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Senior Airman Patsy Chandler, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron, receives a mobility bag issued by Earl Ellis, CSC during a deployment exercise March 29 inside the 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron warehouse.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



DRAGONS THAT I MEET

**Staff Sgts. Leviticus Robinson
and David Morgan**



Photo by Kemberly Groue

By Brig. Gen. Andrew Mueller
81st Training Wing commander

It was my pleasure to meet Staff Sgts. Leviticus Robinson and David Morgan.

These two NCOs coached the LRS basketball team that not only won at the intramural level here on base but went on to represent Keesler Air Force Base and defeat the Navy Construction Battalion Center in the Keesler vs SeaBee tournament Feb. 28 with a score of 47-43.

Intramural sports are a great way to remain fit to fight and build morale.

Editor's note: Intramural softball season starts April 30, for more information, call 228-377-2444.



TRAIN, CARE, INNOVATE — DEVELOPING COMBAT POWER FOR AIR, SPACE AND CYBERSPACE

Air Force Assistance Fund – Airmen help Airmen

Commentary by Brig. Gen. Andrew Mueller

81st Training Wing commander

Each year, February through May, Airmen across our Air Force embark on a fundraising campaign in support of the Air Force Assistance Fund. This fund exists to provide financial support to four charitable organizations which support the entire range of our Air Force families. The AFAF campaign is unique in that it supports active duty, reserve, Air National Guard and retired airmen.

First term airmen through Air Force retirees can all benefit from the four organizations supported by the AFAF; the Air Force Villages, Inc., the Air Force Aid Society, Inc., the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation, and the Air Force Enlisted Village, Inc. These organizations help Airmen and their families with aid to help overcome an emergency situation, with educational needs, or enable a secure retirement home for widows or widowers of Air Force members who are in need of financial assistance.

According to AFAF statics, in 2010 Airmen and families from Keesler AFB received over \$180,000 in loans and grants using the financial aid programs enabled by donations to the AFAF. In addition, the base organizations received more than \$40,000 to help with family-oriented programs such as bundles for babies, give parents a break, and several other programs which help our “Team Keesler” community. Across the Air Force direct assistance to Air Force members and families totaled \$18.3 million – and helped 39,000 airmen!

Over the next few days take a minute or two to learn more about the AFAF by seeking out your unit’s key worker, visiting the AFAF website at www.afassistancefund.org or contacting the base AFAF project officer 2nd Lt. Adam Brown. Anyone can contribute to the AFAF however only active duty and retired military members can do so via payroll deductions.

Over the past two years I have highlighted the 70 years of heritage which have made our base what it is today. A

AFAF fundraising update

As of March 30, Keesler has raised \$36,090.53 toward the goal of \$83,255 — 43.3 percent towards the goal.

Those who haven’t yet been contacted can contact the project officer, 2nd Lt. Adam Brown at 228-376-4566.



70 year partner in this legacy of caring has been the Air Force Aid Society — providing worldwide emergency assistance, sponsoring education assistance programs and offering an array of base community enhancement programs that have improved quality of

life for Airmen and their families. You can support this legacy today through a contribution to the Air Force Assistance Fund; even the most modest contribution can make a difference for a fellow Airman.

Prevention requires bystander intervention

By Tech. Sgt. Jess Harvey

Secretary of the Air Force

Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — The Air Force’s observation of Sexual Assault Awareness Month began Sunday.

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

“If all wingmen intervene when someone is starting to cross the line with another wingman, they will play a vi-



tal role in creating an Air Force culture in which sexual assault is not tolerated,” said Lt. Col. Craig McCuin, the deputy program manager for the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program. “Perpetrators of sexual assault rely on bystander inaction in the hopes they can commit this crime and not get caught.”

The idea is one of bystander intervention, McCuin said.

“Bystander intervention

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

That’s where “Hurts one. Affects All.” comes in.

“Sexual assault happens directly to an individual, but can

indirectly affect everyone in a unit, as well as the victim’s family and friends,” McCuin said.

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

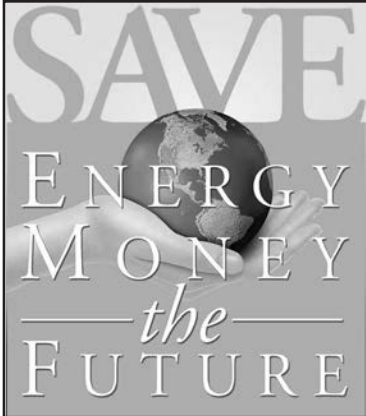
“The mention of mission readiness together with the toll sexual assault takes on the victim is not meant to be callous,” the colonel said. “It’s just that we all need to understand the far-reaching impact a sexual assault can have on the victim and everyone else around them.”

Some of the mission-related damages sexual assault incurs can include a loss of trust in the unit members or leaders, McCuin said. There is also the possibility that the victim and subjects may be temporary, or permanently, unable to fulfill their obligation to the mili-

tary due to physical condition, mental state or incarceration.

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

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



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weekdays.**



Keesler puts deployment logistics to test



Deborah Wells, CSC, provides an introduction briefing to “deploying” troops on the mobility bags issuing process during a deployment exercise March 29, inside the 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron warehouse.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Staff Sgt. Chad Byall, 81st Security Forces Squadron, conducts a joint inspection with Staff Sgt. David Frahm, 81st LRS on Byall’s cargo outside the 81st LRS warehouse to ensure cargo is safely secured.



Staff Sgt. David Cannon, Senior Airman Sadie Barcroft, and Airman First Class Carly Cervantes, 81st Force Support Squadron, verify deployment eligibility of processors before they’re allowed to advance through the line.

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Aim. Fire! Testing begins at indoor firing range



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Tech. Sgt. Barry Hardy, 81st Security Forces Squadron combat arms fires an M240B from the prone position into the metal backstop as other 81st SFS members Staff Sgt. Michael O'Neil and Staff Sgt. Richard Gibbs stand by during an indoor firing range safety test March 28 at Keesler. The ricochet containment test was conducted to ensure the metal backstop would catch each round fired.



Staff Sgt. Sterling McClennon and Capt. Chris Judy, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron bioenvironmental, discuss the level of noise registered inside the firing range



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Brig. Gen. Andrew Mueller, 81st Training Wing commander, delivers remarks to the audience as Devalyn and Lt. Col. Scott Solomon, 81st Training Group deputy commander, listen during a student parade March 29 in the triangle area at Keesler. Solomon officiated over the parade before making his permanent change of station.

Students march in parade



Airmen First Class Anthony Marino, parade commander of troops; Caleb Gunn, parade wing adjutant; and Tony Forsyth, parade staff officer, 334th Training Squadron, prepare to return a salute to the Officers Center during the parade.

ALS graduates 23 Senior Airmen, four win awards

By Airman 1st Class Heather Heiney

Keesler Public Affairs

Twenty-three senior airmen graduated Keesler's Airman Leadership School March 28.

Of the graduates, four were presented awards including the John Levitow award, the commandant Award, the Academic excellence award and distinguished graduate.

Nicklaus Stone, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, was presented the John Levitow award.

Drew Manoram, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron, was presented the academic excellence award.

Dayton Riter, 81st Security Forces Squadron, was presented the commandant award.

Patrick Timmerman, 85th EIS, was named the distinguished graduate.

Other graduates include:

Brook Baldwin, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Tigist Belema, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron.

Manuel Botero, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron.

Andrew Daily, 81st SFS.

Valerie Divert, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron.

John Earl, 81st Training Group.

Clarissa Ernst, 85th EIS.

Deborah Hall, 81st MDOS.

Antoine Hastie, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron.

Jonathan Loera, 81st LRS.

Drew Manoram, 85th EIS.

Chamira May, 81st Force Support Squadron.

James Mercatell, 345th Airlift Squadron.

Ricky Morgan, 81st MDOS.

Sasha Page, 81st MDSS.

Isidro Saldana, 81st MSGS.

Danielle Thomas, 81st IPTS.

Cedric White, 85th EIS.

Eva Williams, 81st Dental Squadron.



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Steven Mullins

Keesler Airmen pose for a photo with Col. Glen Downing, 81st Training Group vice commander at the Gulf Coast Vietnam Veterans Salute in Mobile Ala. Nearly 300 Keesler members attended the event to honor and engage with Vietnam-era veterans.

Keesler Airmen help salute Vietnam veterans

By Senior Master Sgt. Steven Mullins

81st Training Wing career assistance advisor

Approximately 300 Keesler Airmen went to Mobile Saturday to celebrate the Gulf Coast Vietnam Veterans Salute honoring Vietnam and Vietnam Era Veterans. The event honored Vietnam veterans who live along the Gulf Coast and gave younger generations the chance to meet the veterans, ask questions and learn about the Vietnam War. Senior Master Sgt. Phuoc Phan was the committee chair who organized the volunteer response from Keesler which includ-

ed 20 additional Airmen who helped to prepare the grounds the day prior.

After Saturday's Honor Ride Parade, Airmen were able to join the Vietnam Veterans and their families for the opening ceremony, special activities and were also available including a free tour of Battleship Memorial Park. For more information about the park go to <http://www.ussalabama.com/>.

Each service set up and manned reunion tents which were decorated with service-specific memorabilia and provided message boards where veterans

could post their contact information in hopes of reuniting with fellow Vietnam Veterans. Phan witnessed one such reunion.

"It was really great to be involved with the event, and to be able to personally thank the veterans for their service and for my freedom," Phan said, "The Air Force definitely had the strongest active duty presence and you could feel their pride as each member joined in to sing the Air Force Song during a musical tribute to each branch of service ... and I too was extremely proud to be a part of the event."

Roman Catholic

Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.,
Thursday

Good Friday, 7 p.m.
Friday

Easter Vigil, 7 p.m.,
Saturday, Triangle Chapel.

Easter Sunday, 9 a.m.,
Triangle Chapel.

Protestant

Sunrise service, 6:30 a.m.,
Bay Breeze Event Center

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

Contemporary service,
10:30 a.m. Sunday, Trian-
gle Chapel.

Gospel service, noon
Sunday, Triangle Chapel.

Jewish

Services take place at 8
p.m. Fridays at Congre-
gation Beth Israel, 12277
Three Rivers Road, Gulf-
port.

Saturday services are
scheduled at 10 a.m. Feb.
12, March 19 and April
9. 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 Ortho-
dox Church, 255 Beauvoir
Road, Biloxi. For more in-
formation, call 388-6138:

Islamic

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

Latter-Day Saints

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

New tuition assistance policy memo complete

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — When a new policy takes effect, probably this summer, schools will need to have a signed memorandum of understanding to participate in the Defense Department's Tuition Assistance Program, Pentagon officials said.

A 90-day extension that expired March 30 allowed DOD officials to work with stakeholders to address issues associated with the memorandum, and a revised memorandum is now complete, officials said.

When the new policy takes effect, schools that provide education programs through the DOD Tuition Assistance Program must agree to the new memorandum and have a signed copy on file with the Defense Department for service members receiving tuition assistance approval to attend their institution, officials said. The revised memorandum and the policy implementation date will be announced on the Defense Department's memorandum of understanding Web page.



The memorandum is meant to ensure service members have the widest variety of choices for their continued education, officials said, explaining that it puts important educational protections for service members and government oversight into writing.

"I am pleased that over the past 90 days we have been

able to collaborate with our partners, including the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee; American Council on Education; National Association of Institutions for Military Education Services; and numerous veteran service organizations and military service organizations," said Robert L. Gordon

III, the deputy assistant secretary of defense for military community and family policy. "As a result, we have a stronger, clearer memorandum."

The revised memorandum contains these key guidelines:

- Prior to enrollment, schools must disclose all policies regarding admissions, transfer of credit and residency requirements, as well as costs such as tuition, fees and other charges to the service member;
- Prior to enrollment, schools must provide service members access to a financial aid advisor who will provide a clear and complete explanation of available financial aid, including Title IV, and appropriate loan counseling before offering, recommending, or signing up a student for a school loan; and

- Schools must have a policy that bans aggressive marketing and inducements, and must refrain from aggressively marketing to military students or use inducements to encourage military students to enroll in their school.

Once internal coordination

of the revised memorandum is complete, schools will have ample opportunity to review and sign the memorandum before the policy goes into effect, officials said.

Academic institutions participating in the Tuition Assistance Program will continue to receive tuition assistance, regardless of whether they have signed the original memorandum with the department. Once the new policy goes into effect, only those schools that have signed a memorandum of understanding with the department will be able to receive tuition assistance.

Institutions that have signed or are in the process of signing the original memorandum will not have to re-sign or make changes to the document, officials noted.

"Even though more than 2,070 institutions of higher learning have already signed the memorandum, it is the department's intent to ensure our service members have the widest variety of choices for their continued education," Gordon said.

Hospital performs high-tech heart procedure

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

The Keesler Hospital's Catheterization Lab team has marked another milestone in patient care with a recent state-of-the-art procedure conducted on a Department of Veterans Affairs patient.

Lt. Col. (Dr.) Steve Kindsvater, 81st Medical Operations Squadron chief of cardiovascular services, said the 66-year-old patient had been diagnosed with end-stage congestive heart failure due to coronary artery disease — blockages of the vessels in the heart.

"Two separate cardiovascular surgery groups determined him to be at too high of a risk for CABG (coronary artery bypass graft) surgery. The sec-

ond CT surgery consultation actually had led to an attempt at bypass surgery but the surgery was halted when the patient didn't tolerate general anesthesia due to a life-threatening drop in blood pressure."

Kindsvater continued, "Since the patient is a VA beneficiary, we have been seeing him in consultation for procedures only, with his main cardiology care at the VA hospitals. Heart catheterization and other testing we accomplished here had revealed that if blood supply was able to be restored to the heart, then heart function would very likely improve. Rather than giving up, he was brought back to the Keesler hospital for consideration of other more novel options.

"He underwent a state-of-the-art procedure March 5, during which we used a percutaneous left-ventricular-assist apparatus called an Impella device inserted through the left groin artery.

The Keesler Hospital is one of only two places in Mississippi offering this level of cardiac support. Keesler has the only military hospital in the nation with this capability.

"Once we had inserted the (cardiac assist) device, we performed a hybrid procedure by implanting multiple high-risk coronary stents in three of his four main coronary arteries. The fourth main coronary artery will receive coronary bypass surgery with the heart still beating at Wesley Hospital in Hattiesburg, Miss."

Kindsvater explained, "The hybrid part stenting and part open-heart bypass procedure with the left-ventricular-assist device is a novel, high-tech technique which offered this patient a chance for long-term survival."

In addition to Kindsvater, other members of the team involved in the procedure were: cardiologists Maj. (Dr.) Matthew Hann and Michael Benca; catheterization technicians Tech. Sgt. Matthew Worsham, Toni Rosetti and Adam Hudson; and nurses Capt. Aimee McLaurin, Katherine Hursey, Cherie Dahm and Alexandria Hults. In addition, nurse 1st Lt. William Moore accompanied the patient in the ambulance when he was taken to Wesley Hospital.

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Keesler Hospital clinics closed for warrior training today

Clinics closed for warrior training (2012)

Keesler Medical Center clinics will be closed for warrior training from 1-5 p.m. April 12. Family Practice, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics and General Surgery Clinics each will have one doctor available for urgent appointments. For urgent situations, contact Central Appointments

at 1-800-700-8603 or report to the emergency room.

Although Pharmacy, Radiology and Laboratory services are open, they will have reduced staffing. Patients are asked to delay visits to these services during Warrior Training.

For emergency situations such as shortness of breath, chest or abdominal pain or bleeding with pregnancy, please

go to the nearest emergency room. If this is an emergency, contact 911 for an ambulance.

The 81st Medical Group staff is committed to maintaining the highest level of war and peacetime readiness. It does this through monthly training sessions. They apologize for any inconvenience.

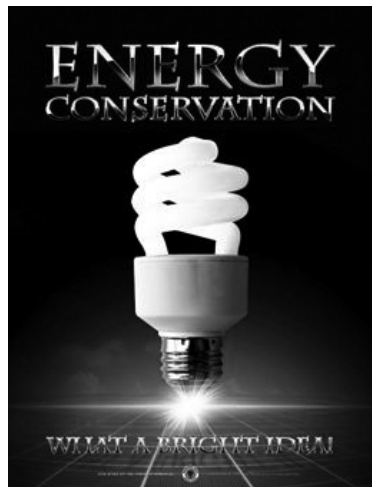
81st CS to get new director

Rosman Kimbrough will assume leadership of the 81st Communications Squadron from John McKinley effective tomorrow. McKinley was selected for senior developmental education and will leave Keesler to attend graduate

school. Kimbrough, the squadron's current deputy of plans and resources flight chief, will serve as squadron director until June 28 when Lt. Col. Rashóne Tate assumes command.

School Liason Officer

Keesler's partner with public, private and home schools to assist school-age children overcome issues related to parental military obligations. Contact Mr. Cross (228) 376-8505



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job information,
credit card,
bank account num-
bers and names of
family members.

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cans, call the 81st
Security Forces
Squadron
law enforcement
desk, 377-3040.

Solomon leaves Keesler poised for cyber future

By Susan Griggs

Keesler Public Affairs

Lt. Col. Scott Solomon never expected to spend four years at Keesler when he arrived to take command of the 333rd Training Squadron in 2008. But those four years have been marked by a whirlwind of cyberspace training transformation and 81st Training Group reorganization.

Solomon, deputy commander of the 81st TRG for the past two years, is now headed to Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, to become executive officer to Lt. Gen. Douglas Owens, vice commander of Air Education and Training Command.

Dec. 7, 2005, the Air Force announced that cyberspace was going to be a warfighting domain for the service, along with air and space.

“Unlike air, land, sea and space, cyberspace is a man-made domain — the physics that come along with the other domains don’t apply to cyber,” Solomon observed. “The Air Force, the Department of Defense and the world are still finding their way in cyber. Cyber has no boundaries, and that brings

a set of challenges that we haven’t faced in the past. In the military, there are clear, delineated boundaries when we go to another country to fight a war, what we can and can’t do. We’re still learning how to fight in cyber.”

Solomon explained the five military foundational aspects of cyber that are now trained at Keesler.

“First we need to be able to establish the network, the cyber domain,” he said. “Then we must be able to operate within that domain. We must develop the tactics, techniques and procedures to defend it against attack, how to exploit it and how to plan our own attacks.”

To meet new cyber training needs, Keesler transformed 14 initial skills courses into 19 new courses while facing the challenges of securing necessary equipment and meeting personnel demands.

“We had a new domain but we didn’t really have the skill sets commensurate with the tasks at hand — what would our new courses look like?” Solomon recalled. “We took all of the skill sets and ‘rebinned’ them into new Air Force Specialty Codes. For ex-



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Lt. Col. Scott Solomon, 81st Training Group deputy commander, is the reviewing official as the troops march in command during the student parade March 29 in the triangle area at Keesler. This was Solomon’s final parade before his permanent change of station.

ample, a knowledge operations person now takes the skill sets of information management and computer programming. Cyber surety includes six different AFSCs from the past to be aligned with today’s cyber operational mission.”

Four Keesler squadrons were involved in this cyber training revolution -- the 332nd, 333rd, 336th and 338th. The 332nd TRS had foundational training, the 333rd TRS had officer and senior enlisted training and the 336th and 338th TRS had AFSC-awarding courses.

“We couldn’t just stop all training and resume a year later,” the colonel pointed out. “We couldn’t stop the pipeline. Lots of things had to work concurrently — what the courses were and what they were going to become.”

The first new enlisted course, information technology fundamentals, was launched in October 2009. Undergraduate cyber training for officers was launched in June 2010. The last of the 19 new courses, enlisted warfare operations, stood up in January 2011.

All of the courses were

challenging to stand up, but none more difficult than the UCT for officers at Stennis Hall, according to Solomon, whose squadron was charged with making it happen.

“We had to take a six-week course and turn it into a six-month course requiring a permanent change of station,” he said. “We had to make sure we weren’t just adding stuff to our previous basic communication officer course — the course I came through at Keesler in 1994. We revamped the whole thing.”

The course now has 14 blocks of instruction. The first four are unclassified so partners from other nations can be trained. Then foreign students “take the off ramp” and training continues for U.S. Air Force officers in the remaining 10 blocks.

At this point, UCT students must have a top-secret clearance just to get inside the secure compartmentalized information facility. A major construction project was undertaken to double the size of this training area. In addition to the infrastructure requirements, training equipment

had to be acquired, including a variety of simulators and commercial-standard equipment used in industry today so fundamentals could be taught with hands-on realism.

Beyond his responsibilities for cyber training as 333rd TRS commander, Solomon was called on to serve as a facilitator for an Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century event when Program Budget Decision 720 mandated manpower reductions to save money. The results of that AFSO 21 event later led to the stand-down of the 332nd TRS last June, dropping the number of squadrons in the 81st TRG to six.

“Funding cuts from PBD 720 and later from (Research and Development 703) gutted a lot of positions and created leadership gaps across the group, but reorganization helped us to get to where we are today,” he stressed. “From start to finish, we’ve been able to see it through. We were aggressive, but we executed our plan and it worked. We’ve been able to find spaces for nearly all of the faces.”

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Graduates of the Air Force’s undergraduate cyberspace training course received the cyberspace officer badge. The lightning bolt wings signify the cyberspace domain and the globe represents the projection of cyber power. The bolted wings centered on the globe are taken from the center of the Air Force seal and signify the striking power through air, space and cyberspace. The orbits circling the globe signify the space-related elements of the cyberspace mission.

Cyber,

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Among other highlights over the past four years, Solomon cited facilities modernization in the 81st TRG, the 81st Training Wing's successful unit compliance inspection and working to get people promoted and selected for great opportunities. On a personal level, the colonel served terms as president of both the Gulf Coast chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association and John C. Stennis Chapter No. 332 of the Air Force Association.

The Solomon family arrived as Keesler was recovering from Hurricane Katrina and rebuilding its housing areas, moving three times in four years. Before long, the family had embraced life in coastal Mississippi.

"We love the water and we have a boat," Solomon said. "We changed how we fished to saltwater, and my wife, Deval-

yann, caught her first hammerhead shark off Ship Island."

Solomon is proud of his wife's involvement with the Keesler Spouses Club and the mentoring she provided to other spouses. She'll remain with their three children until the end of the school year, when oldest son Paul, who received an appointment to the Air Force Academy, graduates from Biloxi High School. Daughter Sarah will be a senior next year. Youngest son, David, is almost 7 years old.

The family plans to take a year off from its epic Christmas light and music display that's become a Keesler tradition while they get settled at Randolph.

"We're going to miss Keesler and its people, both military and civilian," Solomon admitted. "I never really understood why so many Air Force people retire here ... now I understand the appeal."

Marching at its best

Airman Basic Benjamin Todd Suhr, 338th Training Squadron, receives a plaque on behalf of the Drum and Bugle Corps from Brig. Gen. Andrew Mueller, 81st Training Wing commander, at the student parade March 29 in the triangle at Keesler. The Keesler Drum & Bugle Corps was named best marching group in the 34th annual Biloxi St. Patrick's Parade by the Hibernia Marching Society of Miss.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



KEESLER NOTES

Meadows Gate closure

Due to anticipated severe spring break traffic on highway 90, 81st Security Forces Squadron will be opening the Meadows Avenue Gate from 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. on April 14 and 15. Although the White Avenue gate will remain open, it is strongly recommended that all personnel use the Meadows Avenue gate for access to I-110 and Ocean Springs during this timeframe.

Questions can be directed

to Security Forces Operations at (228) 376-6649.

Finance office closure

The Keesler finance office will be closed today at noon for training and will reopen at 8 a.m. on April 6.

MarriageCare Retreat

The MarriageCare retreat will be held April 20-22 at the Riverview Plaza Renaissance Hotel in Mobile, Ala. MarriageCare provides couples an opportunity to take time out

for their relationship. It is not designed to fix marriages, but to encourage couples to build a healthy marriage. The retreat is open to any couple but priority will be given to active duty deployers/redeployers. There are slots for 15 couples. The retreat is free with rooms and meals provided. To sign up, call the chapel at (228) 377-4859. The Chapel will provide transportation if needed.

Job fair

The Governor's Job Fair

Network of Mississippi is hosting a military job fair Tuesday at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center. The fair will be open 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more information, call (601) 321-6154.

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. Visit www.keeslerspousesclub.com for more information and a list of preferred donations. Pickup is available for bulk donations. For more information, call 228-377-3217.

Soccer field

The Keesler Soccer Field will be under repairs for the next month. A fence will stay up until May 4 to repair and reseed.

Keesler Events Calendar

Today

9 a.m. — Career skills and personality assessment at the airman and family readiness center in the Sablich Center.

1 p.m. — Airman and family readiness center post deployment briefing at the Sablich Center Room 108.

4 p.m. — Children's story time at the McBride library.

Friday

9 a.m. — Education fair at the main exchanges main entrance area.

1 p.m. — Resume writing and job fair preparation class at the Sablich Center Room 108A. Call 228-376-8728 to register.

Saturday

9 a.m. — Easter in the Park at marina park.

Sunday

6:30 a.m. — Easter sunrise service followed by breakfast at the Bay Breeze Event Center.

11 a.m. — Easter brunch at the Bay Breeze Event Center. Call 228-377-2334 for reservations.

Monday

8 a.m. — Three-day Department of Labor employ-

ment workshop at the Sablich Center Room 108A. Call 228-376-8728 to register.

4 p.m. — Guest speaker and war veteran Mike Cavanaugh, retired Air Force colonel, at the McBride library.

6 p.m. — E-reader class at the McBride Library.

Tuesday

8 a.m. — Caring for People forum at the Bay Breeze Event Center. For more information call 228-376-8500.

9 a.m. — Airman and Family Readiness Center post deployment briefing at the Sablich Center Room 108.

— Separatees preseparation counseling at the Sablich Center in room 110. Call 228-376-8728 to register.

— 18th annual Governor's Job Fair Network Spring Southern Region Military and Civilian Job Fair at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Coliseum.

1 p.m. — Retiree preseparation counseling every Tuesday at the airman and family readiness center conference room. Call 228-376-8728 to register.

4 p.m. — Children's weather safety seminar at the McBride Library.

Wednesday

9 a.m. — Civilian format resume writing class at the Sablich Center Room 108B. Call 228-376-8728 to register.

11 a.m. — Education fair at the McBride Library.

4:15 p.m. — Diamond Sharp ceremony at the Bay Breeze Event Center third floor.

April 12

8 a.m. — Veterans benefit briefing at the Sablich Center Room 108A. Call 228-376-8728 to register.

9 a.m. — Federal jobs resume writing class at the airman and family readiness center conference room in the Sablich Center. Call 228-376-8728 to register.

Noon — Money Talks "lunch and learn" at the McBride Library.

1 p.m. — Airman and family readiness center post deployment briefing at the Sablich Center Room 108.

— Retirement benefits brief at the Sablich Center

Room 108A.

7 p.m. — Glow golf tournament at the Bay Breeze Golf Course in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness month.

April 13

10:30 a.m. — Ceramic mold pouring class at the arts and crafts center.

11:30 a.m. — National alcohol awareness 5K run/walk at the Dragon Fitness Center.

6 p.m. — Cocktails and Canvas at the arts and crafts center.

April 14

9 a.m. — Wood shop class at the arts and crafts center.

April 16

9 a.m. — Interview skills and salary negotiation class at the airman and family readiness center conference room in the Sablich Center.

11 a.m. — 81st Training Wing quarterly awards luncheon at the Bay Breeze Event Center.

April 17

9 a.m. — Airman and Family Readiness Center post deployment briefing at the

Sablich Center Room 108.

— Separatees preseparation counseling at the Sablich Center in room 110. Call 228-376-8728 to register.

Noon — Truths and myths of supplements class at the health and wellness center.

1 p.m. — Retiree preseparation counseling every Tuesday at the airman and family readiness center conference room. Call 228-376-8728 to register.

3 p.m. — Keesler volunteer recognition reception at the Sablich Center in rooms 108A and 108B.

April 18

7 a.m. — Newcomer's orientation at the Sablich Center in room 108B.

9 a.m. — Survivor benefit plan briefing at the Sablich Center in room 108A.

10 a.m. — Children's story time at the McBride library.

1 p.m. — Smooth move class at the Sablich Center in room 108B.

4 p.m. — Free recycled materials bird feeder class at the arts and crafts center.



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Together.*

Keesler youth show off baseball skills



Photo by Staff Sgt. Kimberly Rae Moore

Keesler kids show off their baseball skills Saturday at the youth center baseball field, during a skills assessment which allowed teams to be evenly grouped for this-coming baseball season. The players caught pop flies and ground balls, played catch and batted. The season is scheduled to begin April 21 and games will be played on the fields adjacent to the youth center.

Thursday intramural bowling

Week 27 of 34

Team	Won	Lost
335 TRS-A	138	78.0
81st FSS	136.0	80.0
338th TRS	126.0	90.0
81st CS	123.0	93.0
403rd AMXS	119.0	97.0
81st TRSS-PMEL	117.0	99.0
81st LRS-A	115.0	101.0
334th TRS	112.0	104.0
81st WSA	108.0	108.0
ECS Strikers	106.0	110.0
81st LRS-B	105.0	111.0
336th TRS	104.0	112.0
335th TRS-B	95.0	121.0
2nd Air Force	90.0	118.0
81st TRSS-A	82.0	134.0
Seabees	40.0	72.0

Season high scores

Team game — 335th TRS-A, 1043.

Team series — 335th TRS-A, 2990.

High handicap game (team) — 335th TRS-A, 1144.

High handicap series (team) — 81st CS, 3,300.

Game/men — Garo Watson, 267.

Series/men — Jeff Miracle, 734.

High handicap game/men — Taras Butrej, 300.

High handicap series/men — Joseph Weaver, 749.

Game/women — Sabra Miracle, 212.

Series/women — Sabra Miracle, 567

High handicap game/women — Marie Leeks, 264

High handicap series/women — Sabra Miracle, 678

Average/men — Jeff Miracle, 203.02

Average/women — Vicki Dickinson, 156.59

Most improved — Joseph Weaver, 13.72;

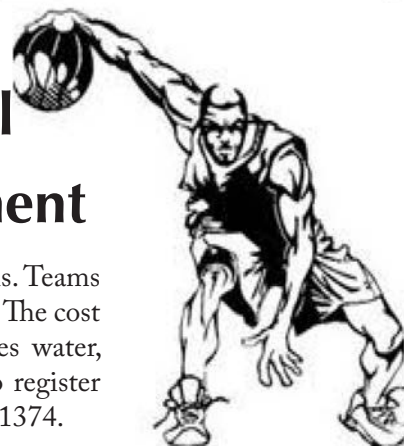
Carol Wetzler, 3.63

HOOPEST

Second Air Force to hold inaugural three-on-three basketball tournament

Second Air Force is holding a three-on-three basketball tournament 1 p.m. April 27 at the Blake Fitness Center. The tournament is open to military personnel, dependents 16 and older and

Department of Defense civilians. Teams must register by noon April 13. The cost is \$35 per team which includes water, sports drinks and tee shirts. To register call 228-377-4623 or 228-377-1374.



Easter Egg Hunt & Parade in the Marina Park

April 7

Visit with the
Easter Bunny!

9 a.m. Parade
and arrival of the
Easter Bunny

9:30 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt

Over 5,000 candy filled
eggs hidden throughout
the park! Three separate
age divisions.

Bring your camera
for photos.

Hosted by Outdoor Recreation.

For more information,
call 377-3160.



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5K National Alcohol Awareness

Noon April 13
at Dragon Fitness Center.
Free to participate.
Register at 11:30 a.m.



Awards will be presented to the first and second place
runners and walkers in the male and female divisions.

Participants are encouraged to wear red.

Informational booths and
ADAPT Drunkbuster Carts will be there.

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*I am an American Airman.
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A tradition of honor,
And a legacy of valor.*

*I am an American Airman,
guardian of freedom and justice,
My nation's sword and shield,
Its sentry and avenger.
I defend my country with my life.*

*I am an American Airman:
Wingman, leader, warrior.
I will never leave an Airman behind,
I will never falter
and I will not fail.*



Join us for
Easter Brunch
in the Bay Breeze Event Center Ballroom

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 8

\$17⁹⁵ AF Club members **\$22⁹⁵** Nonmembers

Menu includes

Spicy Cajun shrimp

Sliced prime rib of beef
with au jus & oven roasted vegetables

Hand-carved maple & honey glazed pit ham

Bay Breeze carrot soufflé

Sautéed green beans with julienne onions

Diped Duchess potatoes

Rice pilaf

Chorizo, broccoli & cheddar quiche

Bacon, sausage, biscuits & gravy,
cheese grits & scrambled eggs

Artisan rolls

Assorted desserts

Pecan pie, coconut cake & vanilla mousse

Coffee, tea, water, orange juice &
a complimentary mimosa, champagne or mistletoe

Call today for reservations, 377-2334!



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