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## Professionalism, perseverance, pride

# Key ingredients for successful training mission

By Brig. Gen. Andrew Mueller

81st Training Wing commander

While I have never had the opportunity to train at Keesler, I am no stranger to the value of training to the Air Force mission. Training provides the knowledge, skills and experience which become the foundation for action in every Air Force unit. The training conducted here at Keesler provides each Soldier, Sailor, airmen and marine with the tools they need to make their individual contribution to the overall mission. Simply put, the success of the mission starts with the training we provide here at Keesler!

Our challenge is we have only one chance to get it right. Once a student graduates, our impact on their success and the overall success of the mission

is cast. Good or bad, the basis for their actions in their gaining unit and their impression of their contribution to the mission is set. When it comes to training, there are no “recalls” or “do-overs.”

There are many pieces to “getting it right,” but the following are three keys which I feel are essentials to sustaining a training environment which provides a solid foundation for future success. These keys embody many of the qualities which will serve our students well throughout their military careers.

**Professionalism** — We are all professionals, but here we must be an example for others to emulate. Challenge yourself to be an expert in your career field and maintain this expertise. Remain current with the

duties your career field is performing in operational units to ensure our training is both up to date and relevant. Follow the established processes and procedures to ensure unit compliance with existing directives. Let how you accomplish your job be the positive example for others to follow.

**Perseverance** — Construction, demolition, re-modeling, severe weather and no doubt tropical storms are all in our future. Despite the inconvenience and hardships these events can create, do not let them become excuses for cutting corners, reasons for inaction, or worse, lapses in professional judgment. Instead, maintain the mission focus and work together as a team to overcome each and every obstacle.

**Pride** — Each of you should be extremely proud of what you do here at Keesler. Everyone has a role in ensuring our mission success and we cannot do this without you on the team. My challenge is to sustain an environment which affords everyone the opportunity to contribute their talents to Team Keesler. Be proud of what you do and do not be afraid to share that pride with others.

The impressions Keesler leaves on those who train here are lasting impressions, ones which must provide a solid foundation for their future success. Make no mistake — what Team Keesler does is very important and everyone plays an important role. I am proud to be on Team Keesler.

**Train to Fight — Train to Win!**

## ‘We’ can accomplish so much more than ‘I’

By Brig. Gen. Darryl Burke

82nd Training Wing commander

SHEPPARD Air Force Base, Texas — Staff Sgt. Zachary Rhyner is one of only three Airmen since Sept. 11, 2001, to receive the Air Force’s highest honor, the Air Force Cross, and the only one who did not receive it posthumously.

A combat controller, Sergeant Rhyner saved countless lives by calling in more than 50 “danger close” air strikes, many virtually on top of his own position, after his special operations team was caught in a 360-degree ambush in Afghanistan’s Shok Valley in April 2008. Even as he controlled eight Air Force fighters and four Army attack helicopters while perched on the side of a cliff, he laid down suppressing fire so wounded teammates could be extracted from the line of fire.

Sergeant Rhyner’s actions that day were truly heroic, and his story has been rightfully used by many, including Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz, to illustrate what Airmen bring to the joint fight.

But I’d like to use his actions off the battlefield to illustrate another principle.

Earning the Air Force Cross was a big news story, and many interviews followed. Sergeant Rhyner’s conduct during that time demonstrated his character almost as much as the Shok Valley experience did.

You find one word repeated over and over when Sergeant Rhyner is quoted: “We.”

“We had to pull the wounded guys out ...”

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“Any other combat controller put in the same situation would have performed in the same exact way. Credit that to the training we receive and the process that we go through to become a combat controller.”

— Sergeant Rhyner

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“I think that was the moment when the insurgents we were fighting called time-out.”

“What was going through my head was we don’t have another option. We are still taking fire. We need it to stop ...”

Even noted news personality Glenn Beck couldn’t get Sergeant Rhyner to talk about himself.

“You make this sound like it was just, you know, another day at the office,” Mr. Beck said in a Fox News interview. “But there are only — what is it? — 192 people who have ever received the Air Force Cross... How do you put that together in your head? I mean, you are in a very elite group.”

Sergeant Rhyner’s response?

“Any other combat controller put in the same situation would have performed in the same exact way,” he said. “Credit that to the training we receive and the process that we go through to become a combat controller.”

No other Airman would have been more justified in basking a little in the light of fame. Yet given the ultimate opportunity to make it “all about me,” Sergeant Rhyner chose instead to make it all about “we.”

That is a great, great lesson for all of us.

“It’s all about me” sometimes seems to be the mantra of our time, but that attitude has no place in our Air Force. We are taught from the first day we don our uniforms to subordinate our personal ambitions and desires to the needs of our unit, our service and our nation.

We can’t allow ourselves to get puffed up because of rank or position, or to let awards and accolades go to our heads.

We know that “we” is a much stronger word than “I.” What “I” can accomplish is insignificant, but what “we” can accomplish is virtually without limit.

Sergeant Rhyner understands that well. We can learn much from his great courage and selfless sacrifice in the line of duty. We can learn much, too, from his humble ability to avoid the vertical pronoun, even as the cameras rolled.

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Editor’s note: Air Force combat controllers go through their initial training in Keesler’s 334th Training Squadron.

## ON THE COVER

A bucket of Bay Breeze Golf Course golf balls heralds last week's opening of the base's new pro shop and snack bar. A free golf tournament is being held Aug. 26 to show appreciation to Keesler's loyal golfers who've managed with temporary facilities since Hurricane Katrina struck the base almost five years ago. Story, more photos, Page 28.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

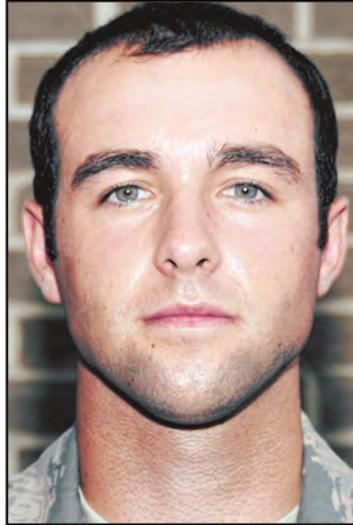


## DRAGON ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

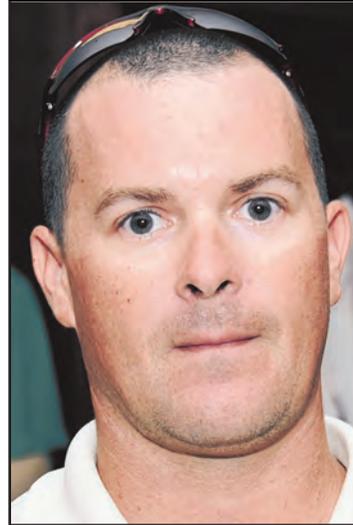
Keesler News photojournalist

Who is your  
personal  
inspiration?  
Why?



"My father, Master Sgt. Hank Stroisch — he's been in the Air Force for 20 years and always demonstrates service before self."

**Airman 1st Class Derik Stroisch, 332nd Training Squadron student**



"Bruce Crandall, because he's a Medal of Honor recipient and a national hero."

**Stephan Trochessett, 81st Training Support Squadron**



"My dad — he's been a role model for me all of my life. He showed me the value of hard work."

**Staff Sgt. Nathan Evans, 333rd Training Squadron**

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# TRAINING AND EDUCATION

## New courses expand on Keesler undergraduate course Air Force Institute of Technology begins its cyber leader training

By Bill Hancock

88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON Air Force Base, Ohio — Officials from the Air Force's new Cyber Professional Continuing Education Program at the Air Force Institute of Technology have officially started their efforts to produce skilled and knowledgeable cyber leaders to support joint warfighting efforts.

The Cyber PCE courses, Cyber 200 and Cyber 300, will graduate 600 Air Force leaders per year capable of applying cyber at the operational and strategic level in support of Air Force missions and joint requirements. These courses refresh and provide greater breadth on concepts taught in undergraduate cyber training at Keesler. Graduates of Cyber 200 and 300 will understand the complexities of operating in the cyberspace domain and its integration with the other warfighting domains.

"We are learning to operate in the one domain which is interoperable with all domains, land, sea, air and space to achieve mission success" said Capt. David Gordon, who is assigned to U.S. Strategic Command Cyberspace, and is a Cyber 200 student.

If adversaries are allowed to influence the environment by applying cyber power, combatant commanders may make incorrect decisions. Similarly, CCDR officials' goal is to influence the decisions of the opposing commander; one of the ways to do this is through Information Operations, which has a large cyber component.

"Capable Air Force cyber operators enhance the tools that a joint IO planner can employ to bring about effects on the battlefield while minimizing collateral damage," said Capt. Jack Skoda, a Cyber PCE instructor. "Cyber capabilities require a depth of technical knowledge and a broad understanding of military operations that courses like Cyber 200 and Cyber 300 can provide."

Cyber operations enable joint operations. They can be used to significantly impact an adversary's command and control capabilities, enhancing the effectiveness of joint operations. Cyber 200 and Cyber 300 will prepare joint cyber warfighters, in support of the USCYBER Command mission, to achieve and maintain information superiority in 21st century warfare.

For more information on the Cyber PCE program at AFIT visit <http://www.afit.edu/en/ccr/centerprograms.cfm?a=cyber>

## Medical Service Corps making rounds



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Several Medical Service Corps officers from the Mississippi Air National Guard's 183rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron at Jackson visited their 81st Medical Group counterparts Aug. 5. Shown in the 81st Medical Support Squadron medical materiel warehouse are, from left, Capt. Denise Hall and Julia Wiley, 183rd AES; Capt. Carmella Essien, 81st MDSS medical materiel director; Lt. Col. Rodney Winstead and Maj. Todd King, 183rd AES. Not pictured was Col. Peter Mercier, 183rd AES commander. The visitors participated in joint training provided by 81st MDG MSCs as part of a training affiliation agreement. Cols. David Garrison, 81st MDG deputy commander, and Robert Cothron, 81st MDG administrator, were their hosts.

# Reservist teaches aircrew how to return with honor

By Senior Airman  
Kimberly Erickson

## 403rd Wing Public Affairs

On a muggy mid-afternoon in late July, an instructor observes a group of students gathered in a small huddle, calibrating bulky, olive green radios resembling something straight out of the movie Patton.

“All right,” he says in a gravelly voice, “I’m going to send you a set of coordinates. I want you to use the map I’ve given you to locate the pickup point.”

For his students, this refresher class focuses on navigational skills dictating the outcome of a life-or-death situation.

For Tech. Sgt. Wes Bonin, one of 23 Air Force Reserve survival evasion resistance and escape instructors, it’s just another day at the office.

Sergeant Bonin trains more than 200 aircrew members in the 403rd Wing, in addition to active-duty aircrew members from all military branches at Keesler.

“As the base SERE specialist, I provide refresher training for pilots based on the initial survival training they received through the formal survival schools,” Sergeant Bonin said. “Every three years, we highlight the essential tasks necessary to survive in combat or operations other-than-war scenarios.”

Sergeant Bonin also teaches combat survival, local area survival and combat water survival, and conducts after capture, contingency SERE indoctrination and emergency parachute training.

“I prepare aircrew for operational areas where they could become isolated from friendly forces, detained by a government, held hostage or as a prisoner of war,” he said. He also prepares them for environmental and political obstacles they may encounter.

The classroom instruction is discussion-based and reinforced with field training.

“Aircrew review the skills needed to live off the land in survivor scenarios with lim-



Photo by Staff Sgt. Kimberly Erickson

**Sergeant Bonin explains the function of a PRC-112G radio during the field portion of a combat skills training refresher course at marina park July 18. As the base SERE specialist, Sergeant Bonin instructs more than 200 aircrew members assigned to the 403rd Wing, in addition to all active-duty aircrew members assigned to Keesler.**

ited access to resources,” Sergeant Bonin said. “Part of that is understanding how to use the mission-essential survival equipment they are provided.”

Using latitude and longitude coordinates, aircrew members identify locations on a map using radios during the field training portion of CST.

“Beyond equipment familiarization, we use the radios in land navigation,” Sergeant Bonin said.

If aircrew members are grounded, they navigate to a specific pick up point, and coordinate their own rescue, using CST knowledge, experience and equipment.

“In today’s deployed environment, these radios are essential for personnel recovery,” Sergeant Bonin said.

This course teaches them how to survive and be rescued in any environment, under any condition using radios and land navigation equipment, Sergeant Bonin said.

Sergeant Bonin brought 10 years of active duty SERE experience with him when he joined the Air Force Reserve in 2009.

“A lot of life support per-

sonnel can teach what he teaches, but Sergeant Bonin’s finesse and experience bring credibility to his instruction,” said Lt. Col. David Price, 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron navigator. “Having a SERE specialist teaching refresher training has a brought a lot to the wing.”

For some, waking up every day and looking forward to what you do is dream-job material, Sergeant Bonin said.

“I get to do things most people can only hope to do on weekends, jumping out of planes and spending a lot of time outside,” he said. “SERE is the only career where being an outdoorsman is your job.”

The SERE motto is, “Return with Honor,” and Sergeant Bonin said he is well aware of the gravity of his role.

“It really hits home when you deploy and find yourself working personnel recovery,” he said. “When you talk to someone who’s either been a captive or shot down and it’s clear that what you taught them helped drive their survival and recovery, that’s what makes it all worth it.”

# Schools partner with VA on GI Bill

## Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON — Paving the way for recipients of the post-9/11 GI Bill to attend higher-cost schools, Department of Veterans Affairs officials have entered into more than 3,200 agreements with over 1,100 schools for the upcoming academic year under the "Yellow Ribbon" program. Schools can enter into multiple agreements with VA to accommodate different programs of study offered.

"We are pleased that so many institutions are joining us to support the educational goals of the men and women who served this nation so honorably," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki.

The Yellow Ribbon program, a key provision of the new post-9/11 GI Bill, allows VA and participating educational institutions to share in supporting students attending high-cost schools.

Normally, the VA-administered post-9/11 GI Bill reimburses students for tuitions that don't exceed the highest in-state undergraduate tuition rate for a public institution. Under the Yellow Ribbon program, when schools contribute to the difference between the in-state maximum and their usual cost, VA will match them dollar for dollar up to 50 percent of the difference.

The Yellow Ribbon program is reserved for Veterans eligible for the post-9/11 GI Bill who served at least 36 months on active duty or served at least 30 continuous days before being discharged due to a service-related injury.

VA officials launched a special outreach effort in January to encourage more schools to participate in the program during the coming academic year. VA officials extended the original deadline for schools' participation decisions, originally set for May 21, to July 23 because of overwhelming interest in the program.

Letters were also mailed to school officials and reminder e-mails sent to promote maximum participation. This year, the application process was streamlined to allow school officials to fax and e-mail agreements to VA, rather than sending them through regular mail.

The post-9/11 GI Bill, passed by Congress in 2008, is the most extensive educational assistance program authorized since the original GI Bill was signed into law in 1944.

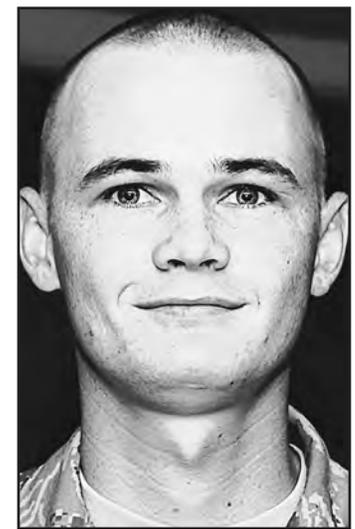
The maximum benefit allows every eligible veteran, service member, reservist and National Guard member an opportunity to receive an in-state, undergraduate education at a public institution at no cost.

The program includes payments for tuition and fees (paid directly to the schools), a housing allowance, and a books and supplies stipend.

For information on specific schools participating in the Yellow Ribbon program, go to [www.gibill.va.gov/GI\\_Bill\\_Info/CH33/YRP/YRP\\_List\\_2010.htm](http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/CH33/YRP/YRP_List_2010.htm).

For more information about the post-9/11 GI Bill and other VA educational benefits, visit the VA's Web site, [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov), or call 888-442-4551.

# Students achieve perfect scores



Airman Basic Quinton Morse, left, and Airman 1st Class Thomas Macfarlane graduated Wednesday from the electronic principles course in the 332nd Training Squadron with perfect scores. Airman Morse is from Midwest City, Okla., and Airman Macfarlane is from Vista, Calif. Both are headed to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, for the 13-week electronic warfare systems apprentice school.

## TRAINING, EDUCATION NOTES

### CCAF fall graduation

The last day to apply for the Community College of the Air Force fall graduating class is Aug. 27.

By that date, all supporting documentation must be on file at CCAF at Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, Ala., including the nomination action request. For more information, visit the education office, Room 224, Sablich Center or call 376-8708.

### Commissioning briefings

Commissioning briefings are 10 a.m. Tuesdays in Room 224, Sablich Center.

### Drill down, parade

**Drill down** — 8 a.m. Oct. 15.

**Parade** — 6 p.m. Sept. 16.

For more information on drill downs, call Tech. Sgt. Julie Hammond, 377-2103. For information on parades, call Staff Sgt. Gregory Washington, 377-2789.

### CCAF online

Visit the Air Force Virtual Education Center, <https://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod>, to create

MyAFVEC accounts to access online customer service tools.

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

### OTS boards

The Officer Training School recruiting services board schedule is:

**11OT01** — rated board; application cutoff Dec. 2; board date Jan. 24-28, estimated release date Feb. 25.

**11OT02** — nonrated board; application cutoff Feb. 24; board date April 11-15; estimated release date June 2.

**11OT03** — rated as needed; application cutoff June 23, board date Aug. 8-12, 2011; estimated release date Sept. 9, 2011.

### GI Bill benefits

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

For more information, call 376-8708.

Base shuttle schedules are found at

<http://www.keesler.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp>



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## Gates works to change Pentagon's prevailing culture

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The initiative to reduce Defense Department overhead and to eliminate duplicative capabilities is part of a larger thrust to change the culture of the Pentagon, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said here Aug. 9.

The department must be more frugal with the taxpayers' money and must put what money it gets to the best use, the secretary said. Secretary Gates announced efforts that will freeze civilian hires, cut contract payments, reduce the number of general officers, flag officers and senior civilians and eliminate two Defense Department offices and U.S. Joint Forces Command.

"My hope and expectation is that the efforts we have launched will lead to the kind of cultural changes that over time become a part of the department's DNA and institutional memory," Secretary Gates said.

The secretary said his greatest fear is that Americans, all affected by the tough economic times, will look at the defense budget as a cash cow for other parts of government.

"My responsibility to the president and to the Congress is to present them with a program that I believe is necessary to defend this nation," he said.

As he looks around, Secretary Gates said, he sees an unstable world with more failed and failing states such as Somalia and more rogue countries such as Iran and North Korea. He also sees countries that are investing heavily in their militaries, and new kinds of threats, such as cyber attacks and increasingly accurate cruise and ballistic



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— Secretary Gates

missiles, are emerging.

"My greatest worry is that we will do to the defense budget what we have done four times before, and that is slash it in an effort to find some kind of a dividend to put

the money someplace else," he said. "I think that would be disastrous in the world environment we see today and what we're likely to see in the years to come."

The U.S. defense budget was slashed after World War II, Korea, Vietnam and at the end of the Cold War.

"If you were to graph the defense budget going back the last 40 or 50 years, it would look like the EKG of a fibrillating heart," he said. "What we need is modest, sustainable growth over a prolonged period of time that allows us to make sensible investment decisions, and not have these giant increases and giant decreases that make efficiency and doing acquisition in a sensible way almost impossible."

The effort to find savings in the department not only is the right thing to do, but also is a way to make a "persuasive case to the Congress, and through them to the American people, that we are spending tax dollars wisely in the Department of Defense and in areas where they would like to see it spent," Secretary Gates said. "And that is in capabilities and in our force structure and investment for the future, as well as our troops."

The only way the department can make such a persuasive case is if it tackles poor acquisition practices, poor business practices, excessive reliance on contractors, waste and abuse, Secretary Gates said.

"We need to be able to show that we are actually doing something about these programs in a systematic way that affects every part of the department," he said. "I think under those circumstances, we have a pretty good opportunity to make our case."

## IN THE NEWS



9 weeks  
until  
Unit Compliance  
Inspection

### 'Don't Ask Don't Tell' discharge

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Lt. Col. Victor Fehrenbach announced Aug. 11 that he's filed a request for an injunction to stop his removal from the Air Force under "Don't Ask Don't Tell."

Colonel Fehrenbach filed a request for a temporary restraining order in the U.S. District Court in Idaho, arguing a discharge will cause him irreparable harm.

Several media accounts have inaccurately reported that Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley is reviewing his case. This isn't accurate. The case is still undergoing review at the Air Force Review Boards Agency, SAF/MRB.

After the board makes a recommendation, it's considered by the director of SAF/MRB. When the director is ready to make a decision, he forwards the notice through the assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower and reserve affairs to the secretary of the Air Force. The secretary may either decide to bring the case to his level for decision, or leave it with SAF/MRB officials for a decision. Unless advised that the secretary will take more time to decide, SAF/MRB officials may take final action once 10 days have passed from the time the secretary received personal notice that the matter was ready for decision. There's no time limit on how long the secretary may consider a case.

Department of the Air Force and the Department of Justice attorneys are reviewing Colonel Fehrenbach's request for an injunction and will file a response in federal court.

### Discovery Channel feature

Air Force Entertainment Liaison Office

"Surviving the Cut," a one-hour special about the Air Force's pararescue jumper indoctrination course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, debuts on the Discovery Channel, 9 p.m. CDT Wednesday.

The episode's main focus is the notorious Extended Training Day, a grueling 20-hour stretch of physical and mental endurance unrivaled by any other U.S. special forces training school. Only 10 percent of the Airmen who enter the indoctrination course complete it.

### Early Keesler News deadline

The deadline for submissions for the Sept. 9 issue of the Keesler news is noon Sept. 2 because of the Sept. 6 Labor Day holiday.

Dragons deployed — 268

# Base drinking water violation resolved

## 81st Mission Support Group

Keesler's water system violated a drinking water requirement in July.

Although this incident was not an emergency, base officials want customers to know what happened and what was done to correct this situation.

The water is safe to drink and continues to meet state drinking water criteria. Required monitoring for the month of July meets the standards for both bacteriological and disinfectant residual.

The base is required to treat/disinfect drinking water source Wells 4 and 11. From July 1-30, 2010, Keesler didn't meet one or more treatment requirements to provide sufficient levels of disinfectant due to malfunctioning equipment and monitoring. Keesler failed to maintain the required level of chlorine residual at the source with the continuous monitoring at water source Wells 4 and 11.

### What should I do?

There's nothing you need to do. You don't need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you

have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline, 1-800-426-4791.

### What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours.

Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches.

These symptoms, however, aren't caused only by organisms in drinking water, but also by other factors. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.

While no evidence of contamination in, or other health threats to, Keesler's source water has been detected, base officials remain committed to restoring the required level of treatment to the water from Wells 4 and 11 to eliminate the threat of contamination.

### What is being done?

Specific corrective actions taken in response to this violation are:

Disinfection was increased to maintain proper residual levels.

Improvements to the base's treatment system are being pursued to maintain required treatment at all times.

This problem was resolved July 30.

Please share this information with any other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly, such as people in apartments, nursing homes, schools and businesses. Notices can be posted in a public place or distributed by hand or mail.

For more information, call Alfred Watkins, 376-8417.

## Finding your way around base's public website

By Staff Sgt.  
Kimberly Moore

### Keesler Public Affairs

Where'd it go? Items you once found in the Keesler News are gone, but you can find them on the base's public website, [www.keesler.af.mil](http://www.keesler.af.mil).

Older news articles can be located two ways.

First, you can go to the Headlines section on the left-hand side of the main page and click on the "more headlines" link at the bottom of that section. There you can search through previously posted articles to find your item of interest.

Second, you can view a PDF of back issues of the Keesler News if you know the publication date. Without selecting any of the drop-down options that appear, click on "Library" at the top of the main page. The page that will appear will have calendars with links to past Keesler News publications dating back to 2006 — simply click on the date you'd like to view.

There's a Student Interests page on the web site where you can find Airman Leadership School and NCO Academy class start dates, honor roll listings and dining menus. This page can be found from the home page, under the Featured Links section; click on Student Interests.

If you're planning an event that you'd like on the base calendar, note that the public affairs office doesn't schedule events, only adds events to the calendar. Be sure there's no conflict by using the events already posted on the events calendar, checking local area calendars and calling the command staff to coordinate with the general's calendar. Once your event is scheduled, follow the instructions on the main page under the "Events Calendar" to get your event posted.

# Departing civilians get records access

**Air Force Personnel Center**

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Air Force civilians are now able to access their electronic Official Personnel Folder for up to 60 days following their date of separation.

This new capability allows employees to log into the AFPC Secure website from a personal computer using a user ID and password and download a copy of their final separation Standard Form 50, Notification of Per-

sonnel Action, or any other eOPF document.

The user ID and password must be created prior to the employee's separation date. For instructions on how to establish a user ID and password, visit the personnel services website and enter keyword "eOPF."

Allowing separated employees access to their eOPF for up to 60 days from their separation date gives them immediate access to their final SF 50. Previously, employees had to wait for a hard copy to be mailed.

For more information on any of the self-service initiatives, visit the AFPC personnel services website and enter keywords "self service updates," or call the Total Force Service Center, 800-525-0102.

## PERSONNEL NOTES

### Staff sergeant promotions

**Air Force Personnel Center**

The staff sergeant promotion list is released at 8 a.m. today on the Air Force Personnel Center's public website. Airmen also can access their score notices at the same time on the Virtual Military Personnel Flight and Air Force Portal.

The names of Keesler personnel selected for promotion will be published in next week's Keesler News.

Officials selected 13,518 of 28,510 eligible senior airmen for promotion to staff sergeant for a selection rate of 47.41 percent.

The average score for those selected was 282.88, with an average time in grade of 1.97 years and an average time in service of 4.55 years, respectively. The average score was based on the following point averages: 131.31 for enlisted performance reports, 0.94 for decorations, 71.18 for the promotion fitness examination and 59.08 for the specialty knowledge test.

Those selected for staff sergeant will be promoted according to their promotion sequence number beginning in September 2010.

Selections are tentative until the data verification process is complete, which is no later than 10 days after the promotion release date. AFPC officials notify Airmen through their military personnel sections if their selection is in question.

For more information, visit the AFPC public website or contact the 24-hour Total Force Service Center at (800) 525-0102.

### Classes for job hunters

Job hunters can improve their chances for success with several upcoming classes at the airman and family readiness center.

All classes are held in the center's conference room in Sablich Center. There's a limit of 10 people per class.

**Federal format resume writing** — 9:30 a.m. Aug. 26; 2 p.m. Sept. 16 or 30, Oct. 14, Nov. 17 and Dec. 9; and 3 p.m. Oct. 28.

**Civilian format resume writing** — 9:30 a.m. today; 2 p.m. Sept. 9, Oct. 7 or 21, Nov. 4 and Dec. 2 or 16; and 3 p.m. Sept. 23.

**Career choices** — noon to 2:30 p.m. Aug. 26, Sept. 23 and Oct. 29.

**Interview skills and salary negotiation** — 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 23 and Dec. 28.

Registration is required.

For more information, call 376-8728 or e-mail lana.smith.1@us.af.mil.

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# Use of digital storage devices still unauthorized

By Steve Hoffmann

Keesler News staff

“U/FOUO — Effective immediately, the following removable flash media are unauthorized on all DOD information systems until further notice: memory sticks, thumb drives, camera flash memory cards.”

This is the message that pops up every time active-duty members, civilian personnel or contractors log on to their computers in the morning. The mouse-click reflex is triggered and the message is gone. But if the average computer user is to be a good steward of their equipment and the network it resides on, more careful attention needs to be paid to this message. Here's why.

Like the pop-up message itself, the Windows operating system has a way of announcing the presence of flash media and other digital storage devices — a digital shout-out to the rest of the computer-networked world. But this time, the message doesn't go unheeded. If there is any malicious scripts or logic in the vicinity, they'll be listening and they'll attack.

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“Information security is not just my job — it's everybody's. The users, those who have access to information, can either help you or hurt you the most.”

— Mr. Cerny

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The ban on digital storage technology, or flash media, has been in place since November 2008.

“It has certainly reduced our risk of exposure,” said Charles Cerny, chief of information assurance for the 81st Communications Squadron.

“There was some pushback in the beginning,” he said, referring to the reaction people had to no longer having the convenience of digital storage



Photo by Steve Hoffmann  
**Public affairs photojournalist Kemberly Groue transfers photos from her camera to a CD. This safe way to work around the ban on flash media uses a stand-alone computer that isn't connected to the network.**

devices. “But when the four-star says don't do it, you just don't do it.”

There are preliminary discussions

underway to design a set of procedures which will allow for the use of flash media. Such devices will be government issued and password protected.

“But it will be on a very limited, mission essential basis,” said Mr. Cerny. Until that time, the use of digital storage devices remains unauthorized.

Within the next 30 to 45 days, Keesler will be following the lead of other bases in employing measures which will allow information assurance to detect the use of digital storage devices on any computer. Such devices include thumb drives, memory sticks, phones, cameras, video recorders, MP3 players and iPods. These devices may still be used, but only on personal, stand-alone computers not associated with the network.

“Files used to be on paper, in a file cabinet, behind locked doors. Now information is networked and must be constantly monitored and guarded,” said Mr. Cerny. “Information security is not just my job — it's everybody's. The users, those who have access to information, can either help you or hurt you the most.”

# Two medical squadrons welcome new leaders

By Steve Pivnick

## 81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Two 81st Medical Group squadrons have new leaders.

Col. (Dr.) Nicholas Miniotis succeeded Col. (Dr.) John Embry as commander of the 81st Dental Squadron Aug. 11.

Col. Julia Stoshak assumed command of the 81st Medical Operations Squadron Aug. 12.

Colonel Miniotis previously served at Keesler from June 1999-August 2004. Prior to his current assignment, Colonel Miniotis commanded the 3rd DS at Elmendorf Air Force Base where he also served on the 3rd MDG staff and commanded the Expeditionary Medical Support+10 field hospital.

Colonel Embry retired after more than 40 years of federal service, 20 of them with the Air Force. He and his wife Dee reside in Ocean Springs.

Colonel Stoshak's leadership experiences include element leader, three-time flight commander and squadron command, having stood up the 366th Surgical Operations Squadron at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, prior to being assigned to Keesler. She recently deployed to Afghanistan where she worked with a Navy medical embedded training team mentoring Afghan nurses at the Afghan National Police Hospital in Kabul. She has worked primarily in inpatient services but has also led a primary care flight as well as served as



**Colonel Miniotis**



**Colonel Stoshak**

health-care integrator and in quality services.

Colonel Stoshak replaced Col. Jane Denton who left last month to command the 319th MDG, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.

News tips?  
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# Good IDEAs save time, money and win prizes



Sergeant King



Mr. McQueen

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Tech. Sgt. Frank King, 403rd Maintenance Squadron, and Wayne McQueen, 81st Training Support Squadron, are winners of a submission contest as part of Keesler's IDEA campaign.

Sergeant King won an IPOD and Mr. McQueen won a GPS navigation system

Sergeant King's submission concerned brake swivel change procedures on the main landing gear of the C-130J. His idea, which has been approved, streamlines the maintenance process and

cuts down unnecessary work.

Mr. McQueen's idea, which is under review, proposes reducing Keesler's energy consumption by installing optic light sensors in the aerospace ground equipment fuel pump area of the flightline.

Keesler's military members, Defense Department civilians, reserve personnel on active duty and contract personnel were eligible to participate. Anyone who submitted an eligible idea through the IDEA Program Data System was entered into the prize drawing.

"The campaign was a great success," said Deatrice Jimer-

son, IDEA program manager. "Our monthly submission rate quadrupled."

It's not too late to get involved in the IDEA program's Submitter of the Year campaign that runs through Sept. 30.

A 32-inch flat-screen television will be awarded to the person who submits an approved idea with the most tangible, cost-saving benefit to the Air Force. Also, if an individual's idea is approved and they can show tangible benefits, they may also be eligible for a monetary award ranging from \$200 to \$10,000.

To submit an idea:

**Access IPDS** via Air Force Portal or <https://ipds.randolph.af.mil> and register.

**Check** the idea pool to ensure your idea hasn't been submitted by someone else.

**Refer** to Air Force Instruction 38-401 for eligibility criteria.

**Ensure** your idea identifies the present and proposed methods with detailed description and costs for each, along with the expected benefits.

As of June, the IDEA Program has resulted in more than \$81 million in validated savings for the Air Force.

For more information about the IDEA program, call Ms. Jimerson, 376-8172, or e-mail [deatrice.jimerson@us.af.mil](mailto:deatrice.jimerson@us.af.mil). The first 10 people to call and say they read this article receive an IDEA mug.



# Thrift shop's new home is old garden center



**Kathy Varble, wife of retired Lt. Col. Thomas Varble, packs up used books to be moved to their new shelves at the old garden center, Keesler Thrift Shop's new home.**



**Karen Ray, wife of Lt. Col. Stephen Ray, 20th Air Force, packs board games and other children's toys in preparation for the Keesler Thrift Shop's move Monday. The new location of the thrift shop, operated by the Keesler Spouses Club, is the old garden center at the corner of Meadows Drive and First Street. A grand opening is 9 a.m. Monday. Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. For more information, call 377-3217 or log on to [www.keeslerspousesclub.com](http://www.keeslerspousesclub.com) Photos by Kemberly Groue**

## AETC chief visits Keesler's enlisted medics



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Chief Master Sgt. Marie Potts, chief of Air Education and Training Command's medical enlisted force, asks Chief Master Sgt. Tracy Putt, 81st Dental Squadron superintendent, about a dental resident case presentation during her Aug. 3 visit to the dental clinic. Chief Potts met with many 81st Medical Group enlisted members during her Aug. 2-3 orientation visit which included walk-throughs of work centers of each of the group's seven squadrons.

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## **Anatomy of progress**

**W.G. Yates and Sons Construction Company employees work on the fourth-story floor of the 81st Medical Group Hospital's new inpatient tower Aug. 11. They will then erect the roof which will add another 15 feet to the structure's height. The final tower will be four stories at its highest point. The roof of the second story is the foreground. This portion of the tower will only be two floors and will contain two new operating rooms. Construction of the new addition is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2011.**

**Photo by Steve Pivnick**

# Using proper techniques can boost slow run times

By Staff Sgt. Kimberly Moore

## Keesler Public Affairs

As the importance of physical fitness becomes increasingly emphasized Air Force-wide, many Airmen want to improve their run time but aren't sure where to start.

Terri Jordan, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron health and wellness center exercise physiologist, said the proper running technique needs to be followed in order to achieve your best run time.

Ms. Jordan defined the proper running technique as "keeping your upper body straight from waist to head with arms relaxed and held at 90 degree angle not higher than the heart. Legs should extend behind with a good push-off to move ourselves in a forward motion with the foot striking the ground on the heel. When running faster speeds or sprinting, you will strike more on your toes or the ball of your foot."

A slow run time isn't the only thing that will result from improper running techniques, Ms Jordan explained.

"When members strike the ground on the outside or inside of their foot, this will cause additional stress on that area of the leg and over time can cause muscle or joint pain," Ms. Jordan pointed out.

"Improper upper body position such as leaning forward or the lack of good extension and push off may cause a member to over-stride, meaning carry their stride too far out in front of their body, which causes even more impact to their knees."

Members concerned about their running technique have help available.

"The HAWC offers gait analysis for proper running form along with monthly running classes, currently scheduled for the second Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m., and iStep to determine arch types for proper shoes," Ms. Jordan said. "iStep is a pressure plate that members can stand on that will show what type of arch they have."

Wearing the proper type of shoe is very important, Ms Jordan explained,

"There are shoes made specifically for the arch type you have. For example, cushioning shoes are designed for high arches, motion control shoes are for low arches and stability shoes are for normal arches," she said. "When we run, more of our blood supply goes to our feet which causes the feet to swell slightly, so the recommendation is to have a thumb width of

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Photo by Kemberly Groue  
**Fire chief James Donnett uses proper techniques as he runs along H Street Monday.**

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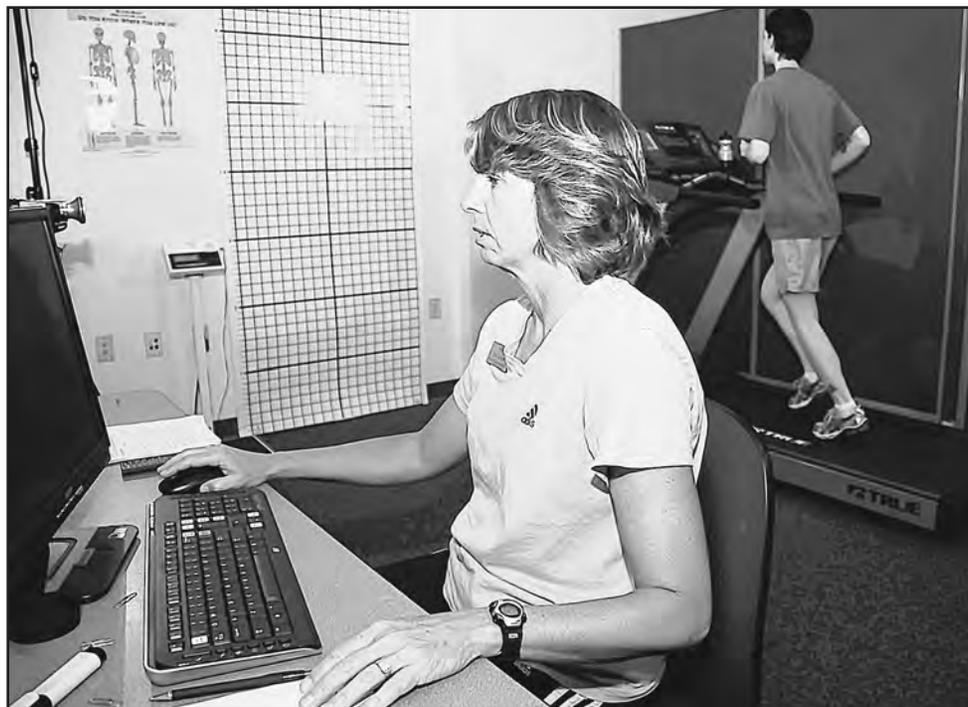
space from the end of your toe to the end of your shoe.”

When members are starting their training, they may think they should run every day. Ms. Jordan explained why that’s not the case.

Running several days in a row is not recommended due to possible overuse injury. Cross training gives your body a break from the pounding of running and works different muscle groups which helps prevent muscle imbalances. Lack of strength training and flexibility cause a lot of the injuries associated with running.

Once members have their running technique corrected and have properly-fitted shoes, Ms. Jordan offers advice for improving your run time.

“If you already have the endurance for running, for example, if you can already run two to three miles with-



out walking, then you can start doing some speed training,” she said.

“The first step should include intervals — for example, 400 meters fast, 400 meters at a jog or walk pace, repeat four to five times or for 15 to 20 minutes.

“Next, do pace runs. If your 1.5 mile run-time goal is 12 minutes, then your lap pace would need to be two minutes. So you could start lap one on pace at two minutes then lap two off pace; lap three two minutes and so forth until you’re able to stay on the two-

minute pace for a longer time.

“Third, tempo runs are also recommended. Start off slow, jog for 10 minutes, build to a faster pace for 15 minutes and then back to a slower pace for 10 minutes.”

To keep track of your progress and stay motivated,

**Ms. Jordan conducts a gait analysis on Staff Sgt. Anelina Enright, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron, at the HAWC Oct. 15. This test analyzes the running stride to increase efficiency and reduce injuries.**

**Photo by Kemberly Groue**

Ms. Jordan said, “I would recommend practicing the real thing and doing a 1.5 mile test-run monthly. This gives good feedback that you are improving your time.”

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the HAWC, 376-3170.

# Reserve officials streamline call-up process

## Air Force News Service

ROBINS Air Force Base, Ga. — Air Force Reserve Command officials are proposing comprehensive changes to how reservists are managed and called to active duty based on lessons learned from nearly nine years of combat and surge operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Collectively called “AFR 2012,” this series of projects establishes a single organization to access Air Force Reserve capability, streamlines the Numbered Air Force management structure and strengthens Headquarters AFRC expertise in a wide range of new and emerging Air Force missions.

“We are revising our management structures and practices to make it easier for our reservists to volunteer, mobilize and deploy,” said Lt. Gen. Charles Stenner Jr., AFRC commander. “As our Air Force prepares for the future, streamlining how we bring highly capable and cost-effective reservists on to active duty is vital to our nation’s defense.”

Since Sept. 11, 2001, Air Force and Department of Defense officials have asked all Reserve components to take on an expanded operational role. In the last almost nine years, more than 32,000 Air Force reservists, representing nearly every Air Force mission area, have volunteered or been mobilized for active duty to fill critical worldwide combat and support requirements.

“AFR 2012 is our vision to enhance the predictability and sustainability of our Reserve force,”

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— General Stenner

General Stenner said. “We’re going to remove bureaucratic redundancies and barriers to service.”

As the first step to redesigning its processes, functions and structures, Air Force Reserve officials did an internal review of its headquarters staffs at the Office of Air Force Reserve in the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.; Headquarters AFRC at Robins AFB; and the Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver.

The most significant organizational change proposed by Air Force Reserve officials is a new “Force Generation Center,” projected to be fully operational by 2012. This new organization will be the single manager of the readiness, predictability and availability of Air Force Reserve resources. This will include visibility over reservists and Air Force Reserve organizations supporting operational missions as well as developing better predictability for individual reservists, their families and their employers.

In addition, Air Force Reserve officials will propose staff changes that enhance headquarters expertise in new and emerging missions, streamline the overall command management structure, improve oversight of Air Force Reserve forces, and enable leadership to assess and address the stress on reservists serving at a greatly increased operational tempo.

“The Air Force Reserve is first and foremost a strategic reserve,” General Stenner said. “We have to have measures to protect the depth of our forces and ensure our nation has the ability to surge when we really need it.”

With about 70,000 people actively participating, the Air Force Reserve is the smallest of the Air Force’s three components. The regular Air Force has about 336,000 Airmen; the Air National Guard about 109,000 Airmen.

Reservists save taxpayers money because they are called to active duty in a pay status only when the nation needs them. When they are no longer needed, reservists return to their civilian lives and a non-pay status. Nearly 80 percent of the Air Force Reserve is maintained on a called-up-as-needed but ready-now status.

“We provide nearly 17 percent of the Air Force’s capability for about 4 percent of the Air Force’s budget,” General Stenner said. “Our units and people make outstanding contributions to the national defense. Every day, we leverage a portion of the strategic reserve to support today’s operations with a careful eye not to deplete the strategic reserve’s surge capability until absolutely needed.”

# AAFES works to correct overcharges

## Air Force News Service

DALLAS — A processing error resulted in duplicate charges on credit and debit card transactions for some customers at Army and Air Force Exchange Service stores.

“Shoppers who swiped their cards anytime between Aug. 7-9 at an AAFES facility are strongly encouraged to review their statements to see if they are impacted by this issue,” said Col. Virgil Williams, AAFES chief of staff. “If a customer finds a billing anomaly, no action will be required on their part as we’re working to correct inaccuracies on their behalf.”

Scores of associates from AAFES’ information technology and finance and accounting teams are working around the clock to remedy any and all erroneous charges created as a result of the processing error.

“We’re putting all the resources we have toward doing the right thing for customers affected by this unfortunate turn of events,” Colonel Williams said. “If there is an overdraft fee as result of a duplicate charge, we’re going to fix it. Our priority is to take corrective action as quickly as possible and return customers’ accounts to the exact state they were prior to this glitch.”

The processing error that produced duplicate charges affected AAFES locations worldwide. Depending on the type of card used, corrective action could be visible to the customer anywhere from 24 hours to a couple of weeks.

“The timeline is subject to a number of variables,” Colonel Williams said. “Regardless, we want exchange shoppers to know that every possible measure is being taken to eliminate any additional charges and rectify any concerns created as a result of this processing miscue.”

Defense Department telecommunications systems are subject to monitoring.

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in parking lots,

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in some sections

of perimeter roads.

# H1N1 still poses risks with summer travel plans

By Sharon Foster

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## Tricare Management Activity

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — Last summer, talk of the H1N1 flu virus dominated the news. It was described by World Health Organization officials as the first pandemic of the 21st century. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that between 7,880 and 16,460 H1N1-related deaths occurred between April 1 and Dec. 12, 2009.

One year later, H1N1 has fallen off the public's radar, but WHO officials report it's still a global problem. There could be danger in believing the risk is gone, especially for Tricare beneficiaries traveling internationally.

It's important to think about how seasonal and H1N1 flu may affect travel plans. Many people associate the flu with cold weather. Indeed, influenza generally occurs during the winter months, but in some regions, it's most active April through September, or throughout the year, according to CDC officials.

Traveling to areas where seasonal and H1N1 flu activity is higher than in the U.S. can put vacationers at risk. So can taking a cruise or visiting a resort with travelers from areas where influenza activity is higher. Any traveler who wants to reduce the risk of getting sick with influenza should get the vaccine. It's best to get the vaccine at least two weeks before the start of a trip, according to the CDC.

"In years past, the elderly represented most of those who died from the flu," said Army Col. Wayne Hachey, director of operations for preventive medicine for the Tricare Management Activity. "With the emergence of the 2009 H1N1 flu, everyone is at risk. Young, healthy people die from the

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flu. If you have not been immunized, you place yourself and your loved ones at unnecessary risk.”

Tricare beneficiaries can help fight of the spread of influenza by staying at home if they're sick, washing their hands and covering their mouths when they cough or sneeze.

Tricare covers the following vaccines for the seasonal and H1N1 flu for all beneficiaries:

**Flu shot:** an inactivated vaccine containing a killed virus and given with a needle. This form of the vaccine may be used in all age groups.

**Flu mist:** nasal-spray flu vaccine made with live, weakened flu viruses. This form of the vaccine is limited for use in people who are between the ages of two and 49 years old, and who aren't pregnant when they receive the vaccination.

**Flu vaccines** are provided by select Tricare-authorized providers or through a network pharmacy that participates in the vaccination program at a zero copay to Tricare beneficiaries. No referral or prior authorization is required when this benefit is obtained at one of these pharmacies, but state laws may have specific requirements for a prescription or required minimum age limits. To locate a participating pharmacy, log on to [www.express-scripts.com/tricare](http://www.express-scripts.com/tricare) or call Express Scripts, the Tricare pharmacy program contractor, 877-363-1303.

All active-duty, National Guard and Reserve members should follow the Department of Defense's guidance. Non active-duty Prime beneficiaries must have a referral and authorization from their primary care manager to receive the seasonal or H1N1 vaccine from a non-network provider who doesn't accept Tricare's allowable charge as payment in full. Without authorization, the beneficiary is responsible for the bill.

For information about seasonal and H1N1 flu, visit the Tricare flu resources webpage at [www.tricare.mil/flu](http://www.tricare.mil/flu).

# Cub Scouts are back at Keesler

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Cub Scouts are back at Keesler!

Cub Scout Pack 214 has been revived and meets 5:30-7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at Welch Auditorium, according to Staff Sgt. Nathan Evans, a 333rd Training Squadron instructor who's reorganized the pack and serves as cubmaster.

Parent Pow Wows are planned for 5:30-7:30 p.m. Aug. 24 and 26 in the same location to familiarize parents with the organization, which is being sponsored by the First Sergeants Council.

Membership is open to boys in grades 1-5 or 7-11 years old regardless of school, church or military affiliation. The pack is divided into dens by age.

Parents are needed to serve as assistant cubmaster, den leader, assistant den leaders, committee members and event coordinators.

"The pack officially disbanded back in 2006 — I can only guess that it had a direct link with the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina," said Sergeant Evans, who arrived at Keesler in April. At his last assignment at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., he was the cubmaster of Pack 23 and served as Tiger Cub den leader for his son's den in the pack.

Sergeant Evans, who's been in the Air Force for 12 years, has several reasons for wanting to rebuild Cub Scouts at Keesler.

"I believe in the scout mission and its approach — fun with a purpose that teaches traditional values, develops leadership traits and builds character," he explained. "A pack here at Keesler will help our military families come together in a positive and meaningful way to help our boys grow, learn and live their lives richly. Finally, I believe that the military family is unique and fully understands what it means to have family deployed or on temporary duty or making a permanent change of station and will be able to fully understand and assist those families in need."

Planned events so far are a Pinewood Derby race, Raingutter Regatta, popcorn blitz, overnight trip to the USS Alabama, service projects and camping trips.

The registration fee is \$15, with \$5 monthly dues and \$60-\$65 for uniforms. A \$12 subscription to the Boy Scout magazine is optional, and there may be extra fees for field trips.

For more information, call Sergeant Evans, 334-207-6360; e-mail Pack214.keesler@gmail.com or check out Keesler Cub Scout Pack 214 on Facebook and Pack 214 on Twitter.

## KEESLER NOTES

### Job opportunities

People interested in applying for nonappropriated fund positions may submit an application in person or on line.

Hours for the NAF personnel office, Room 211, Sablich Center, are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

To apply online, log on to <https://nafjobs.afsv.net>.

For current job openings, call the 24-hour job line, 377-9055, or log on to [www.keeslerservices.us](http://www.keeslerservices.us).

### 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.

### Zero overpricing

Submit zero overpricing items on Air Force Form 1046 to CSC supply customerservice, Room 126, Taylor Logistics Center, Building 4002.

For overpricing issues or concerns, call Michael Cashion, 377-8891, or e-mail [michael.cashion.2.ctr@us.af.mil](mailto:michael.cashion.2.ctr@us.af.mil).

### Visitor center hours

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

# Keesler volunteers support Federal Voting Assistance Program

All 50 states, three territories and the District of Columbia hold general elections Nov. 2. Puerto Rico won't be holding an election this cycle.

All military members, their family members and citizens residing outside the U.S. who haven't registered or requested an absentee ballot this year should do so as soon as possible.

To register or request an absentee ballot, use the Federal Post Card Application. Go to [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov), follow the prompts to register and request an absentee ballot for the Nov. 2 election. Some states allow submitting the FPCA by e-mail or fax, in addition to regular mail. The instructions will tell you how to fax or email the form.

If you don't have access to the Internet to fill out the FPCA online, get a copy from your unit or installation voting assistance officer.

Keesler's installation voting officer is Terrence Owens, 377-3774, assisted by Maj. Sharon Walker, 376-3067. Unit voting assistance officers are:

**2nd Air Force** — Maj. Dominic Barberi, 377-1497.

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

**53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron** — Capt. Tobi Baker, 377-1939.

**81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron** — Capt. Patrick Mudimbi, 376-3201, and 2nd Lts. Brittany Chase, 377-3162, and Kristy Rakes, 376-3216.

**81st Contracting Squadron** — 1st Lt. Alexandra Gamiere, 377-1818.

**81st Comptroller Squadron** — 1st Lt. William Kiser, 376-8189.

**81st Communications Squadron** — Arleen Stewart, 377-2204, and Master Sgt. Anthony Parisi, 377-2940.

**81st Dental Squadron** — Capt. Rachael Parrish, 376-5157, and Tech. Sgt. Stephen Dereis, 376-5130.

**81st Force Support Squadron** — Master Sgts. Ernesto Alvendia, 376-8501, and Kreig Cressione, 376-8338.

**81st Inpatient Operations Squadron** — 2nd Lt. Shelly Meiners, 376-5551.

**81st Logistics Readiness Squadron** — Capt. Mariko Esannnason, 377-2525; Master Sgt. Kevin Benjamin, 377-3435; Tech. Sgt. Jesus Gelalcio, 377-8539; and Carl Payne, 377-8527.

**81st Medical Operations Squadron** — Capt. Shannan Corbin, 376-4001; Senior Mas-



ter Sgt. Ronald Ware, 376-3553; 2nd Lt. Jason Garcia, 376-4421; and Master Sgt. Karen Jenkins, 376-4427.

**81st Medical Support Squadron** — Staff Sgt. Brittney Homick, 376-4301; and Capts. Brett Mazey, 376-4301, and Carmella Essien, 376-5395.

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

**81st Security Forces Squadron** — Master Sgts. Donald Stetson, 376-6604, and Michael Freeck, 376-6637.

**81st Training Support Squadron** — Staff Sgt. Joshua Wesley, 377-3371.

**81st Training Wing Public Affairs** — Jonathan Hicks, 377-3604.

**81st Training Wing Legal Office** — Capt. Rachel Bubbs, 376-8601.

**81st Surgical Operations Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. Lorie-Jo Roy, 376-3130, and Senior Airman Edward Austin and Airman 1st Class William Thomas, 376-0452.

**85th Engineering Installation Squadron** — 2nd Lt. Daniel Lewis, 377-3912, and 1st Lt. Eric Mast, 377-2725.

**332nd TRS** — Staff Sgt. Jason DeGrasse, 376-9355, and Allen Jones, 377-4576.

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

**334th TRS** — Staff Sgts. Bethany Lorenz, 377-4266, and Shakeitha Tischler, 377-3456.

**335th TRS** — Master Sgts. Sharon Utsey, 377-0331, and Charlafinette Dukes, 377-2926, and Robert Lloyd, 377-7641.

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

**338th TRS** — Alexander Verrett, 377-3371, and Daniel Baumgartner, 377-1755.

**403rd Wing** — Capt. Shari Crenshaw, 377-3440.

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

## Free golf tournament celebrates new facility



Operations clerk Ginger Ray stocks golf clubs in the pro shop Monday.

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News

The patience and loyalty of Keesler golfers is being recognized with a free golf tournament and equipment demonstration at the new Bay Breeze Golf Course facility Aug. 26.

"We want to show our appreciation to our golfers," said Tom Golden, 81st Mission Support Group community services flight chief.

The new pro shop and snack bar, part of the Bay Breeze Events Center that opens Sept. 17, opened last week.

Since Hurricane Katrina slammed the base nearly five years ago and wiped out the golf facility, golfers managed with temporary structures for both the pro shop and cart barn.

There's a noon shotgun start for the tournament, with a select shot (scramble) format with four-person teams. Members have priority for the 20-team limit.

A golf equipment demonstration is planned from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Food and drinks are provided before and after the tournament, and prizes, drawings and giveaways are planned.

The pro shop and snack bar are open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. daily.

For more information, call 377-3832.



Retirees Joan and Gene Pion of Ocean Springs check out the stock in the new pro shop Friday.

Photos by Kemberly Groue

## Marathon reaches 10,000-runner mark

By Daryl Mayer

88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON Air Force Base, Ohio — Air Force Marathon officials registered runner No. 10,000 Aug. 12, surpassing a long-standing goal for the 14-year-old event.

There's less than a month before the 5K run Sept. 17, and the full marathon, half marathon and 10K run Sept. 18. Registration for the half marathon reached its limit of runners Aug. 11 and was closed. There are less than 200 slots remaining for the full marathon, but there are plenty of slots available for the 5K and 10K runs.

"We're thrilled to achieve this important milestone," said Molly Loudon, Air Force Marathon director. "Our goal is to make the Air Force Marathon a world-class event that is fun, rewarding and challenging. The increasing registration each year, in terms of bringing previous runners

### Are you running?

Keesler runners participating in the Air Force Marathon are asked to call 377-4130 or e-mail [susan.griggs.1@us.af.mil](mailto:susan.griggs.1@us.af.mil)

back and also attracting new ones, tells us we are hitting the mark."

In 2009 the marathon set an all-time record and posted a 35 percent increase over the previous year, but was still 31 runners short of 10,000.

The marathon course is a 26.2-mile run that traverses historical places on Wright-Patterson AFB, including the National Museum of the United States Air Force, the Air Force Institute of Technology, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, the Wright-Patterson flightline, Huffman Prairie Flying Field and the Wright Brothers Memorial Monument.

All levels of runners participate from around the world in the marathon, wheelchair, half marathon, 10K, and 5K races. Additionally, members' participation can earn points tallied toward the Major Command Challenge. The winning command earns possession of a prestigious traveling trophy. The top male and female Air Force finishers in each age group and both the half- and full-marathon races earn points for their commands.

The MAJCOM Challenge is an Air Force-wide competition open to active-duty and activated Guard and Reserve servicemembers. The challenge pits uniformed members of the service against one another in a friendly competition determined by participation points and race performance.

For more information about the races or to register for the marathon, go to [www.usafmarathon.com](http://www.usafmarathon.com).

## Rainy weather stymies intramural soccer play

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

As of Friday, the undefeated 338th Training Squadron's A-team, 6-0, is in first place in the base's intramural soccer league.

The only other undefeated team, the 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron, has only played two games so far.

Standings for other teams are the 334th TRS (5-1), 332nd TRS (3-1), 336th TRS-A (2-2), 81st Medical Support Squadron (2-3), 338th TRS-B (2-4), 335th TRS (1-1), 336th TRS-B and the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit (1-4), and the 338th TRS-D (1-6).

A deluge of cancellations due to the weather have delayed play for many of the league's teams, but the intramural sports office continues to reschedule games as soon as Mother Nature allows.

For more information, call 377-2444.