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## Honoring the fallen is unforgettable memory

By Maj. Jacob Thornburg

### Air Mobility Command

McCHORD FIELD, Wash. — I had an unforgettable day that I want to share with you. I know we've all sat around and discussed in detail why we do what we do, and if we will be willing to continue to do what we do, day in and day out through deployments, retirement decisions, job opportunities, missed birthdays, missed holidays, etc. This is something I want to share and you were the people who came to mind. It's another reason I continue to serve. I guess because many others do and sacrifice a lot more, some even their lives.

My crew was alerted on this particular day that our mission had changed. We were now a backup to a high-priority mission originating from Afghanistan. When I asked where we would be going the answer was "back to the states." Later, I learned our destination was Dover Air Force Base, Del.

I was the aircraft commander for one of two C-17 Globemaster IIIs that transferred back home the crew of a downed CH-47 Chinook. The crew that started this mission in Afghanistan would end up running out of crew duty day and need another crew to continue the Soldiers' journey. We just happened to be available.

After being alerted and going through our normal sequence, I found myself at the foot of the aircraft steps. Before I took my first step upward, I noticed a transfer case close to the

door. I had only seen one in pictures. The American flag was tucked smartly, folded and secured on top. I paused at the bottom of the stairs, took a deep breath and continued up with my mind and eyes focusing on making it to the next ladder leading to the cockpit. However, as I entered, I couldn't help but notice the remaining 19 transfer cases in the cargo compartment. The entire cargo compartment was filled with identical transfer cases with American flags.

I made my way up to the cockpit and received a briefing from the previous aircraft commander. After the briefing we exchanged a handshake and the other pilot was on his way.

I felt a need to ensure the crew focused on its normal duties. I instructed the other two pilots to begin the preflight. I went back down into the cargo compartment to see what needed to be done and to find the paperwork I needed to sign.

The cargo compartment was now filled with numerous people from the mortuary affairs squadron. They were busy adjusting, resetting and overall preparing the cases for their continued flight. Before they began, I asked who was in charge because I knew there was paperwork I needed to sign. I finally found a staff sergeant who was working an issue with the paperwork. After it was complete, he brought it up to the cockpit for me to review and sign.

There are moments in life I will never forget. For me, they are the days my son and daughter were born.

Another occurred five months ago when I had to deliver the unthinkable news to a mother that her son was killed in Afghanistan; and, although I didn't anticipate another day like that this soon, this particular day was another. I looked at the paperwork I was signing and realized the magnitude of the day. I glanced over the paperwork and signed. In a way, I felt I had taken ownership of these fallen Soldiers. It was now my duty to ensure they made it home.

After confirming the preflight was complete and the aircraft was fueled, I went outside to start my walk around. As I walked down the steps, a bus had parked in front of the aircraft and unloaded 11 passengers. The passengers were fellow SEAL team members who were escorting the fallen back to the states. I stood at the front of the aircraft and watched them board. Every one of them walked off the bus with focus in their eyes and determination in their steps; just as I imagine they do when they go on a mission. I made eye contact with the lead SEAL, nodded my head in respect and he nodded back.

Finishing my walk around, I stopped at the bottom of the stairs. I looked up into the cargo compartment: two American flags and one SEAL Team Six flag hung from the top of the cargo compartment. There were three of 20 transfer cases visible; one with an American flag and two with Afghan flags. I looked up at my aircraft and saw, "United States Air Force" painted

on the side, and I stood trying to take it all in. I wanted to make certain that I never forget these images. That I never forget the faces of the SEALs, the smell of the cargo compartment or the sun slowly rising over the landscape. It's important that I don't forget. We need to honor the dead, honor the sacrifice of the fallen.

I understand my role in getting these fallen Soldiers home is insignificant compared to the lives they lived and the things they did for our country. Most of it we will never know. All I know is every American should see what I've seen. Every American should see the bus loads of families as they exit the freeway headed for Dover AFB to reunite with their fallen or witness the amount of time, effort, people and equipment that go into ensuring our fallen have an honorable return.

The very next day we took the same aircraft back overseas. We had leveled the aircraft at our cruise altitude and I walked down to the cargo compartment. No more American flags hung from the ceiling. All the transfer cases were gone.

Instead I watched a father lie with his son, cradled on his chest, on the same spot that only yesterday held a fallen Soldier. I watched a young girl, clutching a teddy bear, sleeping quietly where the fallen had lain. I realized so many Americans have no idea where the fallen lie.

I'm honored to be one who does.



**SUICIDE  
AFFECTS**

**MORE  
THAN**

**ONE**

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 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

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### ON THE COVER

Capt. Kelly Carter, left, 81st Training Wing executive officer, presents a wing coin to Christian Foy Delionback on behalf of Brig. Gen. Andrew Mueller, wing commander, in front of wing headquarters Oct. 27. Delionback, from Birmingham, Ala., went through radar operations training at Keesler 57 years ago as an airman first class. He also met with Lt. Col. Jeffrey McLemore, 334th Training Squadron commander, and went on a windshield tour of the base.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



### DRAGONS ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

Keesler News photojournalist

What was your favorite childhood game?



"Kick the can."

2nd Lt. Mary Thompson,  
333rd Training Squadron



"Sorry, the board game."

Airman Basic Alli  
Thaxton, 336th Training  
Squadron



"Hide and seek."

Armando Moncayo,  
Army and Air Force  
Exchange Service

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# TRAINING AND EDUCATION



Photos by Kemberly Groue

From left, Hickle, Huffman and Fiveash twirl their rifles to earn a first-place finish for the 334th TRS in the freestyle drill.

## Chomp! Gators win drill down

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The 334th Training Squadron Gators swept away the competition at Friday's drill down.

In the fifth and final contest of the year, the Gators placed first overall and earned the top spot in all three categories — open ranks, regulation drill and freestyle drill.

At the last competition in August, the 334th TRS was the third place team overall, as well as third place in each category. The Gators also won the April drill down.

The 336th TRS Red Wolves claimed second place, with second place in open ranks and regulation drill and third place in freestyle drill. The Red Wolves won the overall titles in February, June and August.

The 335th TRS Bulls placed second in the freestyle drill and the 338th TRS Dark Knights came in third place in open ranks and regulation drill.

Cumulative points are used to decide the annual drill down champion to be announced later this year.

Members of the 334th TRS drill team are:

**Freestyle drill** — Airmen Basic Matthew Hickle, Olivia Huffman, Lorelle Jones and Eric Peterson; Airmen 1st Class Evan Dulkis, Dylan Fiveash, Cody Purvis, Daniel Shore and Joseph Viray (drill master).

**Regulation drill** — Airmen Basic Cody Cooper, James Passman and Christian Rogers; Airmen 1st Class Morghan Brandon, Joseph Hichar (drill master), Chad Peters, Nicholos Pinkerton, Matthew Tillman and Kylie Ware.

**Open ranks** — Airman Allan Seitz, Hichar, Hickle, Jones, Peterson, Pinkerton, Viray and Ware (drill master).



Viray led the Gators' freestyle drill team.

When you gamble with safety, you bet your life.



Comer



Ziz

## Biloxi educators win AFCEA grants

Biloxi educators Patty Comer and Barbara Ziz received \$500 science and technology grants from the local chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association at an Oct. 19 luncheon at the Bay Breeze Event Center. Lt. Col. Douglas Short, 333rd Training Squadron commander and AFCEA president, said

Comer, a seventh grade science teacher at Biloxi Junior High School, is purchasing a digital microscope and several sets of slides for her students. Ziz, a third grade teacher at Nativity Elementary School, is buying an automatic incubator for hatching chicken eggs, a butterfly hatching kit and science and activity books to augment the equipment.

# Keesler mentor guides team for CyberPatriot competition

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Staff Sgt. Tobias McCurry is using his technical expertise to nurture a whole new generation of cyber warriors.

Saturday, the 602nd Training Group information technology systems administrator was on hand as St. Martin High School's Junior ROTC team challenged other squads from around the country in the first round of the Air Force Association's CyberPatriot national high school cyber defense competition.

CyberPatriot, now in its fourth year, was created to inspire high school students toward careers in cybersecurity or other science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Student teams face off in two parallel competitions. The all-service division, in which St. Martin competes, is open only to Junior ROTC and Civil Air Patrol units. The open division is for accredited public or private institutions or registered home school associations. Teams are made up of five members in grades 9-12, up to five alternates, a coach who serves as the team's administrator and technical advisers, such as McCurry.

For the past three months, McCurry has volunteered as a mentor for the St. Martin team. Twice a week, he meets with the cadets to go over strategy and make sure that the cadets are able to work together. He spends another three to four hours a week looking over research material to bring new ideas to the group and to keep the students interested.

"I've covered ethics, network scanning, vulnerability management, system patching and working together in an information technology environment," McCurry pointed out.

Saturday's first round involved a six-hour defense of a server. In each round, students are provided one to three virtual machines, essentially a computer running inside of another computer, that enable multiple operating systems to be run from one computer. These machines contain several vulnerabilities, or weaknesses, and students must clean the image of them.

Teams worked on making sure the server is secure and its required services — web, email and printers — are working.

The results are tallied by finding and fixing vulnerabilities and keeping the required services up and running. Teams that find the most vulnerabilities pass on to the next round, and the winners of all three rounds compete in the national championships, March 22-23 in National Harbor, Md.

McCurry, who enlisted eight years ago, was originally a radio frequency systems maintainer who came to Keesler two years ago after serving at the 338th TRS detachment at Fort Gordon, Ga., for three years. He gained most of his knowledge for his current 2nd Air Force position



Photo by Kemberly Groue

From left, Staff Sgt. Tobias McCurry, 602nd Training Group (Provisional), Zachary Schneider, 17, retired Lt. Col. John Thompson, Alex Robinson, 15, and Jared Monk, 16, worked together to prepare for Saturday's CyberPatriot competition. Zachary, Alex and Jared are Junior ROTC Cadets at St. Martin High School. Thompson is St. Martin's senior aerospace science instructor. Zachary's parents are Sharon and Eric Schneider. Alex's parents are Ann and Michael Robinson. Jared's parents are Kyra and Lance Monk.

through self-taught courses and practice. He also earned a degree in information systems security.

"Sergeant McCurry's technical background is perfect for being a mentor, and the cadets really enjoy working with him," said Lt. Col. John Thompson, the team's coach and St. Martin's senior aerospace science instructor for the past 11 years. He retired from active duty in 1998 with 20 years of service, the last four at Keesler in total quality management and as an operations officer in the 335th Training Squadron. He was previously a Titan-II commander and worked F-16 and B-2 bomber acquisitions.

"CyberPatriot helps cadets who are interested in computers to develop marketable skills," Thompson remarked. "It helps our ROTC unit attract bright kids. In the long term, it may help America with cyber security."

The cadets have benefited from the technical expertise and enthusiasm McCurry brings to the team.

Alex Robinson said, "He's been a great help and dedicated a lot of time to our team." Jimmie Wilson said, "He helped me get scanning tools to work properly on my computer."

"I appreciate his helpfulness and he makes it fun," said team member Jared Monk.

Another cadet, Zach Schneider, said, "He reminds me of my brother which makes it easy for me to trust working with him."



# NCO Academy has 17 Keesler graduates

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Seventeen Keesler technical sergeants graduated from the Mathies NCO Academy Oct. 27.

Members of Class 11-7 from Keesler are:  
**2nd Air Force** — Amy Bond.

**81st Force Support Squadron** — Jason Washington.

**81st Medical Operations Squadron** — Alvin Holmes.

**81st Security Forces Squadron** — Phillip Belle, Jonathan Garnes and Douglas Wickline.

**81st Training Support Squadron** — Julie Hammond and Jay Kruns.

**85th Engineering Installation Squadron** — Walt Ferrell.

**334th Training Squadron** — Krystal Rankin.

**335th TRS** — James Hoover and Aaron Wood.

**336th TRS** — Jamie Powell.

**338th TRS** — Frederick Rote.

**345th Airlift Squadron** — Humberto Camara and Castlee Gaines.

**602nd Training Group (Provisional)** — Jonathan Smith (distinguished graduate).

## 25 graduates from Airman Leadership School

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Twenty-five senior airmen graduated from Airman Leadership School Oct. 26.

Members of Class 11-7 are:

**81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron** — Ashley Jordan (distinguished graduate) and Eliza Rupp.

**81st Communications Squadron** — Brittani Austin.

**81st Dental Squadron** — Sagan Barber, Aaron Betancourt and Janice Gonzales.

**81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron** — Eriqa Cortez, John Doiron (commandant's award) and Terrance Malone.

**81st Medical Group** — Barbara Panama.

**81st Medical Operations Squadron** — St Ange Fournier, Stephanie Lantigua-Tipton, Miranda Tomb (John Levitow Award), Jessie Vanney and Ebane Waddell.

**81st Medical Support Squadron** — Nicole Rambert and Wesley St. Clair (academic achievement award.)

**81st Training Support Squadron** — Aaron Wilson.

**81st Security Forces Squadron** — Jordan Brown, Amanda Green and Robin Johnson.

**81st Surgical Operations Squadron** — Kenneth Davenport.

**85th Engineering Installation Squadron** — Matthew Kidwell.

**345th Airlift Squadron** — Branden Fox and Jacob Landry.

## TRAINING, EDUCATION NOTES

### MGCCC winter term

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's Keesler Center offers a winter term Nov. 14 through Feb. 17.

Web registration continues until Wednesday for current students and active-duty members. Registration starts today for civilians.

Students planning to take English composition, oral communication or mathematics for the first time must have a skills assessment done.

For a list of classes, log on to [www.mgccc.edu](http://www.mgccc.edu).

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

### OTS recruiting boards

Officer Training School recruiting service board dates:

**Rated** — Dec. 1 application cutoff for Jan. 23; June 21, 2012, cutoff for Aug. 13, 2012.

**Non-rated** — March 1 cutoff for April 16.

### Academy applications

The deadline to submit applications to the Air Force Academy is Jan. 1.

For more information, call 376-8472.

### CALT program

The Civilian Acculturation and Leadership Program is a two-week in-residence course patterned after the Officer Training School curriculum.

CALT is open to Air Force civilians in permanent General Service 7-13 with a bachelor's degree and two to five years experience.

Applications are open on a continuing basis.

Nominees can apply by completing the Air Force Civilian Competitive Development Nomination Form.

Seven classes are offered between October and September 2012. Classes are open until all seats are filled.

For more information, call 376-8161 or log on to Air Force Personnel Services.

**Lost & Found**

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

# NEWS AND FEATURES

## DOD officials stress revamping retirement must not break faith with today's military

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department has no proposals or recommendations on revamping military retirement at this time, but any future proposal must not break faith with those in the military today, senior Pentagon officials told Congress Oct. 25.

Jo Ann Rooney, principal deputy undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, and Vee Penrod, the deputy assistant secretary of defense for military personnel policy, testified on military retirement before the House Armed Services Committee's military personnel subcommittee.

The Defense Business Board has proposed making a military retirement system more like private-sector systems. The military system has remained fairly constant over time, Rooney said, while the private sector has changed its retirement systems to cater to the increasingly mobile workforce.

"Unlike (the private) sector, the military services must grow most of their military workforce internally," she said. "It generally takes 15 to 20 years to develop the next generation of infantry battalion commanders and submarine captains. As a result, the military must ensure compensation, promotions and personnel policies that all foster the retention and longer

"The military must ensure compensation, promotions and personnel policies that all foster the retention and longer careers necessary to create these experienced leaders."

— Rooney

careers necessary to create these experienced leaders."

The military, she said, needs greater longevity and continuity to develop leaders, and a retirement system mirroring a private-sector approach — with contributions from individuals and transportable benefits — may not be the best way for the uniformed services to go.

This does not mean that the current system is sacrosanct, Rooney said. The department should examine the retirement system in the context of a total military compensation system, she added.

DOD officials are examining all aspects of the retirement system for all components. Rooney said the review has been deliberate, careful and pragmatic, and that officials are reviewing proposals and modeling them to determine the impact on recruiting and retention.

DOD is working to strike

the correct balance.

"This includes weighing the impact of a new system on recruiting and retention, considering the welfare of the individual service members and families — which includes grandfathering our existing force who took their oath under the current system — and acknowledging our responsibility to the American taxpayer," she said.

The current military retirement system has supported the most-successful volunteer force in the world, Penrod noted.

"The question now," Penrod added, "is whether the current system is still relevant in today's environment. If not, should it be modified in a manner more in line with the private sector?"

Officials are not looking at retirement in isolation, Penrod pointed out, but rather at how personnel and pay policies affect decisions to join the military and then to stay.

## IN THE NEWS

### Construction may cause detours

81st Communications Squadron

Traffic detours are expected for the first two weeks of November on the west side of the base:

Contractors are installing four new manhole covers in Bay Ridge housing area, with detour affecting Curtiss Drive to Vandenberg Drive, Vandenberg to Cabell Drive and Cabell to Patrick Drive. Some common areas will also be affected. As the construction timeline is finalized, flyers will be distributed to residents of affected housing units.

Handholes are being installed on the east shoulder of Ploesti Drive. The affected area is the northbound right lane of Ploesti Drive traveling toward the Pass Road Gate. Northbound traffic may be reduced to one lane during construction periods.

### Clinics close for warrior training

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

The 81st Medical Group conducts warrior training 1-5 p.m. today.

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, go to the nearest emergency room. If it's an emergency, contact 911 for an ambulance.

### Neighborhood meeting

Forest City holds a neighborhood meeting about neighborhood arm guard installation, 5-6:30 p.m. Tuesday in West Falcon neighborhood across from 222 Freeman.

Topics include how installation will affect residents, detour routes during construction, estimated completion dates and how travel will be affected when the gaes are completed.

For more information, call 374-5336.

### Appreciation luncheon

The chapel holds an appreciation luncheon for commanders, chiefs and first sergeants, 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Triangle Chapel Annex.

### Early Keesler News deadline

The Keesler News will be published Wednesday, one day earlier than usual, because of the nontraining day Nov. 10 and the Veterans Day federal holiday Nov. 11.

The early submission deadline is noon today.

### 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.

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

**Dragons deployed — 291**



Daylight Saving Time  
ends at 2 a.m. Sunday.  
Set clocks back one hour.





## Navy instructor from Keesler wins Fredian Award for leadership

Sen. Roger Wicker, left, and Adm. Jonathan Greenert, right, congratulate Petty Officer 1st Class Cynthia Burton, recipient of the Thomas V. Fredian Community Leadership Award, at the 33rd annual Salute to the Military, Oct. 25 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi. Greenert was the guest speaker and Burton is an instructor at the Keesler Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit. The award honors an enlisted member for professional performance and leadership, community involvement and education over the past year. Burton will be the guest of Rep. Steven Palazzo at the 2012 State of the Union address in Washington, D.C., in January. The event is sponsored by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

## Striping project for base roads begins Friday

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

A project to restripe base roadways begins Friday

The work schedule is:

**Friday** — perimeter road, Ploesti Drive and Meadows Drive.

**Saturday** — Larcher Boulevard, edge lines east of Hercules Street on Ploesti Drive and Parade Avenue.

**Sunday** — Meadows Drive Gate, moving to White Avenue Gate and ending at Pass Road Gate.

**Nov. 18** — First Street to Chappie James Avenue.

**Nov. 19** — First Street and J Street, including roadway east of Larcher Boulevard, Z Street and Chappie James Avenue.

**Nov. 21** — north around First street working south to Ploesti Drive.

**Nov. 22- 23** — finish any unmarked areas.

Cyberspace isn't a secure environment.

# Wing recognizes quarterly award winners



Colletta



Ylagan



Thomas

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The 81st Training Wing honored its quarterly award winners Oct. 25.

**Airman** — Senior Airman Bryttanie Colletta, 81st Comptroller Squadron.

**Noncommissioned officer** — Tech. Sgt. Jason Ylagan, 333rd Training Squadron.

**Senior NCO** — Master Sgt. Tasha Thomas, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron.

**Company grade officer** — 2nd Lt. Adam Brown, 81st Medical Support Squadron.

**Civilian Category 1** — Christopher Soukup, 81st Security Forces Squadron.

**Civilian Category 2** — Kimberly Alvarez, 81st CPTS.

**Civilian supervisor** — Desirae McIntyre, 334th Training Squadron.

**Angel awards** — Tech. Sgt. Gareth Davis, 335th Training Squadron, military; Teresa Oladue, 81st MDTs, civilian.



Brown

**Honor guard airman** — Senior Airman Danielle Kilgore, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron (photo unavailable).

**Honor guard NCO** — Staff Sgt. Lagaydra Lawrence, 334th TRS.



Soukup



Alvarez



McIntyre



Davis



Oladue



Lawrence

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# PERSONNEL NOTES

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## New PCS briefings, outprocessing

### 81st Force Support Squadron

The military personnel section has implemented mass initial assignment and outprocessing briefings for members that receive permanent change of station assignments from Keesler.

Initial assignment briefings are conducted at 9:45 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 121D, Sablich Center. Airmen are required to bring their acknowledgement of assignment from the virtual military personnel flight and the email from an assignment counselor stating they've selected for reassignment. After the initial briefing, the appropriate counselor schedules the member's final outprocessing appointment based on the projected departure date on the assignment acknowledgement letter. Once the appointment is scheduled, members receive a calendar invitation reminder and a list of required documents to bring.

Outprocessing is conducted at 8:30 a.m. weekdays in Room 121D, Sablich Center. In order to out-process, Airmen must have completed all assignment requirements and provide verification to the assignment counselor; failure to do so may delay outprocessing and Airmen may be required to return the next day to outprocess.

The initial assignment and final outprocessing briefings are mandatory. A "no-show" letter is sent to commanders and first sergeants if an individual fails to meet an appointment.

For a career development assistance appointment, call 376-8739. For more information, call 376-8356.

## Insurance open house, health fair

### 81st Force Support Squadron

The Federal Employees Health Benefits Program open season is Health Benefits open season is Nov. 14 to Dec. 12.

During open season, federal employees can enroll or change plans in the Employee Benefits Information System at <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil> or by calling 1-800-525-0102.

For more information, visit Room 214, Sablich Center, or call 376-8326.

## 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, call 376-8728.

**Mandatory pre-separation briefings** — 9 a.m. Tuesdays for those separating with honorable discharges and 1 p.m. 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. 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. Nov. 17 and Dec. 15, Room 108A.

**Retirement briefings** — 1-3:30 p.m. 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 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.

### This week's movies at Welch Theater

**Friday** — 6:30 p.m.,  
Dolphin Tale (PG).

**Saturday** — 2 p.m.,  
Straw Dogs (R); 6:30 p.m.,  
Abduction (PG-13).

**Sunday** — 1 p.m.,  
Contagion (PG-13).

Computer virus  
prevention  
depends on you.

# Major dormitory renovations begin

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Major construction projects totaling nearly \$6 million dollars are breathing new life into two permanent party dormitories built nearly 60 years ago.

Work to renovate Building 4904 began Aug. 9 and should be completed by June 9. Cost of the project is \$2.785 million.

The work consists of demolition and remodeling of 144 rooms and common spaces with new flooring and paint. All bathrooms are being renovated with new and updated fixtures, flooring, lights, toilet fixtures and showers.

Building 4908 is being refurbished in a separate \$2.975 million project scheduled to be done by June 29. New interior spaces are planned for the 44,560-square-foot concrete framed structure. Major exterior and mechanical work is planned, along with replacement of interior finishes including mold abatement, upgraded electrical system and replacement of interior and exterior lighting, branch wiring and the fire alarm system.

The water supply system, plumbing fixtures and finishes, exterior windows and doors are being replaced and exterior stairwells are being renovated.

In both dormitories, chill and heat water lines are being converted to a more modern four-line mechanical system with new fan coil units.



Photo by Adam Bond

**Carpenter Charles Ivy, McClain Contracting, removes weather stripping from a door in Building 4904 during renovations Oct. 24.**

## Refurbished courts ready for action

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Keesler tennis, volleyball, basketball and badminton players can use newly refurbished courts, thanks to a \$248,000 project that took three months to complete.

Six of the tennis courts were rehabbed with new professional tiles that provide an smoother playing surface. New fence and fabric material was installed and the practice wall and interior court surface edging were repainted.

Two new awnings and four new bleachers are in place, along with two basketball goals and adjustable tennis, badminton and volleyball net poles on one court. Along with new nets and striping on the six remaining courts, there's a new 6-foot-wide walkway for easier access from the parking lot to the courts.

## Construction begins on drop-off gate for school children

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

When school resumes for the new year, Keesler children who walk to Jeff Davis Elementary School from Bay Ridge housing area will have a new drop-off gate on Ploesti Drive.

The contractor was given the go-ahead Oct. 18 to proceed with the 76-day project at a total cost of about \$138,000.

The work involves a new roadway with stone base and asphalt surface, curbs and sidewalk. The project includes reworking the walk entrance to the gate, removing existing paving, installing new pipe bollards, sealing the surface of existing parking areas and drives, excavation and grading.

Construction is being done in phases to minimize impact in the area. Disk golf play will be discontinued from Nov. 15 through Jan. 3 for safety reasons.



## Keesler shows appreciation for retirees



Photos by Kemberly Groue  
Staff Sgt. James Bowden, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, gives a flu shot to Harry Smith, Air Force retiree from Biloxi, during Friday's Retiree Appreciation Day at the Roberts Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Facility. The annual event included door prizes, more than 30 informational displays and free lunch.



L.C. Rausch, left, Air Force retiree from Perkinston, Miss., and Betty Partin, spouse of Air Force retiree Charles Partin of Biloxi, stand in line to be served fried fish and hush puppies by Airman Basic Daniel Taylor, 335th Training Squadron student.



# Keesler honors veterans

By YoLanda Wallace

## Keesler Public Affairs

Team Keesler is represented at several Veterans Day events:

### Nov. 10

**10 a.m.**, Chief Master Sgt. Curtis Jennings, 81st Mission Support Group superintendent, speaks at Biloxi High School.

### Nov. 11

**9 a.m.**, Maj. Tabettha Clark, 81st Training Wing inspector general, and Staff Sgt. Cody Spitler, 81st Force Support Squadron, speak at Gorenflo Elementary School.

**10 a.m.**, Col. Glen Downing, 81st TRW deputy commander, represents Keesler at the Armed Forces Retirement Home observance.

**11 a.m.**, Brig. Gen. Andrew Mueller, 81st TRW commander, is the keynote speaker for the Biloxi Veterans Administration Medical Center and Knights of Columbus fish fry luncheon.

### Nov. 12

**11 a.m.**, Keesler leaders, students, 50-flag team and drum and bugle corps participate in the Gulf Coast Veterans Parade. The parade begins in D'Iberville at Popps Ferry Road, moves south along Automall Parkway past the reviewing stand at City Hall and turns onto Central Avenue to end at the town green. For more information, log on [www.msveteransparade.com](http://www.msveteransparade.com).

## Contests bolster CFC total



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Senior Master Sgt. Derek Fromenthal, left, and Tech. Sgt. Christopher Doss, 81st Training Support Squadron, won two contests that added \$258 to Keesler's Combined Federal Campaign total. Fromenthal won a football throw with eight out of 10 throws through a target 10 feet away. Doss had the closest guess in a jelly bean count contest, guessing 3,315 of the 3,318 in the jar. Keesler raised \$186,370 for CFC this year, 136 percent of its goal. The base campaign ended Oct. 21 and the regional drive ends Dec. 15.

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.



Keep your data safe — back it up!



## Luminaries lit for 'Lights on'

Twelve-year-old Samaya Holcomb receives help from Latrice Bruce, Americorps Boys and Girls Club member from East Biloxi, with lighting one of the luminaries lined up along the sidewalk on U.S. Highway 90 during the "Lights on After School" celebration at Biloxi Town Green Oct. 20. Samaya, who attends Keesler's youth center after-school open recreation program, is the daughter of Tech Sgts. Claudia Holcomb, 81st Dental Squadron, and Jeremy Holcomb, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron. This nationwide celebration of after-school programs seeks to rally community support for safe, stimulating programs for kids after normal school hours.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

## Inpatient tower at Keesler Hospital nears completion

Keesler Hospital's new inpatient tower is nearing completion, with work on roadways, sidewalks and landscaping under way. Interior work and the construction phase of the project is scheduled to be completed by mid-November. Preparations to accept patients continue, with current plans calling for the tower to be fully operational this spring.

Photo by Steve Pivnick



## Chapel program pairs students with families for Thanksgiving

The Keesler Chapel is sponsoring the 15th annual "Home Away from Home" program that links nonprior service Airmen with local Air Force families to experience a memorable Thanksgiving dinner.

Active-duty, retiree or civil service families invite two or more Airmen into their homes to enjoy a home-cooked meal and a family experience for Thanksgiving. Host families can be anyone who has access to base services.

Last year, 246 students were placed with 74 host families.

Nov. 21 is the deadline for host families to sign up at the Fishbowl Student Ministry Center or the Triangle Chapel. Hosts may also register via the Keesler home page, [www.keesler.af.mil](http://www.keesler.af.mil); email the completed form to [81trw.hc@us.af.mil](mailto:81trw.hc@us.af.mil) or call 377-2331.

Student sign-up forms are available at the Fishbowl.



# AETC reinforces operations security standards

By Staff Sgt. Clinton Atkins

Air Education and Training Command  
Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Air Education and Training Command officials recently turned up the heat on service organizations to reinforce operations security standards — not even trash is safe from scrutiny.

Dr. Jim Crissinger, AETC program manager for critical asset risk management and operations security programs, and his team implemented the use of dumpster diving across the command starting in early September to analyze poten-

tial security threats. According to Crissinger, the results thus far have been revealing.

“Across the command, we found some disturbing trends, unfortunately. We found a lot of identifiable information (in the trash),” said Crissinger. “We found award packages, performance reports, travel vouchers, financial pay information, loan applications, resumes, VIP itineraries, recall rosters, physical security information and even some information about morale and disciplinary problems.

“Those are things we should not have found (in the trash),” he said.

Crissinger noticed some positive trends as well. He said one example is his team checked 12 dumpsters at one of the bases and were unable to find any violations.

“We identified the issues and now we’re going to take the necessary steps to resolve them,” he said.

The command has begun to increase efforts to reinforce operational and information security, which are now Department of Defense compliance-directed items.

“It’s a trickledown effect and we’re reinvigorating and re-educating our folks,” said Crissinger.

The efforts will come in the form of constant reminders by way of email, localized briefings and distribution of critical information lists that will provide a wealth of information explaining what needs to be protected and how to maintain proper operations security.

Personnel across AETC can also expect continued random inspections of their trash.

“We’re going to go through thrash and dumpsters to see what personal identifiable information or critical information may have been discarded improperly,” he said. “It’s not fun to crawl around a dumpster but at the same time,

if we can preclude information from being divulged and protect people’s privacy we’ll do it.”

Crissinger said anyone — military, civilians and contractors — found to be responsible for security violations may be subjected to disciplinary actions from their commander.

“If we find (sensitive information) with your name on it, I’m going to take that information back to your chain of command,” he said.

“What we’re trying to do is protect our information and our personnel,” said Crissinger. “AETC personnel need to understand that the information we are finding can lead to identity theft and may jeopardize operational readiness.”

Crissinger said one of easiest ways to protect information and avoid possible punishment is to shred — and in some cases burn — sensitive information such as paperwork or documents with social security numbers and deployment information.

“By destroying and shredding the information, you’re going to eliminate the majority of these problems,” he said.

Another security concern identified in the command is email.

“Before you click the send button, make sure you know who you are sending it to and that you’re using the proper security measures to ensure the information is protected,” said Crissinger.

According to Col. Mark Morris, chief of AETC’s operations, readiness and intelligence division, security is a linchpin for mission success and it requires everyone’s help in order for it to work.

“Attention to detail is critical to insuring security of all forms of information and being a good wingman to each other is one of the best ways to protect each other,” he said. “Security is a team effort.”

# eight days a week

## Airman and family readiness center

**Editor's note:** Registration is required. All briefings take place in Room 108, Sablich Center, unless otherwise noted.

**Tuesday** — 9-11:30 a.m., civilian jobs resume writing. Bring resume for review.

**Wednesday** — 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., separate rations briefing. Open to nonprior service students here with dependents for 20 weeks or more who want to reside outside of the dorms during technical training. To register, call 377-0155. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., interview skills and salary negotiation.

**Nov. 10** — 9-10 a.m., career skills and work personality assessment. 1-2:30 p.m., Smooth Move; advice on how to make relocation easier for you and your dependents. Open to anyone with access to Keesler.

## Arts and crafts center

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

**Wednesday** — 10:30 a.m. to noon, basic strokes. Painting tips and techniques of the flat brush for beginners. \$10 includes materials.

**Through Nov. 10** — vendor signups for the holiday craft bazaar. \$20 includes a table and two chairs. Event is Nov. 19 in the Bay Breeze Event Center ballroom.

## Bay Breeze Collocated Club

**Editor's note:** For more information or reservations, call 377-2334. Federal endorsement of sponsors not intended.

**Friday** — 5-8 p.m., Mongolian barbecue in the ballroom. 75 cents per ounce for Air Force Club members, 95 cents per ounce for non-members.

**Mondays** — 6 p.m., \$100 weekly giveaway in the lounge. Air Force Club members present have a chance to win \$100.

**Weekdays** — food and drink specials in the collocated lounge. Taco Tuesdays, wings and things Wednesdays and ladies night Thursdays.

**Saturdays and Sundays** — 11 a.m., lounge opens; noon, grill opens. ESPN College Game-Plan Saturdays; NFL Sunday Ticket Sundays.

## Bay Breeze Community Center

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-2509.

**Through Nov. 10** — registration for free colossal cookie challenge, Nov. 19. Four cookie categories. Sign up at the youth center, community center or McBride Library.

## Bay Breeze Golf Course

**Editor's note:** For more information or to register, call 377-3832.

**Wednesday** — 4-5 p.m., free golf clinic for company grade officers. Space limited.

**Daily** — 6-11 a.m., breakfast platters less than \$4 at snack bar.

## Gaudé Lanes

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-2817.

**Friday-Saturday** — 9 p.m. Friday and 7

p.m. Saturday, glow bowling.

**Saturday-Sunday** — 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and noon to 6 p.m., Sunday, pizza and pins special. Two hours of bowling, shoes, large pizza and a pitcher of soda or tea, \$35.

**Sundays** — noon to 6 p.m., November special. Bowl three games including shoes; \$6 for adults, \$3 for youth.

**Weekdays** — 6:30-9 a.m., fast \$5 breakfast served at 11th Frame Café.

## Information, tickets and travel

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

**Through Nov. 10** — Christmas City Gift Show, Nov. 12-13 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum. Purchase tickets in advance, \$6 per person. Free admission for ages 16 and under. Free parking.

## Outdoor recreation

**Editor's note:** For more information or to register, call 377-3160.

**Saturday** — 8 a.m., geocaching adventure; Friday is the last day to sign up. Learn to locate hidden containers using global positioning system enabled devices. \$10 per person. 5 p.m., camp in the park overnight at Marina Park. Night fishing, movies and barbecue. Bring your own food; grill provided. Free tents and sleeping bags available on a first come, first served basis. Ages 17 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

## Vandenberg Community Center

**Editor's note:** Friday and Saturday night activities are part of the late night dances, \$3 admission; non-prior service students only. For more information, call 377-3308 or 5576.

**Nov. 10** — 9 p.m., team sports trivia. Two person teams. Prizes awarded. Registration begins at 8:30 p.m.

**Wednesdays** — 5 p.m., free movie night; popcorn provided.

## Youth center

**Editor's note:** For more information or to register, call 377-4116. Drop-ins accepted on space-available basis.

**Friday** — 6:30-9:30 p.m., family Friday night fun, ages 6-12. Games, skating, movies and more celebrating the month of the military family. \$10 for first child, \$5 each additional. Half-price admission if parent stays and plays.

**Saturday** — 4-10 p.m., parents night out, child care, ages 6-12. \$4 per hour, per child. Immunization records, emergency contact and registration required.

**Through Dec. 1** — winter soccer registration, ages 3-14. \$50 for first child, \$25 each additional. Season begins in January.

## Dragon Wagon

**Friday-Sunday** — all new route and schedule. Air Force Club members ride free; \$1 for nonmembers. For new route and schedule, visit <http://www.keesler81fss.us>.



# KEESLER NOTES

## Breast cancer walk

Keesler members were involved in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in Biloxi Oct. 22.

The event, which supports the American Cancer Society's breast cancer research program, drew 6,400 participants who raised more than \$250,000.

Master Sgt. Jeffery Green, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, chaired the event.

Other Keesler members served on the planning committee, volunteered at the event or walked with other participants.

Green said 108 students from the 81st Training Group participated, along with other people from across the base.

## Voting assistance

In addition to unit voting assistance representatives, group representatives are also available to assist voters:

**81st Training Wing Staff Agencies** — 376-8129.

**81st Medical Group** — 365-4965.

**81st Mission Support Group** — 376-6370.

**81st TRW and 81st Training Group** — 377-3774.

## Airman's Attic

Keesler Top III holds a rededication ceremony for Airman's Attic, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Building 1704 at the corner of Meadows Drive and First Street.

Starting Monday, new hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 4-6 p.m. Wednesdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the last Saturday of the month and closed on federal holidays.

Airman's Attic assists junior enlisted members and their dependents with obtaining free basic household items.

Donations of furniture, household goods, linens, small kitchen appliances, clothing

and baby items are needed.

Anyone who brings a new or gently used donation receives a drawing ticket for a chance to win prizes.

For more information, call 377-3814.

## Keesler's Got Talent

"Keesler's Got Talent" is 7 p.m. Saturday at the Bay Breeze Event Center.

Tickets are \$3 in advance from Airman's Council members and \$5 at the door.

For more information, call 377-3495.

## Top III meeting

The Top III meets at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Bay Breeze Event Center, third floor.

Senior noncommissioned officers from all services and those selected for promotion to those ranks are invited.

## Street survival school

Friday is the deadline to register for Keesler Street Survival School, Nov. 12-13.

The free school aims to reduce deadly car crashes involving teenagers and beginner drivers by providing a controlled setting where they can gain hands-on experience in car control in real-world situations.

The first 30 students ages 17-24 will be selected. Those with driver's permits are allowed based on space availability.

To sign up or for more information, call 376-4630, e-mail keesleautox@gmail.com or visit [www.streetsurvival.org](http://www.streetsurvival.org).

## BHS honors veterans

Biloxi High School's Veterans Day program is 1 p.m. Nov. 10 in the school's sports arena.

"We're trying to include more military personnel since they are the ones that we're honoring," said BHS spokesperson DeBorah Holliday.

Military guests are asked to be in place by 12:45 p.m.

## KSC auction

The Keesler Spouses Club's annual fall auction is 6 p.m. Nov. 10 at the Bay Breeze Event Center.

Tickets are \$13 in advance and \$18 at the door. Those who buy tickets in advance have a chance to win a \$50 door prize. Heavy hors d'oeuvres are served and there's a cash bar and a dessert auction.

The event supports the group's scholarship fund and charitable donations.

There's also a raffle for a new canoe filled with snacks, beverages and oars.

To purchase tickets or for more information, email [waysandmeans@keeslespousesclub.com](mailto:waysandmeans@keeslespousesclub.com).

## Sand Hill fall festival

Sand Hill Landing housing area hosts a fall festival, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 12.

Food, games and hands-on activities are planned.

To get to Sand Hill, take I-10 to Exit 57 and head north. Sand Hill is across the highway from The Shed BBQ and Blues.

For more information, call Forest City, 374-5336.

## America Recycles Day

Zero Waste Solutions and Mark Dunning Industries, operators of Keesler's recycling center, sponsor a recycling and reuse event for America Recycles Day, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 15 at the main exchange.

Project manager Doug Smith will answer your questions and provide information on reducing, reusing, and recycling plastics, paper, scrap metals, mattresses, electronics, furniture and electronic waste such as toner cartridges, computers and printers.

The event is intended to inform the base community about ongoing efforts to divert wastes from landfills. Used cell phones and clothing are collected for local charities.

For more information, call 348-6409.

## Adoption options

A program for military families thinking about adoption or already in the adoption process is 5:30-8 p.m. Nov. 17 in Room 108A, Sablich Center.

Presenters include the base legal office, military personnel flight, Catholic Social and Community Services, Mississippi Division of Family and Children Services and private adoption services.

To register, call 376-8728.

## Keesler 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.

Log on to [www.keesler spouses club.com](http://www.keesler spouses club.com) for a list of preferred donations. Pickup is available for bulk donations.

For more information, call 377-3217 or log on to [www.keesler.af.mil](http://www.keesler.af.mil).

## Visitor center hours

The Keesler Visitor Center is open 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays and is closed on weekends.



# Ghouls, goblins, ghosts descend on Keesler



Students from the 81st Training Group portray zombies for Friday's Ghouls in the Park.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Staff Sgt. Jonathan Johnson, left, 81st Security Forces Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Chris Freimann, 335th Training Squadron, hang a skeleton inside the haunted hangar. This Halloween event was open Oct. 26 through Monday and raised funds for the Combat Wounded Veterans of South Mississippi.

Andrew Stevenson, 5, and his sister, Bella, 3, dressed as Superman and Superwoman, help themselves to some free candy during Ghouls in the Park in marina park Friday. Activities included a costume contest, pumpkin painting, hay rides and a haunted house. Andrew and Bella's mom is Staff Sgt. Sally Stevenson, 81st Medical Support Squadron.



Nonprior service students' Halloween party at the Vandenburg Community Center. The students also played board games and competed in a costume contest.



Teenagers play with a ouija board at the Boo Bash for high school students Saturday at the Bay Breeze Event Center. The teens also played other games and danced.



# SPORTS AND RECREATION

## Medics continue domination in intramural flag football

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

In intramural flag football action, the 81st Medical Group was idle last week but remains the only unbeaten team in the league with an 8-0 record.

As of Friday, second place in the American Conference is shared by four teams with 5-3 records – the 81st Medical Support Squadron's A-team, 334th Training Squadron, 81st Security Forces Squadron and 85th Engineering Installation Squadron.

The race was tighter in the National Conference at week's end, with the 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron and the 335th TRS atop the standings at 8-2, followed closely by the 336th TRS, 7-2, and the 338th TRS-B, 6-2.

American Conference games are 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, while the National Conference plays at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the multipurpose field on Meadows Drive.

For schedules, call 377-2444.

### Thursday intramural bowling

Week 8 of 34

Team	Won	Lost
81st FSS	46.0	18.0
335th TRS-A	46.0	18.0
403rd AMXS	42.0	22.0
81st TRSS-PMEL	36.0	28.0
334th TRS	36.0	28.0
336th TRS	36.0	28.0
81st CS	34.0	30.0
ECS Strikers	34.0	30.0
338th TRS	30.0	34.0
81st LRS-B	30.0	34.0
2nd Air Force	30.0	34.0
81st LRS-A	28.0	36.0
335th TRS-B	20.0	44.0
81st TRSS-A	20.0	44.0
Seabees	20.0	44.0
81st WSA	18.0	46.0

Season high scores

**Team game** — 338th TRS, 953.  
**Team series** — 81st FSS, 2,733.  
**Game/men** — Garo Watson, 267.  
**Series/men** — Jeff Miracle, 734.  
**Game/women** — Lynetta Jackson, 191.  
**Series/women** — Sabra Miracle, 529.  
**Average/men** — Garo Watson, 210.33.  
**Average/women** — Micki Vandermeer, 157.54.  
**Most improved** — Jeff Bratcher, 3.13; Debi Holloway, 2.63.

Play hard — play safe.

## Costumes add fun to 5-K run



Photo by Kemberly Groue  
Misty Perry, garbed as an Egyptian goddess, won first place in the costume contest at Friday's Halloween 5-kilometer run. She was the first place female finisher with a time of 26:50 while pushing her children Kaeden, 2, and Kylynn, 10 months, in a stroller. Her husband is Kyle Perry, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron. The first place male finisher was David Hilton with a time of 19:37.

## Smokeout run is Nov. 17

The Great American Smokeout "Run Your Butts Off" 5-kilometer run is Nov. 17 at the health and wellness center.

Registration starts at 6:30 a.m. and the race begins at 7:15 a.m.

Trophies are presented to the top three male and female finishers in age groups under 30, 30-39, 40-49 and 50+.

For more information on the run and smoking cessation resources, call 376-3170.