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## ON THE COVER

Maj. (Dr.) Wendi Wohltmann, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron examines a Peruvian child's skin July 25 during a medical readiness exercise in Peru. Seventeen 81st Medical Group members provided care and filled prescriptions for nearly 7,800 patients during their time in Peru July 16-26.

Courtesy photo



## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

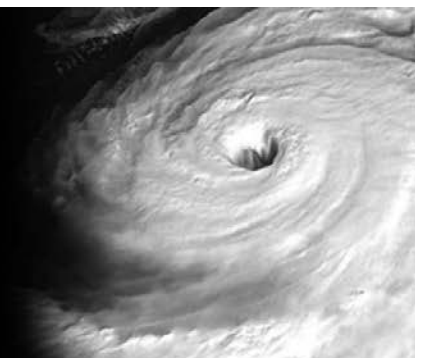


U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Emmanuel Maldonado Rosario, a Tops in Blue vocalist, performs for the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing July 21. Rosario, a Manati, Puerto Rico, native, is stationed at Keesler.

Photo by Senior Airman Jared Elliott

## HURRICANE SEASON

runs from June 1 - Nov. 30. For more information and preparations tips,  
visit [www.keesler.af.mil/hurricaneinfo.asp](http://www.keesler.af.mil/hurricaneinfo.asp)



# Keesler dermatologist honored to serve in Peru

By Maj. (Dr.) Wendi Wohltmann

81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron

It was an honor to be a part of Team Keesler as the dermatologist for New Horizons Peru in July. Every time I am given an opportunity to do something different in the Air Force I jump at it, because this is what being a military physician is all about! During the 10 days of treatment we saw more than 7,700 patients at three different schools. Each location was about an hour away from where we were staying in Chinchá.

As far as skin diseases, the most common things were pigment-related concerns, such as melasma (the mask of pregnancy), vitiligo, and solar lentigines (age or sun spots). I surgically excised a few large skin cancers, in patients who spent their lives working out in the fields without sunscreen. Luckily, we had brought sunscreen with us and were able to distribute it to many patients in need.

This was my third Air Force humanitarian mission, and what I have come to realize is that the best thing I can do for most of these patients is educate them on how to take care of their skin, whether it's using daily thick moisturizer for eczema after bathing, or high SPF sunscreen every morning with frequent reapplication to prevent skin cancer and other uv-



Photo by Maj. Ronald Eller

Maj. (Dr.) Wendi Wohltmann, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron, poses for a photo with two Peruvian children July 21 during a medical readiness exercise in Peru. Wohltmann was one of seventeen 81st Medical Group members that participated in the exercise and humanitarian effort July 16-26.

related entities.

Language differences can be frustrating and a big barrier to providing care, so this time I brought handouts

on the most common skin problems that had been translated into Spanish. They were written by Lt. Col. Stephanie Schaefer and are available on the

Knowledge Exchange. These proved to be highly effective and helpful, as I didn't always have a translator available.

One especially rewarding case was a young girl with Down's Syndrome who was too scared to come into the exam room. She was crying and adamantly refused to be seen. Her mother asked me if I would try examining her outside on the stairs where she was waiting and I happily obliged. After a few minutes of simply sitting with her, and giving her a lollipop, she warmed up to me and I was able to perform an exam. It ended up being the single most rewarding experience of the trip. She had multiple skin issues which were easily treated by medications we provided her. She thanked me with a big hug, and neither of us could stop smiling.

This entire experience humbled me, because the people we saw were so gracious, kind, and patient, even after waiting in long lines for many hours to be seen. I hope that the impact of these missions is to help those in need by offering care they would not normally be able to receive. I would highly recommend participating in humanitarian missions whenever possible, as they are some of the most rewarding experiences available in the Air Force. I am so grateful to have been a part of New Horizons Peru and Team Keesler!

## Compliance: your thoughts, will, direction

By Master Sgt. Steve Martin

81st Training Wing UCI  
preparation team assistant

Everyone complies with something whether we realize it or not because we live in a compliance world. Compliance is something we do without thinking. If we breathe, we are complying with the laws of biology. We can only enjoy using electricity if we are in compliance with the laws that govern its power. If we want to fly in an airplane, we have to comply with the laws of gravity and aerodynamics. Compliance can lead to wondrous possibilities but non-compliance can lead to a negative impact.

The military is made up of checklists, procedures, operating instructions, standard operating procedures and many other types of compliance guidance. The civilian sector also has the same type of guidance — our city, county, state and federal governments all have to comply with guidance written for them by the people who provide oversight for those organizations.

You can accomplish great things when you choose to follow the laws, procedures, guidance or checklists that have been presented to you. Your thoughts about the checklists and your will to complete the checklists will set in motion your direction to either just get

by or find ways to bring an "outstanding" rating to your shop and into your life.

Henry Ford once said "Whether you think you can, or you think you can't — you're right."

Decide today to set the new standard for your area and the direction of your career. The Keesler Airmen that have stood in your shoes in the past set a level of compliance that we should not only uphold, but work to exceed.

Having been deployed most of the last four years, I have had the great opportunity to work with outstanding Airmen, Marines, Sailors and Soldiers. In the deployed environment you can quickly tell if someone is of the nature

to pursue excellence or just accept mediocrity. We train to deploy and survive so we can make it home. That training is also based on compliance.

It takes every decision that we make individually and collectively to maintain the freedoms we enjoy and the freedoms we provide our families, friends, loved ones and those who can't defend themselves. The yields of your labor will be a direct reflection of your thoughts, will and direction. You can either spend your energy pursuing an "outstanding" rating or fall into complacency. I encourage you to join me at setting the goal to exceed the known possibilities.

# Keesler medics bring expertise to Peruvian towns

By Steve Pivnick

## 81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Members of the 81st Medical Group recently returned from nearly two weeks in Peru where they participated in a medical readiness training exercise.

Led by Maj. Ronald Eller, 81st Medical Support Squadron Medical Logistics Flight commander, 17 dragon medics provided medical care to citizens of three Peruvian towns. The medical readiness training exercise was conducted under the auspices of the U.S. Southern Command as part of New Horizons 2012. New Horizons is an annual series of U.S. Southern Command-sponsored joint humanitarian assistance exercises deploying various U.S. military professionals; including engineers, veterinarians and medics; to Central and South American nations for training and construction projects and to provide humanitarian and medical services.

The major and four other 81st Medical Group personnel arrived in Chinchá, Peru, nearly 124 miles south of Lima, on July 12 as the advance element. The remainder of the team joined them July 15. They began seeing patients July 16 and completed the training exercise July 26.

Using Chinchá as their operating base, the medical team, consisting of adult medicine, pediatric, OB/GYN and dermatology physicians, dentists and pharmacy and medical administration technicians, traveled to the nearby towns Independencia, Bernales and San Miguel to offer care.

Eller said by the end of the MEDRETE the Keesler medics had cared for almost 7,800 patients. This included 1,877 adult medical; 1,813 pediatric; 1,190 optometry; 1,156 dental; 1,016 dermatology and 685 OB/GYN patients. In addition, the dentists performed 549 extractions and the pharmacy technicians filled almost 21,000 prescriptions.



Photos by Maj. Ronald Eller

81st Dental Squadron members, Maj. (Dr.) Stephen Gasparovich and Staff Sgt. Jacob Broersma treat a patient and an Air Force combat camera videographer tapes them during a medical readiness exercise July 16-26 in Peru. The dentists saw 1,156 patients and performed 549 extractions during the exercise.

“Our biggest line was at San Miguel on day two with between 800 and 1,000 people in line by 9 a.m.,” the major observed.

He added that throughout the mission, the Peruvian Ministry of Health “provided either nurses or medical technicians to assist at the MEDRETE locations. We utilized MOH personnel to pass on patient referrals for follow-on care.”

Eller added, “We had two non-government organizations assisting with our MEDRETE operations. The non-governmental organization, Project Hope, worked along-side our providers on the mission. Project Hope provided two pediatricians, a nurse practitioner and a nurse practitioner resident/mid-wife. One advantage of working with the NGO was that both the (nurse practitioner) and mid-wife spoke fluent Spanish. The Peace Corps, with their network of interpreters, was a significant help as well.”



Medical administrator Tech. Sgt. Leonardo Garza Jr., interprets for internal medicine physician Maj. (Dr.) Justin Cummings as he interviews a patient. Both are members of the 81st Medical Operations Squadron.

# 102 from Keesler selected for staff sergeant

By Senior Airman Heather Heiney

Keesler News co-editor

The staff sergeant promotion results were released Aug. 2 and 102 Keesler senior airmen were on the list. Across the Air Force 13,448 of 33,060 eligible were selected for a rate of 40.68 percent.

Those promoted are:

**81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron** — Candace Caudill, Andrew Dailey and Ashley Figueroa.

**81st Communications Squadron** — Patrick Castro and Justine Wallace.

**81st Comptroller Squadron** — Amber Bell.

**81st Dental Squadron** — Crystal Howard, Erika Hutchinson, Rosario Maldonado, William Richardson, William Richardson, Rene Roddy and Jemal Young.

**81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron** — Nicholas Babian, Stephanie Babian, Lynmarie Boulanger, Christopher Boyd, Kelley Boylan, Crystal Chidester, Adrienne Devore, Steven Guerrero, Gilbert Harkins, Anna Jeffers, Justin Kent, Andrea Klein, Mark Lagman, Gerard Lee, Michael Romero, Jameka Smith, Robert Tipton, Charlene Vance, Christopher Walker, Delicia Wilson and Candace Young.

**81st Inpatient Operations Squadron** — Claire Sundquist.

**81st Force Support Squadron** — Sadie Barcroft, Evan Compton and Chamira May.

**81st Logistics Readiness Squadron** — Brook Baldwin, Julia Berger, Patsy Chandler, Ryan Kamplain, Kelly Metcalf, Jeffrey Sadler and Andrew Welch.

**81st Medical Group** — Kayciann Gordon.

**81st Medical Operations Squadron** — Tiffany Andrews, Tigist Belema, Luis Benitez, Lluvia Cabonilas, Kyle Costello, Clarissa Ernst, Christopher Foster, Jonathan Housewright, Francisco Jimenez and Victoria Schleiger.

**81st Medical Support Squadron** — Kareem Alfred, Jeremy Blakey, Tammie Haywood, Donald Mast, Kiley Pederson, Colby Vennes and Ryan Wallace.

**81st Mission Support Group** — John Cortes



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Ramirez and Chase Headrick.

**81st Operations Support Flight** — Corey Woerner.

**81st Surgical Operations Squadron** — Kimberly Agee, Dolores Carmon, Adam Hall and Elizabeth Mast.

**81st Security Forces Squadron** — Cynthia Allen, Xzavier Allen, Cody Chandler, Derek Chappel, Steven Fernandez, Brian Fossum, Justin Gachett, Dustin Henderson, Matthew Ingledew, Matthew Morris, Michael Phillips, David Schlothauer, Aaron Stewart, Matthew Stewart, Jared Thompson and Tommy West.

**81st Training Support Squadron** — Jared Crown.

**81st Training Wing** — Eric Summers, Jr.

**85th Engineering Installation Squadron** — Samuale Bailey, Logan Crandall, Richard Dale, Kevin Finstuen, Alexander Hand, Skyler Hart, Andrew Knippenberg, Justin Rae, Derek Robinson and Octavious Sams.

**345th Airlift Squadron** — Westly Lowe, James Mercatell and Kyle Nesbitt.

**Mathies NCO Academy** — Veronica Cortes.

**335th Training Squadron** — Tyler Dove.

## 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.

# Contract awarded for Seabee medical clinic



Courtesy photo

Artist rendering of the new medical clinic at the Seabee base in Gulfport.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast awarded a \$19 million contract July 25 to Satterfield and Pontikes Construction, Inc., of Austin, Texas, for construction of the medical clinic replacement at Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport.

“This new medical clinic will provide much needed space to right size treatment areas and adjacent clinical functions with 21st century medical standards,” said Lt. Cmdr. Phyllis Walls, senior nurse at the Naval Branch Health Clinic in Gulfport.

The work to be performed

provides for the construction of a new branch clinic patient care facility, which includes a medical clinic and a dental clinic.

“This provides the last piece in the Medical Home Port Model for NBHC Gulfport and co-locates all medical disciplines under the same roof, making it easier for our beneficiaries,” said Walls.

Buildings 295 and 369, and the existing car wash located on the project site will be demolished as part of this project. A new car wash will be designed at a different location.

Work for this project is expected to be completed by August 2014.

# Faith, family, Air Force shape Colonel Vivians

**Keesler News: How would you describe yourself as a leader?**

**Vivians:** I am shaped by three things; my Lord, my family and my Air Force. They truly define me as a person. As a leader, I strive to do my best everyday and I expect the same from everyone who serves and because the tax payer expects nothing less. If we don't strive to be the best, lives literally can hang in the balance.

It is this faith that drives me to push harder to execute the Air Force values of integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do. Not just because they are the core values, but because they were instilled in me at a very young age by my parents.

**KN: What are you most looking forward to during your command?**

**Vivians:** As a core civil engineer, I have spent the last 22 years leading and shaping some of the finest civil engineer Airmen in the Air Force.

This is my first opportunity to lead all of mission support. Previously, I have seen from afar the great people in force support, security forces, logistic readiness, communications and contracting. Now I am one of them! I am truly humbled and honored to represent and support all of these fine organizations and people.

**KN: What changes do you foresee in the group?**

**Vivians:** I am taking command from a great leader; Col. Rodney Berk. He brought the 81st Mission Support Group to new heights and I humbly hope to continually advance what he has created. I wouldn't use the word change, but I will strive to improve our support, communication, teamwork, and excellence to make the 81st Mission Support Group the best in the Air Force.

**KN: Why is the MSG so vital to base operations?**

**Vivians:** Our job in the 81st Mission Support Group is to support all of the Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, retirees, and civilians who are either permanent party, or



Col. Mark Vivians, 81st Mission Support Group commander, delivers remarks during the change of command ceremony July 2 at the Bay Breeze Event Center. Vivians came to Keesler from Joint Base Andrews, Md., where he served as commander for the 11th Civil Engineer Squadron.

here visiting for one day. To support such a wide range of needs, we need to figure out how to do things better and smarter while continuing to promote a cost-conscious culture throughout our programs. If we successfully listen and implement suggestions then base operations and the mission will succeed.

**KN: What do you hope to accomplish during your time as the Mission Support Group commander?**

**Vivians:** In the short term, we are working hard to prepare for the Unit Compliance Inspection. A lot of hard work has happened in preparation of the inspection prior to my arrival, but now we are in the home stretch.

Keesler is unique in that the wing commander, vice com-

mander, and myself are all new coming into a major inspection. But from my initial view, I have no doubt that we will be ready. There is still a lot of work to do, but I know we will be highly successful.

In the long term, I fully support Brig. Gen. Bradley Spacy, 81st Training Wing commander, and his six fundamental beliefs on leadership and will strive to carry out his direction.

As an example, through his fourth belief; continuous improvement, we in the mission support group will strive to embrace ideas and suggestions from any level that will make life better for the people of Keesler.

**KN: How have your past experiences prepared you for this position?**

**Vivians:** I have served in 18 positions and 10 bases

throughout my career. I have commanded units consecutively since 2008.

Serving on the Air Staff, for the major command and during deployments has given me the balance to understand the multitude of challenges that face the 81st MSG. However, my true experience comes from my family. They have provided me the ability to view life through their eyes and to understand that the families are just as important as the missions we support.

**KN: What have been your challenges?**

**Vivians:** In the Air Force, I haven't seen anything that our Airmen can't overcome. I have seen Airmen work 18-20 hours a day for extended periods and still have a smile on their face. I have unfortu-

nately given two death notifications and have marveled at the strength of the family and Air Force in their unwavering support to our fallen heroes. I have experienced joys of external recognition and rewards for hard work, but I have also seen stern determination when the recognition was less than favorable and seen us buckle down and make the programs the envy of others. Through my career, I have had and seen many challenges, but I am most proud of how we have pushed through those challenges and succeeded!

**KN: What do you like to do when not on official duty?**

**Vivians:** Every assignment has its unique adventures and I am confident that Keesler will be no different. Generally, I enjoy watching my favorite football team win and play golf. But since I am here, I am looking forward to experiencing boating, fishing and everything that the Gulf Coast has to offer.

**KN: What would you consider your greatest accomplishments so far?**

**Vivians:** My greatest accomplishment has been achieved through my faith. The Lord has blessed me with a wonderful wife and four fantastic children. They provide balance and keep me young.

As a dual-military family, it has been difficult through multiple moves and assignments, but they have made it easier and fun. Keesler and the Biloxi community has welcomed us with open arms and we are very excited to enjoy the next couple of years on the Gulf Coast.

**KN: Anything to add?**

**Vivians:** We are excited and humbled to serve Keesler for the next couple of years. Our reception here has been top-notch and we plan to continue the excellence that we have already experienced. We will be true to our motto in the Mission Support Group: One Team — One Fight!

Photo by Kemberly Groue



## New AEF tents in place for training

Airman 1st Class Craig Bodden (left) and Airman Shermonte Gilbert, 336th Training Squadron students, fold down the side flaps of a new Air Expeditionary Force tent after securing it to the ground July 31 at the Triangle training area. The new AEF tents that students are training with are the same model currently being used in deployments and provides better ventilation for the Airmen and equipment.

Photo by Senior Airman Eric Summers, Jr.

# Senate confirms Welsh as next chief of staff

WASHINGTON — Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, a 36-year veteran, will be the twentieth Air Force chief of staff, according to a Senate confirmation vote Aug. 2.

Welsh provided testimony to the Senate Armed Services Committee July 19, before the full Senate voted on his confirmation. Now the president must appoint the general before he can assume his new position.

"I fully accept the responsibility to stand beside Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley and lead the 690,000 active, Guard, Reserve and

civilian Airmen who selflessly serve our nation as part of an unbeatable joint team," Welsh said.

Pending the president's appointment, Welsh, who served as the U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander, will assume the position of Air Force chief of staff from Gen. Norton Schwartz in a ceremony Aug. 10.

In his previous position, Welsh's command was responsible for Air Force activities, conducted through 3rd Air Force, in an area of operations covering almost one-fifth of the globe. This area includes

51 countries in Europe, Asia and the Middle East, and the Arctic and Atlantic oceans with a total population reaching nearly one billion people speaking more than 80 languages. He also had administrative control of U.S. Air Forces Africa, providing support, logistics and resources to U.S. Africa Command.

Welsh entered the Air Force in June 1976 as a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. He has been assigned to numerous operational, command and staff positions during his career.



Photo by Scott Ash

Gen. Mark Welsh III testifies before the Senate Armed Services Committee in Washington, D.C., on July 19, as part of the confirmation process to serve as the 20th Air Force chief of staff.





Photo by Master Sgt. John Long

Master Sgt. Carl Schuett, 81st Training Support Squadron, poses for a photo July 31. Schuett was recently chosen for an Air Force Institute of Technology cyber operations fellowship.

## Keesler member receives AFIT fellowship

By Senior Airman Heather Heiney

Keesler News co-editor

Master Sgt. Carl Schuett, 81st Training Support Squadron, was recently chosen for a fellowship at the Air Force Institute of Technology through the Enlisted-to-AFIT program which allows a small number of enlisted people to earn an advanced degree through AFIT.

Schuett is scheduled to begin classes in the new Cyber Operations master's degree program at the beginning of September and graduate in March 2014. After graduation he will move to the 624 Operations Center at Lackland Air

Force Base and work for 24th Air Force.

"I am honored that I get to represent Keesler and the enlisted corps at AFIT," Schuett said. "This really is an incredible opportunity to gain new skills and to be able to directly put those skills to work helping the Air Force meet its cyber operation objectives."

"Don't be afraid to apply for these opportunities when they come up, stay flexible and make learning a lifetime habit," Schuett said. "If I hadn't kept up with my bachelor's degree, even when it seemed like it was eating up all my spare time, then this program would not have been an option for me."



## 81TRSS assumption of command

The 81st Training Support Squadron is scheduled to have an assumption of command ceremony 3:30 p.m. today 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.

## Keesler Airman's Attic

The Keesler Airman's Attic provides free donated items to enlisted members of any branch, E-5 and below. 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, Friday, 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](http://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. Quarterly 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.

## USM Fall Semester

Onsite registration will be held on Tuesday in the Fleming Education Center, University of Southern Mississippi's Gulf Park Campus. Orientation for new undergraduate students will be at 1 p.m. or 3 p.m.. Please register on our website. Advisement and registration for new and returning students will be held from 2-6 p.m. Classes begin Aug. 22.

For more information call 228-376.8479.

## Ashford representative

A representative from Ashford University will be available Aug. 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Sablich Center, Room 224.

## GTC conversion

All controlled spending account cards were converted to government travel cards Friday. If you have not been contacted by the 81st Comptroller Squadron or your agency program coordinator, there is no impact to you because your card has already been converted. You should continue to use the same blue card that you have been using, and you will split disburse the payment amount on your travel voucher to pay the GTC account balance to Citi Bank, with the remainder, if any, being deposited to your bank account on record.

If you have any questions, please contact your unit GTC Agency Program Coordinator.

## 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](http://www.keesler81fss.us).

## 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 occasionally 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.

## 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 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 Wednesday and Aug. 29, and Sept. 12 and 19.

# Keesler Events Calendar

## Today

**10 a.m.** — Louisiana Travel show at the Keesler Exchange.

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

**3:30 p.m.** — 81st Training Support Squadron assumption of leadership at the Roberts Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Facility.

**5 p.m.** — Auto Care 101

class at the auto hobby shop.

## Saturday

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

**10:30 a.m.** — Pottery hand building class at the arts and crafts center. Call (228) 377-2821.

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

## 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.

**Aug. 17:**

**7 a.m.** — Fisher House 5K run/walk at the Blake Fitness Center.

## Airman and family readiness center

500 Fisher St., Bldg. 701 (228) 376-8728  
Levitow Annex: 140 Phantom St. Room 134 (228) 377-0155

## Keesler members participate in marriage retreat

Keesler members pose for a photo Aug. 1 during the first of three active-relationship marriage retreats hosted by the Airman and family readiness center. The retreats take place in Milton, Fla., and couples complete nine relationship modules including communication, anger and abuse, money matters, and several one-on-one exercises. There are two more retreats scheduled for Aug. 17-19 and Sept. 14-16. For more information call 228-376-8728.

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# Summer Slam Golf Tournament

8 a.m. Aug. 18 at the Bay Breeze Golf Course

Two person, select shot tournament with handicap.

Shotgun start

\$20 inclusive members

\$25 annual members

\$35 nonmembers

Fee includes green fees, cart, food, beverages, prizes and giveaways. Call 377-3832 to register.



## ENERGY AWARENESS

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

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

Make energy awareness  
a part of your day