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# Our children have love languages, too

By Paula Tracy

#### Family advocacy outreach manager

I hate grocery shopping. It ranks up there with getting my teeth cleaned or giving the cat his medicine. Still, this past weekend I resolutely made my grocery list and headed out. By the time I finished, I was irritated, tired and wanted nothing more than some nice quiet alone time. So when I pulled into my driveway and saw my 23-year-old son, I was delighted at the prospect of some help with transporting my expensive cargo into the house.

Allow me to backtrack a little. As a little boy, my son was very active, energetic and talkative, with a wicked sense of humor. He adored attention and was happiest when one or both of his parents spent one-on-one time with him.

So there we were, my son and I, with a trunk full of groceries. Anticipating my coveted solitude, I grabbed the first load and headed in. And then it started. "Oh, Mom! You've got to see what I found today at the mall!" He then thrust his size 13 foot up in the air for me to examine his new sandals, effectively blocking my path into the house. "They're memory foam ... you've got to feel them. Here, try them on!" I admired them, but resisted, citing my looming task as the reason for my reluctance. "No, really! It'll just take a sec. And I swear you're going to love them. You'll want a pair as soon as you see how great they feel on your feet!" He kicked them off and placed them directly in front of me, looking as happy and expectant as a 5-year old boy. And that's when it hit me: in his heart, he still is a 5-year old boy.

"The Five Love Languages of Couples" is a great

# Learn to speak their language

Family advocacy offers a workshop for parents to explore and identify what love languages their children "speak," 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 19 at the Arnold Annex conference room.

The class is open to all military, civilian and contractor personnel from Keesler and neighboring military installations.

To register, call 376-3459.

book that provides tremendous insight into understanding how to better meet your partner's emotional needs. As adults, we don't just spontaneously develop those love languages; the roots begin in our childhoods. So the five love languages of couples — acts of service, quality time, physical touch, gifts and words of affirmation — are just as applicable to kids. My son's primary love language as a little boy was quality time. Every time I stopped what I was doing, looked him in the face and gave him direct attention, I was conveying my love to him and reaffirming his importance in my life. The adult son still thrives on that one-on-one interaction.

My oldest is now 24; as a child, gifts was her primary love language, hands down. It still is. The youngest at 17 "speaks" the languages of physical touch and acts of service. My 5-year-old grand-daughter? Quality time and physical touch. My 3-year-old grandson responds best to words of affirmation. Now that I've really paid attention to what is most meaningful to each child, I'm impressed with how much easier it is not just to meet their emotional needs, but also to understand what drives and moti-

vates their interactions with others.

What about your kids? Have you ever wondered why a parenting response that seemed so effective with one child simply didn't have the same impact with another? Or why, no matter how much you expressed verbal and physical affection to a child, s/he just never seemed to "feel loved" enough? As parents, it's easy to feel frustrated or guilty when this happens, wondering what we're doing wrong. Probably nothing. Instead, while you're doing everything right, you and your child are merely speaking different languages and trying desperately to translate one another's messages.

In a nutshell, hugs, kisses, pats on the back and affectionate shoulder squeezes will reinforce your love to a child who speaks the physical touch language. Praise, words of encouragement and gentle guidance shout love to a words of affirmation child. For kids who speak the quality time language, moments spent together, sharing thoughts and feelings matter most. Try to spend one-on-one time with that child. Meaningful gift-giving is what fills the love tank of a child who responds to gifts. And while most of us appreciate a thoughtfully chosen present, these children respond to the entire experience of receiving: the anticipation or surprise, selection, the way it is wrapped, the gift itself and how it will be worn/used/proudly displayed. Last, when an Acts of Service child comes to you with a request for help, a positive response communicates far more than just the accomplishment of the immediate task.

So I tried on the sandals. I compromised. I kicked off one shoe and tried it on to see what the fuss was all about. And he was right; I **do** want a pair.

# Mentorship evolves with changing Air Force

By Col. Greg Urtso

# Directorate of Force Development Diversity Operations

WASHINGTON — Our Air Force has changed dramatically over time. Thirty years ago, the Air Force had more than 565,000 officer and enlisted members. By the end of fiscal year 2010, we had fewer than 330,000.

Couple this nearly 42 percent reduction in manpower with military budget cuts and the need to prepare for more complex, varied operations in the future and you have an environment we are all very used to: change. Imagine what our Airmen entering the Air Force today will see over the next 20 to 30 years.

To be effective, formal mentoring programs should adapt to this everchanging environment. In times of stability, traditional coaching, counseling and facilitating skills are sufficient, but the dynamic environment we live in today requires mentors to become more than experts; they also need to be co-learners.

Senior mentors should take the opportunity to learn about the younger, more diverse generation instead of following the more conventional role as the authority and the protégé as the learner.

Adapting to the changing environment, Air Force officials have implemented fresh changes. Improvements to My Development Plan on the Air Force Portal are a great start, but meaningful mentoring comes from the interaction between individuals. Mentors ought to be willing to listen, ask questions and be candid about

what they don't know.

Successful mentoring of our Airmen is a strategic imperative. Ensuring the Air Force remains adept at solving the increasingly complicated problems in a complex world, we must continue efforts to be leading competitors in the search for talent. Once these talented individuals join our all-volunteer force, developing them becomes a top priority. Mentors provide the tools to allow individuals to achieve their professional and personal goals. After all, it takes 10 years to replace an Airman who separates after serving for 10 years.

The challenge: your rank determines the number of mentoring relationships you have. For example, a master sergeant, E-7, should mentor seven Airmen. A major, O-4, should mentor four Airmen. General Schedule civilians should follow the officer structure.

Understanding that the Air Force model is to have supervisors as primary mentors, I encourage Airmen to seek other mentorship opportunities outside the chain of command. Additionally, mentors should expand their opportunities as co-learners by seeking out those who are different than themselves.

The second part of the challenge is to have supervisors ask subordinates to name those they are mentoring and share their experiences during feedback sessions. This will facilitate discussion, enhance mentoring at all levels, and ensure accountability.

Of course, this challenge is voluntary and not Air Force policy, but if done correctly, will ensure the U.S. Air Force remains the No. 1 air force in the world.



# On the Cover

Airmen Basic Alexis Rogers, left, and Angel Mingo, student volunteers from the 336th Training Squadron, hold a walking score sign for golfers Friday during the opening day of the Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic at Fallen Oak Golf Club in Saucier. Friday was also Military Appreciation Day, offering free admission to anyone with a military ID card and their family members. About 300 Keesler volunteers assisted with the PGA Champions Tour event, now in its second year, with Tom Lehman winning the title. More photos, Page 27. Photo by Kemberly Groue

Airmen helping Airmen —
Air Force Assistance Fund campaign
continues through May 6.



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# TRAINING AND EDUCATION

# Keesler Sailor wins Navy instructor award

#### By Aviation Electronics Technician 2nd Class Raymond Lee

Keesler Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit

Aerographer's Mate 1st Class Petty Officer Cynthia Burton is the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training E-6 instructor of the year for 2010.

AG1 Burton, an instructor for the aerographer's mate A1 school at Keesler, competed with instructors from all 35 CNATT units.

It's the first time a Navy member from Keesler has been selected for the honor, according to Dr. Robyn Parsely, curriculum instructional standards department head and chairman of instructor of the quarter and year boards for CNATTU Keesler.

"We've never had a Sailor reach this level of competition," Dr. Parsely said. "Approximately 10 years ago, we had an instructor selected to compete at a similar level, but Staff Sgt. Larry LaLonde was a Marine."

AG1 Burton's accomplishments include serving as course

instructor supervisor, master training specialist certification, an associate of arts degree from Coastline Community College and more than 600 hours of community service. She's secretary of the command's morale, welfare and recreation committee; diversity team chairperson, a volunteer income tax assistance representative, United Services Military Apprenticeship Program coordinator and assistant staff general military training coordinator.

"It's a pleasure to help Sailors with their personal and professional needs as they continue to make the transition to military life," AG1 Burton said. "At every graduation I feel a tremendous sense of pride as I watch the young men and women receive their certificates, state their next duty station and walk off with heads held high. There's nothing that compares to that moment in an instructor's career. The students are my inspiration to continue to be the best I can for the next students to come."

AG1 Burton now competes for Naval Education and Training Command honors.



**AG1 Burton** 

# Patriots parade in Gulfport

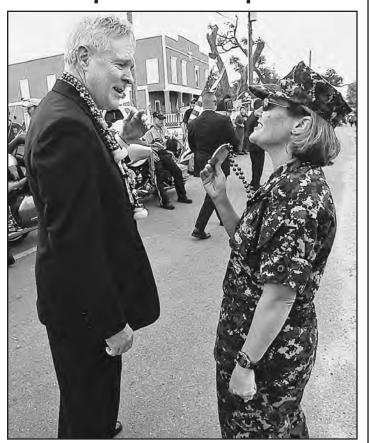
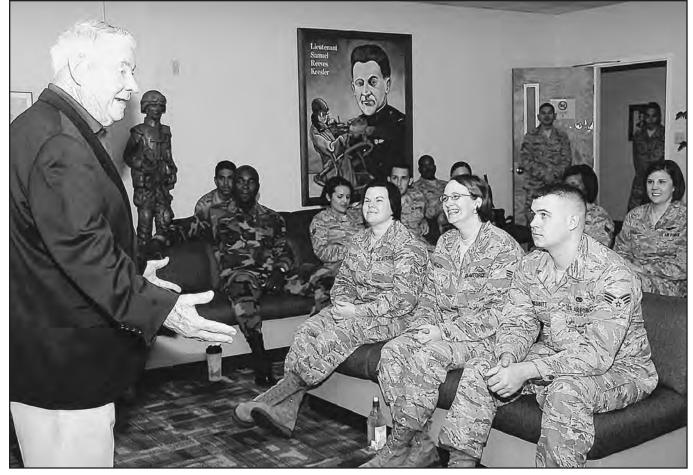


Photo by Mass Communications Specialist 2nd Class Kevin O'Brien Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus, left, and Cmdr. Angie Walker, commander of the Keesler Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit, chat and compare beads at the March 25 Patriots Parade in Gulfport. Secretary Mabus, who served as Mississippi's governor from 1988-1992, was the parade's grand marshal. The event was part of Mississippi's Navy Week.



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.



# When Gaylor speaks, people love to listen

The fifth chief master sergeant of the Air Force, Robert Gaylor, speaks to a group of students in the newly renovated Heritage Room at the Airman Leadership School, March 30. He brought his entertaining, poignant message of professionalism in leaderhip as the guest speaker at both the ALS graduation that evening and the Mathies NCO Academy graduation March 31.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

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.

15 Keesler tech sergeants are graduates of Mathies NCO Academy

By Susan Griggs

#### **Keesler News editor**

Fourteen Keesler technical sergeants are members of Mathies NCO Academy Class 11-1 that graduated March 31:

**81st Communications Squadron** — Michael Raby.

81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron — Katherine Blade and Ronnie Iglesias.

**81st Logistics Readiness Squadron** — Jon Vieira.

**81st Medical Support Squadron** — Michael Richardson.

**81st Security Forces Squadron** — Matthew Stapley.

**81st Training Wing** — Melissa Gallaher.

334th Training Squadron

— Roberto Lugaro (distinguished graduate).

**335th TRS** — James Ahern, Tiffany Brown and Aaron Downing.

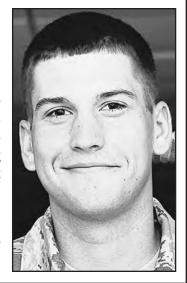
**336th TRS** — Brent Bretherick.

**338th TRS** — Anthony Barattini and Anthony Pillitiere.

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# **Academic ace**

Airman Basic Christopher Norrell graduated from the personnel apprentice course in the 335th Training Squadron with a perfect score March 29. Airman Norrell, from Shakopee, Minn., is headed to an assignment at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.



# Airman Leadership School has 30 graduates March 30

By Susan Griggs

**Keesler News editor** 

Airman Leadership School Class 11-3, with 28 senior airmen and two Coast Guard members, graduated March 30.

Graduates are:

**81st Contracting Squadron** — Zakk Young.

**81st Dental Squadron** — Robinson Divert and Jemal Young.

**81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron** — Nicholas Babian, Norlisha Holmes and Ian Riley.

**81st Force Support Squadron** — Lucinda Barrera and Jonathan Brown.

**81st Infrastructure Division** — Kyle Lively.

**81st Inpatient Operations Squadron** — Mark Butanis.

**81st Logistics Readiness Squadron** — Stacey Dirolf.

**81st Medical Operations Squadron** — Dominic Ancona and Kristen Block.

**81st Medical Support Squadron** — Jeremy Blakey, Katherine Callahan, Aaron de l'Etoile (distinguished graduate) and Elizabeth Hansen (distinguished graduate).

**81st Security Forces Squadron** — Shannon Tessmer, Aaron Stewart and Robert Vogel.

**81st Surgical Operations Squadron** — Michael Kerber (John Levitow Award) and Devin Rudd (commandant's award) 81st Training Group — Aleshia Gervais.

**81st Training Wing** — Jimmie Johnson.

**85th Engineering Installation Squadron** — John Dean (academic award) and Keyshondra Pringle.

**345th Airlift Squadron** — Amber Nelson and Kyle Nesbitt. **Coast Guard Cutter Shamal, Pascagoula, Miss.** — Petty Officers 3rd Class Shoja Ahmad and Brandon Castelloe.



# Training, Education Notes

#### **USM** admissions

University of Southern Mississippi admissions counselor Michelle Lane is available 2-5 p.m. April 19 at the USM-Keesler office, Room 219, Sablich Center.

USM's summer semester begins May 30.

For an appointment or more information, call 376-8479.

# **ASMC scholarships**

April 22 is the deadline to apply for one of two \$1,000 college scholarships being awarded by the Mississippi Sound Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers.

The scholarship is offered to graduating high school seniors entering a college financial or resource management course of study, including business administration, economics, public administration, computer science, or operations research related to financial management, accounting, or finance.

Application packages include an ASMC Mississippi Sound Chapter application form; a recommendation letter from a high school principal, academic dean, or guidance counselor; and a recommendation letter from a high school teacher. A college acceptance letter is required at the time the scholarship funds are awarded.

For nomination packages, call 376-8212,

# **CCAF** graduation

The Community College of the Air Force spring commencement ceremony is 3:30 p.m. April 26 at the Bay Breeze Event Center.

The commencement speaker is Chief Master Sgt. James Pepin, CCAF vice commandant.

Scholarships are presented by the Air Force Association, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, University of Southern Mississippi, William Carey University and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

A reception follows the ceremony.

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

## **Swan scholarship**

May 31 is the deadline to apply for the Hurricane Hunters \$2,000 Swan 38 scholarship.

The scholarship is open to active and retired 403rd Wing members and their dependents.

For more information, log on to www.hurricanehunters com.

# Drill downs, parades

The 81st Training Group's drill downs are 8 a.m. April 15, June 24, Aug. 19 and Oct. 28 on the parade grounds.

For more information, call 377-2103.

Parades are 6 p.m. July 21 and Sept. 29 and during Special Olympics, May 13-15.

For more information, call 377-2789.

# **Manager certification**

The Community College of the Air Force awards professional manager certification that formally recognizes an individual's advanced level of education and experience in leadership and management, as well as professional accomplishments.

The program provides a structured professional development track that supplements enlisted professional military education and the career field education and training plan.

For more information, log on to http://www.au.af.mil/au/ccaf/certifications.asp or call 376-8708 or 8710.

# Civilian training

Information about civilian training opportunities is available from the civilian force development corner on the Keesler public Web site, http://www.keesler.af.mil/civilianforce developmentcenter.asp.

News tip? Call the Keesler News, 377-4130.

# **NEWS AND FEATURES**

# **Airmen helping Airmen**

Senior Master Sgt. Timothy Brown, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron, talks about assistance he received from the Air Force Aid Society, one of four charities supported by the Air Force Assistance Fund. Sergeant Brown was one of the speakers at the official AFAF kickoff at the Bay Breeze Event Center before Monday's promotion ceremony. As of Monday, \$8,488 has been pledged toward Keesler's 2011 goal of \$83,109.



Photo by Adam Bond

# Officials present budget to appropriations committees

By Capt. Chris Sukach

**Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs** 

WASHINGTON — Air Force leaders discussed the service's fiscal 2012 budget request and their concerns about operating under a continuing resolution with members of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees last week.

In the March 30 hearing before the Senate Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee on Defense, Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley said a decision to extend the continuing resolution at fiscal 2010 budget levels through the remainder of this year would have a significant effect on the Air Force.

"Deeper reductions to our modernization programs would be required to fund over \$4 billion in must-pay bills for urgent operational needs, like those in Afghanistan and Iraq, and for military health care and the military pay raise of 1.4 percent, which Congress authorized but which has not yet been funded," the secretary said.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz echoed the secretary's concern.

"Without a 2011 appropriations bill, we will have to further reduce flying hours, cancel training and exercise opportunities, delay or cancel weapons systems sustainment and depot maintenance activities and disrupt a multitude of other day-to-day activities," General Schwartz said.

The Air Force's fiscal 2012 baseline budget request of \$150 billion, and \$16 billion in overseas contingency operations supplemental appropriations, represents a careful balance of resources among Air Force core functions necessary to implement the president's national security strategy while recognizing the need for fiscal restraint, Secretary Donley said.

"We continue to recognize the requirement

for fiscal restraint and are committed to remaining good stewards of every taxpayer dollar, improving management and oversight at every opportunity," the secretary said.

The fiscal 2012 budget request incorporates over \$33 billion in efficiencies across the future-years defense plan, which will be shifted to higher-priority combat capability by reducing overhead costs, improving business practices and eliminating excess troubled or lower-priority programs, Secretary Donley said.

General Schwartz said the fiscal 2012 budget request supports Airmen and their continuing efforts to structure the force for maximum versatility, citing current relief efforts in Japan as one such example.

"Members of the 33rd Rescue Squadron from Kadena Air Base in Okinawa continue to partner with their Japanese Self Defense Force counterparts to conduct search-and-rescue operations," the general said, adding that special operations Airmen, also from Kadena, worked to open a couple of hard-hit airfields at Sendai and Matsushima.

Concurrent to humanitarian missions in Japan, the Air Force continues to provide valuable support to coalition efforts in North Africa, General Schwartz said.

"F-15Es and F-16CJs, along with a multitude of airborne warning and control systems, tankers and other support aircraft, joined coalition aircraft from Britain, France and others to help gain control of the airspace, establish a no-fly zone over Libyan opposition forces and protect Libyan citizens from any further harm from Moammar Gadhafi's regime," General Schwartz said.

Master Sgt. Amaani Lyle contributed to this report.

# In the News

# **Road closure Wednesday**

Ploesti Drive is closed Wednesday near the ballfields from just east of Hercules Street to just west of Galaxy Street for repairs.

Hercules and Galaxy remain open. Repairs are expected to take one day.

# Wing commander's calls

Three 81st Training Wing commander's calls have been scheduled — 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. April 20 and 3:30 p.m. April 21 at the Bay Breeze Event Center ballroom.

The commander's calls are open to all ranks, including military members, civilians and contractors.

# 3 captains selected for promotion

Capts. William Kendall Jr. and Pevin Williams, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, and James Fant, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, have been selected for promotion to major.

# **Off-limits list**

These establishments have been declared "off-limits" to all armed forces personnel by the Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board:

**Biloxi** — Ya-ya's, 2623 Pass Road.

**Pascagoula** — Bunksmall Apartments, 708 S. Pascagoula Street.

Ocean Springs — Pugs, 6213 Washington Avenue.

**D'Iberville** — Guitars and Cadillacs, 4031 Popps Ferry Road.

**Gulfport** — Herbal Alternatives, 1909 East Pass Road and 11530 U.S. Highway 49.

Service members are ordered not to enter or patronize these off-limits establishments or their locations. This restriction doesn't apply to armed forces police on duty or others on official business. Violations of this order are punishable under Article 92, Uniform Code of Military Justice.

# Clinics close for warrior training

**81st Medical Group Public Affairs** 

The 81st Medical Group conducts warrior training noon to 5 p.m. April 14.

Staffing is reduced in family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics general surgery, pharmacy, radiology and laboratory services. For urgent situations, call central appointments at 1-800-700-8603 or report to the emergency room.

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

# **Dragons deployed** — 217

# Three Keesler Airmen win 2010 AETC awards

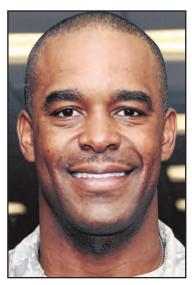
#### By Airman 1st Class Heather Heiney

**Keesler Public Affairs** 

Three Keesler members won Air Education and Training Command annual awards for 2010.

The winners are:

Air traffic control training achievement — Master Sgt. Stephen Carter, 81st Operations Support Flight chief air traffic controller. Sergeant Carter revamped the air traffic control training program, leading to a 36 percent reduction in air traffic control upgrade time. He oversaw the safe completion of more than 19,000 sorties with zero mishaps or delays. He also inspected 16 air traffic control training records and reduced documentation errors by 95 percent.



**Sergeant Carter** 

Outstanding Air Force aviation resource management award —Tech. Sgt. Betty Love, 334th Training Squadron aviation resource



**Sergeant Love** 

management instructor. Sergeant Love supervised 40 students for more than 828 classroom hours and maintained an 86 percent grade point average



Sergeant Allen

within her classes. She saved more than \$17,000 in retraining costs by providing 12 students with 24 hours of specialized individual assistance to help them pass the course. She also revised course material including four student texts, five workbooks and 311 instructional slides.

**Command post instructor** —Tech. Sgt. Donald Allen, 334th TRS command post apprentice course instructor. Sergeant Allen produced 60 mission-ready command post controllers with a 90 percent student average, increasing critical manning by 40 percent. He created a comprehensive student evaluation checklist that increased instructor/ student training time by 25 percent. He also created 70 new Air Force emergency actions messages and checklists that eliminated outdated material.

When you gamble with safety, you bet your life.

# Personnel Notes

# **Tuesday** is job fair

The Southern Region Military and Civilian Job Fair is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center, Biloxi.

A resume writing and job fair preparation class is 2-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Room 108 B, or 9-11:30 a.m.March 31, Room 108A, both in Sablich Center.

Some pointers for the event:

**Dress appropriately** — military uniform is acceptable. On-the-spot interviews may happen.

**Bring a resume** or information to complete an application, including at least three references to include phone numbers.

Don't bring children.

For a list of registered employers, log on to http://www.jobfairs.ms.gov/

# Finance office closes

The 81st Comptroller Squadron's customer service office closes from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The office also closes at noon May 12 and at 11:30 a.m. June 22.

# Special duty team visit

Air Education and Training Command's special duty team visits Keesler July 12.

For more information, call 377-3697.

# **Transition assistance classes**

81st Force Support Squadron

The airman and family readiness center plans the following classes for 2011 at the Sablich Center.

For more information or to preregister for classes, call 376-8728.

Mandatory pre-separation briefings — 1 p.m. Tuesdays for those separating with honorable discharges and 2:30 for retirees, Room 110. Bring one copy of separation or retirement orders. This appointment is required by law, and must be accomplished 90 calendar days before the separation or retirement date. For short-notice separations or retirements, the briefing should be done as soon as possible. Medical separation must receive a one-on-one briefing.

**Transition assistance program workshops** — 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, May 9-11, June 13-15, July 18-20, Aug. 8-10, Sept. 12-14, Oct. 17-19, Nov. 14-16 and Dec. 12-14, Room 108A. Dress is business casual; no jeans, T-shirts or uniforms.

Veterans benefits briefing — 8-11 a.m. April 14, May 12, June 16, July 21, Aug. 11, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15, Room 108A.

**Retirement briefings** — 1-3:30 p.m. April 14, May 12, June 16, July 21, Aug. 11, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov 17 and Dec. 15, Room 108A; for members with less than a year until retirement.

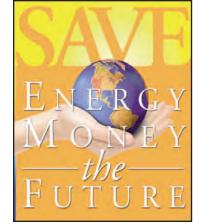
Executive transition assistance workshop — Dec. 6-9 for colonels and chief master sergeants with the necessary knowledge and skills to organize their search for a second career in the private, nonprofit and government sector. Air Education and Training Command headquarters facilitates this workshop. For more information, call Robert Bertels, DSN 487-2669 or 6106 or e-mail robert.bertels@randolph.af.mil.

# **Class for job hunters**

**81st Force Support Squadron** 

In May, the airman and family readiness center plans a special civilian job resume writing, federal job resume writing and interviewing classes for instructors or other personnel with inflexible work schedules. Each topic's class will be 45 minutes each day for three days. Participants are expected to attend all three class days.

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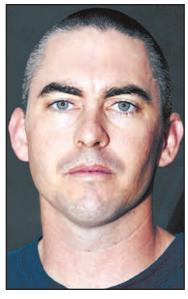


# DRAGONS ON THE STREET

**By Kemberly Groue** 

Keesler News photojournalist

What weather term describes you best?



"Explosive cyclogenesis."

Staff Sgt. Will Steele, 332nd Training Squadron



"Whirlwind."

Cherrie Tiggeman, 81st

**Force Support Squadron** 



"Overcast."

Airman 1st Class Samuel

**Valles, 81st Training Group** 

Raise your voice — honor your country.

If you're interested in singing the national anthem at base or community ceremonies, call YoLanda Wallace, 377-1179.

# CHILD PRIDE DAY CHILD PRIDE DAY SA.M. APRIL 9 IN THE MARINA PARK

To honor military and DoD children for all the sacrifices they make as part of a military family.

AND to celebrate Month of the Military Child!



PARADE STARTS
AT 9 A.M. AND RUNS
FROM THE
YOUTH CENTER TO
THE MARINA PARK!

- GAMES TEEN ZONE FOOD
- Entertainment
   Boat Rides
  - Inflatables Giveaways
    - EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS
    - PRIZES AND SURPRISES!

Volunteers are needed.

For more information, or to volunteer,

call 377-4116.

# Child Pride Day notes

Traffic is halted on Ploesti Drive near the marina about 8:50 a.m. for parade.

No parking is allowed inside marina park.

Families are advised to park at the child development center,
youth ballfield or Bay Breeze Event Center
— shuttle bus runs about every 15 minutes.

Remember sunscreen and insect repellant.

Hot dogs and hamburgers are available at 11 a.m.
In case of inclement weather,

all possible activities move to the youth center.

Become a Keesler fan on Facebook — 81 TRW Keesler AFB, MS



# Annual Air Force observance encourages bystander intervention

By Tech Sgt. Jess Harvey

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — The Air Force is observing Sexual Assault Awareness Month during April

The Defense Department theme for the month is "Hurts one. Affects all," which is designed to point out how sexual assault affects not only the victim, but the department as well. The Air Force's slogan supporting the DOD theme is "Real Wingmen Act!" emphasizing the duty of all Airmen to intervene whenever they see questionable behavior.

"If all wingmen intervene when someone is starting to cross the line with another wingman, they will play a vital role in creating an Air Force culture in which sexual assault is not tolerated," said Lt. Col. Craig McCuin, deputy program manager for the Sexual Prevention Assault Response Program. "Perpetrators of sexual assault rely on bystander inaction in the hopes they can commit this crime and not get caught."

The idea is one of bystander intervention, Colonel McCuin said.

"Bystander intervention is an all-out effort to get its people to engage in preventing sexual assault," the colonel said. Not only will bystander intervention prevent the physical and psychological injuries that occur when an assault happens, but it will also prevent damage done to the unit as a whole.

That's where "Hurts one. Affects All." comes in.

"Sexual assault happens directly to an individual, but can indirectly affect everyone in a unit, as well as the victim's family and friends," Colonel McCuin said.

Sexual assaults diminish the Air Force's ability to function proficiently at all levels.

"The mention of mission readiness together with the toll sexual assault takes on the victim is not meant to be callous," the Colonel McCuin said. "It's just that we all need to understand the far-reaching impact a sexual assault can have on the victim and everyone else around them."

Some of the mission-related damages sexual assault incurs can include a loss of trust in the unit members or leaders, Colonel McCuin said. There is also the possibility that the victim and subjects may be temporarily or permanently unable to fulfill their obligation to the military due to physical condition, mental state or incarceration.

"Regardless of the extent of the assault or the situation in which it happened, both the victim and the Air Force will be greatly impacted," Colonel McCuin said. But, if every Airman acted to stop sexual assault, we could nearly eliminate every case of it.

"The 'Real Wingmen Act' slogan means that wingmen always act, on or off duty, in the certain knowledge that all persons possess fundamental worth as human beings," Colonel McCuin said. "The key is to change perceptions and help Airmen understand that their actions on behalf of another are not meddling, but instead are helping to keep a fellow Airman safe."



# Logistics superintendent wins AETC traffic management award

By Steve Hoffmann

**Keesler News staff** 

Senior Master Sgt. Juan Benavidez, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron superintendent, won Air Education and Training Command's Thomas P. Gerrity National Defense Transportation Agency and Surface Deployment and Distribution Command award for excellence in traffic management.

Sergeant Benavidez, who's currently deployed, is an international traffic management officer with the 81st LRS responsible for 160 military and civilian personnel.

Sergeant Benavidez oversaw the delivery of 4,000 pounds of oil recovery equipment and bedded down 67 Army National Guard Soldiers in support of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill last summer.

Sergeant Benavidez also

played a key role in preparing for the base's Unit Compliance Inspection. His team fixed 160 discrepancies which helped his squadron earn an "excellent" rating.

While assigned to Pacific Air Force, Sergeant Benavidez directed logistics for a combined U.S. and Japanese aviation training relocation exercise. He documented the movement of nearly 7.5 tons of cargo, 79 passengers and devised a plan to move mission capable parts between theaters to sustain flying throughout training operations.

Sergeant Benavidez was instrumental in reinstating Patriot Express, the military's chartered commercial air service for service members and their families, to Misawa Air Base, Japan. By proposing to increase aircraft utilization, it's estimated that Sergeant Benavidez's plan could save

\$200,000 annually as well as improve the quality of life to over 2,000 passengers leaving

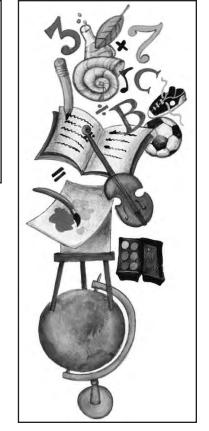
Sergeant Benavidez orchestrated three wing-wide mobility training days and guided his subordinates through three exercises with "excellent" overall ratings, garnering two "outstanding" team awards and the 2009 PACAF Daedalian Excellence Award.

Additionally, he created a training program for augmentees, certifying them on 10 deployment tasks for each function. This impressed both Gen. Gary North, Pacific Command commander, and Lt. Gen. Loren Reno, PACAF commander, who wanted his program implemented PACAF-wide.

Sergeant Benavidez also completed three college courses and earned his bachelor's degree in education, maintaining a 3.50 grade point average.



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



# Biloxi schools present Parent Academy

The Biloxi Public School District plans a Parent Academy session, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Biloxi Family Resource Center at Lopez School, 140 St. John Avenue, Biloxi.

Parking is available on Wilkes Avenue on the south side of the building.

The topic of this session is standardized student tests.

"Parent Academy sessions are designed to help parents and guardians better understand the many programs, resources, and curriculum offered to their children," said Susan Hunt, the school district's parent coordinator. "Our goal is to stay connected with parents and the community as we work toward providing the best education possible."

Food, door prizes and child care are offered.

For more information, call 297-6808.

# **Shoebox parade**





From left, Master Sgt. Chad Chapman, 81st Mission Support Group, and son Jonathan, 16, follow Sergeant Chapman's 6-year-old son Christien, who pulls his Star Wars shoebox float while waving to a crowd of training students lining the drill pad behind the Levitow Training Support Facility. Monday's parade featured children cared for by the base's family child care providers and is part of Keesler's Month of the Military Child observance. Sergeant Chapman's wife, Maria, is a family child care provider.



E-mail is a privilege -- don't abuse it!





# Legal office issues warning on \*72 phone scam

#### By Richard Brock

**Legal office** 

You receive a call from a stranger telling you she has been in a serious accident and needs your immediate help in reaching her husband. She asks your help in contacting her husband to tell him to pick up their children. She asks if you would dial \*72 and then her phone number. This is a scam and can subject the unwary to be billed for numerous calls they never make.

Star-7-2 is a custom feature for call forwarding which causes all calls, including collect calls, to be forwarded to another number. This means

that the person at the end of the number you were given is now able to accept all calls whether from your legitimate friends or from third parties. This partner-in-crime can then tell any friends who try to call you that they have the wrong number while at the same time accepting numerous expensive collect calls from others involved in the fraud. This may go on for days before you become aware it has happened, and then you are billed for the bogus calls because your number is the one from which they are forwarded.

If you have signed up with your carrier for the call-forwarding feature for your phone, you should be aware of this \*72 scam. One company, US Cellular, instructs victims of the \*72 scam to dial \*720 and press "send." This command cancels the call-forwarding feature and prevents future calls at your expense.

The bottom line is to exercise extreme caution when asked to phone any number beginning with an \*, #, 0 or 900 series number. These numbers may allow access to the user's account and, in the case of fraudulent use, incur significant toll charges.

For more information, call the legal office, 376-8716.



# Keesler seeks to reestablish private organization program

81st Force Support Squadron

The 81st Force Support Squadron's resource management team is working to rebuild the private organization program here at Keesler.

Some aspects of the program can be confusing, so here are the answers to questions you may have:

What is a private organization? A private organization operates on base with the consent of the installation commander and in accordance with Air Force Instruction 34-223, Private Organization Program.

According to the AFI, if an organization's "assets... exceed a monthly average of \$1,000 over a 3-month period, the activity/ organization must become a PO, discontinue on-base operations, or reduce its current assets below the \$1,000 threshold." Assets can include cash, inventories, receivable and investments. Organizations holding less than \$1,000 in assets can still become a private organization.

What is the difference between a private organization and an unofficial organization? The resource management office is required to keep a file on all private organizations operating on base. Private organizations are responsible for providing the appropriate documents and updating their file annually. Small unofficial activities like coffee funds, flower funds, sunshine funds and other small operations are generally not considered POs unless they reach the \$1,000 threshold. Unofficial organizations are regulated by the same AFI and are held to the same operating regulations.

vate organization? The most immediate benefit of becoming a private organization comes in regards to events like the base's open House, where private organizations are given priority in working the concessions and selling. Additionally, the 81st FSS can offer fundraising opportunities to private organizations, such as golf tournaments, bowling tournaments and similar activities.

What's the deal with fundraising? Any organization doing fundraising on base must request permission to do so. All fundraising requests begin in the 81st FSS resource management office. Requests are forwarded through the appropriate offices and the 81st FSS commander has final approval authority over routing fundraisers. Standard memo and staff summary sheet templates for fundraiser requests are available through the resource management office.

Also, according to AFI 34-223, all organizations are held to a maximum of two fundraisers

How do we become a private organization? A contact person from the executive board of your organization must contact the resource management office to set up a training session, about five to 10 minutes long. The office collects your constitution and bylaws and forwards them to the 81st Mission Support Group commander for approval. After the approval process is complete, the remaining documents are collected.

To check the status of your organization or What are the benefits of becoming a pri- to set up a training meeting, call 376-8198.





# Lifeguard positions available for summer

81st Force Support Squadron

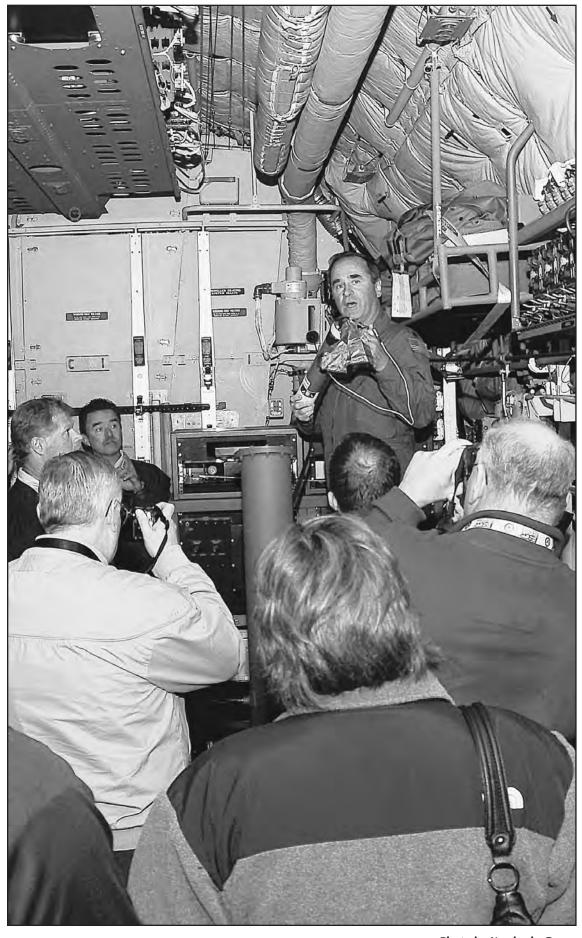
Thirty lifeguard positions are available at Keesler this summer.

To qualify, applicants must be at least 16 years old and have adult, child and infant CPR certification; basic first aid certification and lifeguard certification covering lifesaving and water rescue. In addition to proof of these certifications, a complete application consists of an OF-612, OF-306, current transcript and letter of enrollment from school.

GS-04 positions pay \$13.41 an hour, GS-03 positions pay \$11.95 an hour and GS-2 pay \$10.95 an hour.

To apply, visit the civilian personnel office, Room 214, Sablich Center or call 376-8644.

# **Lesson in weather reconnaissance**



**Photo by Kemberly Groue** 

Lt. Col. Rich Harter, 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, gives a briefing on how weather data is collected during an Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve tour for employers from Colorado and Arkansas, March 31. The briefing took place inside the belly of a C-130-J weather reconnaissance aircraft.

# **Enlisted bash at Bay Breeze**



Photo by Senior Airman Eric Summers Jr.

Front row from left, Senior Airman Anesha Richards, 81st Medical Operations Squadron; Airman 1st Class Justin Blunt, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron; Senior Airman Nicole Lambert, 81st MDOS; Senior Airman Cedric White, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron; Airman 1st Class Yan Cruz, 81st Medical Support Squadron, and Senior Airman Andriy Odayskyy, 81st MDSS; and back row from left, Airman Basic Skye Gill, 335th Training Squadron; Rashod McSwain and Airman 1st Class Timothy Washington, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, were among Team Keesler members attending Friday's enlisted bash at the Bay Breeze Event Center. The event, sponsored by the airman's council, featured music, dancing and a raffle with prizes that included a 42-inch flat screen TV, IPod shuffle, a laptop computer, gift cards and gas cards.

# **ENERGY** AWARENESS

The Air Force is committed to energy efficiency. Everyone -- servicemembers, civilians and family members -- can help save energy and work toward a cleaner future. Here are some "Energy Facts" to think about:

- Each winter, the equivalent of of all the oil in the Alaskan oil pipeline is lost as heat through American windows
- "Energy Star" makes a difference. Energy Star tagged appliances typically use 50 percent less energy than their older counterparts
- Every time an oven door is opened, 25-50 degrees of temperature is lost
- Each ton of recycled paper saves the energy equivalent of 380 barrels of oil
- Ceiling fans cost about \$2.40 a month to run 10 hours a day; they can reduce energy bills by \$10
- Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a television for three hours

Make energy awareness a part of your day

# Faith communities set worship service schedules

#### **Protestant**

Lenten services — 11:15 a.m. Wednesdays through April 20, hospital chapel; 11:15 a.m. April 22, Good Friday service; 11:15 a.m. April 24, Easter Service

Easter sunrise service — 6 a.m. April 24, Bay Breeze Event Center, followed by breakfast.

Traditional service, 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Larcher Chapel.

Contemporary service, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Triangle Chapel.

Gospel service, noon Sunday, Triangle Chapel.

#### **Roman Catholic**

**Lenten services** — 5 p.m. Friday and April 15, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross and bread and soup supper, Triangle Chapel; 7 p.m. April 21, Holy Thursday Mass, adoration and confession, Triangle Chapel; 7 p.m. April 22, Good Friday service; 7 p.m. April 23,

Easter Vigil Mass and reception, Triangle Chapel.

**Daily Mass**, 11:15 a.m. Monday through Thursday, Triangle Chapel; Friday, hospital chapel.

**Sunday Mass,** 9 a.m., Triangle Chapel.

#### **Jewish**

Congregation Beth Israel, 12277 Three Rivers Road, Gulfport.

Services are scheduled at 10 a.m. Saturday.

For more information, call 377-4050, 207-2196, 539-1655 or 1-405-740-9077.

## **Latter-Day Saints**

Student group service, 2 Services 8 p.m. Fridays at p.m. Sunday, Triangle Chapel.

For more information, call 396-5274 or 1-616-881-1994.

### Islamic

Prayer is five times daily;

Salaat ul-Jummah congregational prayer, noon on Friday, Building 2003.. For more information, call 377-

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#### Airman and family readiness center

Editor's note: Registration is required. Unless otherwise stated, all briefings take place in Room 108, Sablich Center. To register for classes, call 376-8728.

**Monday-Wednesday** — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., transition assistance workshop. Open to those 12 months or less from separation or 24 months from retirement. Spouses invited to attend.

**Tuesday** — 9 a.m., post-deployment briefing; 1 p.m., pre-separation counseling, for separatees; 2-4:30 p.m., civilian job resume writing. Bring a copy of your resume for review.; 2:30 p.m., pre-separation counseling, for retirees.

**Wednesday** — 2-4:30 p.m., federal resume writing. Bring a federal job announcement to class. Limit 15 per class.

**April 14** — 8-11 a.m., VA benefits brief; 1-4 p.m., retirement benefits brief; 1 p.m., volunteer recognition ceremony. Help us celebrate our volunteers during National Volunteer Month with a free ice cream social in Sablich Center.

#### Arts and crafts center

Editor's note: For more information or to register, call 377-2821.

**Today** — 4-6 p.m., beginner's ceramics. \$35 includes materials.

**Saturday** — 2-4 p.m., children's Easter bunny decorating class. Use bowling pins to create your own Easter bunny. \$5 per child. To sign up, call 377-2821.

# **Bay Breeze Collocated Club**

Editor's note: Must be age 18 or older to enter.

Mondays-nontraining Fridays — 11 a.m. to

1 p.m. all-you-can-eat buffet and salad bar in casual dining.

**Tuesdays** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., potato bar, in the casual dining area. \$7.95 members; \$9.95 nonmembers. Includes salad, soup, dessert and your choice of coffee, tea or soft drink.

**April 14** — 5-8 p.m., Mongolian barbeque, in the ballroom. Members  $95\phi$  per ounce. Nonmembers \$1.10 per ounce.

# **Bay Breeze Golf Course**

**Saturday** — 8:30 a.m., master's pro-am tournament. Individual stroke play with a PGA Masters player. Players choose their pro in the finals. Player's score is combined with pro's last day score to determine final score. Winning golfer will be notified. \$20 inclusive members, \$30 greens members, \$45 nonmembers. For more information, call 377-3832.

**Tuesday** — 4:30 p.m., free golf clinic. Open to everyone with access to Keesler. To sign up, call 377-3832.

#### McBride Library

#### Celebrate National Library Week:

Monday — 6-8 p.m. at Bay Breeze Event Center ballroom, John L. Johnson book signing. Join the author for a presentation on his current book Every Night & Every Morn: Portraits of Asian, Hispanic, Jewish, African-American and Native-American recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor. Autographs are available immediately following.

Tuesday — 4-6 p.m., Crayola night for kids. Children can create their own masterpiece using crayons, stickers, colored pencils and more! Free to participate.

**Wednesday** — 10-11 a.m., children's story hour, ages 3-5.

**April 14** — 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., free digital bookmark competition. Design original digital bookmarks. Compete in one of two categories: ages 6-12 and ages 13 and up. Prizes are awarded to winners in each category. Free to participate.

## **Vandenberg Community Center**

Editor's note: Friday and Saturdaynight activities are part of the late night dances, \$3 admission; nonprior students only.

Friday — 9 p.m., ol' school dance contest. Saturday — 10 p.m., classic rock fest. Wear your favorite rocker gear from the 70s, 80s and 90s. There will be an air guitar contest, rock music and drink specials. The best dressed rocker wins a prize.

**April 14** — 8 p.m., last player standing pool tournament. Free to participate.

#### **Youth center**

**Saturday** — 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Child Pride Day in marina park. Parade from the youth center begins at 9 a.m. Activities include free games, teen zone, entertainment, food, boat rides, inflatables, giveaways, educational displays and more. Sponsored by BancorpSouth, Beau Rivage Resort and Casino, Gulf Islands Waterpark, The Home Depot, Keesler Federal Credit Union, Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Mississippi Coast Sports Pavilion and The Next Level. Federal endorsement of sponsors not intended; 4-10 p.m., give parents a break night. Free child care provided to parents who are referred by base helping agencies. Children receive complimentary dinner at 6 p.m. For more information, call 376-8728.

**Youth soccer** — Register by April 16 for ages 3-14 years old. \$50 for the first child, \$25 each additional child. Fee includes uniform, award and end of the season party. Practice begins in April. For more information, call 377-4116 or visit the youth center.

# KEESLER NOTES

## Sickle cell run

The African-American Heritage Committee sponsors a sickle cell 5-kilometer run/walk Friday at Blake Fitness Center. Registration is at 6:45 a.m., with 7:30 race time.

The cost is \$10-\$15.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Yolanda Jerry, 377-1201, or Tech. Sgt. Tyrone Deckard, 376-6603.

# **Spouses club event**

The Keesler Spouses Club tours the new Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport, 11 a.m. Tuesday.

A cafeteria lunch with the residents is \$7. Carpooling is available from the Bay Breeze Event Center.

The visit is hosted by the 81st Mission Support Group spouses.

To arrange entry to the home, call 377-0611 or 207-1523 by April 8.

# **DBIDS** registration

Registration continues for

Defense Biometric Identification System cards.

As of Friday, active-duty members and DOD civilians are being directed to the visitor center if they try to enter the base without a DBIDS card.

Reservists, retirees, dependants and contractors may continue to register through June 30 at the visitor center, the military personnel section in Sablich Center, exchange pharmacy, 81st Medical Group Hospital's information desk and A tower lobby, Hewes Hall, 403rd Maintenance Squadron and the Levitow Training Support Facility.

Terminals will set up at the 403rd MXS building during the 403 Wing's unit training assembly, May 13-15 for reservists.

# Phone requirements

Only voice systems maintenance personnel assigned to the 81st Communications Squadron are authorized to install, relocate, modify, or remove voice instruments and services.

To change your voice serv-

ices or instruments, submit a request through your unit telephone control officer.

For more information, call 376-8127.

# **Thrift shop**

The Keesler Thrift Shop, operated by the Keesler Spouses Club, is at the corner of Meadows Drive and First Street.

Profits benefit base and area charities and provide scholarships.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Consignments are accepted 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays.

Donations are needed such as kitchen items, small appliances, furniture, rugs, household items and infant and children's items. Pickup is available.

For more information, call 377-3217.

# 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.

### Airman's Attic

Airman's Attic, at the corner of Meadows Drive and 1st Street, assists junior enlisted members with obtaining free basic household items.

Donations are needed such as furniture, area rugs, cutlery, dishware, infant wear and maternity clothes which are clean and in good condition. Bring donations to Airman's Attic during regular hours, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, non-training Fridays and the last Saturday of the month.

Airman's Attic is open on a trial basis, 5-7 p.m. Tuesdays.

## **Periodontal patients**

The 81st Dental Squadron periodontics department is seeking people with gum problems for the general dental residency teaching program.

Limited numbers of patients, including retirees and eligible military dependents, accepted as teaching cases receive free periodontal care at Keesler.

Patients accepted for periodontal care will be treated by Air Force general dentistry residents under specialty supervision. Patients must be readily available for lengthy recurring appointments, generally Monday afternoons and Tuesday mornings.

For more information, call 376-5225.



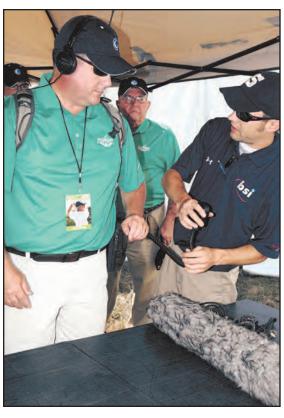
The base tax office, Room 229, Sablich Center, is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on training Fridays. For more information and appointments, call 376-8141.



# **SPORTS AND RECREATION**

Ken Oates, left, 81st Training Wing, gets suited up with a parabolic microphone from Eric Pfeiffer, Broadcast Sports Inc., before Friday's opening round. Oates volunteered as a microphone operator. The Golf Channel did nationwide several broadcasts during last weekend's tournament at Fallen Oak Golf Club in Saucier.

**Photo by Kemberly Groue** 





**Photo by Jamey Foster** 

Brig. Gen. Andrew Mueller, 81st Training Wing commander, congratulates Tom Lehman, winner of the Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic. The Hole 18 flag was presented to the general at the conclusion of the tournament, Sunday.

# Base volunteers support PGA Champions Tour event

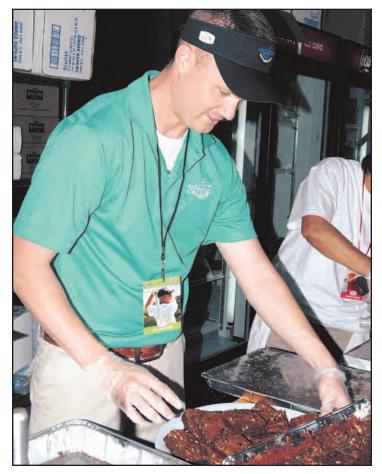
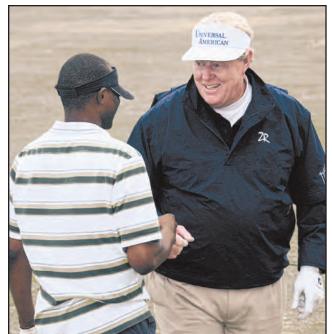


Photo by Kemberly Groue Eric Knight, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, puts brownies on a platter for the golfers, Friday.





**Photo by Kemberly Groue** 

Top, Lentrell Hill, left, 338th Training Squadron student, gets some golfing pointers from pro golfer Andy Bean during a free golf clinic March 30 at Bay Breeze Golf Course.

Left, Pfc. Zack Johanson, Keesler Marine Corps Detachment, replaces the flag on Hole 18 after a putt during Sunday's final round.

**Photo by Jamey Foster**