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### Lending a hand in Oak Park

Airman 1st Class Jeffery Spivey talks with Janet Boehmer, holding her dog Nessie, after five Keesler firefighters provided support to the Biloxi Fire Department in fighting a blaze at the home Mrs. Boehmer shares with her husband, Tom, at 1261 Kensington Drive in Oak Park, just north of the base. Although the April 21 fire resulted in significant damage to the home, there were no injuries to occupants or firefighters. Photo by Kemberly Groue

## Air Force-wide social media access begins

#### Air Force News Service

PETERSON Air Force Base, Colo. —Air Force officials began a two-week phased opening April 26 of access to social media sites Air Force-wide.

Pacific Air Forces bases gained access to social media sites earlier in April, serving as the test-bed prior to the Air Force-wide initiative.

Air Force Space Command, Air Education and Training Command and Air Mobility Command bases began getting access to social media sites Monday. Air Combat Command, Air Force Reserve Command, Air Force Materiel Command, Air Force Global Strike Command, Air Force Special Operations Command and United

States Air Forces in Europe will get access beginning Saturday. During the final phase, Air National Guard bases will get access beginning May 6.

It takes up to five business days to open up every base in each major command because technicians in the integrated network operations and security centers responsible for opening social media access must account for the different major command network infrastructures. They also must allow members of the Air Force Computer Emergency Response Team to provide required services to each MAJCOM as they are granted access.

“Twenty-Fourth Air Force (officials) determined the best way to implement access to Internet-based capabilities

was to follow the standard practice of allowing the 624th Operations Center, working in conjunction with the INOSCs, to determine who gets the upgrade first based on mission requirements,” said Brig. Gen. David Warner, AFSPC communications and information director and chief information officer. “The INOSCs have the most in-depth knowledge of the network infrastructures within each MAJCOM and thus can initiate changes in the most efficient way possible.

“Due to the importance of allowing access to more Internet-based capabilities for communication and collaboration, we are working to strike a balance between maintaining a safe and tightly controlled network while allowing Airmen to have the access they need to get

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## Pinwheels for Prevention

# Display builds community child abuse awareness

By Paula Tracy

Family advocacy outreach manager

Child abuse, in all forms, has been determined to be a consistent factor in predicting a child's future potential for poor academic performance, the abuse of alcohol or drugs, engaging in high-risk behavior or illegal activity, and repeating the same cycle of abuse with their own children.

As concerned adults, we want to leave today's kids a legacy of nurturing homes and schools, safe neighborhoods and myriad opportunities for success. To do this, everyone must play a part in community awareness and prevention. Only by working together can we begin to make a lasting impact in the lives of our children.

"Pinwheels for Prevention" is a national campaign begun by Prevent Child Abuse America. Through this cam-



Airman 1st Class Philip Mazzie, 81st Medical Operations Squadron mental health flight family advocacy program staff, places pinwheels in the front of the hospital April 13.

Photo by Steve Pivnick

paign, they hope to change the public's beliefs and behaviors regarding the prevention of child abuse and neglect. This goes beyond just making Americans aware of the issue – it extends to motivating them to take an active role in preven-

tion and in their community.

Since 2007, Keesler's family advocacy program has used "Pinwheels for Prevention" every April to remind the base population that child abuse and neglect is everyone's business and problem. Keesler was the

first in the state to use this colorful display for this purpose.

The "Pinwheels for Prevention" display is in front of Keesler Medical Center this month. It's a bright, colorful "garden" of 1,000 twirling pinwheels.

Annually, 1,000-1,200 cases of "shaken baby syndrome are substantiated in the United States. Many more cases are suspected, but remain unreported. These pinwheels recognize those babies' lives permanently impacted by "just a few seconds" of being shaken.

Come out and visit the pinwheel garden. And when you do, make a pledge to yourself, your children, your grandchildren, your neighbors and your community. You can make a difference in someone's life, so do it. Be a mentor to that brand-new dad. Support your neighbor with the deployed spouse. Take a friend's kids for the afternoon so she can have a much-needed break. Have some parenting or relationship wisdom? Share it! Every time you reach out, you are adding one more thread to the blanket of protection that our little ones deserve.

# Joy of athletic competition revived for Keesler chief

By Chief Master Sgt. Damian Orslene

81st Training Support Squadron superintendent

**Editor's note:** Chief Orslene wrote this e-mail as a personal introduction to his teammates before they join together to train in Colorado Springs, Colo., for the Department of Defense's inaugural Warrior Games, May 10-14. Excerpts from this e-mail and those from other participants are included in an Air Force News Service story about the games on Page 24.

I had always been an athlete. My whole life I competed in one thing or another ... not usually very well ... was never gifted in anything ... was that guy who never quit.

After Iraq ... and having to rebuild my right side (rebuilt shoulder, new hip) ... learning to live life hearing impaired ... I lost my way ... my beautiful bride could only do so much... 2½ years of physical therapy, shots, surgeries...more therapy...it gets tough...and to go from being a triathlete to a supporter of a triathlete didn't set well with me...so I tried to become a race walker ... but old ladies in walkers were keeping up.

Then one day I read the Wounded Warrior bulletin and it talked about needing athletes for the Warrior Games and I thought ... WOW ... wouldn't

it be great to feel like that again ... you know, that toe on the line waiting for the gun feeling. I deleted the e-mail and went on about my life...and two days later found myself thinking, "Man, wouldn't it be great to feel that way again!"

I dug out that e-mail and called a young lady who changed our lives ... 1st Lt. Hannah McDaniels. She convinced this old bald chief that we needed swimmers ... and I could be one...but it was a process...and suddenly I found myself excited. Maybe, just maybe, I can be an athlete again.

I've never swam competitively. In fact, I'm built more for endurance. I wanted my mother's sense of humor, but instead I got her hips and thighs (Sorry Mom!) I'd just get through the swimming part of our triathlons to get to the bike/run.

I wasn't a fan of swimming. But after my injuries, they used the pool as part of my therapy. The first day they helped me swim sideways one length of the pool and hauled me out ... and I took a four-hour nap, I was so exhausted. That is how it went for weeks — then it was a lap, then two, and now I swim, rather slowly, a mile three or four times a week.

I don't know a lick about racing, but I know about not quitting. I know about struggle and pain

and determination and that little voice in the darkness that can only be God, that helps you through that moment ... to get you to the next moment and through each day.

Suddenly my name is on the list. I am watching YouTube video on how to swim faster, my much younger cousin is a collegiate swimmer and coaching me on Facebook, people I haven't heard from in 20 years are suddenly sending me e-mails because they read a news release that I was going to the Warrior Games ... and was going to be an athlete again ... BIG SMILE!

And yesterday I walked into a shop and asked about swim suits. The lady showed me board shorts and I said, "No, the kind athletes wear." I bought a pair of race jammers ... BIGGER SMILE! ... (Until I looked in the mirror...not pretty!)

So I read about your struggles and feel mine are minor, but just as real to my family and me ... and the despair that comes with each bad day ... and the exhilaration of the good ones.

Going to these games, I can't lose as long as I don't drown, because right this second, typing this, reaching out to you, I feel like an athlete again! Thank you!



## DRAGON ON THE STREET

By **Kemberly Groue**

Keesler News photojournalist

What is the most interesting place your career has taken you?



“Gabon, Africa — I was there for a medical exercise to do a video documentary for the Air Force.”

**Joel Van Nice, 81st Training Wing**



“Vicenza, Italy — I got to experience a different culture, and the food was good.”

**Master Sgt. Kimberly Preston, 403rd Wing**



“Pompeii, Italy — I got to see civilization firsthand as it was in the early times when I visited Mount Vesuvius.

**Tech. Sgt. Gary Hargis, 338th Training Squadron**

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## General reflects on first 8 months with 2nd Air Force

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

After eight months on the job, 2nd Air Force Commander Maj. Gen. Mary Kay Hertog is enthusiastic about what her team has been able to accomplish since she arrived at Keesler.

General Hertog shared her Air Force story April 19 with Keesler's Order of Dadaelians, a fraternal and professional organization of American military pilots.

"What 2nd Air Force does touches the entire Air Force," she explained. "We have four wings — Keesler is one of them, two groups, 110 different training locations with detachments and operating locations where we do about 93 percent of the Air Force's technical training."

General Hertog noted 2nd Air Force's expanded role in training about 8,000 joint expeditionary tasking Airmen who deploy to Iraq and Afghanistan to work for the Army.

"They learn to speak Army — they go to Army installations for 30 to 60 days to train and learn what they're going to do with the Army," she commented. "We send in Air Force commanders and small staffs to each location to make sure our Airmen are taken care of in terms of training. We've been doing this for several years now, and we've developed a great relationship with our sister services."

In retracing her Air Force career, General Hertog said she wanted to follow in the footsteps of her dad, a security forces veteran of World War II and the Vietnam War and an Air Force security Forces officer.

"I was a feminist at an early age and I wanted to do equal work for equal pay," she recalled. "I went to Miami University in Ohio on ROTC and basketball scholarships, but tended to pay more attention to basketball than to ROTC."

The general mentioned that a few weeks ago, she was in San Antonio for the NCAA women's basketball championship to speak to the final four teams about how her experiences with the sport contributed to her success in the Air Force.

"Leadership, learning how to follow, learning that you're only as strong as your weakest link so you have to bring that person along ... those are some of the things I shared with them," she said.

After earning a degree in criminology and an Air Force commission, the general was determined to go into military law enforcement, where she's spent 25 of her 32 years in the Air Force.

"My dad sat me down and said, 'For God's sake, don't become a cop in the Air Force,'" she remembered. "There were few women in the career field and it was hard enough for a man, much less a woman — I didn't listen to my dad as a kid, so why would I listen to him as an adult?"

The general decided she wanted to go out west to Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M. sight unseen. She later learned she got her first selection because no one wanted to be a cop and no one wanted to work in nuclear security.

"It was a pretty tough job, but I loved it," General Hertog remarked. "In security forces, we're really fortunate to work with the greatest enlisted corps in the military. As a lieutenant from Day 1, I supervised 79 people. That was my first flight, and in security forces we were able to command early and command often — 2nd Air Force is my sixth command."

She was a colonel working at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, when she was selected for command of the 37th Training Group at Lackland



General Hertog

AFB, Texas, which at the time gave her a chance to rejoin her husband of nearly 31 years, retired Chief Master Sgt. Herm Hertog, after five years of living apart.

"I was stepping outside my comfort zone," General Hertog said of the Lackland assignment. "I felt like they were speaking in tongues to me, but it was a tremendous assignment because we got to train recruiters, security forces, services, military training instructors, military working dog handlers, finance, supply and battlefield Airmen."

She was pulled back to security forces as director of security forces for Air Combat Command, and when her name came out on the brigadier general list, she expected to be sent back to the Pentagon, but instead moved back to Lackland as the 37th Training Wing commander, "something very few people in the security forces career field get an opportunity to do."

Almost four years ago, General Hertog became the "top cop" in the Air Force at the Pentagon for three years, a job she acknowledged as the hardest job she's ever had.

"We had the perfect storm — low manning, high deployments, everything going on at one time," she admitted.

"That old saying, 'What doesn't kill you makes you stronger,' was very true."

The general was planning for retirement when she was selected for promotion to major general, the first person in the security forces career field to achieve that rank.

"I knew the job I wanted to command 2nd Air Force — I knew I'd be a perfect fit in terms of preparation," she pointed out. "The stars aligned and eight months ago I came here to assume command, and it's been a wonderful ride.

"I didn't accomplish this by myself," she stressed. "My family, my husband, the enlisted force got me where I am today.

The general said her leadership philosophy is simple — try to make a difference in someone's life. She related several experiences in which Airmen have let her know that she had made hard decisions which got them on the right track after all.

She said she also believes, "You're either outstanding or you're outprocessing — we're not going to pass along a problem to somebody else."

General Hertog said she's glad the Air Force is emphasizing the Air Force family, because "spouses give up so much of their lives, their careers to follow that active-duty member around."

She said that her responsibilities sometimes keep her awake at night "because we do a lot of dangerous training in our jobs — we throw hand grenades, we jump out of airplanes, we fire incredible weapons, we do combat dives, we climb poles, we blow things up for (explosive ordnance disposal)."

"That's why it's so important for us to produce the right Airmen at the right time with the right skills," she emphasized.

The general noted the challenges that the 15-year high in

retention is creating for the Air Force.

"We're 5,000 people over our authorized end strength and the Air Force has decided — and rightly so — that we have to bring those numbers down, but we hope to retain a lot of these folks by shifting them over to the Guard and Reserve," she said.

As she looks toward retirement in a few years, General Hertog says she feels good about what she and her team have been able to accomplish for the Air Force.

"The trust we have in our Airmen is phenomenal," she observed. "We allow these young men and women to do so much at such an early age. I'm so proud that they've chosen to make a commitment to something bigger than themselves. These young men and women have been in Iraq and Afghanistan for the past nine years doing a tremendous job. They've grown up fast and we're going to have some combat-hardened veterans that will be our future Air Force leaders."

General Hertog opened and closed her talk by urging members of the Dadaelians to share the Air Force story. She mentioned her father had begun writing about his experiences before he passed away last December.

"You represent the Air Force's rich heritage — write down what you did in the military, especially any World War II veterans," she requested. "You all have a wonderful story to tell and we need to capture it. People are actively looking for your stories, and we owe you a great debt of thanks."

"I know may you have read Tom Brokaw's book, 'The Greatest Generation,'" General Hertog said. "We have another great generation that we're bringing up, and I know I'll be leaving the Air Force in good hands."

# Reservists train with Army special forces school

By Tech. Sgt. Tanya King

403rd Wing Public Affairs

Reservists from the 815th Airlift Squadron completed a joint airborne and air transportability training mission with Army Special Forces in Key West, Fla., April 16.

The JA/ATT program provides the 815th AS "Flying Jennies" with unique training opportunities, according to Lt. Col. Mark Carter, 403rd Operations Support Flight chief of operations.

Army students and instructors of the Special Forces Underwater Operations School partnered with the Flying Jennies to parachute from the C-130J-30 "Super Hercules" over a water drop zone, part of their training in the combat diver qualification course.

The six-week training includes exercises in underwater search and recovery, submarine lock-in and lock-out procedures, ship bottom search and recovery and over-the-water infiltration techniques.

Though the unique part of this mission for the Flying Jennies is that the drop zone is over water, the procedures aren't any more challenging than air-dropping personnel over land, said Lt. Col. Brian Freeman, 403rd Operations Group pilot and mission commander for the training exercise.

"Typically we are flying over land, but the process is basically the same," he said. "In either case, we verify exactly where the user wants their cargo or personnel delivered and do our best to put it there."

The Flying Jennies delivered 14 students and instructors and one assault raft on target to their drop zone near Key West Naval Air Station, Fla.

According to Colonel Carter, a primary benefit of this type of training is participants can learn what works and what doesn't in a controlled environment.

"We have the added benefit of not only communicating and sharing ideas, but we learn more about what other services do on a day-to-day basis and



Staff Sgt. Chris Caso adjusts his gear while Staff Sgt. Jeff Fountain reads up on procedures before the training mission. They are loadmasters with the 815th AS.

are better able to appreciate each other's roles in defense of our national security," Colonel Carter said. "We would rather have lessons learned in training than in a wartime environment."

"For specialized operations such as this, we depend on joint capabilities to ensure mission success," said Maj. Dave Butler, Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School public affairs officer. "It's vital that we train like we fight, and this joint training maximizes our effectiveness both at home and down range."

Other JA/ATT missions include transporting and delivering vehicles via air-land into unimproved airfields, or air-drop, paralleling the kind of requests the 815th AS might receive during combat.

"If a unit wants us to airlift a vehicle into a dirt strip, it's better to dis-



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Tanya King  
Army students and instructors prepare to jump from a C-130J-30 "Super Hercules" over a water drop zone. The Flying Jennies delivered 14 Army students and instructors to a water drop zone during a portion of their Special Forces Underwater Operation School.

cover and resolve any issues around the onload or offload in a training environment," said Colonel Carter.

Training for combat missions can not only help identify potential problems, but also validate additional capabilities such as those realized with employment of the C-130J, the latest version of the Hercules aircraft.

"Past missions have helped prove the C-130J model can fly faster, farther, higher and smarter than the legacy models," said Colonel Carter.

"The J-model's improvements are most pronounced when we operate closer to the edge of our operating envelope; the more powerful engines and more efficient propellers enable us to carry heavier loads farther than the legacy models," said Colonel Freeman.

The glass cockpit and moving map,

both features exclusive to the J-model, offer increased situational awareness, particularly in the low-level flying environments required to complete these missions, Colonel Freeman said.

Every six months, the joint services work together to identify what is required from all JA/ATT participants.

"We find a mission that matches with our training requirements and capabilities," said Colonel Carter. "From there the tactical requirements are identified in order to execute the mission. Further communication after the mission makes the process even better."

"In the C-130 world, the Army is our primary customer. Most of the way we do business is driven by what the Army needs," said Colonel Freeman. "That's what we practice for, train for and ultimately execute in combat."



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## 81st TRG dining out

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

The social hour begins at 6 p.m. with the formal event starting at 7. Chicken or vegetarian menus will be offered.

Tickets are \$20.

For more information, call your squadron representative, Tech. Sgt. Noah Vaughan, 377-0231, or Staff Sgt. Richard Boyd, 377-0346.

## Comedy show

Laughter Is Good Medicine Comedy Show is 8 p.m. May 13 in Welch Auditorium.

The target audience is non-prior service Airmen, according to Master Sgt. Lee Wright, 333rd Training Squadron first sergeant.

Admission is \$5 and benefits the Air Force Assistance Fund.

For more information, call Sergeant Wright, 377-7788.

## USM summer term

New students who plan to attend the University of Southern Mississippi during the summer term that begins

## CORRECTION

Airman 1st Class Chelsey Huddleston was omitted from the list of winning drill team members from the 334th Training Squadron from the April 16 drill down published in the April 22 issue of the Keesler News.

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 dependents.

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

## Students pray for nation's needs

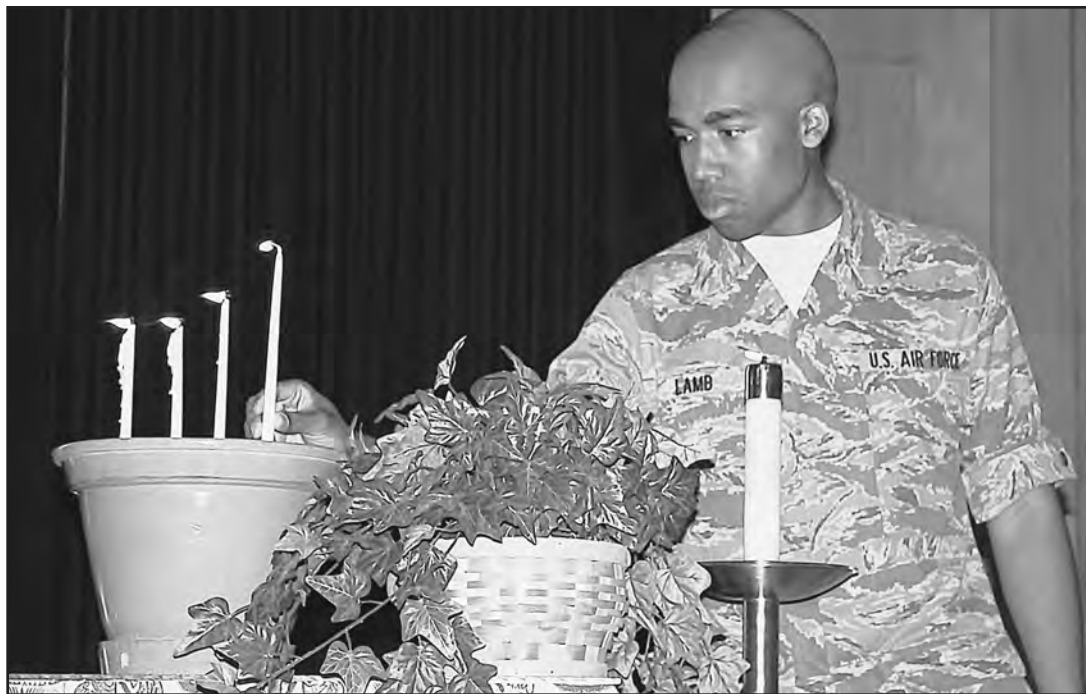


Photo by Airman John Kenyon

Airman 1st Class Marcus Lamb, 332nd Training Squadron, lights a candle after reading a prayer for deployed troops during the National Prayer Event April 22 at Triangle Chapel. The service focused on prayers for the nation. Chief Master Sgt. Lonnie Slater, 81st Training Wing command chief, spoke on the military and the importance of the freedom of religion. Sixteen students sang, played instruments and read prayers and poetry. Chaplain (Capt.) Kenya Thomas, project leader, said about 85 people attended. The 81st Training Group chaplains and nonprior service students sponsored the event and members of the parish supplied desserts.

## Academic aces accomplish perfect scores



From left, Master Sgt. Deserie Jackson, Airman 1st Class Joshua Schoenfelder and Airman Spencer Gilbreath graduated from technical training in the 81st Training Group with perfect scores. Sergeant Jackson, who graduated from the personnel apprentice course in the 335th Training Squadron Monday, is a reservist assigned to the 349th Air Mobility Wing, Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Airmen Schoenfelder and Gilbreath graduated from the electronic principles course in the 332nd TRS Monday. Airman Schoenfelder reports to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, for further training in the F-16/F117/CV-22/MQ/RQ-1 avionics systems apprentice course before reporting to the Wisconsin Air National Guard's 115th Fighter Wing, Madison. Airman Gilbreath reports to Sheppard for more training in the instrument and flight control systems apprentice course.

## Keesler honors volunteers

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Four base volunteers were honored for their accomplishments at Keesler's annual volunteer awards ceremony April 20.

Lyle Crandall, Usa Jones, Marilyn Reid and Randy Yoran received Air Force Volunteer Excellence Awards for outstanding volunteer community service of a sustained, direct and consequential nature.

**Mr. Crandall**, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, has been a volunteer firefighter with the Fort Bayou Volunteer Fire Department since 1996 and currently serves as chief. He's been recognized as the Jackson County and Ocean Springs Knights of Columbus firefighter of the year and received a medal of valor from the county firefighters association for rescuing three firefighters from a burning house.

He was instrumental in design and construction of a new fire station, implemented 24-hour manning in the department and coordinated efforts to change the fire department's overall rating from a 10 to a 7, resulting in decreased homeowner insurance costs.

**Mrs. Jones**, coordinates volunteer services for the 81st Medical Group. In her 29 years as a Keesler volunteer, she's trained 12 pharmacy volunteers and helps distribute more than 57,200 prescriptions to more than 44,000 beneficiaries each year. She's also volunteers in the women's health clinic.

She works with the Kamp Kiwanis program for disabled children and raised funds for the Boys and Girls Club, Make-A-Wish Foundation and Ronald McDonald House. She's a member of Mississippi City United Methodist Church and Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

**Mrs. Reid** manages Airman's Attic, a project that offers household and clothing items for Keesler Airmen. She was responsible for decorating and



**Mr. Crandall**



**Mrs. Jones**



**Mrs. Reid**

renovating the facility, increasing the stock by 300 percent and initiated a food locker for families in need. She also volunteers at the Keesler Thrift Shop.

She provided desserts for the 81st MDG Oktoberfest, home-cooked meals at Fisher House, and baked goods for nonprior service students and Keesler Spouses Club, 332nd Training Squadron and 81st Dental Squadron fundraisers. She raised funds for Project Cheer, volunteers with programs at Grace Presbyterian Church and led a recycling effort to offset costs for the Humane Society.

**Mr. Yoran**, 81st Training Support Squadron, has volunteered with Feed My Sheep, El



**Mr. Yoran**

Pueblo, Sea Shore Mission, Loaves and Fishes, Homes of Grace, Red Bird missions, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, Make-A-Wish Foundation and Ocean Springs Youth Crusade. At Ocean Springs Middle School, he served as football equipment and instrument transportation coordinator, concession stand volunteer and school dance chaperone.

At St. Paul United Methodist Church, he's a building trustee, men's ministry treasurer, junior youth ministry volunteer and maintains the children's computer lab. He built a new dais for the church and removed dry-wall, insulation and damaged carpet from an elderly couple's home.

## IN THE NEWS

### Wing commander's calls

The 81st Training Wing holds a commander's call, 3 p.m. today at Welch Auditorium.

The calls are mandatory for military members and highly recommended for civilians.

### Friday is census mail-in deadline

The Census 2010 mail-in due date is Friday, according to Jonathan Hicks, 81st Training Wing Public Affairs.

So far, Keesler's participation rate is 82 percent, compared to the 72 percent national rate, 67 percent Mississippi rate, 63 percent Harrison County rate and 60 percent Biloxi rate.

### Tax office remains open

The tax office in Sablich Center is open 8-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and training Fridays through May 15.

For information and appointments, call 376-8141.

### Student job experiences

The civilian personnel office sent a recruiter to meet with students at the University of Southern Mississippi-Gulf Coast campus in Long Beach April 22.

Human resources technician Jemina Ballard met with about 75 students to discuss the Student Career Experience Program. SCEP gives students a "jump start" in their chosen career fields by providing valuable, paid work experience while they are still in school. After completion of their academic and work requirements, students may be eligible for permanent employment.

For more information, call Ms. Ballard, 376-8320, or log on to <http://www.usajobs.gov/EI/studentcareerexperience.asp>

### Wings Over Columbus

Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., about a 4½ -hour drive from Keesler, hosts its air show and open house May 15-16.

Gates open to the public at 9 a.m. both days.

The free event features the Air Force Thunderbirds, the Army Golden Knights and a host of other performances.

For a complete listing of performances and more information, log on to [www.wingsovercolumbus.net](http://www.wingsovercolumbus.net).

### 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.

# City of Biloxi recognizes Keesler volunteers

By Staff Sgt. Kimberly Moore

## Keesler Public Affairs

Keesler personnel were among individuals and teams recognized during Biloxi's 27th annual Biloxi Volunteers Awards Ceremony April 21.

Biloxi Mayor A. J. Holloway and Brig. Gen. Ian Dickinson, 81st Training Wing commander, presented awards to the winners, including the 338th Training Squadron as the volunteer group of the year and Chaplain (Maj.) Henry Close as the military volunteer winner.

Among many other events, the 338th TRS dedicated 800 hours to the American Red Cross, organized 16 beach clean-up projects, led 35 volunteers in eight Habitat for Humanity events and dedicated more than 200 hours mentoring students through Big Brothers Big Sisters for Biloxi.

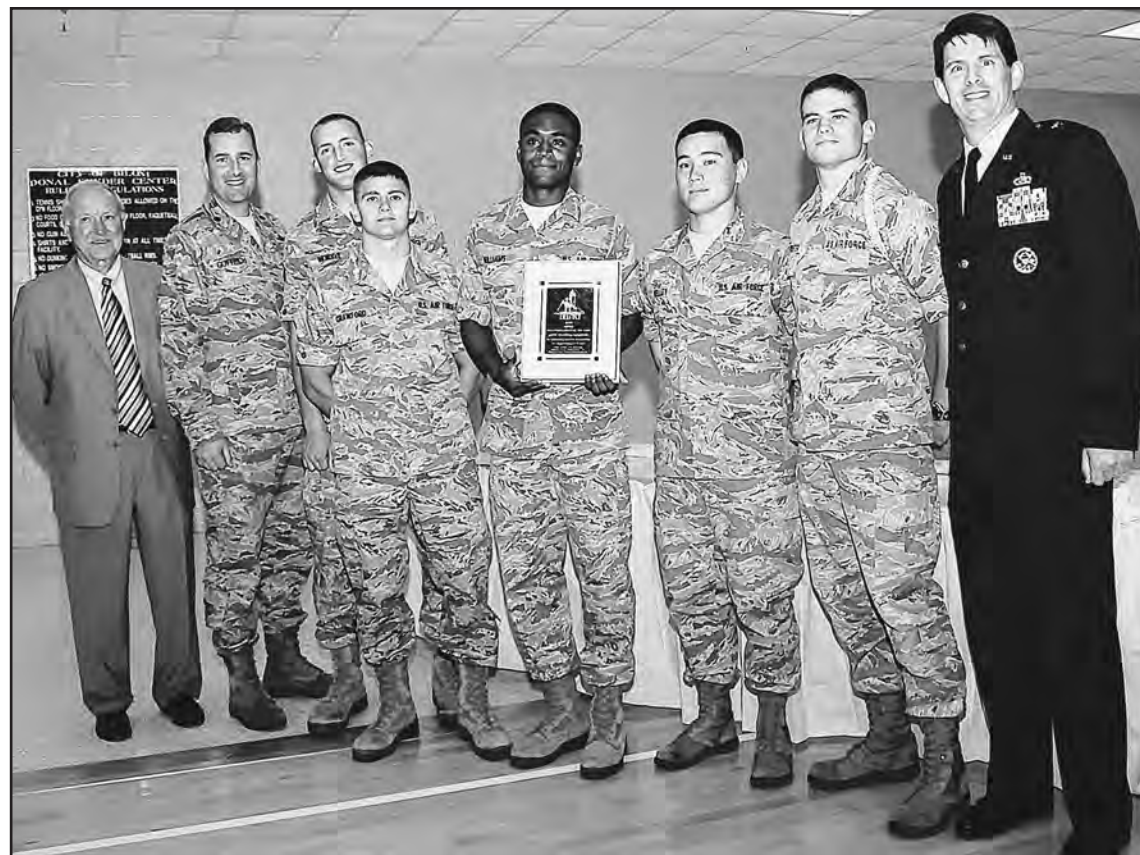
Lt. Col. Dan Gottrich, 338th TRS commander, accepted the award on the squadron's behalf and said, "This award goes to each of you; it recognizes and validates the extra time you have taken to provide your



**Chaplain Close**

services to the base and the local community."

Chaplain Close is Keesler's senior training branch chaplain responsible for the care of nearly 2,500 technical students. Additionally, after discovering Biloxi's Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church had been without a pastor for most of the year, Chaplain Close offered to fill in as parish priest with no compensation until the community could afford to support someone regularly.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

**From left, Mayor Holloway; Colonel Gottrich; Airmen Basic Kirk Mendive, Stephen Crawford, Stephon Williams, and John Kelly; Airmen 1st Class Buck Carpenter and General Dickinson display the 338th TRS' award for Biloxi's volunteer group of the year. Airmen Mendive, Crawford, Williams, Kelly and Carpenter are students in the squadron.**

## Social media,

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information and conduct business," General Warner continued. "We are diligently working with communications and information experts at 24th Air Force and the INOSCs to assure the mission, while ensuring a standardized roll-out and maintaining the appropriate level of security."

Providing access to social media sites from Air Force government computers meets the intent of Department of Defense Directive-Type Memorandum 09-026 — Responsible and Effective Use of Internet-based Capabilities, issued Feb. 25.

"As we leverage these new technologies, it is imperative that all Air Force personnel practice safe online activity to protect the network," said Gen. C. Robert Kehler, Air Force Space Command commander. "The Air Force views the use of social media sites as a positive way to com-

municate and conduct business. Social media and other emerging technologies provide an increasingly important means of communication and collaboration. Providing more open access will allow the Air Force to communicate more effectively to all Air Force personnel, their families and external audiences."

Various Air Force and DOD regulations provide guidance for Airmen using social media on government networks. Personal use of social media sites must be of reasonable duration and frequency that have been approved by supervisors and don't adversely affect performance of official duties, overburden systems or reflect adversely on the Air Force.

Air Force personnel cannot post any classified or sensitive information and must follow the guidelines for appropriate social media and Internet use. The inappropriate posting of information on the Air Force network and any operational security violations are punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

## Rules of engagement for social media

From Chapter 15 of Air Force Instruction 35-113, Internal Information

- All Airmen must abide by certain restrictions to ensure good order and discipline. All actions on and off duty are subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice.
- Airmen should use their best judgment, remembering that there are always consequences to what is written and all Airmen will take direct responsibility for what they post online.
- Do not post any defamatory, libelous, vulgar, obscene, abusive, profane, threatening, hateful, racially, ethnically or otherwise offensive or illegal information or material.
- Do not use any words, logos or other marks that would infringe upon the trademark, service mark, certification mark or other intellectual property rights of the owners of such marks without the permission of such owners.
- Do not post any information that would infringe upon the proprietary, privacy or personal rights of others.
- Do not post classified or sensitive information.
- Do not forge or otherwise manipulate identifiers in posts in an attempt to disguise, impersonate or otherwise misrepresent their identity or affiliation with any other person or entity.
- Identify to readers of a personal social media site or post that the views expressed are yours alone and that they do not necessarily reflect the views of the Air Force. Use a disclaimer such as, "The postings on this site are my own and don't necessarily represent Air Force positions, strategies or opinions."
- Airmen discussing issues related to their career field or personal experiences is acceptable, but they should not discuss areas of expertise for which they have no first-hand, direct background or knowledge.



# PERSONNEL NOTES

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## OTS training boards canceled

### Air Force News Service

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas —Air Force Recruiting Service officials are canceling the summer Officer Training School board and possibly other future boards until further notice.

The board is being canceled due to the Air Force's recently announced overall force management program to reduce authorized end-strength. End-strength is the maximum number of people each service is authorized annually by Congress and limited by Department of Defense budget constraints.

The number of boards held yearly is determined by how many officers the primary commissioning sources anticipate graduating each year. Due to the Air Force's force management program, recruiting officials will be limiting line officer accessions per force management program guidance.

"Air Force retention is currently at a 15-year high," said Brig Gen. Alfred Stewart, AFRS commander. "Although this situation is a tremendous testament to the dedication of our great Airmen and the high regard they have for the Air Force as a career and as a way of life, we now have more Airmen serving than we are authorized by Congressional mandate. Therefore, unless the Air Force takes aggressive and immediate actions to balance the force, this overage will continue to grow."

The OTS board cancellation is not permanent and selection boards will be held sometime in the future, General Stewart said. Candidates are encouraged to keep in touch with their recruiter and periodically refer to [www.rs.af.mil](http://www.rs.af.mil) for more information.

For more information, go to [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil).

## DFAS starts recouping separation pay

### Defense Finance and Accounting Service

Recouping military retirees' voluntary separation incentive special separation benefit and other separation payments by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service resumes in August.

Separation payments and others, such as severance pay, were offered to active-duty servicemembers to reduce manpower in certain career fields, primarily during the 1990s.

Because federal law prohibits service members from receiving both separation and retirement payments for the same period of service, provisions of these programs included repayment if members join the ready Reserve or return to active duty and earn status as a military retiree.

DFAS temporarily stopped deducting these repayments from retirement pay June 1, 2009, in response to retirees' concerns, while the DOD conducted a formal review of the recoupment program.

Before the review, federal statutes governing these programs didn't allow the DOD or DFAS to alter repayment rates or provide alternative repayment plans regardless of the financial hardships a retiree may be experiencing.

Congress has amended statutes to help limit the financial strain on military retirees as they repay their outstanding balances.

The new statutes allow DFAS more flexibility to accommodate for financial hardship and modify payment plans. As a result, DFAS has reduced the maximum recoupment rate from 90 percent to 40 percent. DFAS will also consider more lenient repayment plans for retirees who are experiencing financial hardship.

Affected retirees will receive notification letters at least 90 days before recoupments resume. If they feel the rate of recoupment will create a financial hardship, they may request a more lenient repayment plan by providing financial information on the financial statement of debtor form enclosed with the notification letter.

Monthly recoupment may also affect former spouses who receive Uniformed Services Former Spouse Protection Act payments from such retirees. Former spouses affected by this recoupment also will receive a notification letter before the resumption of recoupments.

# 81st Medical Group changes command Friday

By Steve Pivnick

## 81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Dan Wyman passes leadership of the 81st Medical Group to Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Kory Cornum during a change of command ceremony, 9 a.m. Friday in front of Keesler Medical Center.

General Wyman becomes the command surgeon for Air Combat Command at Langley Air Force Base, Va. General Cornum comes to Keesler after serving as ACC command surgeon since 2007.

General Wyman assumed command of the 81st MDG in June 2008 following a two-year tour of duty as command surgeon of Pacific Air Forces and 13th Air Force surgeon at Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

In addition to serving as medical group commander, General Wyman has been the senior market manager for TRICARE's Gulf Coast Multi-Service Market, which



**General Wyman**

includes five military medical facilities stretching from Mobile, Ala., to New Orleans.

As 81st MDG commander, the general has been responsible for the direct delivery of health care by one of the largest Air Force medical centers to more than 27,000 enrolled



**General Cornum**

patients and coordinating care for 78,000 beneficiaries along the Gulf Coast. He has ensured the availability of major war and peacetime medical readiness response forces.

Additional responsibilities included direction of five graduate medical and dental

education programs and an extensive clinical research program. He has led more than 1,600 health-care professionals and manages a local budget of more than \$80 million. In addition, General Wyman was the federal coordinator for the Gulf Coast National Disaster Medical System.

During his tenure as commander, the general spearheaded unique partnerships with several community hospitals which will assist in the training of Keesler staff and also provide medical subspecialties to Gulf Coast residents for the first time. General Wyman additionally continued to nurture the close sharing relationship with the VA Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System Biloxi medical center that has benefitted beneficiaries of both facilities.

The general was responsible for overseeing completion of the hospital's new \$12-mil-

lion radiation oncology clinic and final plans for construction of a new, four-story \$68 million inpatient tower. Work on the new tower began in January with completion scheduled for October 2011.

Most recently, General Wyman shared with the "Dragon Medic" team an "Excellent" result from the Headquarters Air Force Inspection Agency Health Service Inspection and three-year accreditation by The Joint Commission following their tandem inspection/survey that concluded March 12.

"It has truly been my privilege and pleasure to serve with the Air Force's finest medical professionals as well as being welcomed with open arms by the Mississippi Gulf Coast community," General Wyman said. "Lisa and I will always cherish our fond memories of the people of the community that made our assignment at Keesler a wonderful time."

**News tips? Call the Keesler News, 377-4130, or e-mail [keeslernews@us.af.mil](mailto:keeslernews@us.af.mil)**



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# Online courses smooth NSPS transition process

By April Rowden

AFPC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Online training courses are now available to help smooth the upcoming transition of more than 40,000 current Air Force National Security Personnel System employees into non-NSPS personnel systems.

Multiple resources have been added to the NSPS's official Web site, including two new training courses, "Classifying Positions under GS: A Primer for Supervisors" and "Performance Management: A Tool to Achieve Results."

In "Classifying Positions under GS: A Primer for Supervisors," supervisors are shown how to write and certify the duties and responsibilities of a position and explain the classification process to employees.

To assist with writing the core documents, supervisors can use the Air Force Standard Core Personnel Document library, located on the Air Force Portal. The SCPD library currently includes more than 1,000 standardized classification documents as well as templates for supervisors.

"Performance Management: A Tool to Achieve Results" is a guide for supervisors to involve their employees in accomplishing the agency's mission. From setting proper goals to rating and rewarding performance, this training course sets the foundation for evaluating employee performance.

"Managing My Performance: A Guide for Employees" and "Managing Employee Performance: A Guide for Supervisors" are companion resources to the Performance Management module that provide an overview of the general schedule personnel system that can benefit all federal employees, regardless of personnel system, supervisory level or service branch.

Employees can review "GS 101," an introductory training course that gives information on the structure and features of the GS system, from pay and promotion to appraisals and

career development.

After finishing the training courses, employees should update their training record in MyBiz using the self-service module in the Defense Civilian Personnel Data System and provide a copy of their

training certificate to their supervisor.

The Web site also incorporates a transition section that includes news, timelines, resources and training tools and a modified feedback area where viewers can submit

brief comments to help shape the site's content.

Training courses can be found on the NSPS Web site [www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps](http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps). Click on the "NSPS Transition" button and look in the "What's New" box.

The transition out of NSPS is a result of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 that repealed NSPS and required the transition of employees out of NSPS no later than Jan. 1, 2012.

# 81st Training Wing announces quarterly awards

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The 81st Training honored its quarterly award winners for January-March at a luncheon Feb. 22 at the Dragon's Lair:

**Airman** — Airman 1st Class Ashley Jordan, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron.

**Noncommissioned officer** — Staff Sgt. Travis Meyer, 334th Training Squadron.

**Senior NCO** — Senior Master Sgt. Melanie Dolzanie, 81st Medical Support Squadron.

**Company grade officer** — Capt Jason Matheny, 334th TRS.

**Civilian Category 1** — Parlee Barrow, 81st Comptroller Squadron.

**Civilian Category 2** — Rafael Gonzalez, 81st Communications Squadron.

**Civilian supervisor Category 1** — Roy Jackson, 81st Force Support Squadron.

**Civilian supervisor Category 2** — Mark Kolath, 336th TRS.



Airman Jordan



Sergeant Meyer



Sergeant Dolzanie



Captain Matheny



Ms. Barrow



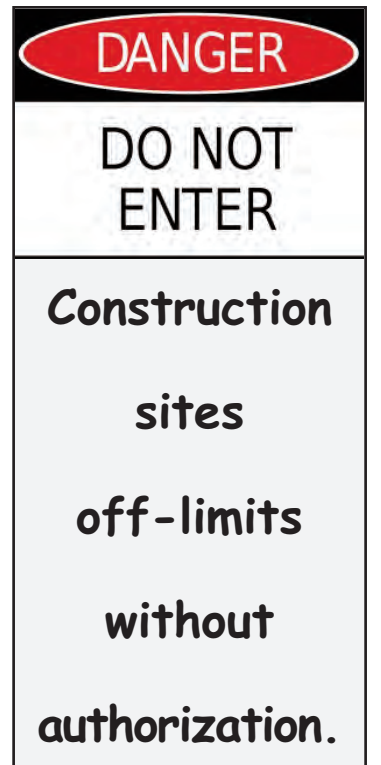
Mr. Gonzalez



Mr. Jackson



Mr. Kolath



# Deployed Keesler captain combats sexual assault

By Tech. Sgt. Lindsey Maurice

386th Air Expeditionary Wing

SOUTHWEST ASIA — An unfortunate reality in society is the act of sexual assault, a crime that military members can just as easily fall prey to.

Enter Capt. Mollie Robinson, 386th Air Expeditionary Wing sexual assault response coordinator. Deployed from Keesler, it's Captain Robinson's job to educate and train Airmen here in sexual assault prevention as well as assist victims of this crime.

"Sexual assault affects everyone, not just the victim," said Captain Robinson. "This year's Sexual Assault Awareness Month theme is 'Hurts one, affects all', and I feel it describes how sexual assault impacts our Air Force.

"If even one person is unable to do their job because they have been assaulted, then the overall mission is degraded in some way. Having a SARC available, gives

Airmen an ally in the event a sexual assault occurs, giving them the same options as are available at their home station. The program also acts as a constant reminder for everyone to make smart and responsible decisions."

Captain Robinson is the base's focal point for all sexual assault prevention education, training and response.

"Depending on what a victim's needs are, I coordinate with the other helping agencies to meet those needs, all the while maintaining the victim's privacy to the greatest extent possible," she said. "Here, we are fortunate to have a safe and mostly sexual assault-free deployment location."

The 4½-year Air Force veteran added; however, that even one sexual assault case is one too many.

"Sexual assault is never the victim's fault," she said. "Anyone has the right to say 'no' at anytime, regardless of their



Captain Robinson

relationship with the other person. If we all respect each other, each other's boundaries and are good wingmen, then we can eliminate sexual assault in the Air Force and in society and eliminate the need for this job."

The SARC said one of the biggest challenges she faces with her job is education.

"Changing societal behavior, of any type, is always challenging," she said. "For my job, really getting our young Airmen to understand what constitutes sexual assault, what consent is, who can give it, and the importance of making responsible decisions is extremely difficult. Another challenge is getting those who witness bad behavior to step up and take action. The new sexual assault prevention response training, bystander intervention, is aimed precisely at that."

Captain Robinson, Keesler's deputy SARC, said it takes certain qualities in order to be good at her job.

"You have to be someone people feel comfortable talking to and be able to compartmentalize," she said. "The first part is self explanatory, but the second might not be something most people think about. With this type of job, you hear a lot of bad and you can't let everything get to you, although

sometimes it's unavoidable."

To help keep her mind clear and her stress level down, the captain said she tries to stay active both physically and socially.

"If I'm not in my office, you can find me at the gym, swimming laps at the pool, singing with my group 'ROCKapella' or singing with the church choir," she said. "I'm also the president of the company grade officer council and I try to help out wherever I can."

Now on her second deployment, Captain Robinson said she has enjoyed her time downrange, even with the sacrifices of being away from friends and family and without many of the "Western" conveniences she's used to.

"I love deploying," she said, "it's why I'm in the military. Being a force support officer, I'm not always going to feel like I'm directly affecting the overall mission, so the closer I can get to the fight, the better."

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# VA officials strive to prevent veteran suicides

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — With more than 6,000 veterans committing suicide every year, and 98 veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan taking their own lives during fiscal 2009 alone, Department of Veterans Affairs officials are redoubling their outreach to veterans and promoting the toll-free suicide-prevention hotline.

National statistics show that veterans constitute about 20 percent of the 30,000 to 32,000 U.S. deaths each year from suicide.

Of an average of 18 veterans who commit suicide each day, about five receive care through the VA health care system. More than 60 percent of those five had diagnosed mental-health conditions.

Dr. Janet Kemp, VA's national suicide prevention coordinator, says she is committed to improving those statistics. She is heading up an outreach program to address problems that lead to suicide, and to ensure veterans as well as their loved ones know where to turn for help.

Veterans in the 18- to 29-year-old age group who use VA health care services are less likely to commit suicide than those who don't, Dr. Kemp said.

Based on statistical comparisons between the two groups, she estimated that 250 fewer veterans enrolled in the VA system take their own lives each year. She credited VA screening and assessment processes designed to identify high-risk patients and provide intervention, as needed.

Yet, during fiscal 2009, more than 700 members of the general veteran population died by their own hands, and another 10,665 made unsuccessful suicide attempts. In addition to the 98 veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan who committed suicide, 94 men and four women, there were 1,868 who made non-fatal attempts on their lives. Of these, 1,621 were men and 247 were women, reflecting trends in the general U.S. population.

"Just one death is one too many," said Dr. Antonette Zeiss, the deputy chief for mental health services at VA's central office. "The bottom line is, the efforts we put into enhancing overall mental health services have correlated with the reduction of suicide," especially among males who served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Alarmed by an increase in suicides among

this population between 2003 and 2004, VA officials adopted a comprehensive mental health strategic plan in 2004 that has helped to bring the numbers down.

Much of the plan is dedicated to increasing veterans' access to mental-health services. VA hired 6,000 additional mental-health professionals since 2004, bringing its full complement of providers to 20,000, Dr. Zeiss said.

"Access to care makes a difference," she said. "We have worked on improving access to care for all veterans."

VA mental health professionals are based at every VA medical center and the largest community-based clinic, and provide same- or next-day help to veterans in need, she said.

In addition, VA officials established a toll-free national suicide hotline in July 2007 that Dr. Kemp said receives about 10,000 calls a month from veterans as well as currently serving Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines. Callers dial 1-800-273-TALK (8255), and then select option "1" to talk directly with a VA professional trained to deal with an immediate crisis.

Dr. Kemp credited the hotline with stopping some 7,000 suicides in progress, in which callers were actively hurting themselves or in imminent danger of taking their own lives.

In addition, VA officials initiated an online chat service last July, accessible through the VA suicide-prevention Web site. The chat line enables veterans and their families and friends to go online to chat anonymously with a trained VA counselor. To date, almost 4,000 "chatters" have used the service, with several referred to the hotline for immediate care, Dr. Kemp reported.

To get the word out about these initiatives, VA officials launched an advertising campaign in 124 U.S. cities, with public service announcements featuring actor Gary Sinise and TV broadcaster Deborah Norville.

Dr. Kemp said she's received anecdotal evidence that the campaign already is having an impact. She cited one veteran who traveled to Las Vegas with the intent to commit suicide, writing a suicide note and making final preparations to take his life. Then, by chance, he noticed a poster about the VA suicide prevention hotline on a wall at a local bus stop and placed the call that ultimately saved his life.

"He's now alive and well and telling his story of success," Dr. Kemp said.



Exceptions to Keesler's 25 mph speed limit:

**15 mph** in housing areas, flight line and unpaved surfaces;

**10 mph** in close proximity to marching formations  
and when waved through base gates;

**5 mph** in parking lots;

and **35 mph** in some sections of perimeter roads.

# Kids rule at Child Pride Day



Quentin Gray, 9, son of Master Sgt. Rodney and Kimberly Gray, has his face painted by Pfc. Michael Gable, Keesler Marine Corps Detachment, at Saturday's Child Pride Day at the youth center. Sergeant Gray is stationed at Osan Air Base, Korea.



Sophie Stokes, 4, enjoys a dance with Dora the Explorer. Her grandmother is Col. Martha Ann Stokes, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron.



Brendan Kiprono, 5, son of Maj. Luissa and Ed Kiprono, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, get some fire safety handouts from Airman 1st Class John Hood, a Keesler firefighter.



Airman Recruit Kristen Alexander from Keesler's Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit, watches as Kyle and Hayley Hancock play the scrambled eggs ball toss game. Kyle, 7, and Hayley, 5, are the children of Master Sgt. Lukus and Argelia Hancock, 81st MSGS. Sergeant Hancock is deployed.



Photos by Kemberly Groue  
Trynity Novak, 6, peers through the jaws of the 334th Training Squadron's Gator mascot. Her mom is Staff Sgt. Jean Novak, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron.



Ashley Linville, 8, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey and Heather Linville, 81st Training Wing, strings beads for a bracelet. Her dad is deployed.

Six-year-old Adam Cimenski, works on a bird house. Adam's parents are Senior Master Sgts. Erin Cimenski, 81st MSGS, and Thomas Cimenski, 338th TRS. More Child Pride Day photos are posted to the base's public Web site, [www.keesler.af.mil](http://www.keesler.af.mil)



Quentin Thomas, 9, and Riley Hamant, 10, battle on Guitar Hero to "Eye of the Tiger." Quentin's parents are Courtney Thomas, child development center, and retiree Anthony Thomas. Riley is the daughter of Lt. Col. Brad and Vicki Hamant, 332nd Training Squadron.

# Base affirms commitment to environmental stewardship



From left, Sadaki Lewis and 2-year-olds Skyler Castilleja, Christian Threatt, Tori Pearson and Tessa Garcia plant a vegetable garden at the child development center April 22 as part of Keesler's Earth Arbor Day observance. Skyler's parents are Staff Sgt. Krystal Foster, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron, and John Castilleja. Christian's mom is Senior Airman Melissa Threatt, 81st Medical Operations Squadron. Tori's parents are Senior Master Sgt. Anthony Pearson, 334th Training Squadron, and Teri Johnsrud. Tessa's parents are Capt. Reynel and Melissa Garcia, 81st Medical Group.



Madge Prien, spouse of retired Chief Master Sgt. Mel Prien, receives handouts and items made from recycled materials from CSC employee Melissa Jones at the base exchange. Keesler also had a tree planting at the child development center at which the base was presented its Tree City USA award for the 17th consecutive year. Photos by Kemberly Groue



## Air Force sisters

Sisters Airmen 1st Class Zenita Encarnacion, 19, left, and Nisha Threat, 21, spend a moment together before Airman Encarnacion's recent diagnostic imaging Phase II course graduation. They enlisted together Sept. 23, 2008, and went through basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, in the same flight. After completing basic training, Airman Encarnacion attended Phase I training at Sheppard AFB, Texas. Airman Threat completed technical training as a nutrition care specialist at Lackland and Sheppard, arriving at Keesler in March 2009. Her sister followed in June. Airman Encarnacion joins her husband, Airman 1st Class Jacob Lindsey, also a diagnostic imaging technologist, at Lackland. He graduated from the Keesler Phase II program in December. Airman Threat is married to Airman 1st Class Lawrence Threat, a security forces member assigned to Ramstein AB, Germany. The sisters are from St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands.

Photo by Steve Pivnick



# Gulf War veterans advised to seek VA care

By Lisa Daniel

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Gulf War veterans with medical symptoms should seek treatment through the Department of Veterans Affairs in light of a recent study stating Gulf War service is a cause of post-traumatic stress disorder.

If Gulf War veterans seek care through VA, rather than private doctors, researchers can continue to track their data and search for causes of their symptoms, said Dr. Michael Kilpatrick, director of strategic communications for the Military Health System.

Congress has ordered that Gulf War veterans still qualify for high-priority care through the VA, and Dr. Kilpatrick urged them to use it.

“For Gulf War veterans who think they may have symptoms and they are undiagnosed, we still encourage them to seek care,” he said.

National Academy of Sciences’ Institute of Medicine officials found in their most recent study on the health effects of the Gulf War released April 9 that military service in the war is a cause of post-traumatic stress disorder in some veterans and also is associated with multiple other medical symptoms.

The VA-funded study said researchers found sufficient evidence that service in the Gulf caused PTSD. Researchers did not find a cause-and-effect relationship between a host of other illnesses found in the veterans, but acknowledged sufficient evidence of an association between their service and other psychiatric disorders such as anxiety and sub-

stance abuse and gastrointestinal problems.

The study found “limited evidence” of an association between Gulf service and ALS — a disease of the nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord, also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease, as well as a widespread pain condition called fibromyalgia and sexual difficulties.

Researchers found insufficient evidence to link Gulf service to any cancers, blood diseases, respiratory illness, multiple sclerosis, neurological disorders, cardiovascular disease and other ailments.

The study found no evidence of a link between Gulf War service and peripheral neuropathy and decreased lung function and heart disease deaths in the first 10 years after the war.

The findings don’t change the Military Health System’s approach to treating the symptoms of Gulf War veterans without knowing the causes, Dr. Kilpatrick said.

“From the (Defense Department) standpoint, we’ve always believed that Gulf War veterans’ symptoms were real,” Dr. Kilpatrick said. “Not knowing the cause didn’t make them not real. They are deserving of treatment for their symptoms and, medically, we frequently treat symptoms without knowing the reason for the symptoms.”

Many factors complicate knowing the cause of the veterans’ symptoms, which may never be determined, echoing the comments of Institute of Medicine officials, Dr. Kilpatrick said.

The United States sent nearly 700,000 service members to the Persian Gulf between August 1990 and July 1991. Of those, 147 were killed in combat

and 233 died from noncombat causes. More than 250,000 “suffer from persistent, unexplained symptoms,” institute officials said.

Other factors that complicated research, Dr. Kilpatrick said. Combat operations lasted only 100 days, and many Gulf War veterans left service before their symptoms appeared. Also, little was known about PTSD in the early 1990s, there were no pre- or post-deployment health exams, and no electronic records.

“There are a lot of nuances that are hard for people to understand,” he said. “Our biggest difficulty when we’re looking at 700,000 people is to say, ‘What is the cause?’ Was it the deployment, the combat, or something not related to their combat life? We’re working hard today, starting with new recruits, to understand that.”

Dr. Kilpatrick called the institute’s research methods “the gold standard,” and said the department strongly supports its suggestion for more study of what has become known as Gulf War Illness.

“We continue to focus on the health of Gulf War veterans and we owe a lot to them today for their self protection and readiness to protect today’s forces,” he said. “The health of individuals as they deploy is extremely important to us and we want to know that they are as healthy when they come home as when they left.”

The military continues to learn from the health experiences of Gulf War veterans and then apply that knowledge to today’s troops, Dr. Kilpatrick said.

“There are many medical lessons learned from the Gulf War,” Dr. Kilpatrick said. “We’ve learned a lot about deployment and its effect on individuals.”

# Lost & Found

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

## Simple steps can prevent many thefts

### 81st Security Forces Squadron

Recent statistics reflect an increase in the number of larcenies at Keesler. Last year, 69 thefts were reported, and another 10 were report in the first three months of 2010, according to the 81st Security Forces Squadron.

Most of these larcenies have been unsecured property in which people left items either outside of their residence, in and around their work areas or at local gathering facilities such as the gym.

The 81st SFS wants to involve the base community to reduce the number of larcenies on the installation and keep personnel and their families from becoming victims of a crime. Here are some basic crime prevention suggestions:

**Secure** your property at all times — for example, lock your residence, lock your car, lock valuables in a locker at the gym, lock your bicycle to a firm object.

**Engrave** identification numbers on your personal property to aid in later identification and help bring justice to victims. If engraving is impractical, take photographs of your property and write down any distinguishing features.

**Inventory** all items and secure these records.

**If you live on base** and will be gone for an extended period, the 81st SFS can and will perform a housing check if you want.

**If you suspect a crime** is in progress or have information pertaining to a crime, call the 81st SFS, 377-3040.

For more information or to use an engraver to mark your personal property, call Staff Sgt. Eulonda Jackson, non-commissioned officer in charge of resource protection, 376-6618.

## Free concert tonight



The Air Force Reserve Band's Full Spectrum jazz ensemble performs a free concert, 7 p.m. today at the Saenger Theater in Biloxi. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. The concert is open to the public, and tickets aren't required.



## Pamper Me Day acknowledges importance of military spouses

### Airman & family readiness center

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.

Agencies, vendors, giveaways, activities, business and product displays (no direct sales allowed) and information booths are planned.

Keesler agencies represented include the airman and family readiness center, McBride Library, arts and crafts center, outdoor recreation, family child care, sexual assault prevention and response office, health and wellness center, base exchange and commissary.

Other participants include Keesler Federal Credit Union, Keesler Spouses Club, American Red Cross, Virginia College, Chris' Beauty School, Tupperware, Pampered Chef, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Longaberger Baskets, Mississippi Renaissance Garden, Veterans Affairs Women's Health, Beauty Control, Spray Tans, Home Vinyl Expressions and Premier Jewelry.

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

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## KEESLER NOTES

### Speakers bureau

The public affairs office is looking for people who enjoy public speaking to tell the Air Force story.

The Keesler Speakers Bureau is a community relations program developed as a public service and information vehicle. It's comprised of military and civilian Air Force employees who volunteer their time and information to speak to community groups.

Speakers come from a variety of experiences and backgrounds that offer a variety of presentations. Topics include aircraft maintenance, aviation, computer operations, communication skills, health, military life, military law, combat experience, financial management, child development, Air Force history, and more.

For more information, call YoLanda Wallace, 377-1179.

### Self defense class

Two "target hardening" self defense classes for women are 8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. today at the youth center for permanent party members and civilians.

For more information, call Barry Newman, 377-8635, or email [barry.newman@us.af.mil](mailto:barry.newman@us.af.mil)

### TMO office closed

The personal property and passenger travel offices at Sablich Center and the Levitow Training Support Facility are closed Friday for a squadron function.

Customer service hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. On Friday the hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Customer service hours at the Levitow are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday.

For emergencies, call 697-5880.

### Squadron closed

The 81st Communications Squadron closes at noon May 6 for a squadron function.

In case of emergency, call 228-861-7394.

### Dad's 101

The family advocacy program hosts "Dad's 101: A Class for Dads, by Dads" 7:30-11:30 a.m. May 7 in the Arnold Annex classroom.

The program is open to expectant fathers — active duty, retirees, family members, civilian employees and contractors. Participants are asked to wear civilian clothes.

For more information or to register, call Paula Tracy, 376-3459, or e-mail [paula.tracy@us.af.mil](mailto:paula.tracy@us.af.mil).

### Caregiver seminar

The airman and family readiness center joins the City of Biloxi in hosting the annual

caregiving seminar, 5:15-7 p.m. May 20 at the Donal Snyder Sr. Community Center 2520 Pass Road, Biloxi.

The seminar focuses on caring for parents and grandparents, legal issues of aging, resources and services, making a parent a dependent, coping skills and stress management.

The public is invited. Free refreshments and door prizes are planned.

To sign up, call 376-8728 or 8506 or e-mail [steve.mcdaniel@us.af.mil](mailto:steve.mcdaniel@us.af.mil)

### 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](mailto:michael.cashion.2.ctr@us.af.mil).

# Pediatric clinic provides school physicals May 15

## 81st Medical Operations Squadron

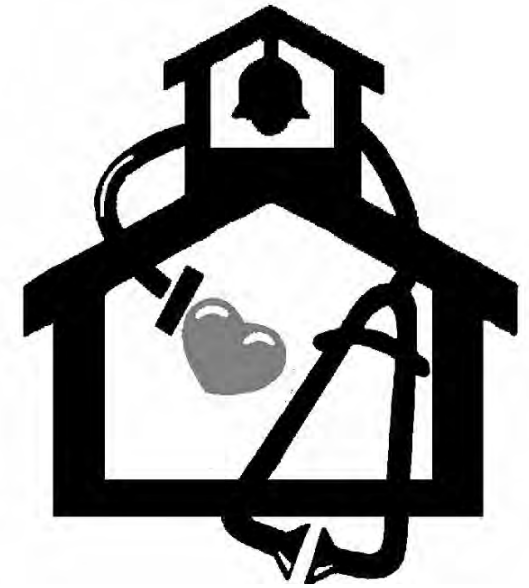
School physical appointments are available May 15 at the 81st Medical Group pediatric clinic for school-age children 5 years and older.

The clinic has designated more than 100 appointments as school physical-only slots. Appointments run every 20 minutes from 8-11:20 a.m.

Physicals are required for many extracurricular activities such as sports, dance and cheerleading, and may be required for participation in various summer camps or college entry in the fall. Parents should fill out and bring any forms required by a particular institution. Generic forms will be available in advance at the pediatric clinic front desk. Parents are asked to obtain a pre-screening questionnaire for each child prior to the appointment in order to expedite the process.

The school physical appointment won't be scheduled with the child's primary care manager. The focus of school physical appointments is to complete the requirements for the physical and won't be used to address any new medical issues. An additional appointment will be scheduled with the child's PCM to address other issues identified during the school physical appointment.

School physicals will include a review of the patient's immunization record; patients will be able to receive any required immunizations during the visit in the Immunization Clinic. Parents are asked to bring a current copy of their child's immunization record to



the appointment. For those without a copy, the Immunization Clinic or the child's school may be able to provide one.

Patients will meet with a medical technician to complete a medical history, vision screening, height, weight and blood pressure checks and receive important age-specific information prior to the appointment. At the completion of the visit, patients will receive a copy of the physical form, which is valid for enrollment in school, sports programs and summer camps.

To make an appointment, call the 81st MDG appointment line, 1-800-700-8603.

# Officials launch improved system for personal property moves

By Army Maj. James Lowe

## U.S. Transportation Command

SCOTT Air Force Base, Ill. — After extensive testing and evaluation, transportation officials have launched an improved system to better compensate servicemembers who personally move their household goods on military orders.

All services began using the new system April 15. Moves initiated prior to that date will continue to process under the terms in place at the time of initiation. Members can make final moving plans with their local transportation office.

“Personally Procured Move, or PPM, gives our servicemem-

bers a choice. They may elect to personally move some or even all of their personal property and receive an incentive for doing so,” said Lt. Col. Ronald Coleman, deputy director of Transportation Command's Defense Personal Property System.

PPM replaces do it yourself, or DITY, moves.

The new system calculates for reimbursement using a “best value” method. Most moves will fall into one of three scenarios:

**Service members** will receive 95 percent of the “best value” the government would pay to move the goods as an incentive;

**Actual cost reimburse-**

**ment** will pay service members actual cost not to exceed the “best value” of the move and is used for pre-approved special handling such as assembly and disassembly and packing fragile items; or

**When a government-furnished** moving service is not available, ACR pays the actual cost for the entire move subject to service headquarters pre-approval.

Some moves won't qualify for the new system. Rules for moves can be found in the DPS Smart Book at [www.move.mil](http://www.move.mil), along with additional service-specific guidance.

For more information on PPM, call 376-8530 or 8532.

## Warrior Games athletes bolster one another

By Maj. Belinda Peterson

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The Air Force team is making preparations for the Department of Defense's inaugural Warrior Games in Colorado Springs, Colo., May 10-14.

What started as an e-mail from one athlete asking questions about the upcoming event turned into a process of team bonding with inspirational responses from other athletes providing encouragement and support.

"I don't want to let my team down," said retired Staff Sgt. Stacy Pearsall, Charleston, S.C.

Moments later, retired Staff Sgt. Jeanne Goldy-Sanitate, Medford, N.J., responded with reassurance.

"Hi Stacy, what an honor it is to be your teammate," she said. "Do your best and you will be surprised that just competing and the camaraderie will carry you through."

Other Warrior Games athletes responded as well.

"I read about your struggles and feel mine are minor but just as real to my family and

me. The despair comes with each bad day and the exhilaration comes with the good ones," said Chief Master Sgt. Damian Orslene, superintendent of the 81st Training Support Squadron at Keesler.

"Going to these games, I can't lose," Chief Orslene said. "Because right this second, typing this and reaching out to you, I feel like an athlete again."

"You have all 20 of us," said retired Staff Sgt. Ricky Tackett, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. "We will bond and grow together. When the competition begins, we will adjust and represent our team with honor, discipline, heart and maybe some tears."

Wounded, ill and injured active duty, Guard and Reserve members, as well as veterans from the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Coast Guard will participate in Warrior Games hosted by the U.S. Olympic Committee's Paralympic Military Program at the Olympic Training Center.

The Air Force team is a diverse group of 20 athletes from all over the U.S. coming together for the first time.



Chief Orslene, 81st TRSS, competes in the swimming events at the Warrior Games.

Events include shooting, swimming, archery, sitting volleyball, cycling, track, wheelchair basketball, discus and shot put.

Sergeant Pearsall will participate in the shooting and track events; Sergeant Goldy-Sanitate will participate in the swimming, hand-cycling, shooting and wheelchair basketball

events; Chief Orslene will participate in the swimming events; and Sergeant Tackett will participate in the track and seated volleyball events.

Sergeant Pearsall, who was a combat photographer and two-time winner of the Military Photographer of the Year award, reflected on her time during her last deployment where 60 soldiers were killed within the span of four months. Of those casualties, seven were her close friends.

"As a combat photographer, I had the honor of being the last person to ever document their lives. Their sacrifice was the ultimate one," Sergeant Pearsall said.

Even though running is physically painful for Sergeant Pearsall, she is inspired to run for those who died or were wounded and can no longer run themselves.

"I run for Specialist Trussel, Corporal Nguyen, Specialist Russell, Specialist Camacho, Sergeant Ross, Sergeant Shaw, Captain Belser and Sergeant Robinson," Sergeant Pearsall said.

Running is no longer an option for Sergeant Goldy-

Sanitate. She lost both her legs in a vehicle accident while on duty for an exercise.

"I would love to run but since I am now a wheelie, I can crank it out on my hand cycle," she said. "I need to learn how to swim the back stroke again without using my legs, but I am up for the challenge."

"Regardless of where you are in your training and rehabilitation, we will meet you where you are," said Cami Stock, head coach for the Air Force team. "For some of you, this may be the first time in a long time that you're experiencing sport and competition. Know that wherever you are, you are an incredibly valuable member of this team."

"I can't wait to meet and greet you all," Sergeant Tackett said. "With the strength in all of us, we will all have a winning experience and also pass the torch to the next group in the upcoming years."

For information on the Air Force Wounded Warrior program, log on to <http://www.woundedwarrior.af.mil>.

For information on Warrior Games, log on to <http://usparaympics.org/pages/8330>.

## Red Wolves B-team wins intramural volleyball crown

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The 336th Training Squadron's B-team claimed the base's intramural volleyball crown Tuesday night by beating the 81st Training Support Squadron in straight sets.

The 336th TRS-B was the third-seeded team in the West Division going into postseason play with a 6-4 record. The Red Wolves defeated the 332nd TRS-A team, 2-1, and beat the division's top seed, 81st Diagnostics and Thera-

peutics Squadron twice, 2-0 and 2-1, to move into the championship game.

The 81st TRSS went into the playoffs tied with the 333rd TRS and the 336th TRS-A for the East Division top spot with 7-3 records.

The 81st TRSS beat both teams and the 81st Dental Squadron to represent the division in the finals.

Photos and complete coverage of the championship game will be in next week's issue of the Keesler News.



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## Event targets domestic violence

Area organizations are banding together to raise money and awareness about domestic violence with Heel the Sole, a 1½-kilometer race in which high heels are the foot gear.

The race is 9:30 a.m. June 12 at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Jackson County Campus in Gautier, with registration beginning at 7:30 a.m.

“Domestic violence has been called a silent epidemic in our society,” said Maj. Mickaëlle Germain, 81st Medical Operations Squadron pediatric clinic nurse manager.

“Domestic violence victimizes one in three women each year. On average, three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends each day.”

Major Germain is a member of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Black Nurses Association, one of the event’s sponsors, along with Theta Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. The Salvation Army Domestic Violence Department, Mississippi Gulf Coast Black Nurses Association and the Gulf Coast Women’s Center for Nonviolence, Inc.

For more information, call Major Germain, 376-3319.

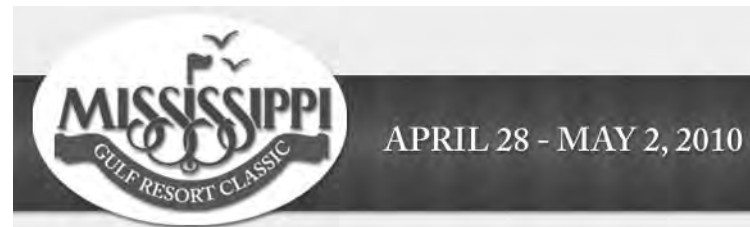
# Military Appreciation Day is Friday at Gulf Resort Classic

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 through May 2 at Beau Rivage Resort’s Fallen Oaks Golf Club on Highway 15 in Saucier.

Friday is Military Appreciation Day with free admission for active-duty members, retired military and their dependents with valid Defense Department identification cards. A base bus runs 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., or personnel can catch buses at the IP Hotel Casino Resort starting at 7 a.m. There’s no general parking at Fallen Oaks.

The Classic is one of 26 official events on the 2010 Champions Tour. The winner earns a \$240,000 check and a

crystal replica of the Biloxi Lighthouse as a trophy. The tournament benefits the Mississippi Gulf Coast Habitat for Humanity.

Cable One is moving the Golf Channel to Channel 18 during the Classic. The Golf Channel plans to broadcast 17½ hours of the competition.

## Sports Day scheduled for May 7

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Keesler Sports Day will be held 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 7.

Organized by the 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron health and wellness center, events include softball, 3-on-3 basketball, 3-on-3 soccer, beach volleyball, golf long-range drive, bowling, weightlifting, tennis and obstacle course.

The top three large and small squadrons win trophies.

The day starts with a 7 a.m. kick-off at Blake Fitness Center followed by a competition 5-kilometer run at 7:15. A single-elimination softball

tournament will be played at the softball fields starting at 8 a.m. The soccer tournament is slated for 9 a.m. and the basketball tourney will be held at 9 at the Dragon Fitness Center. Beach volleyball will be played at 10. The golf course driving-range competition is at 11. Bowling is set for 1 p.m. The weightlifting competition is also at 1 at the Triangle Fitness Center. Tennis will be played at 2 p.m. at the base tennis courts.

Some locations are still under consideration, depending on the number of people who sign up.

The day ends at 4:30 p.m. with trophy presentations at the Crotwell Track.

For more information about Sports Day, contact your unit representative or call the HAWC, 376-3170.

## Keesler 5/6 plans Dragon Challenge

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The Keesler 5/6 Council hosting the inaugural Dragon Challenge, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The 12-hour relay marathon benefits Keesler’s Fisher House, according to Staff Sgt. Kerry Gaubault, the organization’s vice president.

“Our goal is to have at least 30 teams participating in this event and raise about \$3,500

for the Fisher House,” Sergeant Gaubault said. “You can participate by either forming a team of runners and/or walkers, monetary pledges for teams or by coming out to cheer on the teams.

“We encourage teams to set up a team area consisting of tents and chairs,” she continued. “An area will be provided for grilling. This is a family event — strollers are allowed on the track, and a

bouncy house will be on hand for children.”

A team must consist of eight to 12 walkers. One team representative must be on the track throughout the 12-hour event. Each team must have a baton for its walkers or runners to carry while on the track.

Registration is \$100 per team. Entry packages are available at all base fitness centers.

**Volunteer — get connected.**



Retired master sergeants Freddie Deang, left, 81st Dental Squadron, and Martha Prieto-Moreno, 81st Medical Group, enjoy recreational bike riding near the Triangle Track April 14.  
Photo by Kemberly Groue

## Responsibility rides along with bicyclists

### Safety office

Keesler bicycle riders are granted all rights and are subject to all responsibilities of drivers of motor vehicles.

Cyclists are required to ride in single file as close to the right side of the road as possible. While the safest place to ride is on Interstate 81, which follows the contours of the flight line, that isn't always possible or preferable.

Cyclists should ensure their bikes have the necessary equipment. When ridden in the dark or inclement weather, bikes must be equipped with white lights in front and red lights or reflectors in back. The lights must be visible from at least 500 feet to the front.

Bicycles also must be equipped with brakes that enable a rider to stop within

25 feet from a speed of 10 mph on dry, level and clear pavement.

Bikes also should have bells or other devices capable of being heard from at least 100 feet away. Sirens or whistles are prohibited on bicycles except for official government business.

Approved protective helmets are required at all times when riding a bicycle, roller blades and skate boards. Skate boarders, roller bladers and roller skaters are encouraged to wear protective arm and knee pads.

Highly-reflective clothing is recommended during fall and winter, when most early morning and evening cyclists travel in fog and darkness. When in uniform, especially in the battle dress uniform,

# 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. \$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

**Free promotional and informational materials** — available in support of National Alcohol Awareness Month and National Cancer Control Month.

**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** — 2 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

**Wolf River canoe or kayak trips** — with experienced guide; 2-4 hour or 4-7 hour trips this Friday, Saturdays and Sundays. Minimum 4, maximum 20 people. To register, or for more information, call 377-3160.

**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. 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** — this Friday 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 Thrower Park RV storage facilities** — combinations changed every month until further notice. For new combination, 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** — 3500 Trek seven-speed bikes, \$5 day on nontraining 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 bike** — 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.

## Soccer

**Varsity men's team** — practice and tryouts, 5:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays starting May 3 at the multipurpose field. Team members are active duty military, Department of Defense and nonappropriated fund personnel, 18 years of age or older. Dependents aren't allowed to participate. For more information, call 377-2444.

## Volleyball

### Intramural playoffs

#### East Division

**April 19** — 333rd TRS 2, 81st DS 0; 81st TRSS 2, 336th TRS-A 0; 81st DS 2, 336th TRS-A 1;

**April 21** — 81st TRSS 2, 333rd TRS 0; 81st CS 2, 333rd TRS, 0.

**Monday** — 81st TRSS 2, 81st DS 1.

#### West Division

**April 20** — 81st MDTS 2, 81st LRS 0; 336th TRS-B 2, 332nd TRS-A 1; 81st MDTS 2, 332nd TRS-A 1.

**April 22** — 336th TRS-B 2, 81st MDTS 0; 81st MDTS 2, 81st LRS 0.

**Monday** — 336th TRS-B 2, 81st MDTS 1.



## HONORS

### Student honor roll

#### 332nd Training Squadron

**Electronic principles** — Airmen Basic Randy Bauer Garibaldi, Rebekah Bunag, Robert Bland, Stewart Blaquiére, Rene Boudreaux, Christian Brathwaite, Joseph Broussard, Travis Burgess, Donald Burke, Tyler Burns, Richard Camejo, Travis Campbell, Christopher Cann, William Carper, Jorge Castro, Charles Chambers, Caleb Chase, Oliver Chesney, Lisa Christensen, Eric Cohen, Adam Colbert, Nicholas Deir, Nicholas DeLaCruz, Joshua Demers, Chad Demore, Michael Deweese, Melvin Duncan, Jarrod Eckert, Robert Erickson, Francisco Fabela, Jeremy Farinetti, Michael Ferrero, Jonathan Fisher, Gail Flowers, Ian Friedrich, Kyle Frizzell, Benjamin Gale, Justin Gammel, Trevor Hagins, Anthony Halverson, Felicia Hamilton, Cooper Hancock, Michael Hazlewood, ReyManuel Hernandez, James Hinkle, James Houston, Justin Huglin, Ayodele Imokhome, Eric Jayne, Benjamin Johnston, Daniel Kane, Alexandria Kerr, Timothy Knight, Kyle Krotak, Gabriel Lanthier, Christopher Legler, David Liu, Joshua Lozano, Jacob Lucarelli, Devin Lucas, William Majors, Reyko Martin, Jonathan Mason, Joshua Matheson, Brittney Mayorga, Joshua Merritt, James McCormick, Christopher McIntosh, Bren Milankovich, Zachary Mohr, Andrew Montgomery, Anthony Nall, Christopher Nichols, Luis Osorio, Daniel Pahlke, Jesse Pansoy, Darlin Pierre, Ryan O'Quinn, German Real, John Ricketts, Antonio Riley, Dean Roberts, Blake Robinson, Trevaun Robinson, Meryl Roder, Francisco Rodriguez, Jordan Russell, Eric Sanchez, Travis Seitz, Bruce Schultze, Aaron Schuppan, Jack Shultz, Joshua Snyder, Joshua Small, Samuel Stewart, Dean Thorpe, Andrew Toulson, Andrew Troiano, Michael Untivero-Raymundo, William Wall, Christopher Walz, Michael Washburn, Cody Winkler and Richard Yates; Airmen Drew Cawthon, Marcus Dennin, Earl Ditona, William Fortner, Christopher Fowler, Spencer Gilbreath, Nathaniel Harris, Lewius Hoang, Andrew Hunt, Matthew Johnson, Cathryn Jones, Jessica Lawrenson, Phillip Lindley, Brandt Maharey, David Maranto, Justin McIntosh, Walter Meadows, Benjamin Quade, Matthew Shirk, Vincent Su and Jason Whipps; Airmen 1st Class Jason Anders, Eric Ayers, Zachary Ayers, Nicholas Bennett, Michaela Berard, Justin Bird, Jacob Bixler, William Brosius, Trevor Burden, Joshua Calhoun, Brandon Cassaday, Aaron Celestin, Aaron Centers, Carolina Choi, Preston Coddington, Andrew Condon, Elizabeth Cunningham, Robert Cyr, Trevor Burden, Kyle Dibble, Joshua Dorsey, Justin Dumas, William Durns, Alan Edwards, Chad Ertel, Ryan Essenmacher, Christopher Estrada, Sarah Everson, Steven Friedman, Vivian Frost, Daniel Garcia, Geoffrey Gommels, Darrian Gordon, Sean Grayson, Rene Gutierrez, David Hancock, Nathan Hawk, Sterling Heaton, Chi Huang, Wyatt Ingram, Aaron Jackson, Teresa Jacobson, Kevin Jahr, Brandon Jones, Joseph Keating, Donald Kraft, Joshua Kujawa, Brandon Little, Bryan Lemire, Shane Macas, Brian Mathus, Justin Miller, Ryan May, Joshua Montgomery, Edward Moran, Ryan Morton, Ross Myers, Joshua Neighbours, Adam Oertley, Liz Ortiz, Robert Padmos, John Pawlak, Roger Payne, Raymundo Perea, Trevor Proffitt, Joseph Rawl, Michael Rice, Christopher Richards, Dylan Rickaby, Vanessa Rosario, Austin Rose, Paul Rose, Jacob Schilter, Paul Schoenfelder, Stan Seiferth, Zachary Sivils, Bethany Slagle, Cody Smith, Nicholas Spinicelli, James Stewart, Wayne Stuart, Byro Sullivan, Joshua Tannenbaum, Stacia Taylor, Andrew Tellefsen, Craig Tiensvold, Kurt Watson, Bobby West and John Wood; Senior Airmen Hamdan AlBalushi, Salvador Alvarado, Edward Bell, Noah Erdman, Jason Hester, Johnathon Istre, John Kyzer, Kristoffer Mischel, Jason Park, Dustin Phillips, David Tackett, Michael Wilson and Robert Wyatt; Staff Sgts. Chad Agbayani, Grant Apgar, Djomar Arios, Randy Black, Eddie Cameron, Denis Canton, Brandon Carrico, Carl Collins, Timothy Dunning, Felix Gonzalez, Lonnie Harrell, Shawn Holmes, Joshua Joyce, Corey Kitts, Randall Lionberger, Matthew Mahlin, David O'Brien, Abraham Ocano, Felipe Ortega, Steven Oster, Ryan Riddle, Stacey Roberts, Jason Sawyer, Christopher Trainor, Robert Upton, Yvette Verdugo and Kristopher Wiechec; Tech. Sgts. John Carvalho,

Daniel Lord, John Smith and Krystalore Stegner; Master Sgts. Keith Henry and Jason Renda; Chief Master Sgt. Majed Abdulrahman Alghamdi.

**Metrology basic course** — Airmen Randall Margritz and Stephen Virbitsky.

#### 334th TRS

**Air traffic control operations training flight** — Airmen Basic James Chamberlain, Joshua Dow, Anthony Klesser, Jacob McPhie, Stephen Marking, Branden Nyman, Matthew Richards, Juan Isales Rodriguez, Joshua Stainbrook, Phillip Suazo, Alexandra Wadsworth, Jason Waite, and Joseph Zinzo; Airmen Christina Baeza, Kolby Best, Tiheisha Bolles, Tiffany Degracia, Justin Faircloth, Kevin Krippner, Richey Menard, Willie Pruitt, and Joe Streets; Airmen 1st Class Philip Armand, Ashley Barth, Jon Copeland, Bryan Coppens, Joshua Corpening, West Councill, Philip Dutrisac, Kyle Dean, Steven Hicks, Kevin Hill, Cameron Kila, James Lanier, Jeremy Lum, Matthew Lutrick, Alexander McClure, Christopher Mize, Tyler Peacock, Jered Records, Derrick Risner, Jonathon Root, James Sanders, Ariell Shrontz, Patrick Smith, Ryan Stamper, Dallas Stoll, Guillermo Tersy, Phillip Threlkeld, Richard Williams, Calvin Winfield, and Eric Wong; Senior Airmen Adam Hoyle and Luis Valencia; Staff Sgts. Bradley Davis, Benjamin Gagne, John Gleese and Michael Henderson; Tech. Sgt. Christopher Sones.

**Airfield management apprentice course** — Airmen Basic Nathan Davis, Jerred Johnson and Marshall LaFleur; Airmen Jason Lackey and Kandance Melcher; Airman 1st Class Chad Watson; Staff Sgt. Phillip Gilles; Tech. Sgt. Adrain Nigrila; Maj. Dhafer Al Shahrani; Lt. Col. Jun Wan.

**Command post apprentice course** — Airmen 1st Class Thomas Buckley, Ashleigh David, Michael Hiemstra, Austin Kelley and Derek Spiker; Senior Airmen Kevin Fontes and Jocelyn Garcia; Staff Sgts Joaquin Gonzalez, Roderick Lapham, David Midyett, Paul Nardini, Jacquetta Reid, Danielle Renneker, Robert Stillwagon, Joseph Venable and Stephanie Willis; Tech. Sgt. Patricia Loffredo; Senior Master Sgt Holly Hammarstrom.

## 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-Jumma 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.

#### 335th TRS

**Comptroller training flight** — Airman Basic Benjamin Ainsworth, Michelle Anthony, Danielle Harkins, Brett Mayo, Steve Pearson, Alicia Rivera and Donavin Van Ee; Airman Elizabeth Alecci, Erinn Harper, Joel Lavender and Jonathan Mook; Airman 1st Class Brandon Couch, Reginald Diaz, Meghan Ervin, Joshua Hefton, Jamie Johnston, Umid Khikmatov, Kayla Kohn, Tenzin Kunphel, Melissa Porter, Khayriyyah Simmons and Melinda Smith; Senior Airman Craig Eid, Bradley Gauvin, Shelby Hurt, Megan Hayward and Jessica Hutcherson; Staff Sgts. Douglas Carlson, Jennifer Evans, Christopher Gonzales, Michael Rittner and Carlos Soriano; Master Sgt. Danielle Shepherd.

**Weather training flight** — Pvt, Sean Sievers; Airmen Basic Caitlin Beutenmuller, Dick Curry, Alyssa Daffer, David Fair, Samantha Houston, Anthony Liotino and Calab Stewart; Pfc. Jared Countess, Frank DeLatre, Feliciano Erebia, Zachary Reifsnider and Oscar Saldivar; Airmen Michael Bohanan, Bradley Johnson, Jonathan Marsh, Steven Narad, Richard Schultz and Joshua Young; Airmen 1st Class Dustin Edwards, Jared Elswick, Tyler Henson, Eric Templeton, Morgan Terry and Mariska Weaver; Marine Sgts. Geoffrey Donahue and Janelle Freitag; Staff Sgts. Justin Guerra and Justin Poston.

#### 336th TRS

**Communications-computer flight** — Airmen Basic Tyler Acton, Marcel Boykin, Ty Cromer, Mranth Dabbs, Zachary Ellis, Dylan Estock, Keith Gardner Jr., Kristen Helmuth, Aaron Isbell, Jesse Jenkins, Christopher John, Elsie Keck, Michael Kelley, Tyron Kennedy, Peter Kwon, Grace Lindsay, Brian Mundorff, Melissa Murphy, Heather O'Donnell, Bandy Pass, Gregory Roberts, John Roy, Christopher Simmons and Matthew Williams; Airmen Nancy Gonzalez, Mavis Jones, John Kenyon, Scott Posey and Matthew Schueder; Airmen 1st Class David Arriola, Tammy Barco, Amber Barich, Romnick Barnes, David Brisco, Amanda Burnell, Joseph Cline, Hector Font, Hunter Futch, Ryan Heinrich, Jason Holbrook, Willie Johnson, Brian Kumpf, Norman Kyle, Rachel Lucas, Laura Pena, Drew Sigafoose, Sheleatha Simmons, Amy Sitzler, Jordan Thomas, Rex Thompson and Jeremy Tucker; Senior Airmen Jacqueline Arron, Jason Hooper, Shirley Hunsiker, and Matthew Leecy; Staff Sgts. Stacia Chappell, Kelly Coyne, Meredith Cullar, Melinda Ingvarsson, Rasian Knight, John Kritzer, Megan Mace, Freida Oluwadare and Christopher Sonesen; Tech. Sgts. Carol Bragdon, William Burrows, James Fehr, Tammy Hickerson, Carolyn Koblek, Misty Nelson, Heather Prather and Adrianne Wilson; Master Sgts. James McIsaac, and Carolina Valdovinos; Senior Master Sgt. Jake Claxton.

**Communications and information flight** — Airmen Basic Andrew Goassman, Sidney Richards, Ernest Smith, James Wentzel and Sean Zeni; Airmen Steven Koronka, Lindsay Leyo, and Brittay Thompson; Airmen 1st Class Araceli Carrillo, Brady Lantz, Richard Moore, and Brian Szupinka; Senior Airmen Michael Hewlett and Jonathan Phenis.

#### 338th TRS

**Airfield systems** — Airman Basic Nathan Pritchard; Airman Michael Capelletti; Airmen 1st Class George Adney, Gregory Daugherty, Joshua Nettleton, Christopher Reagan, Edward Silcox, David Torres, Christopher Vine, and Clarence Walker; Staff Sgt. Justin James.

**Cyber transport systems** — Airmen Basic Robert Bower, Alan Cantrell, Nicholas Hedberg, Bryce Koepke, Benjamin Koloszy, Jerry Michaels, Christian Millan, and Devin Smith; Airmen Joshua Duquette, Ansie Ghorbani, Dominique Manipol, Nicholas Monico, and Joe Rosenkrans; Airmen 1st Class Stephen Bentley, Robert Benton, Ruth Bryce, Daniel Dodge, Manipol Dominique, Danielle Fulgham, Justin Greco, Marnay Harris, Topasna Kyle, Keeley Mahoney, John Mark, Wheaton Mitchell, Sean Morris, Monico Nicholas, Corey Norman, Nathaniel Osborn, Leo Pursifull, Jason Simpson, Michael Speicher, Taylor Tomlin, and Nathaniel Vincent;

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Senior Airmen Andrew Cross and Patrick Harris; Staff Sgts. Simeon Foronda, John Fulgar, Romy Mauricio, Ahley Klejmont, and Dennis Morse.

**Ground radar systems** — Airmen Basic Joshua Buras, Timothy Freeman, and James Woolfolk; Airmen Michael Busby and David Noland; Airmen 1st Class Meghan Beach, Michael Bosshard, Cassidy Cervenka, Ossie Davis, Jacob Eng, Christopher Miller, Jeremy Tharp and Samuel Winkle.

**Radio frequency transmission systems** — Airmen Basic Brent Admire, Joshua Burrow, Timothy Cote, Nasser Dawud, Patrick Foster, Craig Kortan, Joshua Leonard, Edward Lomelin, Stephen Manzanares, Ronald McKeown, Jordan Outzen, Roderick Parks, Derek Paterson, Austin White, Johnathan Wright, and Robert Yeakley; Airmen Austin Coker, Randy Feltman, Carl Free, Jonathan Hess, Calynn Sargent, Christopher Sullivan, Cameron Tolbert and Zachary Wanlass; Airmen 1st Class Jared Arledge, Daniel Berger, Megan Brown, Joshua Crum, Christopher Hartle, Eugenio Henriques, Christopher Howard, Andrew Kim, William Lewis, Christopher Navarro, Chelsea Page, Nicholas Resley, Dustin Rost, Thomas Saia, Erik Stauffer, Freeman Tate, Tiffany Thompson, Kristen Tolbert, Shane Vernick, Nathaniel Walker, Terrance Warner, Joshua Whiteman, Guy Winn, and David Zabinski; Senior Airmen Anthony Cintron, Laurence Dolan, Aaron McKenzie, and Joshua Romero; Staff Sgts. Adam Gillard, Thomas House, John Shuster, Bryan Stamps, Jose Torres, and Alexander Tressler; Tech. Sgt. Edward Deleon.

## CLASSES

### Airman Leadership School

**Class 10-4** — graduates May 13.

### Mathies NCO Academy

**Class 10-4** — graduates May 20

### Arts and crafts center

**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.

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

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

**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** — 5:30-7 p.m. today; \$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 pre-school, elementary, teens and adults.

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

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

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

**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.

## 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

**Art on display** — through Friday. 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 am. Fridays for families with home-schooled children. Learn library skills and enjoy stories.

**Free computer classes** — Wednesdays 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.

**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.

**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.

**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, ages 3-5. Stories will be read aloud and told in sign language.

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

**Youth photography contest** — with focus on the family. Entries accepted through Friday. 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 Society programs** — the family child care program assists the Air Force Aid Society with volunteer and permanent-change-of-station child care programs. AFAS 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 more information, call the airman and family readiness center, 376-8728.

**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 returning for a two-week rest and recovery 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. Bar snacks, beverages and music.

**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..

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## DINING HALL MENUS

### Today

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

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

### Friday

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

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

### Saturday

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

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

### Sunday

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

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

### Monday

**Lunch** — beef pot roast, baked stuffed fish, roast pork loin, potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, succotash, green beans, cucumber onion salad, macaroni salad, chili con queso, Tuscan vegetable, cheeseburger chowder, sausage and steak and cheese subs.

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

### Tuesday

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

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

### Wednesday

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

**Dinner** — lemon-herb chicken, pork chalupa, jambalaya, scalloped potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, Mexican corn, broccoli, Mexican cole slaw, frijole salad, white bean chicken chili, clam chowder, chicken gumbo, cheese fishwich and pizza.

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

## 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.

## Youth center

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

**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** — first official game Saturday. Season runs through June 5. Coming June 7-11, British soccer challenger sports camp. For more information, call 377-4116.

**Summer camp registration** — 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.

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

## TICKETS AND TRIPS

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

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

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

# TRANSITIONS

## Workshops, briefings

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

**Congressionally-mandated pre-separation briefings** — counseling by airman and family readiness center for active-duty military members of any branch of service who'll receive honorable discharges and no extra transition benefits. Briefings are 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 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 Tuesday of the month. For more information, call Michelle Foster, 273-4591, or e-mail [auxiliary.president@afsa652.org](mailto:auxiliary.president@afsa652.org).

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

**Airmen Against Drunk Driving** — For more information, call 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.

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

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Movies

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

### May weather outlook

May is a transition month from spring to summer and is usually one of the most pleasant months of the year. Frontal passages are less frequent and there is less fog, stratus, and precipitation than any other spring month. When fog restricts flying operations, it is usually at or near sunrise. The number of days with thunderstorms increases slightly and most precipitation comes from rainshowers or thunderstorms. The prevailing wind is southerly. Temperatures are warmer than in April and nighttime temperatures rarely go below 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

<b>Extreme maximum temperature (F)</b> .....	97
<b>Mean daily maximum temperature (F)</b> .....	82
<b>Mean daily minimum temperature (F)</b> .....	69
<b>Extreme minimum temperature (F)</b> .....	48
<b>Mean relative humidity (percent)</b> .....	72
<b>Mean monthly precipitation (inches)</b> .....	4.72
<b>Mean number of days with precipitation</b> .....	7
<b>Mean number of days with thunderstorm</b> .....	8
<b>Maximum 24-hour rainfall (inches)</b> .....	10.02
<b>Percentage of observations with ceiling less than:</b>	
2,000 feet .....	7.6
1,000 feet .....	2.7
300 feet .....	0.1
<b>Percentage of observations with visibility less than:</b>	
6 miles .....	16.1
3 miles .....	1.6
1 mile .....	0.1
<b>Percentage of observations with wind:</b>	
0-3 knot .....	27.4
4-10 knots .....	64.6
11-21 knots .....	7.9
22 knots or greater .....	0.1

Radar, satellite and a general forecast is available on the local area network in the public folder under CSC Weather.

Identity theft is a personal nightmare and security risk.

Shred bills, statements, letters, old journals, records, outdated application forms and any documents that contain your full name, Social Security number, duty title and job information, credit card, bank account numbers and names of family members.

If you see documents being removed from trash cans, call the 81st Security Forces Squadron law enforcement desk,

377-3040.

# Sailing season is making headway at the marina

Outdoor recreation's new sailing program is right on course. Recently the marina purchased three new catamaran sailboats to enhance the quality of life for the Keesler community.

The price for renting a sailboat is reasonable at only \$10 per hour, two hour minimum, or \$75 per day.

To rent a sailboat, you must be sailboat certified. Sailing certification classes are available through outdoor recreation. Students undergo six hours of instruction; two hours of classroom instruction and four hours of on-the-water training. Classes are \$40 per person with a minimum of six participants and a maximum of 12. Students must be age 16 or older.

The next class is scheduled for May 20 for classroom instruction. On-the-water training will be scheduled once the total number of students is determined.

So sign up today and get ready for a summer of smooth sailing.

For more information or to sign up for sailing lessons, call 377-3160.



Sailing photos by Lisa Campbell

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## Pools Open May 29

**Swimming Lessons**  
available for ages 5 and older.

**Parent & Child Aquatics**  
Swimming lessons for 6 months to age 5

Register 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 11-13  
at outdoor recreation,  
bldg. 6724 in the marina park

**377-3160**



**Pool passes ~ purchase at the pools  
or outdoor recreation**

**\$1<sup>50</sup>**  
Daily

**\$20**  
Single  
Season

**\$60**  
Family  
Season

Free for ages 5 and younger, no pass required.



# EXTRA! Here's what's happening! EXTRA!

## 11TH FRAME CAFÉ

**Editor's note:** Located inside Gaudé Lanes Bowling Center, 377-2036. Contractors welcome. Menu is subject to change without notice.

**Breakfast** — 6:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays-Fridays.  
**Kingpin daily specials \$6.95** — 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. Call-in orders accepted 10-11 a.m. Mondays feature hamburger steak, Tuesdays enjoy Italian fare; Wednesdays feature meat loaf, Thursdays get chicken fried steak or chicken, and Fridays enjoy golden fried catfish.  
**Lunch punch card** — purchase nine combos or Kingpin daily specials and your tenth one is free.

## BAY BREEZE GOLF COURSE

**Editor's note:** For more information or tee time, call 377-3832.  
**Open play** — 18 hole, par 71 course. For fees, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the Bay Breeze link.  
**Driving range** — open daily 7 a.m. to dusk. \$2 for 40 balls.  
**Pro shop** — gloves, golf balls, tees, gift certificates and more.  
**Golf lessons** — \$25 for a half hour of instruction.  
**Twilight golf special** — 2 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays pay one price and golf until closing. E1-E4,\$12; E5-O3, \$20; O4 and up, \$22; and guests \$22.  
“UBU” nonprior service students’ special — \$15 for 18 holes or \$10 for nine holes includes greens fee and cart; \$20 for 18 holes or \$15 for nine holes includes greens fee, cart, and rental clubs.

## DINING FACILITIES - BEST IN AIR FORCE

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-2200.  
**Winner 2010 Hennessy Award** — for the best multiple facility dining operation in the Air Force.  
**Daily menu** — available by phone, call 377-DINE (3463).  
**Monthly birthday celebration** — 5:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month for all nonprior service students, permanent party enlisted, and Essential Station Messing members. Reservations must be made in advance by the 25th of the previous month; call 377-3854. Personnel collecting Basic Allowance for Subsistence must pay cash and surcharge.

## FAMILY CHILD CARE

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**Child care slots** — available now. Call for assistance.  
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**Childcare assistance programs** — Air Force aid, returning home care, expanded duty care and Air Force subsidy programs are available to assist parents with childcare. Call for guidelines and for more information.

## FITNESS

**Editor's note:** Keesler has three fitness centers for your convenience — Blake Fitness Center 377-4385; Dragon Fitness Center 377-2907, and Triangle Fitness Center 377-3056.  
**Sports and fitness day** — May 7. Events include a 5K run/walk, sand volleyball tournament, softball tournament, power lifting competition and 3-on-3 basketball tournament. For more information, call 377-4385.  
**Intramural softball** — season begins Monday. All games will be held at the Triangle softball fields. Uniforms are mandatory.  
**Intramural golf** — begins May 10 at Bay Breeze Golf Course. Coaches preseason meeting is 3 p.m. May 6 at Vandenberg Community Center.  
**Free fitness classes at Dragon Fitness Center** — Zumba, boot camp, step aerobics, Yoga, Pilates, cycling, core fitness, taekwondo, circuit training and kick boxing are available. For class descriptions and schedule, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the link for fitness centers, or call 377-2907.  
“Fit to Fight” incentive program — register at any of the three fitness centers. Log miles accumulated on exercise machines or by running, walking, biking or swimming. Awards presented. Free to enter.  
**Boxing room** — at Triangle Fitness Center. Six heavy bags, three speed bags and one double-end bag. Boxing gloves available.

**Fitness testing, exercise prescription and personal training** — free of charge at all three fitness centers. Call individual centers for an appointment.  
**Parent/child fitness room** — at Dragon Fitness Center. Play area for ages 6 months to 7 years. Workout equipment for parents.  
**Massage therapist** — by appointment, call (228) 348-6698.  
**Free blood pressure checks** — at all three fitness centers.  
**Dress code, age usage and no smoking policy information** — available at <http://www.keeslerservices.us>, click on link for fitness centers.

## GAUDÉ LANES BOWLING CENTER

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-2817. Bumpers are available on 19 lanes by reservation for ages 10 and younger.  
**Summer bowling leagues** — sign up now for the following leagues: Tuesday night doubles beginning May 25 for 14 weeks; Wednesday morning women’s beginning May 26 for 14 weeks; Wednesday night parent/child beginning May 26 for 14 weeks; PBA experience league Thursday night starting May 27 for 14 weeks; and Friday night mixers starting May 7 for 16 weeks. Call for more information.  
**Bowl at lunch** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, \$1 per game and \$1 for shoes.  
**Club member special** — Thursdays. Show your current club card and bowl for \$1.50 with free shoe rental.  
**Team building** — 1-3 p.m. Mondays-Wednesdays and 1-5 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, bring your employees and bowl for \$1 a game plus shoe rental. Call for reservations.  
**Open bowling** — limited on league days; first come, first served. Reservations accepted for groups of 20 or more.  
**Hurricane Alley glow bowling** — 9 p.m. to midnight Fridays and 7 p.m. to midnight Saturdays.  
**Birthday parties** — choose from three packages (\$8.95-\$15.95 per child) and remember the birthday child is free. Reservations are required two weeks in advance.  
“UBU” special — nonprior service students, show your UBU card and bowl for \$1.50 per game any time, shoes included.  
**Plan a fund raiser** — make money for your organization.

## INNS OF KEESLER

**Editor's note:** For reservations and more information, call (228) 374-0088 or DSN 597-4900.  
**Check-in/out** — now at Tyer House located on Fisher Street. If you will be arriving after 6 p.m., please call with credit card information to hold reservation.  
**Rooms available** — Space-available reservations can be made 24 hours in advance. Rooms offered are visiting airmen’s quarters \$34.75 with a queen bed, refrigerator, microwave and shared bathroom; visitor’s quarters \$39 with a queen bed, refrigerator, microwave and private bathroom; and temporary lodging facility, \$41.50 for one and two bedroom family units with full kitchen. Pet TLFs available for an additional \$10 per night.  
**Plan ahead for holiday visitors** — the Inns of Keesler is now accepting reservations for the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s holidays. Room types include VAQ, VQ and TLF (see above for room descriptions). A limited number of pet TLFs are available.  
**Oversized parking** — for large vehicles is available at no charge. Please request a permit upon check-in.

## KATRINA KANTINA

**Editor's note:** Located in the marina building overlooking Biloxi’s Back Bay. All ranks and contractors welcome. Club members must show club card to receive discounts. For more information, call 377-2219.  
**Taco Tuesdays** — 5-7 p.m. Keesler Club members get two tacos for \$1. Nonmembers pay \$1.50 per taco.  
**Wings and things** — 5-7 p.m. May 26. Keesler Club members get in free; nonmembers pay \$3 at the door. Complimentary hors d’oeuvres and \$1 domestic draft beer.  
**Catering** — let our professional assist you with planning weddings, birthdays, official functions and other special occasions. Club membership is not required.

**Monday lunch buffets** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$6, nonmembers \$8, includes iced tea. Buy nine and your tenth is free. May 3, home style meat loaf, buttery mashed potatoes, beef gravy, seasoned green beans, tossed salad, hot rolls and fruit cobbler; May 10, stuffed chicken breast, cornbread dressing, chicken gravy, buttered peas with pearl onions, hot dinner rolls, tossed salad and strawberry shortcake; May 17, spaghetti with meat sauce, whole kernel corn, tossed salad, garlic bread and homemade bread pudding; May 24, seasoned roast beef, steamed white rice, brown beef gravy, buttered green beans, tossed salad, hot dinner rolls and fruit cobbler.

## LEGENDS CAFÉ

**Editor's note:** Dine-in or take-out. Located inside Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call 377-2424.  
**All-you-can-eat lunch buffets \$6.95** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays. Price includes iced tea or fountain drink. Play free tunes on the juke box at lunch. May 5, beef taco bar with assorted toppings, Mexican style rice, Mexican style corn, refried beans with cheese, nachos, garden fresh salad bar and fruit cobbler; May 12, beef yakisoba, chicken fried rice, egg rolls, garden fresh salad bar and banana pudding; May 19, barbecue beef brisket, roasted new potatoes, beef gravy, buttered green beans, hot dinner rolls, garden fresh salad bar and homemade bread pudding; May 26, roast loin of pork, country style mashed potatoes, pork gravy, O’Brien corn, hot dinner rolls, fresh salad bar and fruit cobbler.  
**Lunch punch card** — buy nine lunch combos or buffets and your tenth is free.  
**Rotisserie chicken** — Tuesdays and Thursdays get a half chicken for \$3.50, or a whole chicken for \$7 (chicken only). Lunch special, \$6 for half chicken or \$10 for whole chicken includes one side item and a roll.  
**Salad bar** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. Large salad \$4.50, small salad \$2.50. Add ham, turkey, tuna, grilled chicken or chicken salad for \$1.  
**All-you-can-eat catfish buffet, \$8.95** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. training Fridays includes entree, sides, dessert and iced tea or fountain drink. Play free tunes on the juke box during lunch.  
**Fishwich Fridays** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. non training Fridays. \$5 for a filet of fish with cheese on a toasted bun with tartar sauce and shredded lettuce, fries and a drink.  
“UBU” special — nonprior service students, show your UBU card and get a free large fountain drink with a \$5 purchase.

## MCBRIDE LIBRARY

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-2181.  
**Children’s library skills program** — 11 a.m. May 7 and 21. Library skills and stories for children who are home schooled.  
**Around the world summer vacation through books** — May-August. Each month customers check-out and read books on a different location selected by the library staff. Customers are given a ticket each time they check-out a book to enter a drawing for prizes to be given away at the end of August.  
**Eligibility/library cards** — for complete information, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>, click on the McBride Library link.  
**Free wireless internet** — available 24/7. Ask front desk staff for log-in access.  
**Chief of Staff professional military reading list** — titles available for check-out from the special book collection.  
**Large study and meeting rooms** — two large meeting rooms, two audio rooms and a typing room are available.

## OUTDOOR RECREATION AND MARINA

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-3160.  
**Mother’s Day special** — May 9. 10 percent off any boat rental. Moms must be on board.  
**Wolf River canoe or kayak trips with experienced guide** — 4-7 hour, 10.6 mile excursion \$60 per person including lunch. Bring your own beverages. 2-4 hour, 4.5 mile excursion \$45 per person. Bring your own lunch and beverages. Sign up trips are non training Fridays and every Saturday and Sunday. Minimum four, maximum 20 people. Trips are available daily, with a reservation, for any waterway on the coast. Call for more information.  
**Horn Island trips** — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays following non training Fridays aboard the Dolphin II. \$30 per person including a barbecue grill, charcoal and ice. Bring food, drinks, sun screen and fishing equipment. Minimum 10, maximum 22 passengers.  
**Paddle boat races** — coming in June, start practicing now.  
**Towable campers for rent** — clean and roomy with side slide out. \$50 per day. Tow to your destination and enjoy.  
**Archery** — check out our archery equipment and range.  
**Recreational vehicle storage** — \$20 per month.  
**Boats and recreational equipment rental** — for complete list with prices, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the link for Outdoor Recreation.  
**Deep sea fishing trips** — non training Fridays and every Sunday. \$75 including everything you need to fish. Bring food and beverages. Minimum 10, maximum 22 people.  
**Back bay fishing trips** — \$20, call for date and time.



**CYBEX**  
*Serious about fitness.*

## CHALLENGE

**FREE**

### 1-6 P.M. WEDNESDAY AT TRIANGLE FITNESS CENTER

Cybox Challenge is a competition using isotonic exercise machines arranged in a circuit. Participants compete to see who can complete the most number of cycles.

**PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE A CYBEX T-SHIRT AND CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION.**

Weight classes are light weight, middle weight, light heavy weight, heavy weight and super heavy weight. Registration is open up to the day of the event.

**377-3056** Federal endorsement not intended.



# SWAP MEET


**MAY 22**  
9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Marina Park

## \$15 10 X 10 SPACE

Your junk may be someone else's treasures!

Bring your own tables or rent from the Marina, tables are limited. Food and beverages available for purchase. No food or drink vendors, please.

For more information, call 377-3160.



**Cinco de Mayo Ladies Night**

**UBU**  
for non prior service students

**7 P.M. MAY 1 AT THE "V"**

**\$1 Tacos at Legends Café!**      **Half Priced Margaritas for the ladies in the "V"**

Sign up to be an Air Force Club member for a chance to win cash and door prizes worth up to \$200!

## ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

**Editor's note:** Preregistration is required for all classes. Register at craft sales, Building 5904. Space is limited. For more information, call 377-2821.

### Specials

**Gifts to go** — get a décor mug filled with goodies, just \$10 each. Choose one with a picture of a magnolia and the Biloxi lighthouse for a souvenir.

**Sale** — check-out our discount bin; selected products reduced up to 50 percent.

**"UBU" special** — UBU card holders get 10 percent off all items in the crafts resale store.

### Multi-crafts shop

**Editor's note:** Potter's wheels, ceramic molds, air brushing, and tools are available for use in the shop.

**Jewelry making** — 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday and May 20. \$30 including materials. Learn wire wrapping and tooling.

**Pottery** — 10:30 a.m. to noon May 8 and 22. \$40.

**Glass painting** — 10:30 a.m. to noon May 15 and 29. \$25 including a completed painted project.

**Card making** — 10:30 a.m. to noon May 8. \$7 including materials.

**Scrapbooking** — 10:30 a.m. to noon May 15 and 29. \$20 including materials.

### Wood shop

**Editor's note:** Hard woods and plywood in stock for sale. Stock includes walnut, mahogany, pecan, maple, oak, poplar, cypress and cedar.

**Beginning woodworking** — 5-7 p.m. Wednesdays. Make a cutting board. \$25 includes shop use, instruction and materials. Class certifies you to use the equipment in the future.

**Beginning intarsia** — 10 a.m. to noon May 8 and 22. \$15 including materials. Intarsia is the art of piecing wood together in a decorative pattern.

**Advanced intarsia** — 10 a.m. to noon May 15 and 29. \$20 includes materials and tool use.

### Frame shop

**Framing class** — 12:30-4:30 p.m. May 14 and 28. \$30, bring a picture no larger than 5x7-inches for framing.

**Custom orders** — our staff will customize all work according to individual orders. We can also coordinate framing awards with engraving shop accessories.

**Shadow boxes** — customized, make great retirement gifts.

### Engraving shop

**Custom items** — we can etch glass items and customize your order of plaques, trophies, awards, mugs and writing pens for gift-giving, special mementos and squadron functions. Organizational name tags are our specialty.

### Auto hobby shop

**Editor's note:** Indoor and outdoor stalls and lifts available. For more information, call 377-3872.

**Tire service/air machine** — coin-operated, available 24-7. Located at the vacuum station.

**24-hour coin-operated car care** — vacuum station and car wash featuring foamy brush wash, high-pressure rinse, wax, towelettes and Armorall.

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-2211 or 377-4116.

**Give parents a break** — 4-10 p.m. Saturday. Air Force Aid program offers free child care at the center for Air Force families who are referred by base agencies such as the airman and family readiness center, family advocacy, first sergeants, commanders and chaplains. Certificates must be coordinated through the airman and family readiness center. School age children go to the youth center.

## DRAGON'S LAIR EVENT CENTER

**Seats 300** — great for weddings, commander's calls, holiday parties, retirement ceremonies, special occasions, etc. For catered events, call 377-2219. For non-catered events, call 376-8655.

## INFORMATION, TICKETS, TOURS

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-3818.

**Tickets** — for a complete list of tickets and prices, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the link for ITT. Military specials continue for Disney World® Resort and Universal Studios Orlando.

## RESALE LOT

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-2821.

**Buy, sell, trade** — \$10 per month to place your vehicle on the lot, \$20 for recreational vehicles and boats. Located on Meadows Drive between the temporary lodging facilities and Keesler Federal Credit Union drive-through. Register at the arts and crafts center 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Registration, license and insurance required.

## VANDENBERG COMMUNITY CENTER

**Editor's note:** All events, except dances, are open to all Keesler personnel. For more information, call 377-4355.

**Free pool tournaments** — 7 p.m. Tuesdays 9-ball, 7 p.m. Wednesdays 8-ball.

**Free movie night** — Wednesdays. New releases.

**Late night dances** — 7:30-midnight Sunday, Thursdays before nonworking Fridays, and Fridays and Saturdays. DJ, top 40 dance music. Nonprior service students only. \$3 admission.

**Non prior service students' web page** — log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>, click on Leon the chameleon in the right column for the "UBU" link.

## VETERINARY SERVICES

**Editor's note:** Located on 3rd Street, Building 0408. All animals in base housing must be registered with the vet office. For appointment, call 376-7495.

**Eligible patrons** — active duty, retirees, reservists and National Guard on active duty for more than 72 hours with orders may use the vet clinic.

**Sick call and vaccines** — by appointment only.

**Health certificates** — available for interstate and overseas travel.

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-4116. All children registered in a youth center program receive free membership.

**Give parents a break** — 4-10 p.m. Saturday for school age children.

**Armed Forces Kids Run** — May 8 for ages 5 through adult. Sign in at 8 a.m., run begins at 9 a.m. Register at the youth center.

**Career fair** — 1-4 p.m. May 22, free registration.

**Summer camp** — begins May 24 for ages 6-18.

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

**Tap/ballet/acrobatics class** — 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays for ages 3-5, and 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays for ages 6 and older. \$50 per month.

**Taekwondo class** — 5:30-6:15 p.m. Wednesdays and 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Saturdays.

**Open recreation** — 3-5:45 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 3-6 p.m. Fridays for ages 9-12.

**Teen open recreation** — 4-8 p.m. Saturdays. Computer media center, homework assistance, sports and recreation activities. Students sign in at the front desk.

**TRAIL/Keystone Club** — 6-8 p.m. Mondays for ages 13-18.

**Guitar, piano and gymnastic classes** — available, sign up today.

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