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'Do what you gotta do' to care of each other

By Chief Master Sgt. Atticus Smith

388th Fighter Wing command chief

HILL Air Force Base, Utah — Even as routine as some days may get, I'm always amazed at how you never know what a day will bring. Recently a situation developed that ended up providing me a good laugh.

I was running late to attend a Top III superior performer presentation at the military personnel section. As I entered the building, I quickly ran into some fellow senior noncommissioned officers who told me I missed the presentation. Although I didn't make the formal portion, I meandered back to the Airman's cubicle to provide my congratulations. In a matter of a few minutes, I was headed back out of the building. As I was leaving, an officer sitting in the customer waiting area caught my eye. He was the lone person in the waiting area, but that isn't why he stuck out.

He was wearing his flight suit and a jacket; however, his jacket was completely unzipped. My mom

always told me to accomplish at least one good deed per day, so I figured I'd let him know he's not within standards.

After introductions, I respectfully stated that if he preferred to wear his jacket he would need to zip it up at least halfway. He looked at me a bit quizzically (or maybe in shock.) That led me to provide a very basic recap of the standards. "Yes sir, if it zips ... zip it; if it snaps ... snap it; if it buttons ... button it." Up to this point it's been a fairly professional exchange, but that changed.

In an air of disgust he shook his head, rolled his eyes and exclaimed "Well I'm not going to zip it up when I'm indoors!" To which I responded, "Well great, then just take the jacket off please." Clearly recognizing he went from zero to pissed off in roughly 1.4 seconds, I humbly explained, "Sir, I'm just enforcing our standards — it's my responsibility." As he grudgingly removed his jacket he snapped back, "Do what you gotta do." Realizing he may just be having

a bad day, I replied "Yes sir, I will," and departed.

Sometimes I get the biggest kick out of people who get so upset when you try to help them out. My goodness, if you ever see me out of standards I hereby give you carte blanche to do what you gotta do, and that's to enforce the standards. I pinky promise you I won't bite your head off. Quite the opposite, actually — I will be very appreciative of you and your leadership.

I really hope to cross paths with the officer again because I'm sure he'd like to know that since our brief encounter I've had numerous opportunities to accomplish his direction to "Do what you gotta do."

I helped out a senior airman that was mistakenly walking with his hands stuffed in his airman battle uniform pockets, fixed a few tie tacks that weren't centered, ensured a person didn't drive any further without a seat belt on, and caught up to a person who sped past me in a 25 mph zone. In those few examples, I don't

think I upset anyone. I suppose someone may have had some choice words for me after our encounter, but that doesn't concern me because in the words of Gen. Colin Powell, "Being responsible sometimes means pissing people off." So sometimes, that's what you gotta do.

Since my encounter at the MPS, I've reflected on what "do what you gotta do" could also entail. Beyond the responsibility to enforce standards, I contend that a few other responsibilities include acting responsible both on and off duty, being professional, being fit, supporting unit and wing events and being honest with yourself and others. To do what you gotta do isn't always fun either, because after leaving the MPS I didn't necessarily have the desire to pick up someone's dirty sock that was lying in the parking lot. But I do what I gotta do.

Bring credit and honor to the U.S. Air Force and take care of each other in all your actions.

Civilian force development

Set positive example by appearance, attitude

By Annette Owens

333rd Training Squadron

Your first impression goes a long way. Your appearance is an integral part of that first impression. What you wear and how you present yourself set a tone that reflects your attitude about yourself and how you feel about your job.

You don't always have to wear your "Sunday best," but your clothing should be professional. The nature of your job is a starting point for determining what is appropriate and what is not. Look to your boss, other supervisors and leaders in your organization for guidance. How are they dressed? On occasion, you may be required to represent your supervisor and fill in when they are on leave, on temporary duty or on other occasions. Will you look the part?

Air Force Instruction 36-703, Civilian Conduct and Responsibility, is another good resource for civilian dress and appearance guidance: "Employees are expected to comply with reasonable dress and grooming standards based on comfort, productivity, health, safety and type of position occupied. Due to the diversity of work functions and locations, appropriate dress standards may vary

significantly. Employee attire will be in good repair, and should not be considered offensive, disruptive or unsafe." AFI 36-703 also states that "any management prohibitions on specific civilian dress must be based on a clear showing that the prohibited dress contributes to an unsafe, unhealthy, nonproductive or disruptive work environment. Management disagreement with styles, modes of dress and grooming currently in fashion is not an adequate criterion for making such a determination."

In the 81st Training Group, we're setting the example for young impressionable Airmen on a daily basis. We should strive to set a positive example, not only in our conduct but in our dress and appearance as well. Although dress standards are highly subjective, it's easy to spot those who aren't presenting a "professional public image." Attire suitable for the beach, working in the yard or other leisure activities doesn't present a professional image and shouldn't be worn on the job. Men typically wear short- or long-sleeved open-neck shirts or polo shirts with nice slacks. Women generally wear casual dress or pants suits. Individuals should follow good hygiene practices as well, such as ensuring their clothing is clean and in good

repair. Strive to dress as though you were going for an interview.

When you're preparing for an interview, you want to present a professional appearance and make a good impression. For some of us, it may have been a while since going to an interview.

To help brush up on your interviewing skills, you might want to participate in the three-part interviewing skills seminar, 3:15-4 p.m. May 17-19 in Room 108, Sablich Center. The presentation by Lana Smith will include helpful hints about dressing for interviews.

According to Ms. Smith, "the purpose of your clothing is to project an image of professionalism." She suggests that your clothes should subtly add to your appearance. More importantly, clothing shouldn't detract from your business persona. You may want to stand out, but wearing a business "uniform" communicates instantly that you're a mature, stable professional and a member of the team. Even if the company's dress code is very casual, your interviewing attire should adhere to a conservative standard.

Whether you are going for an interview or reporting for duty, take pride in yourself and your job — dress for the profession.

ON THE COVER

From left, Chief Master Sgts. Bruce Lee and Robert Lewis, Capt. Brooke Kelly and Senior Master Sgt. John Thornton listen to a briefing on the first day of the Air Force's 2011 Airfield Operations Worldwide Conference at the Bay Breeze Event Center. Chief Lee is with the South Dakota Air National Guard, Chief Lewis and Captain Kelly are from Travis Air Force Base, Calif., and Sergeant Thornton is from Tinker AFB, Okla. The conference, which ends Friday, brings together about 500 air traffic control and airfield management leaders from Air Force bases around the globe. Col. Rafael Quezada, airfield operations officer career field manager at the Pentagon, and Brig. Gen. Andrew Mueller, 81st Training, welcomed the 500 attendees. The 334th Training Squadron hosted the conference.



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DRAGONS ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

Keesler News photojournalist

What is the strangest food you've ever eaten?



"Chocolate-covered crickets."

Sgt. David Bissett, Keesler Marine Corps Detachment



"Quail eggs."

Edmond Mallery, sales manager, Firestone Tires



"I don't eat strange food. It scares me."

Airman Bailey Schroeder, 334th Training Squadron

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Shelter from the storm



Photos by Kemberly Groue
Staff Sgt. Leah Faison, 335th TRS, reads a suspense novel during Friday's sheltering segment of last week's hurricane exercise.



Staff Sgt. Kwadwo Agyen-Frempong, a shelter management team member from the 335th Training Squadron, checks in Johnny Potter, 81st Operations Support Flight, at the Wolfe Hall shelter on the final day of Keesler's weeklong hurricane exercise, Friday. Keesler's preparations for hurricane season, which starts June 1 and ends Nov. 30, continue with town hall briefings, 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. May 23 and 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. May 25 at the Bay Breeze Event Center.



Chapel volunteers go to school

From left, Airman Michael Fairfield, 338th Training Squadron, quizzes 6-year-old kindergarten students Andre Bryant and Aliya Henry on the location of states on the U.S. map Friday at Jeff Davis Elementary School in Biloxi. The children's mothers are Tech. Sgt. Rickesia Bryant, 336th TRS, and Capt. Jewel Henry, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron. Airman Fairfield was one of the volunteers recruited by the chapel "white rope" student leaders to work with children at the school on non-training Fridays.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

167 diplomas presented to 147 CCAF graduates

By Harry Reichner

CSC education services counselor

The Community College of the Air Force presented 167 associate degrees to 147 enlisted members April 26 at the Bay Breeze Event Center.

Brig. Gen. Andrew Mueller, 81st Training Wing commander, presented the diplomas, and Chief Master Sgt. James Pepin, CCAF vice commandant, gave the commencement address.

Six graduates received awards during the ceremony. Awards included \$400 Air Force Association Pitsenbarger Awards, \$100 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Excellence Awards, \$100 University of Southern Mississippi Textbook Scholarship Awards, \$100 William Carey University Excellence Awards and \$100 Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Sal D'Aquila Scholarship Awards.

Staff Sgt. Matthew Martin, 81st Operations Support Flight, received a Pitsenbarger Award and awards from ERAU, USM, WCU and MGCCC. He's enrolled in MGCCC's 2+2 program and will transfer to USM to complete a bachelor's degree in marketing.

Staff Sgt. Christine Jestice, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron, received a Pitsenbarger Award and awards from ERAU, USM and WCU. She's working on a bachelor's degree in mathematics from USM.

Tech. Sgt. Mark Lorenzo, 333rd Training Squadron, received a Pitsenbarger Award and awards from ERAU, USM and WCU. He's pursuing a bachelor's degree in computer information systems from St. Leo University.

Staff Sgt. Carlina Moreland, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, received a Pitsenbarger Award and awards from ERAU, USM and WCU. She is working on a bachelor's degree in health care administration from Ashford University.

Staff Sgt. Stephen Johnston, 338th TRS, received awards from ERAU and



Sergeant Martin



Sergeant Jestice



Sergeant Lorenzo



Sergeant Moreland



Sergeant Johnston



Sergeant Loring

MGCCC. He's attending MGCCC and plans to earn a degree in special education from USM.

Staff Sgt. Jonathan Loring, 332nd TRS, received awards from ERAU and MGCCC. He's majoring in information technology at USM.

Graduates are:

2nd Air Force — Tech. Sgts. Tanya Boyd and Melinda Sieloff.

41st Aerial Port Squadron — Staff Sgt. Darrell Williams.

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron — Staff Sgt. Carlina Moreland and Master Sgt. Lee Utsey.

81st Comptroller Squadron — Senior Airman Ronald Hodges and Master Sgt. James Messer.

81st Contracting Squadron — Airman 1st Class Thaddeus Faxon, Senior Airman Zakk Young and Staff Sgt. Dustin Vannoy.

81st Dental Squadron — Staff Sgts. Heather Muller and David Reimer.

81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron — Airman 1st Class Harald Vogt, Senior Airman Phillip Cunningham and Staff Sgt. Debra Hafner.

81st Force Support Squadron — Master Sgt. Kendra Freeman.

81st Infrastructure Division — Staff Sgt. Kyle Pourciau.

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — Senior Airman Hana Webb, Staff Sgt. Christine Jestice and Master Sgt. Joseph Wheeler.

81st Logistics Readiness

Squadron — Staff Sgt. Timothy Harrison.

81st Medical Group — Staff Sgt. Tawnie Miller.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Airmen 1st Class Niguel Pulley and Kathryn Rice; Senior Airman Corey Handley; Staff Sgts. Nancy Gilli, Katherine Hartley and Krystal Sandoz.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Staff Sgts. Tameeka Isaacs and Kimberly Pidbirny-Montoya; Tech. Sgt. Kendrick Hinton and Master Sgt. Thelmo Frias.

81st Mission Support Group — Staff Sgt. Jarrett Harris.

81st Operations Support Flight — Staff Sgt. Matthew Martin.

81st Security Forces

Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Joshua Reese.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Staff Sgt. Rachel Chiartano and Tech. Sgt. Nackeesia Holmes.

81st Training Support Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Stephen Peterson.

81st Training Wing — Master Sgt. Craig Pogue.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Senior Airmen John Dean, Spencer Goodwin and Dustin Rogers; Staff Sgt. Michael Pelletier and Master Sgt. Raymond George.

332nd Training Squadron — Staff Sgts. Daniel Dymond, Daniel Graves, Jonathan Loring, Nicholas Race and Patricia Rodriguez; Tech. Sgts. Nathan Cyr and Kenneth Tottle.

333rd TRS — Staff Sgts. Travis Cox, Robert Doris, Brian Margavich, Jonathan Ransbottom Linford Smith and Crystal Taylor; Tech. Sgts. Scott Fridinger, Roshawn Jones, Mark Lorenzo and Larry Poole; Master Sgt. Robert Leblanc.

334th TRS — Airman 1st Class Kelly Doody; Senior Airmen Jonathan Chickletts and Jeramie Piefer; Staff Sgts. Erik Barranger, Robert Butler, Johnathan Camp, Trae Clark, Joshua Cook, Norman Davis, Angelina Evans, Mindy Fisher, Eric Hagan, Steven Haro, Shiree Holder, Debbie Jackson, Zachary Marshall, Jason McAlpin, Kevin McDonald, Leon Montroy, Thomas Oliver, Earl Pruett, Brian Stryker, Ryan Tripp and Shane Wilkinson; Tech. Sgt. Brian Singletary and Master Sgt. James Johnson.

335th TRS — Senior Airman Daniel Alexander; Sgt. Ananda Talley; Staff Sgts. Kwadwo Agyen-Frempong, Brigitte Alexander, Jeremy Christian, Michael Daniels, Gareth Davis, Aaron Downing, Steven Eudaly, Brock Hemminger, Joseph Hendrickson, Travis Mercadel, Robert Prato, Damien Rapp, Robert Royals and Brandon Wallace; Tech.

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Sgts. James Ahern, Anthony Boles, Tiffany Brown, Publio Casillas, Rita Collins, Albert Jackson, Kevin Kelly and Kimetta Masching.

336th TRS — Staff Sgts. Angela Everson, Jermaine

Johnson, Ebonique McCray, Latoya Tellis and Raymond Williams; Tech. Sgts. Kevin Allen, Terrance Boyd and John Hoefert; Master Sgts. Kendal Dismute and Carrieann Pogue.

338th TRS — Staff Sgts. Paul Carlisle, Jamie Devault, Brian Dice, Britton Hanson, Stephen Johnston, Donovan Leistner, Brandon Mann,

Amay Odtohan, Garcia Prado, Gary Roos and Michael Wilson; Tech. Sgts. Robert Castaneda, Duane Ellerbe, Robert Kerezsi, Jesse Nelson, Jennifer Reaves and Christopher Richards.

345th Airlift Squadron — Senior Airman Andrew Mills, Staff Sgt. Jarod Lemke and Tech. Sgt. Ricky Jackson.

366th TRS — Staff Sgts. Joseph Dillard and Andrew Woolford.

452nd SFS — Kristina Robertson.

Mathies NCO Academy — Tech. Sgt. Nicole Dismute.

TRAINING, EDUCATION NOTES

MGCCC summer term

The summer session for Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's Keesler Center begins May 23.

Pre-registration began Monday for active-duty military members. All others may register May 16-19.

The class schedule is available at www.mgccc.edu.

For more information, call 376-8477 or visit the MGCCC office, Room 221, Sablich Center.

Academic counseling

University of Southern Mississippi admission counselor Michelle Lane is at the USM-Keesler office, Room 219, Sablich Center, 2-5 p.m. May 17 to answer questions about the university's programs.

Registration continues until May 30, when summer term classes begin.

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.

Force development

Information on civilian force development is available at <http://www.keesler.af.mil/civilianforcedevelopmentcenter.asp>.

Be proactive in reporting
computer security violations.

U.S. Navy SEALs kill bin Laden in intelligence-driven operation

By John Banusiewicz

American Forces Press Service

Editor's note: For related story, see Page 9.

WASHINGTON — An intelligence-driven U.S. operation in Pakistan killed al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden yesterday, President Barack Obama announced in a nationally televised address from the White House late Sunday night.

"Today, at my direction, the United States launched a targeted operation against that compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan," President Obama said. "A small team of Americans carried out the operation with extraordinary courage and capability.

"No Americans were harmed," he continued. "They took care to avoid civilian casualties. After a firefight, they killed Osama bin Laden and took custody of his body."

President Obama noted that bin Laden had been al-Qaida's leader and symbol for more than 20 years and continued to plot attacks against the United States and its allies.

"The death of bin Laden marks the most significant achievement to date in our nation's effort to defeat al-Qaida, yet his death does not mark the end of our effort," Obama said. "There is no doubt that al-Qaida will continue to pursue attacks against us. We must, and we will, remain vigilant at home and abroad."

The president revealed that shortly after taking office in January 2009, he ordered CIA Director Leon E. Panetta to make bin Laden's death or capture the top priority of the U.S. war against the al-Qaida terrorist organization.

"Then, last August, after years of painstaking work by our intelligence community, I was briefed on a possible lead



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— President Obama

to bin Laden. It was far from certain, and it took many months to run this thread to ground," he said. The president said he met repeatedly with his national security team as information developed indicating bin Laden was at a compound in Pakistan, and that last week he determined enough information was available and authorized the operation.

The president emphasized that the war against al-Qaida is not a war against Islam.

"Bin Laden was not a Muslim leader," he said. "He was a mass murderer of Muslims. Indeed, al-Qaida has slaughtered scores of Muslims in many countries, including our own. So his demise should be welcomed by all who believe in peace and human dignity."

Counterterrorism cooperation with Pakistan helped in finding bin Laden and the compound where he was hiding, the president said.

"Indeed, bin Laden had declared war against Pakistan as well, and ordered attacks against the Pakistani people. Tonight, I called [Pakistani] President [Asif Ali] Zardari, and my team has also spoken with their Pakistani counterparts. They agree that this is a good and historic day for both of our nations, and going forward, it is essential that Pakistan continue to join us in the fight against al-Qaida and its affiliates."

The president praised those who worked to find bin Laden and those who carried out the operation that killed him.

"Tonight, we give thanks to the countless intelligence and counterterrorism professionals who've worked tirelessly to achieve this outcome," he said. "The American people do not see their work, nor know their names. But tonight, they feel the satisfaction of their work and the result of their pursuit of justice.

"We give thanks for the men who carried out this operation," he continued, "for they exemplify the professionalism, patriotism, and unparalleled courage of those who serve our country. And they are part of a generation that has borne the heaviest share of the burden since that September day."

IN THE NEWS

AFAF campaign extended

Keesler's Air Force Assistance Fund campaign has been extended to May 16.

As of Monday, Keesler has collected \$46,972 toward this year's goal of \$83,109.

Seminar postponed

Tuesday's Commitment to End Violence seminar planned by the sexual assault prevention and response office has been postponed and will be rescheduled at a later date.

Hurricane town hall briefings

Town hall briefings emphasizing preparations for hurricane season are 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. May 23 and 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. May 25 at the Bay Breeze Event Center.

Clinics close for warrior training

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

The 81st Medical Group conducts warrior training noon to 5 p.m. May 12.

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, go to the nearest emergency room or call 911 for an ambulance.

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.

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.

Wing calendar event planning

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

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

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

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

Dragons deployed — 220

Force reduction requirements limited to captains, majors

Air Force Personnel, Service and Manpower
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RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Several year groups and competitive categories no longer will be required to meet the September 2011 reduction-in-force board.

Air Force officials announced that RIF-eligible officers from previously announced competitive categories for chaplains, medical service corps and 1999 and 2000 judge advocate general year groups will not meet this year's RIF board.

The RIF board will now only consider officers in the grade of captain and major in the following year groups and competitive categories:

Captains: line of the Air Force, 2000 and 2003 through 2005 only.

Majors: line of the Air Force, 2000; judge advocate general, 2001 through 2003; and biomedical service corps, 2000 and 2001

According to Air Force officials, the RIF board will consider approximately 9,000 officers to retain at least 95 percent in these year groups and competitive categories.

Answers to specific RIF and voluntary separation pay questions are available at the



FY11/12 Force Management Programs section on the Air Force Personnel Services Web site. Type "15766" in the search by keyword box to go directly to the FAQs.

For information about specific skills needed by the Air Force Reserve, log on to www.afreserve.com, or for Air National Guard, log on to www.goang.com.

Detailed RIF eligibility criteria, to include the latest information on year groups and competitive categories eligible for the RIF board, are on the AFPERS Web site at <https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil/app/login>; do a keyword search for RIF. First-time users will need to create an account with a username and password.

Al-Qaida still dangerous, according to CIA director

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Osama bin Laden is dead, but al-Qaida still is dangerous, CIA Director Leon Panetta said Tuesday in a letter to the agency's employees.

"Today, we have rid the world of the most infamous terrorist of our time," Mr. Panetta wrote in a letter posted on the CIA's website.

Mr. Panetta, who has been nominated as the next defense secretary, said that nothing can compensate those who have lost family and friends to bin Laden and his henchmen, but he hopes the fact that bin Laden is gone will be a source of comfort "for the thousands of families, here in America and around the globe, who mourn the victims of al-Qaida's barbarity."

Mr. Panetta congratulated

those who work in the Counter-Terrorism Center and the Office of South Asia Analysis for their expertise, creativity and tradecraft.

"I also extend my profound appreciation and absolute respect to the strike team, whose great skill and courage brought our nation this historic triumph," he wrote.

Though bin Laden is dead, al-Qaida is not, Mr. Panetta said.

"The terrorists almost certainly will attempt to avenge him, and we must — and will — remain vigilant and resolute," he said. "But we have struck a heavy blow against the enemy. The only leader they have ever known, whose hateful vision gave rise to their atrocities, is no more. The supposedly uncatchable one has been caught and killed. And we will not rest until every last one of them has been delivered to justice."

PERSONNEL NOTES

Classes for job hunters

81st Force Support Squadron

The airman and family readiness center plans classes for instructors or other personnel with inflexible work schedules in Room 108B, Sablich Center.

Each class is 3:15 to 4 p.m. each day for three days. Participants are expected to attend all three class days.

Resume writing for private sector jobs — Tuesday, Wednesday and May 12.

Interview skills — May 17, 18 and 19.

To preregister and to receive training materials, call 376-8728.

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, 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. 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. 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.

Finance office closes

The 81st Comptroller Squadron's customer service office closes at noon May 12 and 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.



Wide-ranging chapel program wins AETC recognition for 2010

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The Keesler Chapel won the 2010 Charles I. Carpenter award recognizing the top large chapel team in Air Education and Training Command.

The chapel, led by Chaplain (Col.) Clifton Perry, includes the Larcher Chapel, the Triangle Chapel and the Fishbowl Student Center. The chapel staff of 10 chaplains, eight chaplain assistants and 11 contractors is augmented by hundreds of volunteers, according to Chaplain Perry.

“I’m thrilled to lead Keesler’s chapel program,” he said. “Our staff is honored to provide spiritual care to Team Keesler — it has to be the best job in the Air Force.”

Keesler’s chapel team was rated “outstanding” in last year’s Air Education and Training Command Operational Compliance Inspection and was cited for its “renowned ... poignant spiritual/personal growth for tomorrow’s Air Force leaders.”

In spite of the deployment of five of its team members, three religious support teams logged 4,200 visitation hours and was responsible for 3,400 counseling hours. The chapel reinvigorated The Haven program for permanent party dormitory residents and hosted 24 luncheons for the first term airmen’s center.

The chapel’s outreach was enhanced by 350 student “white rope” leaders who headed volunteer efforts such as Special Olympics, Habitat for Humanity, beach cleanups and visits to the Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

To counter the rise in Air Force suicides, the chapel directed 53 SafeTALK classes for 770 Airmen, preventing any student deaths.

The Islamic center was renovated for Ramadan and \$30,000 was saved with self-

help renovation of one of the chapel sacristies.

A local Greek Orthodox church was served by a Keesler chaplain who filled the gap when a resident priest was unavailable.

Fifty chaplains graduated from the first-ever regional Civil Air Patrol Staff College hosted by the chapel.

Ministries and programs offered included the National Prayer Breakfast, National Day of Prayer, military training leader luncheons, Pizza

and the Padre exploration of world religions, gospel service’s 39th anniversary, ecumenical Thanksgiving worship, Super Bowl Sunday, Protestant Women of the Chapel, Protestant Men of the Chapel, Protestant Youth of the Chapel, Fishbowl Oasis Saturdays and “hot topic” student group.

Chapel representatives also participated in Diversity Day, Holiday in the Park, Veterans Day and Remembrance Day events.



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Chaplain Perry welcomes Airmen to The Haven, a communal area inside the permanent party dorms where students gather to make friends, have discussion and prayer groups and support each other in Air Force life.

What happens at Keesler goes to Vegas



Air Force retiree Linda Smedley of Biloxi is a grand prize winner in the Miller-Coors Light Beer and Combo Snacks Sweepstakes. The prize includes a trip for two to Las Vegas, including airfare, accommodations, transfers and cash. Ms. Smedley is a teacher's assistant at D'Iberville Elementary School. Barry Lutz of Ocean Springs also won a Samsung multisystem remote control unit valued at \$399.



81st Medical Group celebrates Nurses Week

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Nurses and medical technicians at the 81st Medical Group Hospital celebrate Nurse and Medical Technician Week, Friday through May 12, with a variety of activities.

Using the National Nurses Week theme of “Nurses Trusted to Care,” the Keesler observance begins 9 a.m. Monday with an opening ceremony in the hospital’s Don Wylie Auditorium. Speakers include Col. Allison Plunk, 81st MDG chief nurse; Chief Master Sgt. Michael Wood, 81st Medical Operations Squadron superintendent; and Maj. Amber Barker, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron maternal child flight commander.

An ice cream social for the day shift is held in the auditorium from 12:30-1:30 p.m. A night-shift ice cream party is 10 p.m. to midnight, as ice cream is brought to the units, starting in the ER and then up to each floor, ending on the 5A surgical inpatient unit.

May 10 features refreshments and booths sponsored by the health and wellness center, Keesler Federal Credit Union, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and others in the auditorium.

May 11, Spa Day with Virginia College students takes place in the auditorium, 9-11 a.m. A virtual tour, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to familiarize nurses with the challenges of working with geriatric patients and others experiencing dementia due to Alzheimer’s disease, certain other illnesses, strokes, infections, drugs, nutritional deficiencies or head injuries. There’s also a night-shift pizza party, 6-8 p.m., again starting in the ER and ending on 5A.

A variety of prizes are given away during the week. At the closing ceremony May 12 in marina park, free lunch is provided and a grand prize giveaway includes a dinner for two and a two-night stay at a local casino resort.



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Nurse Maj. Laura Bass and medical technician Airman 1st Class Atif Siddiqui, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron, care for David Serverns, a retired master sergeant, on the medical inpatient unit.

From left, laboratory technicians Tiffany Cook, Staff Sgt. Camelin Riley and Senior Airman Rebekah Colon pipette samples for the hemoglobin A1C test to determine blood sugar levels in the pathology and clinical laboratory April 21.

Photo by Steve Pivnick



Medical group labs renew accreditation

By Lt. Col. Daniel Bessmer

81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron

The 81st Medical Group's pathology and clinical laboratory, blood gas laboratory and genetics laboratory all have received two-year reaccreditations after undergoing recent inspections by the College of

American Pathologists.

Each lab was inspected by teams representing the CAP, which is widely recognized as the gold standard for medical laboratory practices. The inspectors focused on laboratory policies and practices, including quality assurance systems, testing accuracy and proficiency, personnel and safety. The inspection team evaluated more than 1,500 exacting standards to ensure that the highest industry standards were met.

In addition, the blood donor center and blood bank were inspected by the American Association of Blood Banks and were subjected to hundreds of additional standards. The inspectors praised the level of quality in the blood services and especially noted their excellent training program. The blood donor center is instrumental in providing blood for patient care at the hospital as well as contingency operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In keeping with the CAP's accreditation terms, the director of accreditation and regulatory affairs tasked the 81st MDG's clinical laboratory to provide a team of subject-matter experts to perform an accreditation inspection of the Ochsner Medical Center's medical laboratory in Baton Rouge, La. This peer-review function allows CAP-accredited laboratories to participate in enforcing compliance with standards while keeping abreast of best practices throughout the medical laboratory industry.

Members of the Keesler team who conducted the inspection April 25-26 are Lt. Col. Daniel Bessmer; Capts. Nicholas Lancia, Allison Bartmier, Mary Caldwell and Linda Novak, and civilians Ben Lorbach and Shelia Gros.

Final preparations made for Special Olympics

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Team Keesler is making final preparations to host the Mississippi Special Olympics Summer Games May 13-15.

"Keesler has partnered with Special Olympics to host games since 1982," said Maj. Michael Haire, 335th Training Squadron, who's serving as Keesler's Special Olympics project officer for the second consecutive year. "In the early years, Keesler only hosted area games. This year is the 25th anniversary of Keesler hosting the statewide games.

"It's always important for us to play an active role in the community, and hosting Special Olympics is a great way to do that," he pointed out.

Major Haire said coordinating the games takes several months and much support.

"It takes partnership of multiple organizations across Keesler, our Navy counterparts in Gulfport, the City of



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Airman Basic Tyler Hewitt, left, pushes Veronica Nickelson and Airman 1st Class Adam Trochesset pushes Roderick Smith during the 25-meter assisted wheelchair race at the Triangle track, May 15, 2010. The Airmen were student volunteers from the 332nd Training Squadron and the athletes were from Area 7.

Biloxi, many local organizations and corporate sponsors to make this happen."

Keesler personnel can expect to see the base filled with athletes, coaches and volunteers throughout the weekend.

Major Haire said, "More than 1,200 athletes and coaches are expected this year, and normally about 3,000 volunteers help throughout the weekend."

Jackie Pope, 81st Force Support Squadron, has volun-

teered with the Special Olympics since 1998 and she said, "Once you've participated in the weekend, you're hooked. The excitement from the athletes is what keeps me coming back year after year."

May 13

9-10 a.m. — dorm decoration judging, Triangle.

Noon to 1 p.m. — torch run from Veterans Avenue along Highway 90 up White Avenue to Larcher Boulevard and Meadows Drive through the Triangle to Welch Auditorium.

6:30-7:30 p.m. — reception, Dragon's Lair.

8-10 p.m. — opening ceremonies.

May 14

9-11 a.m. — wheelchair events, Triangle Track.

9 a.m. to noon — power lifting, Dragon Fitness Center; tennis, Keesler courts.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. — golf, Bay Breeze Golf Course.

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. — track

events, Triangle Track; aquatics, Biloxi Natatorium.

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. — bocce, Triangle Track; volleyball, next to Triangle softball fields.

9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. — sailing, Bayview and Forrest Avenue boat ramp

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Olympic Village, Levitow Training Support Facility.

1:30-4 p.m. — running and standing long jump, Triangle Track; softball and tennis ball throw, Triangle softball field; shot put, behind softball field.

7-8 p.m. — closing ceremonies, Levitow Training Support Facility.

8-11 p.m. — victory dance, Levitow Training Support Facility.

8-9:45 p.m. — movie, Welch Auditorium.

May 15

8 a.m. to noon — athletes depart.

For more information, photos and updates, log on to www.keesler.af.mil.

Here's process to sponsor visitors to Keesler



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Left, Amanda Escobar, Keesler Federal Credit Union employee, has her fingerprint scanned for DBIDS registration by Airman 1st Class Lamanda Parker, seated, while Sergeant Moore looks on.

By Joel Van Nice

Keesler Public Affairs

What do I do if I want to sponsor a visitor to Keesler?

Staff Sgt. Jason Moore, 81st Security Forces Squadron non-commissioned officer in charge of the pass and identification office at the visitor center, has several recommendations.

Sergeant Moore suggests either calling the pass and registration office, 377-3844, from a base landline or simply sending an official digital e-mail request to the office's organizational box, 81 SFS/PASS & ID.

"It's best to do this the day of or the day prior to their visit," said Sergeant Moore. "Vehicle decals are no longer required. The Air Force hasn't issued vehicle decals since March 2007."

Visitors need proof of insurance, vehicle registration and a valid driver's license to obtain a temporary pass to drive on base.

The pass and ID office oversees Defense Biometric Identification System registration. DBIDS is a Defense Depart-

ment system used to enhance installation security and improve force protection. All DOD cardholders at Keesler are required to register their identification card with DBIDS. The deadline for active-duty members and DOD civilian employees has already passed, and the deadline for retirees and dependents is June 30.

Pass and registration services also include issue of restricted area badges, Geneva Convention cards, civilian dependent identification cards, screening visitors for wants and warrants and conducting extensive criminal background checks for all contractors. They also authenticate special event access request letters.

For military identification cards, visit the 81st Force Support Squadron's customer service military personnel section, Room 124, Sablich Center, 376-8347.

The pass and ID office, in the visitor center at the White Avenue Gate, is open 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday.



Shoplifting incidents rise in 2010

AAFES Public Affairs

Despite eagle-eyed closed circuit televisions, expanded use of electronic article surveillance and an aggressive youth awareness campaign, theft at the Keesler Exchange rose 77 percent last year, from 22 incidents in 2009 to 39 in 2010. The cost of merchandise involved in shoplifting at Keesler last year increased from \$2,529.66 in 2009 to \$2,551.41 in 2010.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service continues to focus its efforts on reducing theft.

“Shoplifting at the exchange results in a reduced return on investment to our primary shareholders — the military community,” said Penny Madison, general manager. “Because the Exchange is a command with a mission to return earnings to quality of life programs, people who steal from the exchange don’t only harm themselves, but directly impact morale, welfare and recreation programs.”

If shoplifting is suspected, the exchange’s loss prevention office turns the issue over to local law enforcement. In addition to possible disciplinary action and/or criminal prosecution, the Federal Claims Collection Act allows AAFES to enact a flat, administrative cost for civil recovery of \$200. There may be additional fees, in addition to the civil recovery program, depending on the condition of the stolen merchandise.



Worship schedule
at base chapels,
local community

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

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

Roman Catholic

Daily Mass, 11:15 a.m.,
Monday through Thursday, Tri-
angle Chapel; Friday, hospital
chapel

Sunday Mass, 9 a.m., Tri-
angle Chapel.

Protestant

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

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

Gospel service, noon Sun-
day, Triangle Chapel.

Jewish

Services take place at 8
p.m. Fridays at Congregation
Beth Israel, 12277 Three
Rivers Road, Gulfport.

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

Greek Orthodox

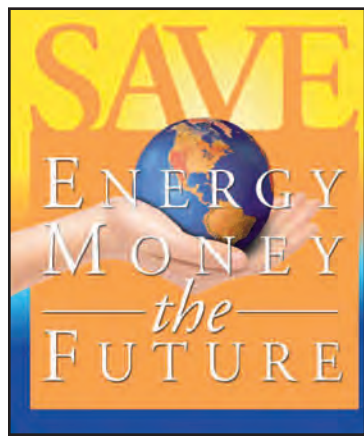
Sunday Divine Liturgy
takes place at 10 a.m. at Holy
Trinity Greek Orthodox
Church, 255 Beauvoir Rdoad,
Biloxi. For more information,
call 388-6138:

Islamic

Prayer is five times daily;
Salaat ul-Jummah congrega-
tional prayer, noon on Friday,
Building 2003.. For more
information, call 377-2520.

Latter-Day Saints

Student group service, 2
p.m. Sunday, Triangle Chapel.
For more information, call
396-5274 or 1-616-881-1994.



Free classes offered to improve health, fitness

Health and wellness center

The health and wellness center offers an abundance of free classes and services to help active-duty members, Defense Department employees, retirees and dependents improve and maintain their health and fitness.

Balanced eating—workout effectively—live long — BE WELL is a 2½-hour workshop for individuals interested in improving their health and fitness. The focus is on setting realistic goals for exercise and healthful eating behaviors. The class is held Tuesdays with alternating morning and afternoon sessions. The program is tailored for active-duty personnel, but is open to others as space permits.

BE WELL modules on running, strength training and healthy weight — Each hour-long module provides specific and detailed guidance in each subject area. Participants should wear running gear for the run module and workout clothes for the strength training module. Members can take one or all three classes.

Gait analysis — Hour-long individual appointments with the HAWC's exercise physiologist are available to analyze running gait. Individuals must wear running gear and shoes appropriate to run on a treadmill.

Bod Pod — This device accurately measures the



percentage of body fat and lean body mass, which enables you to track your body composition effectively. The complete procedure takes about 10 minutes, but appointments are required.

The Sensible Weigh — This three-week lifestyle change program is designed to optimize long-term weight and fitness. Sessions are held on Monday afternoons and last 1 to 1½ hours each week. Week 1 targets strategies to achieve a healthful diet and developing techniques for self-monitoring. Week 2 focuses on behavior change strategies and building positive partnerships for lifelong weight management and fitness. Week 3 emphasizes building a physical activity and exercise program.

Eating out healthfully — This one-hour class assists participants with selecting healthy meal choices at restaurants, buffets, and fast-food establishments. This class is typically offered at lunch

time as a lunch-and-learn activity. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch.

Food label reading — This one-hour class provides an armchair tour of the various products found in the supermarket and assists participants in making more informed choices about what to eat by reading food labels more effectively.

Tobacco cessation — Choices include a classroom-based forum with four one-hour sessions. Start any Wednesday at either the noon or 5 p.m. class. Another choice two is the 12-week quit line to the American Lung Association. Blood pressures are required, along with weekly calls to receive medication. Continued support after completion of either program is available. Updates and participation are necessary for either program in order to receive medication.

Library — Material is available for checkout in both print and DVD on such topics as fitness, nutrition, diabetes, back care, arthritis, knee care, prenatal care and cookbooks.

Relaxation chair — This device is available for use during duty hours and the stereo system is equipped for cassette or CD use. No appointment are necessary; first come, first served.

For more information, call 376-3170.

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.

eight days a week

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<http://www.facebook.com/keeslerafb>

Airman and family readiness center

Friday — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Pamper Me Day for military spouses at the Roberts Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Facility. Free to participate; light refreshments served. .

Arts and crafts center

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

Today — 10:30 a.m., Mommy and Me finger painting class. Create a commemorative Mother's Day masterpiece with your children. \$5 includes supplies.

Saturday — 11 a.m., creative woodworking for beginners. Create intarsia artwork by piecing together wood.

Bay Breeze Collocated Club

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

Today — 4 p.m., Cinco de Mayo in the lounge. \$1.50 Dos Equis and Coronas, \$2.50 margaritas and 75-cent tacos.

Sunday — Mother's Day brunch with a wide assortment of food, entertainment by soft jazz band "Red Velvet" and a rose especially for her. Three seating times available: 10:30 a.m., noon and 1:30 p.m. \$20.95 for club members; \$25.95 for nonmembers. Walk-ins are welcome or call 377-2334 for reservations.

May 12 — 6-8 p.m., presentation and book signing of "From Jeep Driver to General" by author Jesse Allen, retired Air Force major general, who details his journey through early childhood, World War II and his 30 year military. Hosted by McBride Library.

Bay Breeze Golf Course

Saturday — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., free golf clinic for moms. To sign up, call 377-3832.

Today through Sunday — Mother's Day special; 15 percent off all ladies apparel, plus moms tee off for half price.

Gaudé Lanes

Saturday — 5:30 p.m., casino bowl. Strike with color-pin combinations and win money. \$15 per person for three games.

Sunday — family day. Get two hours of bowling, shoes, one large pizza and one pitcher of soda or tea for \$35.

May 12 — 9 a.m., senior summer league begins. \$10 per person, per week. League runs every Thursday for 16 weeks.

Information, tickets and travel

Tuesday — Registration ends for the Disney® Red-Eye Trip. Spend two days and two nights in the Magic Kingdom®. Bus departs at 10 p.m. May 26, arrives at destination the morning of May

27 and departs Orlando at 8 a.m. on May 29. \$375 per person includes round trip transportation, two night's hotel accommodation (double occupancy/no smoking) and park admission (two-day base ticket/water park). Minimum 30 people, maximum 56. To sign up, call 377-3818.

Today through May 12 — Gulfport Music Festival tickets on sale; \$35 for a weekend pass. Event is May 13-14 in downtown Gulfport.

Outdoor recreation

Sunday — Mother's Day special. Take Mom out for a relaxing day on the water and enjoy 10 percent off any boat rental.

Tuesday-May 12 — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., swimming lesson registration at outdoor recreation. Lessons for ages 5 and older and parent/child aquatics, for 6 months to age 5.

May 12-14 — Sailing classes. Class certifies you to rent sailboats in the future. Classroom instruction May 12. On-the-water instruction May 13-14. \$45 per person. Space limited. For more information, call 377-3160.

Vandenberg Community Center

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

Today — 6-8 p.m., ping-pong tournament. \$3 cover charge.

Sunday — 4-6 p.m., skate contest. Bring your skates and boards to the skate park behind the center to show off your best tricks. Prizes awarded for the best techniques. Call or stop by to sign up. Proper safety gear required.

May 12 — 6-8 p.m., free dart tournament. Prizes awarded to winner.

Youth center

Saturday — 1-3 p.m., free youth career fair for ages 12-18. Come out and meet professionals from various career paths. Informational booths, refreshments, games and giveaways! Pre-registration is encouraged.

Monday-May 13 — youth baseball and T-ball registration. \$50 for the first child, \$25 each additional. Fee includes uniform, trophy and end-of-the-year gathering. Practice begins June 3. Bay Breeze Club members, show your club card and get 10 percent off first child's fee.

Dragon Wagon

Thursday-Sunday — Catch a ride to your favorite base "hot spots." 50¢ per ride. Air Force Club members ride free. For more information on transportation route and schedule, visit www.keeslerservices.us.

Pamper Me Day

Pamper Me Day for spouses of current or retired military members is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at the Roberts Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Facility.

Refreshments, door prizes, displays and services such as manicures, massages, facials and spray-on tans are offered, but appointments are required for some activities.

It's hosted by the airman and family readiness center.

To register or for more information, call 376-8727 .

NFL standout visits

Louis Lipps, a standout for the Pittsburgh Steelers and the University of Southern Mississippi, visits Gulf Coast Cards and Sport Memorabilia at the base exchange, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, visit www.gccsm.com

DBIDS registration

Registration continues for Defense Biometric Identifica-

tion 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 Levittow Training Support Facility.

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

Parenting class

The "1-2-3 Magic" parenting class is 9-11 a.m. May 16, 18 and 19 in the Arnold Annex conference room.

The course is for parents of children ages 2-12 and is open to anyone with base privileges.

For more information or to

sign up, call 376-3457 or 3459.

Educational forum

An educational forum is 4 p.m. Monday in Room 108, Sablich Center.

School liaison officer Gerry Cross said, "This is an opportunity for the Keesler community to provide input about educational issues and is open to all military families."

For more information, call 376-8505.

Legal office closes

The legal office is closed 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 16 for an official function.

In case of an emergency, call 697-5621.

Office closes early

The military personnel section's customer support ID card section closes at 10 a.m. May 18 for an official function.

Visitor center hours

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

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Potential front-runners emerge after softball's opening week

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Seven teams are out of the gates with two wins to their credit as the first week of the intramural softball season drew to a close.

In the 12-member American League, four teams are unbeaten as of Friday — the 338th TRS, 81st Training Support Squadron, 335th TRS and 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron.

April 25, the 335th TRS overcame MARDET-B, 19-12; 81st TRSS won over the 336th TRS-A, 22-8; 81st MDTS snuck past the 332nd TRS, 13-12; and the 338th TRS slammed the 81st Contracting Squadron, 29-0.

April 27, the 81st MDTS upended the 336th TRS-A, 14-7; the 335th TRS beat the 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron, 19-14; the 338th TRS posted a 17-8 win over the Center for Naval Aviation Technical

Training Unit and the 81st TRSS stopped the 332nd TRS, 20-10.

In the 12-member National League, three teams are undefeated as of Friday — the Keesler Marine Detachment A-team, the 81st Training Wing staff agencies team and 2nd Air Force.

April 26, MARDET-A shut out the fire-fighters, 17-0 ; the 81st WSA blanked the 336th Training Squadron B-team, 12-0, and 2nd Air Force slipped past the 81st Security Forces Squadron, 18-17.

April 28, MARDET-A defeated the 81st Communications Squadron, 25-7; the 81st WSA squeezed by the 334th TRS, 21-19; and 2nd Air Force beat the 81st Dental Squadron, 11-6.

Games are played at the Triangle Fields — 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays for the American League and Tuesdays and Thursdays for the National League.

For more information, call 377-2444.



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Shortstop Scott Roberts, 333rd TRS, reaches to make the stop on a ball hit during the Spartans' matchup with the 336th TRS, April 28. Strong defense and good hitting led to the 333rd TRS' 19-2 victory in the opening week of intramural softball play.

Water sports beckon coastal residents



From left, sailing instructor Steve Collins explains to Nathan Rischling, Lou Madden and Mike Quashne the correct way to tie off a sailboat when docking. Rischling is a student in the 332nd Training Squadron, Madden is a retired Soldier and Quashne is assigned to the 335th TRS. The next class includes classroom instruction May 12 and on-the-water training May 13-14 at the marina. For more information, call 377-3160.

Outdoor recreation specialist Doug Styles, left, gives Deiondre Holmes a hand getting his fish off the hook during Saturday's Kids Fishing Rodeo at the marina. Deiondre, 7, is the son of Quan and Inez Holmes, 81st Training Support Squadron. His dad is currently deployed to Southwest Asia.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Airman becomes 'Tiki Bomber' on roller rink

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

She's an Airman 24/7, but at least three days a week she straps on roller skates and becomes a "Mississippi Roller girl."

Lindsey Waller, a nutrition care specialist with the 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron Nutritional Medicine Flight, started skating with Mississippi's first women's flat track derby league in November 2010. In her Roller girl persona, Airman Waller is known as "Tiki Bomber."

The Oxford, Miss., native has been in the Air Force since January 2010 and at Keesler since August.

She became involved in the sport after a roller derby referee tried to recruit her as an official.

"'Jonesie' (Kendell Jones, an assistant supervisor with the CSC team at the 81st Medical Group Hospital) referees bouts," Waller said. "He wanted me to learn to be a referee but I decided I liked skating more," she said.

Waller, who turns 21 in June, has been skating since she was 5.

"We practice three times a week — Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday — at the Harrison County Skate Park (on Debuys Road, the boundary between Biloxi and Gulfport north of U.S. Highway 90)," she said. "That's also where we have our bouts. Right now, I'm a 'rookie' skater. I'll have to meet certain standards and minimal skating skills set forth by



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Waller, second from left, joins in a blocking drill during a recent "Mississippi Roller girl" practice session at the Harrison County Skate Park.

WFTDA (Women's Flat Track Derby Association) before being allowed to 'bout.'"

She added, "I really enjoy skating very much. The team is a big derby family and flat-track derby is a major stress reliever."

Jones, known as "HIM-roid" on the track, has been associated with the Mississippi Roller Girls since October. He explained there are approxi-

mately 15 flat-track derby teams in an area ranging from Panama City, Fla., to Baton Rouge, La., as well as Hattiesburg and Jackson, Miss. Currently there are more than 500 Roller Derby Leagues in eight different countries.

"The Roller girls hope to receive WFTDA apprenticeship status by July. This is 'Apprenticeship 101,' a stepping stone to full WFTDA

certification," Jones said.

He pointed out the women on the Mississippi Roller girls are all volunteers who have to pay membership fees and dues and buy their uniforms and gear. Skates can cost anywhere from \$150-\$1000.

"There are 25-35 girls on the roster with 22 who are 'boutable' — they have passed the minimum skills to participate in the bouts. There is a

14-women roster for each bout. Bouts consist of "Jams" which have two, five-woman teams, each with one jammer who scores points and four blockers who assist their jammer to score while attempting to stop the other team's jammer from scoring."

Waller noted that the Mississippi Roller girls field two home teams, the "Skateful Dead" and "Hot Rollers," for local games to allow the skaters more playing time. Jones added there also is an "all-star" traveling team.

According to their website, Mississippi Roller girls was founded in 2006 and is Mississippi's first women's flat-track derby league.

"We are a volunteer organization for women — owned and operated by our skaters. Our goal is to promote healthy, competitive athleticism among our peers, to foster the development of flat-track derby on a local and regional level, and to serve our community through volunteerism. The women in this organization benefit from what we do and so, by extension, do the people in their lives. Our league enables women to be a part of something revolutionary — to take pride in an organization that they nurture and steer themselves by creating an opportunity for them to utilize their unique skills and talents."

Play uses WFTDA rules and regulations.

Women interested in Roller Derby may find information on the website at www.mississipprollergirls.com.



'Don't Fry Day' run promotes sun safety

The 81st Medical Operations Squadron dermatology clinic sponsors a "Don't Fry Day" 5-kilometer fun run May 20 at the Blake Fitness Center. The event is an effort to promote sun safety awareness.

Registration starts at 7 a.m. and the race is at 8 a.m. The first 100 registrants receive a free mini-sunscreen. Ten dollar Starbucks gift cards go to the overall top male and female finishers.

For more information, contact Senior Airman Kayla Spiel, 376-3501.

