers have never received any type of formal aviation or military weather forecasting training. During this class, the Iraqi officers received technical classroom knowledge and hands-on weather training.

"We taught them how to use equipment such as the Tactical Meteorological Observation System," said Master Sgt. Mario Viray, 321st military training team weather adviser. "The TMQ-53 derives and displays the temperature, dew point, visibility and precipitation type, and it even sends a beam upward of 10,000 feet to detect how high the clouds are. We taught them weather observing and forecasting to WMO standards. We then helped them tailor their weather documents to fit their own unique aviation missions and base assets."

From the information taught, this inaugural class of Iraqi weather officers is now able to produce 30 minute observations, terminal air-drome forecasts, daily weather briefings and issue safety-related weather watches, warnings and advisories.

"The officers will gain valuable experience every day and in the future they will use what we've taught them to train both Iraqi officers and enlisted personnel," said Sergeant Viray, deployed from Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. "They will build their weather squadrons just like we did in the 1940s."

"This is a dream come true for me," said Col. Salman Kherbat, Iraqi meteorology section director. "The American instructors have given us all their knowledge and helped us grow as an independent meteorology section. I'm very proud of these eight officers as they have sacrificed many things to complete this course."

The graduates are being sent to different locations throughout Iraq for continued on-the-job training. Once the training is complete, some will become instructors while others will begin their weather mission for the Iraqi military.



# Help is available for families dealing with trauma

By Capt. Gerry Roy

81st Medical Operations Squadron

Many types of events may produce traumatic stress responses.

The impact of traumatic stress appears to be most apparent where military members are actively involved in or exposed to combat operations. It is hard to imagine a more psychologically debilitating experience than warfare; however, warfare is not the only set of conditions capable of producing post-traumatic stress. It has become abundantly clear that post-traumatic stress can be caused by trauma outside the realm of combat including floods, earthquakes, fires, accidents, abuse, injury or illness, and the sudden death of a friend or family member.

Post-traumatic stress also can have a major effect on family and friends who care for the individual. Post-traumatic stress symptoms can cause a person to act in ways that may be difficult for family members to understand. Thoughts and memories of a traumatic event can be easily triggered by certain words, sights, sounds or smells. Thus a



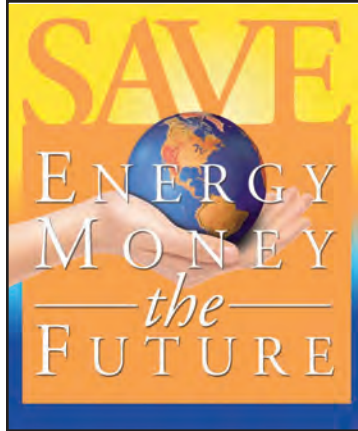
person with traumatic stress symptoms may easily and quickly become upset. These experiences of distress or anxiety may appear completely "out of the blue." A person with post-traumatic stress symptoms may go out of his way to avoid certain people, places or activities because these things somehow trigger thoughts and memories about the traumatic event.

Family members may also feel as though their loved one is emotionally unavailable. This is not a personal choice on the part of the person experiencing post-traumatic stress. The person may be experiencing emo-

tional numbing, referring to the inability to have certain emotions. Emotional numbing may interfere with a person's ability to experience love and joy. Additionally, a person experiencing traumatic stress symptoms may always feel as though he, and potentially his family, is always in danger. He may be in a constant state of readiness and, as a result, feel on edge and irritable. Some people experiencing traumatic stress may decide that certain places or situations are unsafe such as subways or other busy, crowded places. These places would then be avoided at all costs.

Keesler's TSR team can assist families in helping to cope by fostering resiliency and recovery in those who may have been exposed to a potentially traumatic event, and who may now be experiencing post-traumatic stress symptoms. Following a potentially traumatic event, the TSR team is equipped to offer undocumented group and individual sessions of education, consultation and psychological first aid to those who have been exposed. This includes the option of referral should the individual require more intensive services. TSR services are voluntary because not every individual exposed to a potentially traumatic event needs the services in order to cope in a healthy manner.

The TSR team is composed of a mental health provider serving as team chief, a chaplain and a chaplain assistant and a community readiness consultant from the airman and family readiness center. The TSR team is on call 24/7 and can be initiated through the command post. For individual TSR appointments, call the mental health clinic, 376-0385, during regular duty hours.



**For lost and found items, call the 81st Security Forces Squadron investigations office, 377-4500, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.**

# Suicide prevention through intervention is goal

By Staff Sgt. Kimberly Moore

## Keesler Public Affairs

One of Keesler's strategies for suicide prevention is a program called safeTALK.

"SafeTALK stands for Suicide Alertness For Everyone; Tell, Ask, Listen, and Keep-safe," said Chaplain (Capt.) Chaplain (Captain) Charles Seligman from the 81st Training Wing chapel community ministries branch. "You could say that it conveys the message that we need everyone, every wingman, to be alert to the invitations others convey who may be thinking about suicide."

SafeTALK is a program that through scenarios builds awareness and improves prevention by stressing safety while challenging taboos that inhibit open talk about suicide.

"In my opinion," the chaplain said, "every Airman is



responsible for the detection of suicide's threat to life. We never know when the threat will confront us so we have to be vigilant against missing it, avoiding it or denying that it exists."

Keesler has used this program for a couple years and Chaplain Seligman wants to expand on its potential.

"Since implementing safeTALK at Keesler more than two years ago, we've mainly used it to teach students to be suicide alert helpers," Chaplain Seligman

explained. "This has been great because as these students go out into the Air Force, they take with them these skills for suicide prevention, so I've seen my role with it as touching the whole Air Force."

"SafeTALK empowers the student to not be afraid of suicide and to be able to help when the time comes that they are called upon," the chaplain continued. "It's worked time after time."

Keesler now has six safeTALK trainers who can

bring the program to units who wish to receive it.

"The training only takes three hours to teach so we can take it to squadrons or flights on Wingman days or training days upon request," Chaplain Seligman remarked. "Right now we conduct the training every other week, but we would like to start conducting two trainings per week."

The chaplain extended the invitation to all Keesler leadership to take advantage of this program.

"We need everyone to develop the warrior ethos that 'I will never leave an Airman behind,'" he emphasized. "We can't afford to lose anyone to suicide. I'd love to receive phone calls from commanders and first sergeants who want to bring safeTALK to their units."

For more information or to schedule training, call Chaplain Seligman, 377-2331.





## **Falcon Loans can offer help during tough financial times**

### **Airman and family readiness center**

The Air Force Aid Society Falcon Loan Program is available at the airman and family readiness center.

This program provides a streamlined process for Air Force personnel to receive an interest-free loan of \$500 or less, repayable within three to 10 months or before expected time of separation.

“Falcon Loans are designed to meet the short-term financial needs of Airmen on active duty who might otherwise have to resort to a high-interest lender,” said Linda Edison, Keesler’s AFAS officer. “They may be used for basic living expenses such as rent or mortgage, food, phone, utilities and gasoline; vehicle expenses such as payment, repair and insurance; emergency travel or medical, dental or child care expenses.”

Applications are accepted 1-4 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays in Room 110, Sablich Center.

For more information, call 376-8728.

**Volunteer —  
get connected.**

# Bar codes used to track surgical instruments

A research project at the 81st Medical Group Hospital, sponsored by the Office of the Air Force Surgeon General, has added a new application.

The project, which uses automated identification and data collection applications, seeks to improve clinical and business processes. AIDC includes technologies such as radiofrequency identification, ultrasound, bar codes and infrared that allows an item to be identified nearby, in the case of bar codes, or at a distance, using RFID.

A proof-of-concept recently started in the hospital's central sterile supply. It involves surgical tray and instrument tracking under the guidance of Capt. Yvonne Hill, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron. It uses two-dimensional bar codes that are electrochemically etched into the stainless steel surgical instruments. The 2D bar codes, approximately 4 mm square, uniquely identify each instrument as well as its type and are linked to information in the system data base.

As technicians assemble a tray for surgery, each instrument is scanned and compared against a count sheet for that particular type of surgery.

An alert is given if the incorrect instrument has been chosen or if an instrument may have reached its expiration date — some instruments have an expiration date and must be discarded after a certain number of uses. Once the tray is assembled, an autoclavable RFID tag is affixed to the tray and, following sterilization, the tray and contents may be quickly and accurately located in storage as the need arises.

This system ensures that all trays are complete and that no instruments have exceeded their expiration date. Since scanning also allows the computer to present the instrument's picture and manufacturer's specification, it's particularly useful when training student surgical technicians.

The 81st MDG Hospital is a Phase II training site for this and several other Air Force enlisted medical specialties.

Matthijs Uijterschout, Shipcom Wireless, Inc., and Larry George, senior telemedicine consultant and project manager for the Center for Partnerships in Research and Technology, Medical Modernization Directorate, Office of the Air Force Surgeon General, contributed to this report.



Photo by Steve Pivnick  
Airman 1st Class Karol Kowalczyk, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, electrochemically etches a two-dimensional bar code on a surgical instrument March 26 in central sterile supply. With the bar codes instruments can be individually tracked and information is readily available, such as when they were last used or sterilized and in which surgical package they are located.



## Who will take care of the kids?

By Maj. Jennifer Fournier

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### Legal office

You have life insurance, don't you? You don't plan to die now, but you know if you do your loved ones will have some financial security. You assume your spouse will be there to take care of the children— but what if you and your spouse die together?

If you've written a will and named the guardian in it, then it's almost certain that person will take of your children. If you die without naming a guardian, the state will decide who will raise them. Normally a family member will volunteer. Sometimes more than one family member will volunteer and then things can get ugly. It can drag on; there will be hurt feelings; and the "winner" may not even be the person you would have chosen.

Now you plan to do your will and name a guardian. How do you choose?

Through life insurance and other assets, you will probably leave your children enough money that they won't be a financial burden on their guardians. What is the family situation of the guardians? How many children do they have already? Are the guardians young enough to raise your children? Do they want to? Will that person raise your children as you have?

For example, is your 50-year-old mother the best person to name as guardian for your 1-year-old? Your mom will be in her late 60s when your child graduates from high school. Does she want to spend her 60s dealing with a teenager? Will her health allow her to?

Ask yourself these tough questions and then come to the legal office to create or update your will.

For legal assistance, call 376-8601 or visit Room 227, Sablich Center.

## Taking shape



Photo by Steve Pivnick

W.G. Yates and Sons Construction Company employees continue work on the 81st Medical Group Hospital's new inpatient tower March 26. Major elements now visible include elevator shafts, left background and right foreground, foundation retention wall in the foreground, and many structural columns. The tower is scheduled to be completed in September 2011.



## Spouses club event

The 81st Medical Group hosts the Keesler Spouses Club's April gathering, 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Dragon's Lair.

Guest speaker Mary Garrison demonstrates flower arranging and members are able to create an arrangement to bring home.

For more information, call Brenda Adams, 618-616-2553, e-mail skipadams@hotmail.com or visit <http://www.keeslerspousesclub.com/>

## Pamper Me Day

Pamper Me Day, a military spouse appreciation event, is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 7 in the Roberts Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Facility.

Booths, giveaways, activities and information booths are planned.

For more information, call the airman and family readiness center, 376-8728.

## Summer jobs

People interested in summer jobs as lifeguards and educational aides can apply online when vacancies are announced at [www.usajobs.com](http://www.usajobs.com).

For jobs as clerks, laborers and other categories, apply directly to the civilian personnel office, Room 214, Sablich Center.

Applications are accepted until June 30.

For more information, call 376-8644.

## Visitor center hours

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

## 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.

## Root canal treatment

The Keesler Dental Clinic is seeking patients who require root canal treatment.

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

Patients accepted for treat-

ment are treated by either the endodontic specialty program residents or the residents in the general dentistry program.

Referral from a dentist for root canal treatment is needed.

For more information, call the endodontics department, 376-5227.

## Wheelchair taxi

The 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle operations has a wheelchair-accessible minivan available for taxi service.

For more information, call 377-2430.

## 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, 377-8891, or e-mail michael.cashion.2.ctr@us.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.

## Lodging reservations

Space-available lodging reservations can be made one to three days in advance, depending on availability:

**Visiting airmen's quarters**, \$34.75 (one queen size bed, refrigerator, microwave and a shared bathroom with an adjoining guest room).

**Visiting quarters**, \$39 (one queen size bed, refrigerator, microwave and private bathroom).

**Temporary lodging facility**, \$41.50 (one and two bedroom family units with full kitchen).

**Pet TLFs** are available for an additional charge of \$10 per night. No pets are allowed in any other rooms.

All rooms are nonsmoking.

For reservations, call 374-0088 or DSN 597-4900.

## Air Force lithographs

A selection of Air Force lithographs is available in the public affairs office, Room 201-A, Wall Studio, for official use.

For more information, call 377-2783.

## 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.

The clinic is closed noon to 5 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month for training.

For more information, call 376-3553.

## 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.

## Supply classes

Quarterly supply classes are held in Room 109, Taylor Logistics Building.

**Block I** basic supply class is 9 a.m. June 23, Sept. 22 and Dec. 15.

All newly-assigned supply custodians and resource managers are required to attend.

For more information, contact Patrick Governale, 377-5998 or [patrick.governale.ctr@us.af.mil](mailto:patrick.governale.ctr@us.af.mil), or Paulette Powell, 377-2270, [paulette.powell.1.ctr@us.af.mil](mailto:paulette.powell.1.ctr@us.af.mil).

**Block III** training is 1 p.m. June 23, Sept. 22 and Dec. 15. All newly-assigned supply equipment custodians are required to attend as well as all other custodians annually.

For more information, contact Daniel Perry, 377-7800 or [daniel.perry.7.ctr@us.af.mil](mailto:daniel.perry.7.ctr@us.af.mil) or Paulette Powell, 377-2270, [paulette.powell.1.ctr@us.af.mil](mailto:paulette.powell.1.ctr@us.af.mil).

## Military Appreciation Day offers free admission to Gulf Resort Classic

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Golf enthusiasts can get a free look at top senior professional golfers at the inaugural Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic, April 28 through May 2 at Beau Rivage Resort's Fallen Oaks Golf Club on Highway 15 in Saucier.

On Military Appreciation Day April 30, active-duty members, retired military and their dependents are offered free admission with a valid Defense Department identification card, according to Tom Golden, community services flight chief for the 81st Force Support Squadron.

"A base bus will run every two hours from the Welch Auditorium and Sablich Center to the event beginning at 7:30 a.m. and ending at 5:30 p.m.," Mr. Golden said. "Or personnel can catch buses at the IP Hotel Casino Resort starting at 7 a.m."

The Classic is one of 26 official events on the Champions Tour for 2010. The winner earns a \$240,000 check and a crystal replica of the Biloxi Lighthouse as a trophy. The tournament, which benefits the Mississippi Gulf Coast Habitat for Humanity, will be broadcast for 17½ hours on the Golf Channel.



Orslene, pictured here as the guest speaker at the March 30 graduation of Airman Leadership School Class 10-3, heads for Colorado Springs next month to compete in the inaugural Warrior Games. Orslene was injured while deployed to Iraq.

Photo by Adam Bond

## 2 unbeaten teams remain in intramural volleyball

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

As of Friday, two teams remain unbeaten in the intramural volleyball league, both in the West Division.

The 332nd Training Squadron's A team and the 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron have identical 6-0 records. The other six teams in the league haven't been able to move past the 50 percent mark for wins, but all six teams have played seven to 10 games.

The Mad Dogs didn't play last week, but the 81st MDTs beat the 81st Security Forces 2-1 March 30.

In the East Division, the 336th TRS-A holds the top spot with a 6-1 record, a game ahead of the 81st Training Support Squadron at 5-2. The Red Wolves lost their first match of the season March 31 to the 333rd TRS, 1-2.

Both divisions play at Blake Fitness Center. East Division teams face off at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and the West Division teams hit the court at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For more information, call intramural sports director Sam Miller, 377-2444.

## Keesler chief represents Air Force in inaugural Warrior Games in May

By Tech. Sgt. Gregory Washburn

Keesler Public Affairs

Damian Orslene, 81st Training Support Squadron superintendent, is one of only 25 Airmen and veterans chosen from a pool of Air Force wounded warriors to participate in the inaugural Warrior Games, May 10-14 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

An estimated 200 athletes are selected proportionally from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard according to the Warrior Games Web site. Participants are chosen by each individual branch of service.

Orslene originally learned of the Warrior Games "sitting at my desk one day. I get the wounded warrior bulletin and in the newsletter it mentioned the Warrior Games."

Swimming was part of the therapy during his recovery from "multiple injuries sustained in Iraq," said Orslene. "Now I swim a mile three or four times a week."

Due to a lack of swimming participants for the Air Force, Orslene said the Air Force service representative was excited to learn that he's a swimmer.

"Yes, he's swimming a mile!" Orslene heard on the other end of the phone line while discussing his training with the Air Force service

representative. "Then I got scared because I got excited too. I'm a triathlete, an athlete my whole life ... this would be great if I could be an athlete again."

These inaugural games are part of a joint effort between the Department of Defense and the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Athletes competing in the Warrior Games have sustained injuries including upper body injuries, lower body injuries, spinal cord injuries, traumatic brain injuries and post-traumatic stress.

According to the Warrior Games Web site, "The Warrior Games provide a focal event to empower the incorporation of athletics into military wounded warrior programs, and provide an opportunity to introduce paralympic sports to injured service members, while at the same time building camaraderie and raising awareness of paralympic competition and adaptive sports in general."

In addition to swimming, events include shooting, archery, sitting volleyball, cycling, track, wheelchair basketball, discus and shot put. In addition to winners in each event, there'll be an "Ultimate Warrior" competition in a pentathlon format and service team scoring for a rotating Chairman's Cup.

Got a news tip for the Keesler News?

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# SCORES AND MORE

## Bowling

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

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

**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.

**Summer bowling leagues** — Sign up now. Tuesday night double: begins May 25 for 14 weeks. Wednesday morning women's begins May 26 for 14 weeks. Wednesday night parent-child begins May 26 for 14 weeks. Thursday night PBA experience league begins May 27 for 14 weeks. Friday night mixers begins May 7 for 16 weeks.

For more information, call 377-2817.

**Team building special** — 1-3 p.m. Mondays-Wednesdays, 1-5 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays. Bring 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

**Closed for equipment installation** — today, Dragon Fitness Center weight and cardio areas; today and

Friday, Triangle Fitness Center.

**New hours at Dragon Fitness Center** — 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday and training Fridays; closed non-training Fridays, weekends and holidays.

**African-American Heritage Committee sickle cell 5-kilometer run/walk** — April 23; 6:45 a.m. registration; 7:30 a.m. start, Blake Fitness Center, \$10-\$15. For more information, call Yolanda Jerry, 377-4632.

**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.

**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.

**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 centers.

**Massage appointments** — at Triangle Fitness Center. For more information, call 348-6698.

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

**Parent-child fitness room** — at Dragon Fitness Center. Workout equipment; play area, 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 two 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.  
**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 noon to noon). Bring food, beverages, cooking utensils and bedding. Louisiana license needed to fish. For more information, call 377-3160.

**Keesler and Throver Park RV storage facilities** — combinations changed every month until further notice. For new combination info, call 377-3160, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. the first duty day of the month.

**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.

## Volleyball

### Intramural league

#### East

(As of Friday)

Team	Won	Lost
336th TRS-A	6	1
81st TRSS	5	2
333rd TRS	5	3
81st DS	4	3
338th TRS-A	4	4
81st IPTS	3	5
334th TRS	2	6
332nd TRS-B	1	6

**March 29** — 336th TRS-A over 332nd TRS-B, 2-0; 81st TRSS over 81st IPTS, 2-0; 81st DS over 333rd TRS, 2-0.

**March 31** — 338th TRS-A over 81st DS, 2-0; 332nd TRS-B over 334th TRS, 2-1; 333rd TRS over 336th TRS-A, 2-1.

#### West

(As of Friday)

Team	Won	Lost
332nd TRS-A	6	0
81st MDTS	6	0
336th TRS-B	4	4
81st FSS-CPTS	4	4
338th TRS-B	3	4
81st LRS	3	5
81st SFS	2	5
335th TRS	2	8

**March 30** — 338th TRS-B over 81st LRS, 2-1; 81st MDTS over 81st SFS, 2-1; 81st FSS-CPTS over 335th TRS, 2-0.

**April 1** — 81st LRS over 335th TRS, 2-0

## GRADUATIONS

### Airman Leadership School Class 10-3

**81st Communications Squadron** — Senior Airman John Corey.

**81st Comptroller Squadron** — Senior Airman Troy Rivers.

**81st Contracting Squadron** — Senior Airman Alex Potter.

**81st Dental Squadron** — Senior Airman Rebecca Escajeda (distinguished graduate).

**81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron** — Senior Airman Tonya Hebert.

**81st Inpatient Operations Squadron** — Staff Sgt. Tamara Ivy (class commander) and Senior Airman Zsuzsanna Krokovay.

**81st Force Support Squadron** — Senior Airmen Jarrett Harris and Jacquelyn Jones.

**81st Logistics Readiness Squadron** — Senior Airmen Andres Moreno Rojas (distinguished graduate), Brandon Chapman and Mirna Lujano (Levitow Award).

**81st Medical Support Squadron** — Senior Airman Henry Kabling.

**81st Operations Support Flight** — Senior Airman Tyler Reese.

**81st Security Forces Squadron** — Senior Airmen James Martin, Ryan Seal, Alex Girouard and Kyle Dunnahoe.

**81st Surgical Operations Squadron** — Senior Airman Annette Davis (commandant's award).

**81st Training Wing** — Senior Airman Heather Haddox and Staff Sgt. Charles White (class first sergeant).

**85th Engineering Installation Squadron** — Senior Airmen Herschal Wiley Jr., Dacia Pascoe (academic achievement), Stephen Lewis and Aaron Bryars.

**334th Training Squadron** — Senior Airman Joseph Hatfield.

## HONORS

### Student honor roll

#### 332nd Training Squadron

**Electronic principles** — Airmen Basic Joseph Adams, Charity Alexander, Derek Arceneaux, Kibwe Ballah, Richard Bordner, Adam Brandenburg, Justin Burgos, Chad Burns, Devin Butler, Elliot Butler, Jeffrey Butson, Cody Candrea, David Carroll, Alexis Cavin, Carlos Chapa, Oliver Chesney, Eric Cohen, Aaron Covey, Raymond Crites, Devin Cross, Sean Davis, Andre Duncanson, Jarrod Eckert, Robert Erickson, Miguel Espinal, Jonathan Fanstill, Michael Ferrero, Jason Firmin, Jonathan Fisher, Joaquin Garcia, Taylor Gloede, Michael Gresens, Patrick Halvorson, Felicia Hamilton, Sofiane Harchaoui, Cody Hill, Nancy Hohman, Alicia Hollis, Robert Holloway, Cody Holybee, Eric Jayne, Jeremy Johnson, Derek Jones, Jesse Kaspala, Alexandria Kerr, Joshua Ledford, Christopher Legler, David McDonald, Connor Melendez, Joshua Merritt, Zachary Mohr, Andrew Noble, John Orlando, Shon Owens, Jonathon Parent, Jonathan Peter, Taylor Philpot, Brittany Prosser, John Ricketts, Antonio Riley, Elijah Rodriguez, Savannah Rogers, Jordan Russell, Dylan Scamara, Paul Senkbeil, Braeden Sheets, Ryan Slayton, Anthony Sulwer, Sida Thach, Jo Tran, Rogers Turner, John Tutherow, William Wall, Kristopher Werner, Dereck Williams, Jacob Williams and Xing Zhao; Airmen Marcus Dennin, William Fortner, Christopher Graham, John Grillo, Alexander Haskins, William Kessel, Joshua Lail, Destin Maulding, Matthew Moody, Thomas Riches, Ronny Smith, Joseph Soukup, Joseph Vanlanduyt, Joshua Whiting and Christian Winemberg; Airmen First Class Kim Andrew, Charles Bienia, Jacob Bixler, William Brosius, Jace Broussard, Miranda Browne, Joseph Burch, Travis Caldwell, Cory Carte, Aaron Centers, Daniel Chandler, Andrew Condon, Robert Cooper, James Crowder, Jason Delauro, Joseph Diaz, Brennan Dugas, Ryan Essenmacher, Brandon Faust, Jordan Felicia, Weston Fischer, Jacob Fohr, Andrew Garske, Bryant Genuino, Darrian Gordon, Cole Grim, David Hancock, Anson Haynes, Ryan Herrick, Diane Holden, Chi Huang, Wyatt Ingram, Teresa Jacobson, Aaron Jackson, Joseph Keating, Danny Kuhlman, Thomas Lawson, Brandon Little, Shane Macos, Robert Marchert, Anthony Marrone, James Martsolf, Brian Mathus, Edward Moran, Jules Morgenstern, Ryan Morton, Samuel Moyer, Joshua Neighbors, Lucas Oerter, Adam Oertley, Liz Ortiz, Robert Padmos, Roger Payne, Roger Porter, Joseph Rawl, Ryan Reynolds, Michael Rice, Zachary Sivils, Kyle Stokes, Byron Sullivan, Dennis Tuckson, Benny Vickrey, Matthew Waite, William Weinmann, Daniel

Wiggers, Jameson Williams, Katie Williams, Paul Wilson, Michael Wince and Derrick Young; Senior Airmen Steven Buccat, Brian Cox, Brandon Flynn, Steven Friedman, Andrea Hall, Jason Hester, Jason Hooper, Jonathon Istre, John Kyzer, Edgar Menendez, Kristoffer Mischel, Raymando Perez, Dustin Philips and Robert Wyatt; Staff Sgts. Grant Apgar, Djomar Arios, David Bauld, Randy Black, Eddie Cameron, Brandon Carrico, Agbayani Chad, Timothy Dunning, Felix Gonzalez, Matthew Hamlin, Va Her, Akeji Morinaga, David O'Brien, Felipe Ortega, Robert Powell, Stacey Roberts, Jayson Sawyer, Mark Stiers, Robert Upton, Robert Whitfield, Brian Wiechec and Richard Wysong; Tech. Sgts. William Burrows, Charles Collins, Brian Cooney, Nathaniel Gardner, Jimmy Hoe, Daniel Lord, William Saphara and John Smith; Master Sgt Keith Henry; Chief Master Sgts. Ali AlShehri and Essa Ahmed Atawi.

**Metrology basic course** — Airmen Joseph Bloomer, Daniel Mihm and Eric Miller; Airmen First Class Steven La Rue and Dwight Patterson.

#### 334th TRS

**Aerospace control and warning systems** — Airmen Basic Bryan Bingham, Christian Florian and Jalisha Gilchrist; Airmen Joseph Mutter; Airmen 1st Class Sean Kerrigan and Shane Kirkegaard; Senior Airmen Matthew Ioli and John Newman; Staff Sgt Jessica Neff.

**Air traffic control operations training flight** — Airmen Basic Ryan Auld, Kortney Bush, Jamaal Braithwaite, Jordon Castro, Jessica Dillon, Jake Jansen, Jacob McPhee, Matthew Simpson, Shawna Stockton, Mark Tippit, Ryan Travers, Kyle Willis, Jimmel Winnkfield and Cannon White; Airmen Jennifer Bruce, Matthew Macutkiewicz, Antonio Wells, Matthew Perry, Kristen Petit and Trevor Thompson; Airmen 1st Class Marshall Alsip, Alex Arnold, Andrew Campos, Austin Cooner, Bryan Coppens, Zachary Craven, Christopher Fenton, Stephanie Hales, Emily Hendricks, Shawn Hangar, Caleb Howell, Adam Karre, James Langley, Derek Langson, Jessica Luecking, Seth McLagen, Shawn Menssen, Christopher Morton, Ryan Nizamuddin, Kyle Seraphin, Brandon Simon, Timothy Walker, Calvin Winfield and Nathen Woehl; Senior Airmen Brett Collins, Kieth Janda, Millard Morgan and Luis Valencia; Staff Sgts. Jason Gooch, Michael Henderson and Joshua Parman.

**Command post apprentice course** — Airman Rachel Larson; Airmen 1st Class Victoria Acuay, David Asleigh and Thomas

Buckley; Staff Sgts Donald Bridgers, Matthew Carrier, Christopher Clarke, Kari Dudoit, Ambrocio Galzote, Leslie Grandia, Jamie Hurley, Sydney Lupton, James Moss, Danielle Renneker, Melissa Rossy, Capri Shand, Ashley Snyder, Robert Starkey, Jason Turner and Sheena Wingo; Tech. Sgts. Jesusmarie Calderon, Patricia Loffredo, Steven Martinez, Tara Mudimbi, Emeri Rohweder and Marc Tucker.

#### 338th TRS

**Airfield systems** — Airmen 1st Class Brian Broadstock, Pablo Gutierrez, Cynthia Lose, Tyler Plyem, Anthony Stabley and Clarence Walker; Staff Sgt. Justin James.

**Cyber transport systems** — Airmen Weston Brown, Martin Prather, Thomas Warda, and Finis Williams; Airmen 1st Class Jonathan Blackwell, Herman Cyrus, Brandon Garthwaite and Jesse Velasquez.

**Ground radar systems** — Airmen Benjamin Belanger and Michael Busby; Airmen 1st Class Ryan Alexander, Cassidy Cervenka, Alexander Chase, Nicholas Krug, and Jeremy Tharp; Staff Sgt. Troy Pierson.

## CLASSES

### Airman Leadership School

**Class 10-4** — Wednesday-May 13.

### Mathies NCO Academy

**Class 10-4** — April 13-May 20

### Arts and crafts center

**Advanced intarsia woodworking** — 10 a.m. to noon Saturday and April 24; \$20 including materials. Intarsia is the art of piecing wood in a decorative pattern.

**Beginning intarsia woodworking** — 10 a.m. to noon April 17; \$15 including materials. Intarsia is the art of piecing wood in a decorative pattern.

**Beginning woodworking** — 5-7 p.m. Wednesdays; \$25, including materials to make a cutting board. This class will certify you to use the equipment in the future.

**Card making** — 5:30-7 p.m. April 15; \$7 per person.

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

**Framing class** — 12:30-4:30 p.m. Friday and April 16; \$30 per person. Bring a picture, not larger than 5 x 7, for framing.

**Glass painting** — 10:30 a.m. to noon April 17 and 24; \$25, including a completed painted project.

**Jewelry making** — 5:30-7 p.m. today and 10:30 a.m. to noon, April 24; \$30, including materials. Learn wire wrapping and tooling.

**Pottery** — 10:30 a.m. to noon, April 17; \$40.

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

**Scrapbooking** — 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday and 5:30-7 p.m. April 22; \$20 including materials.

**Wood shop** — stocked retail lumber and large assembly area adjacent to 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.

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## 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 8 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Israel, 12277 Three Rivers Rd., Gulfport. Call Master Sgt. Michael Raff, 377-5835 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

Sacrament, 2 p.m. Sundays; scripture and prayer, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, family home evening, 7 p.m. Fridays; all at Triangle Chapel. For more information, call 1-919-580-8679.

### 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.



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## 81st Medical Group

### Mental health clinic

The mental health clinic promotes readiness, health and wellness through prevention and treatment. For more information or to make an appointment, call the mental health clinic in Arnold Annex, 376-0385 or 0386, or the Triangle Mental Health Clinic, 377-7015 or 7016.

### McBride Library

**After-tax party** — 6-7:30 p.m. April 15. De-stress with a good book, watch scary movies, enjoy popcorn, movie candy and other special refreshments. Register to win a gift basket.

**Art on display** — through April 30. Individuals bring in samples of their art or crafts to be displayed at the library. Items judged the first week of May. Categories: ages 7-under; 8-12, 13-17 and 18-older. Ribbons awarded to first-, second- and third-place winners in each category. All items on display throughout May.

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

**Children's library skills program** — 11 a.m. Fridays for families with home-schooled children. Learn library skills and enjoy stories.

**Free computer classes** — Wednesdays; this Wednesday through May 5. Ultra beginners 9:30-11 a.m.; not-so-ultra beginners 3:30-4:45 p.m. Preregistration required. For information, call 377-2181.

**Get healthy at your library** — 1 p.m. April 16; nutrition presentation for children in the morning, adults in the evening. For times, call 377-2181.

**Keesler comics** — 6-7:30 p.m. Monday. Celebrate the history of the comics with our guest speaker, wear costumes, discuss your favorite heroes and refreshments.

**Kids day** — 10-11 a.m. Wednesday. Stories "Tomas and the Library Lady" and "Pinata, El Dia de Los Ninos." Stories read and told in sign language. View our display supporting family literacy.

**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.

**Open house/game day** — noon to 7 p.m. Sunday. Meet the staff, share refreshments, play chess/checkers, Risk, Scrabble, Trivial Pursuit, Monopoly, Life World of Warcraft (board game), playing cards, UNO and dominoes.

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

**Quilting class** — Two sessions, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 17 and 24, ages 14 and older. Register by April 15. Free instruction. Participants supply own materials. Call 377-2604 for information.

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

**Story time** — 10 a.m. Wednesdays for ages 3-5. Stories will be read aloud and told in sign language.

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

**VFW/American Legion recognition** — 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Guest speaker, Life magazine photo exhibit of military history, computer work stations with headphones connected to the Library of Congress veterans' archive (three living history movies.)

**Youth photography contest** — with focus on the family. Entries accepted through April 23. Two categories: ages 10-13 and 14-16. First-place winners in each category receive a \$50 savings bond, second-place winners receive a \$25 savings bond.

## CLUBS AND CENTERS

### Family child care

**Air Force Aid programs** — the FCC program assists the AF Aid Society with volunteer and PCS child care programs. AF Aid pays for child care for volunteers working on base and 20 hours of child care for E6 and below who are PCSing in and out of the base. For eligibility and further guidance, parents should contact the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

**Returning home care** — for children ages 12-under. Up to 16 hours of care per child, per six-month period, is available to active duty members and Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members returning to home stations after deployments of a minimum of 30 calendar days in support of a contingency operation, and members return-

ing for a two-week R&R leave. For more information, call 377-3189.

**Be your own boss** — Military spouses on and off base are needed who wish to care for children in their homes. Providers also needed to care for children with special needs, including asthma, allergies, cerebral palsy and other physical impairments, and to work swing and evening shifts. For more information, call 377-3189.

**Expanded duty care, child care for PCS and returning home child care** — is available. For information, call 377-3189.

### 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.

**Chili special** — 5-7 p.m. Tuesdays; \$1 a bowl members, \$1.50 nonmembers..

**Lunch** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays; \$6 for members, \$8 for non-members.

**Wings and things** — 5-7 p.m. April 28. Free for Keesler club members; nonmembers \$3 at door. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and \$1 domestic draft beer.

### Vandenberg Community Center

**Editor's note: All events but dances open to all Keesler personnel.**

**Dances** — 7:30 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.

**Spring break party** — 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday. DJ, giveaways. \$3 per person. Food and beverage specials available.

### Youth center

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

**Child Pride Day** — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 24 in the marina park. Free games, inflatables, boat rides, kids fishing rode, teen zone, entertainment, educational displays, food, giveaways, prizes and "Keesler Family Talent Showcase."

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

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

**Friday night fun** — 6:30-9:30 p.m. for ages 6-12. Skating, music, games and more; \$5 admission.

**Open recreation** — 3-5:45 p.m. Mondays-Fridays for ages 9-12; teens 3-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 3-6 p.m. Fridays. Computer media center, homework assistance "Power Hour" program and triple-play sports and recreation activities. Students sign themselves in at front desk.

**Soccer registration** — through April 16 for ages 4-14; \$50 first child, \$25 each additional child, including uniform and participation award. Scrimmage games April 17; first official game April 24. Season runs through June 5. Coming June 7-11, British soccer challenge sports camp. For more information, call 377-4116.

**Summer camp registration** — begins April 19 for school aged and teens. For more information, call 377-4116.

**Tae Kwon Do class** — 5:30-6:15 p.m. Wednesdays and 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call 377-4116.

**TRAIL** — 6-8 p.m. Mondays.

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

**Youth soccer** — Registrations accepted through April 17 for ages 3-14. For information, call 377-4116. Coaches needed.

**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.

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## DINING HALL MENUS

### Today

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

**Dinner** — roast pork loin, jaegerschnitzel veal, chicken cor-don bleu, potato halves, orange rice, gravy, carrots, pinto beans, corn combo, fruit salad, potato salad, chili, broccoli soup, bean ham soup, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

### Friday

**Lunch** — Mexican baked chicken, country-style steak, stuffed peppers, baked macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, Spanish beans, peas and carrots, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chile con queso, Tuscan vegetables, chicken noodle, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

**Dinner** — lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken cacciatore, rice, gravy, broccoli, cauliflower parmesan, beans, corn O'Brien, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chile con queso, Tuscan vegetables, chicken noodle soup, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

### Saturday

**Lunch** — crispy baked chicken, beef yakisba, baked ham, baked potatoes, spicy brown rice pilaf, gravy, broccoli, french-style peas, carrots, fruit medley salad, bean salad, raisin sauce, chicken chili, minestrone soup, baja chicken enchilada and buffalo wings.

**Dinner** — fish almondine, stir-fry chicken with broccoli, pork chops, rissole potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, calico corn, club spinach, okra, fruit medley, bean salad, chicken chili, minestrone soup, baja chicken enchilada and buffalo wings.

### Sunday

**Lunch** — baked fish, sauerbraten, chicken breast parmesan, au gratin potatoes, egg noodles, gravy, cauliflower, vegetables, cabbage, tomato salad, German coleslaw, chili, broccoli soup, chicken with rice and cheese pizza.

**Dinner** — barbecue chicken, fried shrimp, seafood cocktail sauce, beef manicotti/cannelloni, potato wedges, mashed potatoes, gravy, blackeyed peas, collard greens, corn O'Brien, tomato salad, German coleslaw, chili, broccoli soup, chicken with rice and cheese pizza.

### Monday

**Lunch** — Swiss steak, baked chicken, sausage, peppers and onions, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, carrots, cucumber onion salad, macaroni salad, chile con queso, Tuscan vegetable, chicken noodle, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

**Dinner** — roast turkey, ribeye steak, tempura fried fish, mashed potatoes, cornbread dressing, gravy, succotash, tempura vegetables, green beans, cucumber onion salad, macaroni salad, chili con queso, Tuscan vegetables, cheeseburger chowder, cannonball sandwich and fried chicken nuggets.

### Tuesday

**Lunch** — lemon-garlic fish, pork schnitzel steak, yakisoba, ginger rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, pinto beans, spinach, summer squash, spinach salad, Waldorf salad, timberline chili, minestrone, baja chicken enchilada, steak and cheese sub and tacos.

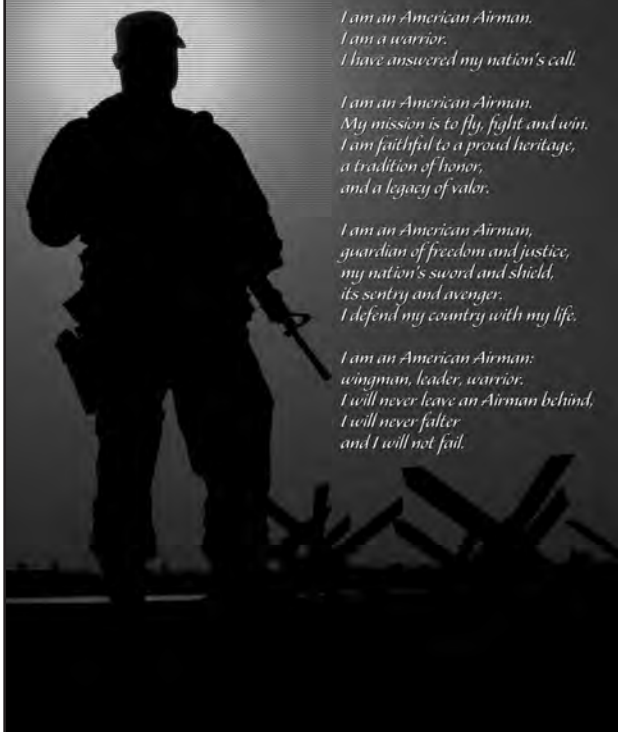
**Dinner** — roast pork loin, barbecue beef cubes, chicken fajitas, O'Brien potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower, corn on the cob, lima beans, Waldorf salad, spinach salad, timberline chili, minestrone soup, baja chicken enchilada, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

### Wednesday

**Lunch** — Chinese five-spice chicken, beef broccoli stir fry, Cantonese spareribs, vegetable egg rolls, shrimp fried rice, steamed rice, stir-fry vegetables, fried cabbage, gravy, lemon sesame green beans, coleslaw, tomato salad, chicken chili, clam chowder, chicken gumbo, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

**Dinner** — spaghetti with meat sauce, Swiss steak, garlic toast, fried chicken, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, fried cauliflower, asparagus, cabbage, coleslaw, frijole salad, chicken chili, clam chowder, chicken gumbo, cheese fishwich and pizza.

# The Airman's Creed



*I am an American Airman,  
I am a warrior.  
I have answered my nation's call.*

*I am an 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 never falter  
and I will not fail.*

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### 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 1 p.m. Tuesdays in Room 111, Sablich Center, for those separating and 2:30 p.m. for those retiring. If separating or 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 1-4 p.m. The schedule is **Monday-Thursday**; May 10-13; June 14-17; July 19-20; Aug. 9-12; Sept. 13-16; Oct. 18-21; Nov. 15-18; and Dec. 13-16. To register, call 376-8728.

### MEETINGS

**African-American Heritage Committee** — 3:30 p.m. second Tuesday of the month, Room 109, Taylor Logistics Building. For more information, call 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 Tues-

day 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 Airman 1st Class Mackenzie Jackson, 377-5511; Senior Airman Rose Mabe, 377-2331, 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.clark@us.af.mil](mailto:dewi.clark@us.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 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. Jermaine Jordan, 377-1704.

**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."

**Keesler Spouses Club** — second Tuesdays. For more information, e-mail Devalynn Solomon, [deesolomon@cablone.net](mailto:deesolomon@cablone.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.