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ON THE COVER

Capt. Christopher Porta, 81st Security Forces Squadron, reviews the security plan for Special Olympics' traffic and base access with Col. Mark Vivians, 81st Mission Support Group commander and Col. Rene Romero, 81st Training Wing vice commander, during a one-day immersion tour of the 81st MSG July 24.

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

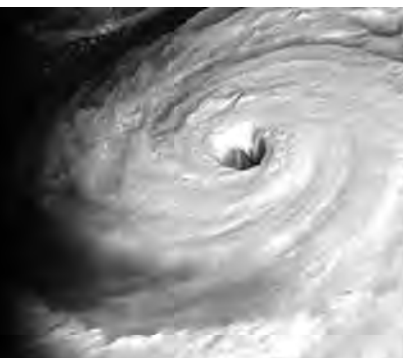


Photo by Kemberly Groue

Keesler was the host to approximately 100 JROTC students from seven states attending a week-long JROTC Summer Leadership School ending with a parade at the Levitow Training Support Facility and a graduation ceremony at the Welch Theater, July 27. To submit your photo for the Keesler News photo of the week email a copy to keeslernews@us.af.mil.

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visit www.keesler.af.mil/hurricaneinfo.asp



Keesler needs to look in mirror before inspection

By Col. Thomas Bacon

81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron commander

Many people are familiar with the fairy tale Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, and the magical mirror that Snow White's evil step-mother possessed. In the story, this mirror would answer truthfully any question it was asked.

In late October, Keesler personnel will be exposed to a form of the "talking mirror" through a unit compliance inspection. This inspection consist of experts from outside agencies brought in to assess how "fair" we are in observing ourselves (i.e., our programs) and taking the corrective actions needed to be the "fairest of all," or "outstanding" in Air Force parlance.

I anticipate that the results of this inspection will show the tremendous effort of the Keesler team in fulfilling our mission, "Train, Care, Innovate...developing combat power for air, space and cyberspace".

So why use the analogy of a "talking mirror" to illustrate this point?

The mirror represents the self-inspection process that is so vital to the success we anticipate receiving on our compliance inspection. By utilizing the mirror of self-inspection throughout the months and

years between inspections, we can self-correct the flaws or weaknesses we discover in our programs and processes. The stronger the self-inspection program, the less surprised we will be when outside agencies tell us the truths they observe in our programs and the more pleased we will be with their feedback.

We can't expect excellence in our unit programs if we don't expect it in ourselves. "Excellence in all we do," starts at the most basic and individual level. How are you at conducting self-inspections? Have you recently reflected on your mental, physical or spiritual well-being?

I have learned the easiest person to fool is myself. I have also found that being honest with myself is sometimes a bitter pill to swallow. It's usually easier to walk away and try to forget the imperfections we see in our character or personal choices than to act on changing our weaknesses into strengths.

Corrective actions usually require work, discipline and time. It may even require us to swallow our pride and seek help from others. But the satisfaction of resolving a personal weakness and seeing the fruit of your effort is hard to beat.

In 1988, the late pop artist Michael Jackson released his iconic single, "Man in the Mirror."

"I'm starting with the man in the mirror...If you wanna make the world a better place, take a look at yourself and then make a change."

This song touched the hearts of millions because of the strength of its message. The positive changes we seek in our military world today can only be accomplished through individuals who see beyond what is, to what should be and make a conscious choice to implement those changes.

As we transition to this current inspection season at Keesler, we should continue to be vigilant in our self-inspection processes at the unit level. We should also enjoy the progress we have made since the last inspections and continue to strive for "excellence in all we do." Also, we should focus on the larger picture to "make the world a better place" by our individual efforts to affect change; first in ourselves, and then in our communities, the military and the United States. It all starts with the person you see in the mirror and their personal choices, attitudes and actions.

Mirror, Mirror on the wall, who can effect change most of all? You can.

Shredding documents is first in OPSEC defense

By Master Sgt. William Mays

Keesler Operations Security program manager

Would you believe that something as simple as sifting through the trash can give our enemies valuable opportunities to threaten Keesler's operations security and even your personal credit?

Recently, several commanders, OPSEC managers and recycling center employees came together to see what intelligence could be collected from a dumpster dive. Since the Air Force and Keesler have 100% shred policies, we were looking to see how much Privacy Act, personally identifiable information and for official use only information we could find. A receptacle, which is used by three units, was picked up from a preselected location on the base and brought to the recycling center.

The recycling center per-



Photo by Kemberly Groue

sonnel transferred the contents of the dumpster into smaller bins for inspection. Each bag of trash was then pulled open and inspected. In no time, the overwhelming smell of rotting trash had permeated the recycling center. Amidst all of that trash, we found a lot of non-

shredded paper. None of the paper contained classified information. However, we were still able to find sheets of paper with names and addresses, Social Security numbers, documents marked FOUO and even credit card information with security codes.

Shredding all paper serves a three-fold purpose. First, it enhances the OPSEC program by making it virtually impossible for our adversaries to glean usable information from our trash. Second, it makes it extremely difficult for criminals to steal identi-

ties of people associated with the base. Third, it increases the revenue that the base makes from the recycling center. This returned revenue can be used to buy various items for the base including new shredders.

If your squadron needs a shredder, please call 228-377-2754 with your requirements. The National Security Agency also has a website to assist you in determining what product is needed to render your media useless: http://www.nsa.gov/ia/mitigation_guidance/media_destruction_guidance/index.shtml

If you have any other OPSEC questions or needs, look no further than your squadron bulletin board. Your local OPSEC coordinator should have their name posted along with the alternate on a KAFB Visual Aid 10-5.



Photo by Adam Bond

Quarterly award winners stand for the Air Force song at a luncheon at the Bay Breeze Event Center July 26.

Wing honors quarterly award winners

By Senior Airman
Heather Heiney

Keesler News co-editor

The 81st Training Wing quarterly awards luncheon was held July 26 at the Bay Breeze Event Center.

Winners are:

Airman of the Quarter — Senior Airman Ryan Hookstra, 81st Medical Support Squadron.

NCO of the Quarter — Tech. Sgt. Stephen Ensminger, 81st Training Support Squadron.

Senior NCO of the Quarter — Master Sgt. Brian Herre, 336th Training Squadron.

Company Grade Officer of the Quarter — Capt. Krista Hutchinson, 81st Medical Group.

Category I Civilian Em-

ployee of the Quarter — Jackie Dungey, 81st MDSS.

Category II Civilian Employee of the Quarter — Sabrina Labauve, 334th TRS

Category I Civilian Supervisor of the Quarter — Carol Emling, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Category II Civilian Supervisor of the Quarter — Michael Polley, 334th TRS.

Two from Keesler receive STEP promotion

By Senior Airman
Heather Heiney

Keesler News co-editor

The Stripes for Exceptional Performers promotion program offers commanders a limited opportunity to immediately promote enlisted members to staff sergeant, technical sergeant or master sergeant.

There are usually only two to three stripes given to each wing per year.

This year the 81st Training Wing promoted two Keesler members to the rank of technical sergeant.

They are:

Anthony Bustamante, 333rd Training Squadron.

Crystal Connelly, 81st Force Support Squadron.



Exercise physiologist wants to enhance PTL program

By Steve Hoffmann

Keesler News co-editor

Al Ciampa is Keesler's new exercise physiologist and is trained to prescribe exercise regimens based on fitness assessments. Some have medical conditions — cardiac patients, pulmonary patients, diabetics — that require obvious and specific prescriptions.

But when it comes to physical training requirements for active duty military, the prescriptions are more subtle. Often they are designed to tweak certain muscular-skeletal conditions such as inflexibility, muscle imbalances, etc. It takes a trained eye to spot the problem and time for the prescriptions to work.

But since Ciampa is one man with only two eyes, he can't be everywhere to spot every problem with anyone engaged in PT. That's the job of the PT leader. Ciampa has a plan to revise the PTL training program in such a way that the PTL will be able to see what Ciampa sees and be able to make proper corrections.

"As it is now, the PTL training program is a one-day course that's very self-educative," said Ciampa. "If the PTLs don't get out and get in front of groups, do the research or go to the websites I show them, it's not going to sink in."

Ciampa's solution is to implement a 7-9 week course that trains the trainer. In this course, PTLs will be able to see basic bio-mechanical corrections take effect in themselves and in the other members of the class. Ciampa's strategy is that by PTLs being exposed to the repetitiveness of seeing these corrections and spotting and correcting others, they'll be better equipped to lead an exercise program hav-



Albert Ciampa, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron exercise physiologist, teaches proper techniques for body weight squats to Airman 1st Class Keilan Snider, 338th Training Squadron at the Triangle Fitness Center. Ciampa is trained to prescribe exercise regimens based on fitness assessments.

ing experienced the effect of these correction in themselves and others.

"The basis of the course is basic human movement and being exposed to what's proper and learning how to spot proper and correct proper," said Ciampa. "It takes six to eight weeks for the muscles to adapt to these corrections. A one-day class doesn't allow a PTL to see corrections take effect. You can't even see what's wrong in one day."

At the end of the course, a potential PTL will be tested

on their ability to spot and make good corrections on people who haven't been exposed to the course.

"I want to see the good corrections. If they can't make the good corrections after 9 weeks, then they're not going to graduate," said Ciampa. "They'll still be PTL certified but there are going to be master PTLs who come out of this who will be able to provide oversight."

Ciampa also want to incorporate some components of extreme fitness into the PT

workouts.

"There's been some reluctance in the Air Force to do this because of increased chance for injury," said Ciampa. "But most of these injuries are from bad posture and inflexibility but can be mitigated through proper instruction and coaching."

Ciampa has been involved in sports and coaching since he was 15 years old. He's been active in Olympic weightlifting and powerlifting. Before coming to Keesler, Ciampa was involved in the fitness as-

essment program at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam.

Before that he ran a fitness and personal training business in Washington State and had contracts with the Army and Air Force. He also served in the Army where he was first exposed to the "train the trainer" philosophy.

"I've seen what doesn't work," said Ciampa. "But more importantly, I've seen what a course like this can do for student at the end of it."

Photo by Kemberly Groue

Keesler holds forum on environmental restoration

By Susan Griggs

Keesler Public Affairs

July 24, Keesler's environmental restoration team provided a public forum at the West Biloxi Library to let the public know about what Keesler is doing to be a good steward of the land it occupies.

"We're continuing to clean up the mistakes of our past which were not considered at the time to be harmful to the environment," said Shane Reed, who serves as environmental restoration program manager at Keesler and Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.

Also involved in the program were Tasha Golson, 81st Infrastructure Division, and contractors Bob Carlisle from CH2M Hill and Bill Lazarz from Bay West Inc.

Keesler personnel work closely with the Environmental Protection Agency's Region 4 and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality to address Keesler's environmental correction needs.

Seventeen of the base's 24 installation restoration sites have been closed with no further action required, according to Reed.

A military munitions response program site is being pursued under the Research Contributions Recovery Act. In the 1940s, a small arms/skeet range operated in an area edging the Triangle, but the ranges were removed in the 1950s and buildings were constructed there. The buildings came down in the 1990s and a running track was constructed.

Lazarz stated that an RCRA facility assessment was completed in 2009-10, with about 500 soil samples taken in a grid-style framework and three groundwater samples taken from temporary monitoring wells. Some soil samples showed polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon contamination, but PAHs weren't



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Alan Guidry, retired Navy of Lockport, La., tees off on Hole 14 at the Bay Breeze Golf Course. Hole 14 edges the Back Bay where landfills used to be operated from the 1940s to the late 1960s.

detected in the groundwater samples.

Reed said there's a good chance that soil removal may begin early next year to clear up the site.

Seven other site projects are progressing toward completion, all with protective remedies such as long-term monitoring and land use controls in place.

"None of the sites pose a threat to military or civilian personnel," Reed stressed.

Three landfills operated from the 1940s to the late 1960s are part of the current Bay Breeze Golf Course edging Biloxi's Back Bay. Protective covers are maintained over

all three sites and groundwater is frequently monitored to ensure no releases occur.

One 20-acre site was used from 1950-65 for disposal of office, household and construction debris and tetraethyl lead octane booster sludge. It was reported to hold a low-level radioactive vault containing aircraft navigation dials, but it was never found.

The second landfill, a 12-acre site, operated in the late 1940s and 1950s. Refuse and paint products were taken there. A project in 2002-03 installed a landfill cover and passive methane gas collection system. Aquatic vegetation was

planted and a jetty tube and pilings were constructed in Back Bay to decrease wave erosion of the shoreline and increase sedimentation in the area.

The other 10-acre landfill was used from 1954-70 for refuse, medical and industrial waste. Fire training pits were located there, along with storage areas for asphalt and drums. Shoreline stabilization was employed, along with a low-permeability cover and active methane gas collection system.

Some groundwater contamination also occurred from three former fuel sites with underground storage tanks.

"The groundwater is 99 percent clean from our initial response and we're working to clean the last 1 percent," Reed explained.

Another site is a former silver recovery unit/solvent spill area near a demolished building that used to house the 81st Training Support Squadron's trainer development facility and the base's audiovisual service center before Wall Studio was built. The new aerial port facility is being built adjacent to the site near the flightline.

"This site is also 99 percent clean and we're continuing our efforts to polish off the remaining 1 percent," Reed said.

Keesler Airman saves man from drowning



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Airman 1st Class Shaina Buller, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron surgical inpatient unit, prepares to take a patient's blood pressure at the 81st Medical Group July 22. Buller recently saved a stranger from drowning by pulling him to safety then assessing his condition during a river-tubing trip in Helen, Ga.

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

A recent family outing turned into a lifesaving event for an 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron member.

Airman 1st Class Shaina Buller, a medical technician with the squadron's Surgical Inpatient Unit, was attending an annual family reunion in Helen, Ga. that included tubing down a local river. This year it included her, her brother, older sister, sister-in-law, two young cousins and 3-year-old niece.

"We were tubing down the river," she recalled, "when we saw a guy in the water splashing. We had seen him a few seconds earlier and he seemed fine. It appeared he had stepped into a hole and couldn't swim. You could see from his flailing arms and gestures he was in trouble. I saw him go under water twice and knew if he went down a third time he wouldn't come up."

At that point Buller and her sister dove in and attempted to bring him to the surface.

"He was panicking and fighting us. You could tell he was in distress from the fear in his eyes. The water was pretty deep in that area — I couldn't

touch the bottom as we tried to get him. Because he was in a panic, it was difficult to retrieve him. My sister hurt her knee but we were finally able to get him to shore. We discovered he didn't speak English so we didn't understand one another. But I was able to do an assessment of his condition. We stayed with him briefly to ensure he was OK then walked him up a hill to the parking lot. We tried to ask if he wanted to go to the hospital but due to the language barrier we were unable to communicate.

"It turned out there had been a woman near him wearing a life jacket. She had a child with her and said she couldn't swim."

Buller admitted she had never been involved in a lifesaving situation before.

"I felt really ill after the adrenaline subsided but I was excited to have been able to use the skills I learned while in tech school."

Buller has been in the Air Force since May 2009, initially in the Air Force Reserve at Robins Air Force Base, Ga., which happens to be near her hometown of Warner Robins. She came on active duty in April of this year and arrived at Keesler in May.

Child care in housing areas requires licensing

81st Force Support Squadron

People living in base housing who care for children in their homes could be breaking the rules. Air Force Instruction 34-276, which governs day care in on-base quarters, states "any individuals caring for children more than 10 hours a week on a regular basis must get approval."

It states that the "installation commander may revoke the housing privileges of individuals who provide child care but refuse to become licensed or who continue to provide care after their license has been suspended or revoked."

The rule applies whether or not caregivers are compensated for their services. "We feel people living in base

housing, who regularly care for children without being licensed, may be unaware of the regulation," said Mary Pleasant, family child care program coordinator. "We want not only to bring the information to their attention, but to educate them on the alternative — to become a licensed family child care provider."

Licenses are granted by the 81st Mission Support Group commander, usually within 30 days upon completion of the initial FCC provider training, background screenings and home inspections.

The training includes child guidance, play environments, nutrition, ages and stages of development, child abuse and neglect, recordkeeping, business

management, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid.

"FCC providers are professionals trained to give the best possible care to the children left in their charge," said Pleasant.

Once licensed, providers may care for children from 2 weeks through 12-years-old; receive assistance from the FCC staff in setting up their home; and have access to an extensive library for toys, equipment and materials which help keep costs down. They may set up their own hours of operation and fee structure.

For more information, call (228) 377-3189, 5934 or 5935.

Provider orientation

Family child care will host a new provider orientation from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. August 21-23 at the child development center. Participants completing the orientation will receive a license to care for children in their home.

Training will cover topics such as CPR, pediatric first aid, nutrition, safety, parent relations and more. Sign up for the orientation by calling (228) 377-3189. To learn more about family child care, visit www.keesler81fss.us.

AFCEA holds luncheon at Keesler



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Alec Yasinsac, University of South Alabama Dean of School of Computing, and Maj. Jeffrey Gomes, 85th Engineering and Installation Squadron commander and Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Gulf Coast Chapter president, help themselves at the buffet during the AFCEA luncheon July 25 at the Bay Breeze Event Center.



Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Kendall, Warfighter Systems Integration director, at the Pentagon, delivers remarks at the luncheon.



Tom Gwaltney, AFCEA regional vice president for mid-south region, presents the model chapter of the year award to Gomes and AFCEA Gulf Coast Chapter president, during the AFCEA luncheon. The model chapter of the year award recognizes the top overall chapter structure and program of activities for the year.



Col. Rene Romero, 81st Training Wing vice commander, right, and his family, Ben, 11, his wife, Sharmin, Matthew, 9, and Elena, 6, watch a Fata Morgana military appreciation show for Keesler families July 21 at the Bay Breeze Event Center.

New vice commander begins Keesler immersion

By Senior Airman Heather Heiney

Keesler News co-editor

Imagine having the opportunity to walk along the beaches of Normandy on the 40th anniversary of D-Day, swim in a volcanic crater in Iceland, see the pyramids of Giza and Mt. Ararat from 30,000 feet or watch St. Elmo's fire dance around the cockpit of an aircraft while the northern lights illuminate the sky.

Col. René Romero, the new 81st Training Wing vice commander, said all those experiences were brought on by his opportunities in the Air Force. "If anything interesting has

happened in my life, it's been through my service to my country," Romero said.

"Everything you do in life prepares you for what you're doing at this very moment," he said. "You're called at that moment by your nation, by God, by whomever, to do whatever you're doing at that very moment and your job is to do the very best you can."

Right now, Romero said he is called as a vice commander and a senior officer to mentor, lead, be loyal to his commander, give his people what they need to succeed and help the general achieve his goals.

"I can look back on all my experiences and see how little

bits and pieces of every job have made me the leader that I am today," he said. "But that's true for everybody; you just have to realize it."

The colonel comes to Keesler from his position as the chief of the operations directorate command and control division for the U.S. Central Command headquarters at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. He has been stationed around the United States and overseas including bases in Iceland and Japan.

After completing his bachelor's degree in finance business administration from the University of Texas, Romero was commissioned in 1990. Since then, he has accumulated

more than 3,700 flying hours as a master air battle manager and received several awards and decorations including the Defense Superior Service Medal.

A husband and a father with three kids ages 11, 9 and 7, Romero said he and his family are happy to be at Keesler and to live on base in a safe and secure environment. He also said he and his family love to explore every new place they are stationed and he will bring that exploration not only into the local community, but to his official duties as vice commander.

"I like to ask questions," Romero said. "Especially in a wing like this that's so diverse

and with the position that I'm in, I have to understand how things work and fit together."

Now that he's at Keesler, Romero said he enjoys meeting the new Airmen straight out of basic military training and he looks forward to the opportunity to influence, train and guide the future of the Air Force on the path to success in their careers.

"Sometimes being the leader is the easy job," he said, "It's our who are doing all the hard work — getting in the weeds and making things happen. All you have to do is give them a little direction, a little vision, and then let them run and they're going to go out there and do great things."



Debra Pearson, Arts and Crafts director, explains how ceramic molds are made to Lt. Col. Jonathan Wright, 81st Mission Support Group deputy commander, Col. Mark Vivians, 81st MSG commander, and Col. Rene Romero, 81st Training Wing vice commander, during a one-day immersion tour of the 81st Mission Support Group July 24.



Col. Rene Romero, 81st Training Wing vice commander, left, and Col. Mark Vivians, 81st Mission Support Group commander, right, are briefed on the 81st Security Forces Squadron's police boat, by Staff Sgt. John Rice, 81st SFS.



Col. Rene Romero, 81st Training Wing vice commander, reviews information assurance awareness security tips summary in his office.

Photos by Kemberly Groue

Local educators tour Keesler



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Staff Sgt. Stefanie Schnose, 335th Training Squadron, briefs educators from local schools along the Gulf Coast on tactical meteorological observing equipment during an educator tour July 26 at Keesler. The tour also consisted of a briefing by the 403rd Wing on their job duties, a tour of a C-130J Hercules aircraft and ate lunch at the Sablich Center.



Capt. Kyle Larson, 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, gives a tour of a C-130J aircraft.



JROTC school convenes at Keesler

Cadet Calvin Wiley Jr., 17, a senior from South Panola High School, Batesville, Miss., salutes during a parade at the Levitow Training Support Facility Friday. Approximately 100 JROTC students from seven states attended a week-long JROTC Summer Leadership School at Keesler ending with the parade and a graduation ceremony at the Welch Theater.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

81TRSS assumption of command

The 81st Training Support Squadron is scheduled to have an assumption of command ceremony 3:30 p.m. Aug. 9 at the Roberts Complex Auditorium. For more information call (228) 377-4353.

Air Force Academy briefing

A briefing about the United States Air Force Academy is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Aug. 16 in the education services office at the Sablich Center, Room 224.

AFA upcoming events

The Air Force Association works for all members of the military, with a focus on the Air Force. The local chapter, the John C. Stennis Chapter, works here on base to increase community support for Keesler and support our military members. There is a monthly meeting at a location in the local community or the Bay Breeze Event Center lounge. The next meeting is 6 p.m. Tuesday at Pleasants BBQ in Ocean Springs. The Chapter also hosts events

on base throughout the year, including the annual Air Force Ball to celebrate the Air Force birthday.

AFA is currently looking for volunteers to help with the Air Force Ball, Sept. 22 at the Bay Breeze. Regular planning meetings are at the Bay Breeze lounge Aug. 15 and 29, and Sept. 12 and 19.

Keesler Airman's Attic

The Keesler Airman's Attic provides free donated items to enlisted members of any branch, E-5 and below with the expectation that when the person is done, they will return the item for another's use. The facility is located at the corner of Meadows Drive and First Street and is open Mondays, Wednesdays and every non-training Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The last Saturday of the month is an "all ranks" day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call (228) 377-3814.

Senior NCO induction ceremony

Team Keesler is invited to the Senior NCO induction ceremony at the Bay Breeze Event Center, Aug. 10, to celebrate our newest master sergeant selects.

Social hour is 6 p.m. and dinner starts at 7 p.m.. Please contact your unit representative for tickets; the cost is \$25.

CCAF deadline

The last day to apply for the Community College of the Air Force fall 2012 graduating class is Aug. 31. By that date, all supporting documentation must be on file with the CCAF at Maxwell Air Force Base including your nomination action request. For more information contact the education services office in room 224 of the Sablich Center, or call (228) 376-8708.

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. - 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. Quar-

terly Supply classes are held in Room 121B, Taylor Logistics Building.

Central selection board

The CY12C colonel (BSC/MSC/CHAP), lieutenant colonel (BSC/CHAP) and major (LAF/BSC/CHAP) central selection board will convene Dec. 3 at HQ AFPC. To be eligible the officer must have an extended active duty date of June 6, 2012 or earlier with a date of separation of March 3, 2013 or later. Also, officers on active duty under the Voluntary Recall Program or any other Reserve Recall Program must have at least one year on active duty as of the board convening date, starting from their new EAD date. For more information call (228) 376-8356.

Unsupervised youth on base

Keesler offers a great variety of entertainment and activities for all ages. However, it is strongly encouraged that youth dependants be accompanied by a parent or guardian when visiting base facilities.

The summertime increase in unsupervised youth occa-

sionally results in disruptive behavior that impacts the operations within our facilities. When this happens, parents will be notified to immediately come and pick up their children and, when necessary, security forces will be contacted.

Finance office closed

The finance office will be closed 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 2 and 9 for official functions. For finance emergencies during that time, call (228) 313-4593.

New childcare provider orientation

Family Child Care will host New Provider Orientation from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. August 21-23 at the Child Development Center. Participants completing the orientation will receive a license to care for children in their home.

Training will cover topics such as CPR, pediatric first aid, nutrition, safety, parent relations and more. Sign up for the orientation by calling (228) 377-3189. To learn more about Family Child Care visit www.keesler81fss.us.

Keesler Events Calendar

Today

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

Friday

5 p.m. — Texas Hold'em tournament at the Bay Breeze Event Center.

Saturday

8 a.m. — Community yard sale at the Bay Breeze Event Center.

Tuesday

9 a.m. — Pre-separation counseling at the Sablich Center Room 110.

— Airman and family

readiness center post deployment briefing at the Sablich Center Room 108.

1 p.m. — Retirees pre-separation counseling at the Sablich Center Room 110.

Wednesday

8 a.m. — Newcomer's orientation at the Sablich Center Room 108B.

4:30 p.m. — Ladies golf clinic at the Bay Breeze golf course.

Aug. 9

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

5 p.m. — Auto Care 101 class at the auto hobby shop.

Aug. 11

10 a.m. — Glass painting class at the arts and crafts center. Call (228) 377-2821 for more information.

1 p.m. — Blender 101 anime class at the McBride Library. Call 228-377-2181.

Aug. 14:

9 a.m. — Pre-separation counseling at the Sablich Center Room 110.

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

1 p.m. — Retirees pre-separation counseling at the Sablich Center Room 110.

Family advocacy program to hold Dads 101 class

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler's Family Advocacy Program is scheduled to host "Dad's 101: A Class for Dads, by Dads" 8-11 a.m. Aug. 10 in the Arnold Medical Annex classroom.

"A father's involvement in raising his child is a major influence in the child's development," said Paula Spooner, Family Advocacy Outreach manager. "More and more dads are taking on active roles in baby 'basics' such as diapering, feeding and bathing. This fun, very relaxed class is designed to give expectant or new dads an

opportunity to practice these skills as well as discuss concerns, issues, fears or expectations about fatherhood. It is led by an awesome dad. Come and bring a friend, relative or neighbor. New dads are encouraged to bring their babies."

"The class is open to active duty, retirees, reservists, civilian employees, contractors and family members. "If you can get onto the base, you are welcome. But no females over 2 feet tall are allowed," Spooner said.

Registration is required. Call 228-376-3459 to register. Participants are asked to wear civilian clothes.

Selective re-enlistment bonus list released

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials released the fiscal year 2012 mid-year selective re-enlistment bonus list along with some changes to the program.

In addition to a rebalance in overall payments, the Air Force identified 53 Air Force specialties, down from 78, to receive bonuses.

Based on the semiannual program review that began in March, officials published the latest list, which includes Airmen in special operations, explosive ordnance disposal, tactical air control party, cryptological language analysts, and intelligence, surveillance and

reconnaissance, to name a few. Deleted bonuses will take effect August 18.

The Air Force also reduced overall payments across most career fields and enlistment zones, and eliminated bonuses for Zone E re-enlistees or those in the 18-20 year range.

While the Air Force remains at a 17-year high in overall retention, the bonus list is indicative of stressed or undermanned career fields within the Air Force.

“We are facing the realities of high retention in many areas of the force, and government-wide budget deficits,” said Lt. Gen. Darrel Jones,

deputy chief of staff for Manpower, Personnel, and Services at headquarters U.S. Air Force. “These are difficult decisions—we need to be good managers of the most valuable resource in the Air Force, and that’s our dedicated Airmen. But we also need to be responsible stewards for the American taxpayer, and that means living within the budget.”

General Jones said that is what these SRB changes reflect.

According to Lt. Col. Robert Romer, the acting force management division chief for the Air Force, the criteria used to determine to which career fields the Air Force would

pay bonuses includes current and projected manning levels, career field retention and re-enlistment trends, career field force structure changes, and career field stress indicators.

Even though SRB multiples have decreased for many career fields that remain on the list, Colonel Romer said Airmen may still be able to get a bonus that approaches the \$90,000 maximum allowed by law by reenlisting for a longer term.

“For our most critical Air Force specialty codes that have been offered bonuses with a multiple of seven that maxed out at \$90,000 for a 4-year re-enlistment, we reset the mul-

iple so the average re-enlistee could still reach the max bonus with a 6-year re-enlistment.”

Airmen will have 30 days from today to re-enlist under the current bonus offerings.

Due to the continued budget trend, FY13 SRB multiples are projected to be consistent with the mid-year changes. The Air Force will release FY13 bonus offerings in October.

The newly released bonus list can be found at <http://mypers.af.mil>.

More information is available at local military personnel flights.

New civilian payment system due out next year

By Master Sgt. Cecilio Ricardo

Air Force Public Affairs Agency

WASHINGTON — All Air Force civilian employees are slated to be using a new, standardized Air Force pay system by June 2013.

The Automated Time Attendance and Production System will standardize the pay method across the service and will be implemented first at Air Force Global Strike Command and Air National Guard bases on July 29.

According to Doug Bennett, associate deputy assistant secretary for Air Force Financial Operations, the system will be implemented service-wide in eight waves during the next year and is meant to save time so personnel can focus on accomplishing the Air

Force mission.

“It allows folks to focus on the mission, and allows the Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Staff of the Air Force to make informed decisions about where we need to spend our money,” Bennett said.

Along with better accountability and efficiency, the system also eliminates paper use. Currently, many Air Force civilians manually report their hours using the old paper-based system, Bennett said. ATAAPS will allow a user to enter his or her time and have the supervisor approve it electronically, providing an audit trail, while increasing the accuracy of financial statements.

“It’s a lot easier to trace timecards when it is centrally located,” said Benjamin Yarish, Air Force Financial

Management Information Technology Portfolio manager.

According to an Air Force study 50 percent of the Air Force’s civilian timecards were not properly approved by supervisors, or entered into the Defense Civilian Personnel System in a timely manner.

These inaccuracies have resulted in overpayments, underpayments, or, in some cases, no payments, according to the study.

“This standardized system will provide transparency and auditability,” said John Koski, director of Air Force Information Systems and Technology.

“When your boss spends two hours every other week signing time cards, that’s time that person isn’t making sure that aircraft are being repaired or

ready to fly,” said Bennett.

The Air Force is not the first service branch to use the system.

“This system has been around for about 10 years. Army is already using it. Navy is looking to use it,” said Yarish. “Therefore its track record provides confidence to use the system Air Force-wide.”

The first bases to receive the ATAAPS system are Barksdale Air Force Base, La., Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Minot Air Force Base, N.D., F.E. Warren, Wyo., and Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont.

“I think this is a great step forward,” said Bennett. I hope folks approach this system with an open mind and embrace this opportunity.”

HURCON checklist

At **HURCON 5**, as of June 1, crisis action team implements tropical storm advisory and directs commanders and/or first sergeants to review TSA checklists and take appropriate actions.

At **HURCON 4**, listen to latest weather bulletins and follow instructions from unit commanders.

Off-base and base housing residents should:

- Brief family members on their responsibilities. Review actions to take if sheltering is necessary.

- Keep radio and television on for information on status of the storm.

- Check supply of food that can be eaten without cooking.

- Stock flashlights, extra batteries, camp lantern, transistor radio, special prescribed medicines and food, baby food, first aid kit, insecticides, water purification tablets, fire extinguisher, tool kit and hardware, boards for windows and plastic bags to cover any broken windows.

- Tie down mobile homes and

disconnect propane tanks.

- Secure objects in open areas.
- Fill car tanks with gasoline.
- Store small boats in enclosed shelters or tie them down.

At **HURCON 3**, dorm residents should:

- Store personal items in lockers and drawers.

- Move furniture to walls opposite windows.

- Unplug electrical equipment and turn off lights.

- Close all doors.

- Secure equipment, motor-

cycles, trash cans, signs, etc.

- Stand by for briefings by unit commanders.

- Plan to brace doors securely.
- Stack furniture and rugs.

- Have flashlights within easy reach.

- Stay away from windows.

- Keep in contact with duty section or squadron.

- Minimize phone calls to base.

- Pay particular attention to bulletins and advisories issued by base officials, and to radio and television for information and evacuation or

sheltering instructions.

At **HURCON 2**, make final preparations — fill jugs, bottles, etc., with drinking water. Put important personal papers or valuables in water-proof strong boxes. Everyone except mission-essential personnel and students is encouraged to evacuate.

At **HURCON 1**, mission-essential personnel and students report to their designated shelters.

Clinics closed for warrior training

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler Medical Center clinics are closed for warrior training from 1-5 p.m. the second Thursday of each month except October.

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.

'Samslist' SharePoint site for supply organization

By 2nd Lt. Daniel Wright

81st Force Support Squadron

Don't you wish there was a quick and easy way to find needed items or supplies in the squadron or even the base without having to make a new purchase?

The Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force has directed all units to conduct "6S" events (sort, straighten, sweep, standardize, sustain and safety) to help reduce costs by sharing supplies already purchased and disposing items no longer required. Under this unit purchased supplies efficiency drill, the following six categories of

materials need to be captured in a database: office supplies, furniture, building materials, tools, industrial supplies and other.

Each wing was tasked with creating a SharePoint site that will house this database. The site will allow users the ability to quickly comb the base for items under the six categories they may need that others no longer have a use for, as well as give users the ability to relinquish items that are no longer needed. Every government purchase card holder must review the site prior to making any purchases. This is a cost saving initiative that supports our new cost conscious culture,

or "C3," operating environment.

You may be wondering why Keesler chose the name Samslist for our SharePoint site, the name honors 1st Lt. Samuel Keesler for which the base is named.

This site is built to exchange information for those who want to clean out supplies, furniture, and equipment as well as for those who want to use somebody else's supplies, furniture, and equipment. It's like a classified ads section.

The site went live Monday and is available at: <https://keesler.eis.aetc.af.mil/samslist/default.aspx>.

Current OTS board information

Board #	Board Waiver Cut-off	Board Cut-off	Board Date	Estimated Release Date	Remarks
13OT01	Aug. 21	Sept. 4	Oct. 29- Nov. 2	Dec. 5	Non-rated (FY13)
13OT02	Nov. 8	Dec. 6	Jan. 28 - Feb 1, 2013	Feb. 27, 2013	Rated (FY13 and FY14)
13OT03	Feb. 21, 2013	March 7, 2013	April 22-26, 2013	22-May-13	Non-rated (FY14)
13OT04	June 6, 2013	June 27, 2013	Aug. 12-16, 2013	Sept. 11, 2013	Rated (FY14)
13OTTDSP	June 13, 2013	June 13, 2013	July 8-12, 2013	July 31, 2013	TDSP Elec. Eng and Comp. Eng only (note 3)
14OT01	Aug. 22, 2013	Sept. 5, 2013	Oct. 28 - Nov. 1, 2013	Dec. 4, 2013	Non-rated (FY14)
14OT02	Nov. 7, 2013	Dec. 5, 2013	Jan. 27-31, 2014	Feb. 26, 2014	Rated (FY14 and FY15)



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takes place at 10 a.m. at
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