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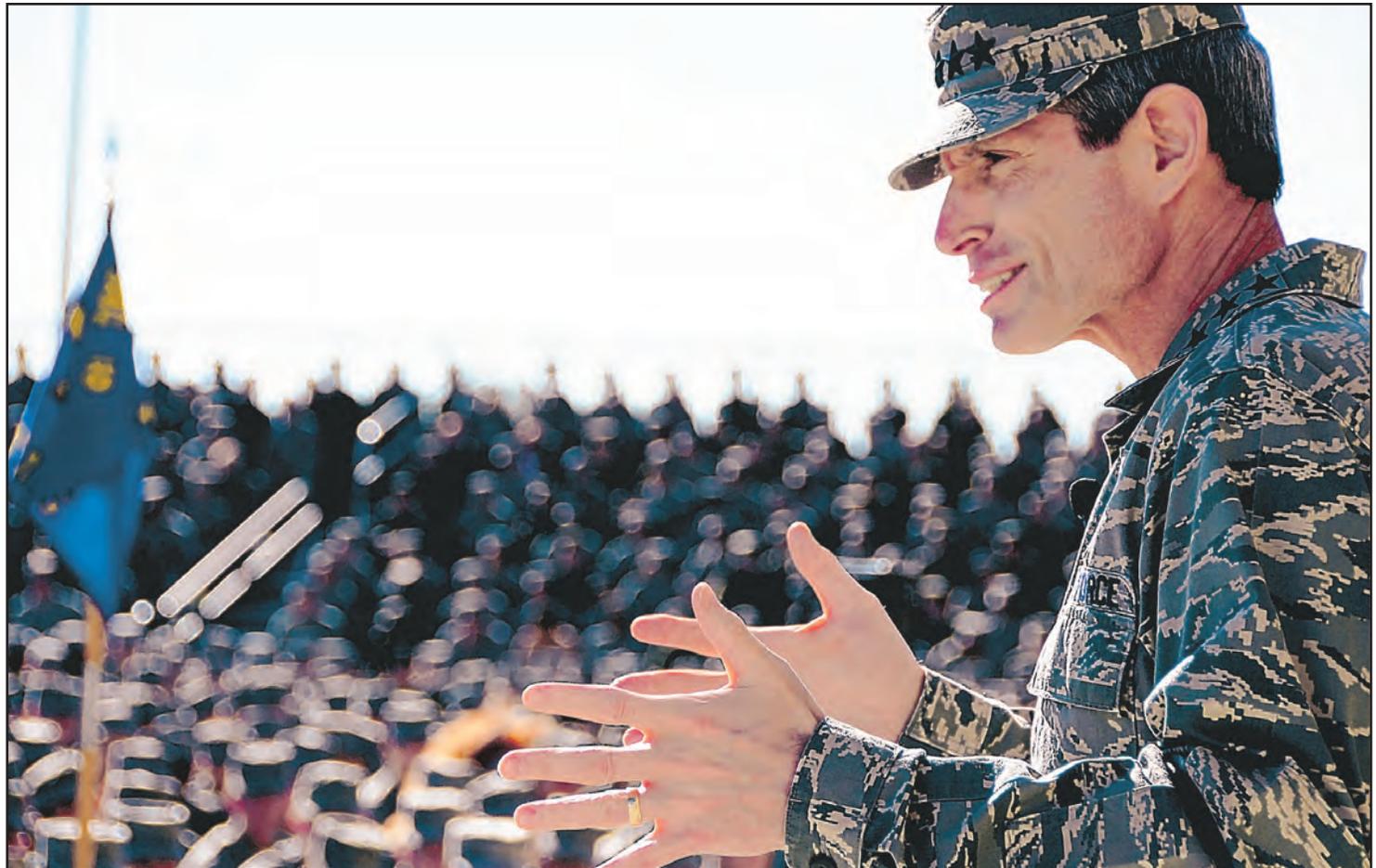


Photo by Kemberly Groue

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz fields questions from Keesler Airmen at an Airmen's Call Oct. 28. The general toured the base while in Biloxi to speak at the 30th annual Salute to the Military sponsored by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce. More photos, Page 16-17.

Nuclear program 'moving in right direction'

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Robert Gates pointed to broad initiatives within the Air Force he said are helping to return its nuclear mission to “the standards of excellence for which it was known throughout the entire Cold War.”

Speaking at the Carnegie Institute for International Peace Oct. 28, Secretary Gates credited Airmen with helping Air Force officials recover from problems that came to light over the past year regarding the handling of nuclear weapons and related material.

Those issues involved a mis-

taken shipment of sensitive missions parts to Taiwan in 2006, and an unauthorized transfer of munitions from Minot Air Force Base, N.D., to Barksdale AFB, La., in August 2007.

Secretary Gates responded by ordering the resignations of former Air Force Secretary Michael Wynne and Chief of

Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley. Another 15 officers, including six generals, received disciplinary action in connection with the nose-cone shipment.

Secretary Gates said he's confident in measures the new leaders — Air Force Secretary

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Busy week ends in thanks

By Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

Last week was arguably one of the busiest weeks we've had in the last year. We had a host of on-base and off-base activities and some thank yous are in order.

Thank you to all who participated in the Chief of Staff of the Air Force visit. General Norton and Suzie Schwartz really enjoyed their time with us at Keesler, and asked me to thank you on their behalf for making them feel at home.

General Schwartz said the base looked great and was delighted with the Airmen's Call. "You can't help but get jazzed after meeting those great Airmen!" he said. Thanks to all who made the visit a success, especially Capt. Jeff Rich, Michele Rivera, Tech. Sgt. Nashona Ragland and the 81st Training Wing protocol team.

Thanks to the folks who led the Scope Warrior conference. While the Chief was here, we also hosted more than thirty senior generals, members of the senior executive service, and major com-

mand A6s for their annual strategic planning conference. The 333rd Training Squadron and Maj. Scott Solomon and Carol Blackington led the effort, which was feted as one of the best ever! Well done!

Thanks to the members of the 81st Security Forces Squadron who went the extra mile to protect us during Halloween. They added additional posts at Thrower Park and the Falcon Park housing areas to ensure proper credentialing, and I personally observed several of our defenders handing out glow sticks and candy. You Airmen are awesome!

Thanks too to Tops in Blue and the Singing Sergeants, who visited last week to entertain us and renew our community ties. The Singing Sergeants show on Sunday and the Tops in Blue show on Thursday were spectacular! The spirit shown by the 81st Training Group squadrons at the Tops in Blue concert was exceptional! Thanks for "showing the blue!"

Thanks, too, to the Services team that rolled out the hospi-

ality to lodge and feed our guests, hosted another "Slugfest" extravaganza, and concluded the week by welcoming the mighty 403rd Wing for their monthly training weekend. How busy were we?

Barbie Ragno and the lodging team didn't have a spare room and Col. (Chris) Valle, (81st Training Wing vice commander), commented that he had Wednesday breakfast, lunch, and dinner meals at different events courtesy of Peggy Fairley, Kevin Knight, and Rebecca Shemwell, all from 81st Force Support Squadron Services. Our Services team rocks!

A huge thanks goes out to our community partners who hosted the 30th Annual Salute to the Military at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum Convention Center. The event was chaired by John MacFarland of The Sun Herald and Bob Coniglione of General Dynamics Information Technology and hosted by Linda Watts of the Mississippi Coast Chamber of Commerce.

The Salute was a tremendous event that featured an

ACTION LINE ... 377-4357



By Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

You're encouraged to work concerns through your chain of command or contact an appropriate helping agent. For unresolved issues, call the commander's action line for assistance.

Suggestions to help make this a more valuable and useful tool are welcome. Call the commander's action line at 377-4357, write to Commander's Action Line, 81st TRW/PA, Keesler AFB, MS 39534-2603, e-mail 81st TRW Commander's Action Line (on-base) or commanders.line@keesler.af.mil (off-base).

address by the 19th Chief of Staff of the Air Force, General Schwartz, and entertainment by the Band of the Air Force Reserve. In addition to Linda, John, and Bob we owe a special thanks to retired Lt. Gen. Clark Griffith and retired Brig. Gen. Joe Spraggins, who worked with generous merchants and individuals throughout the community to donate tickets for military personnel. Thank you so much!

Finally, Saturday marked the beginning of the transition

of support services under the A-76 contract. With the transition, many of our teammates who have faithfully manned the watch here at Keesler are themselves transitioning. Some are retiring. Some are moving to positions with our new Computer Sciences Corporation mission partner. Others are transitioning to other opportunities in the community. To all, thank you for your dedicated service to our base, our Air Force and our nation. Godspeed.

Today's changing Airmen, tomorrow's Air Force

By Master Sgt. Gordon Comerford

338 Training Squadron first sergeant

Change....where would the Air Force be without it? I suppose we would still be part of the Army working on P-51 Mustangs and using typewriters to correspond.

The Air Force was literally created out of a need for change. Propeller-driven fighter aircraft gave way to faster, more powerful jets, and now unmanned aerial vehicles have taken the place of many manned aircraft. We've shifted the way we deploy to be more efficient, and even our uniforms got a facelift. All these changes were needed and have significantly improved our ability to be the world's best Air Force.

One change that often gets over-

looked is our Airmen. Maybe it's because there wasn't a two-week training course or because they didn't have a fancy new slogan attached to them when they arrived. New Airmen arrive every day and we hardly notice that they've had completely different life experiences than we had growing up.

I recall my first duty section had one computer, sitting in the corner, and it was usually in the off-mode. It didn't have e-mail and no one wanted to be the one to have to use it. Now, there is one on every desk and Airmen know how to use them and use them well. Nearly all of them know more than we seasoned veterans know about computers, video games and the latest lingo. The reason is simple: the world has changed since

we were young Airmen.

This unnoticed change often leads to misconceptions about the desire, work ethic and attitudes of our young Airmen. I remember sitting in the NCO Academy auditorium when a chief master sergeant asked, "Who thinks Airmen today just aren't the same as they used to be?" Nearly every technical sergeant raised their hand. The chief replied, "That's what we thought about you."

We, as leaders, must constantly change our tactics to lead the next generation of Airmen. It won't be an easy task and will take some time to change our thinking. We have to understand today's Airmen have the same desire to propel the Air Force into the future as we did; they just go about it differently.

Today's Airmen are technology driven and darn good at it. They're the perfect candidates to lead our Air Force into the ever-changing and highly-technical battlefield. We need to take some time to learn about latest video games or watch the latest YouTube videos. Learn what drives and motivates them.

Our Airmen are the best educated and most technically proficient in history. The point here is that if you take a few minutes to get to know your Airmen and realize that they're from a different generation, then you might be surprised at how eager they are to accomplish the mission. The Air Force will continue to change as it always has, but we'll be ready thanks to the next generation of great Airmen.



DRAGON ON THE STREET

By **Kemberly Groue**

Keesler News photographer

What makes you feel better when you're having a bad day?



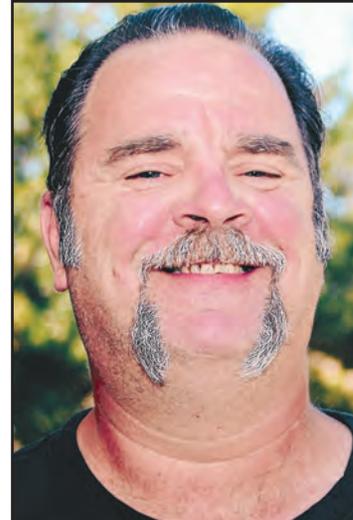
"Waiting on my customers."

Patty Jackson, 81st Force Support Squadron outdoor recreation



"Going home and spending time with my wife."

Airman 1st Class Matt Hemphill, 81st Security Forces Squadron



"The fact that my cats are always glad to see me."

Paul Yankovich, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron recycling center

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

A stitch in time

Using a pig's foot, residents Capt. (Dr.) Portia Willis, left, and Capt. (Dr.) Nicole Vazquez, right, demonstrate different suture techniques to Maj. (Dr.) Karyn Young, assistant director of the 81st Dental Squadron's advanced education in general dentistry residency program. Oral maxillofacial surgeons from the 81st DS recently provided dental residents and staff members the opportunity to sharpen their suturing techniques during a hands-on course at the 81st Medical Support Squadron's clinical research laboratory. Col. (Dr.) William Dunn, military consultant to the surgeon general for medical ethics and 81st DS director of education, said the course enhances readiness capabilities of dentists in deployed situations and in garrison.

Photo by Steve Pivnick



Identity theft is a personal nightmare and security risk. Shred bills, statements, letters, old journals, records, outdated application forms and any documents that contain your full name, Social Security number, duty title and job information, credit card, bank account numbers and names of family members. If you see documents being removed from trash cans, call the 81st Security Forces Squadron law enforcement desk, 377-3040.

Bystander intervention

Base hosts pilot program for sexual assault

Keesler Public Affairs

As one of two test-pilot locations, Keesler hosted bystander intervention training Monday, to further efforts in sexual assault prevention.

Training was conducted in four sessions containing a group of 25 men or 25 women in two and a half hour modules, which included mixtures of 18-24 year-old permanent party members, nonprior service Airmen and civilians. Training was coordinated through the 81st Training Wing's sexual assault prevention and response office and was led by Air Force consultants and trainers.

The training pointed out to students that bystanders are people witnessing emergencies, criminal events or situations leading to one, and instead of giving assistance despite the opportunity to do so, they do nothing or contribute to negative behavior.

Pro-social bystanders, on the other hand, are those whose behavior intervenes in a way which contributes to a positive outcome of a potentially negative situation.

Participants are taught who the bystander is, why it is important to get involved and skills of how of to take action in sexual assault prevention.

One goal of the training, which is closely aligned with the wingman concept, was to convey the importance of Bystander Intervention training in relation to the Air Force's core values and how it can help in instances of sexual inappropriateness or sexual aggression, according to Liz Waters, 81st TRW sexual assault response coordinator.

"Sexual assault can have an enormous effect on a unit's trust and cohesion," said Gail Stern, class instructor and cofounder of Catharsis Productions. "On one level, survivors have a profound debilitation on concentration. For some, the act of reporting can be seen as



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Ms. Stern explains some of the principles of bystander intervention to a group of 25 women, including Airman 1st Class Katie Bailey, 336th Training Squadron.

undermining the work center and the victims have to name offenders while still in trauma.

"Victims have to work with alleged offenders and can feel there are very few safe places left now that work isn't safe," said Ms. Stern. "They feel they can never escape what folks are saying — they may be questioning if she's a victim or an instigator. Even just the gossip affects the work center where people take sides, ultimately altering the way the team functions and the way individuals trust or distrust one another."

Another goal of the training, according to Ms. Waters, was to encourage people to take an active role in intervening when they see something that could escalate, in an attempt to prevent sexual assault from occurring.

"One of the things we try to teach is that behaviors leading to sexual assault are on a continuum which starts with jokes and could progress to assault," said Jeff O'Brien, class instruc-

tor and director of Mentors in Violence Prevention based out of Orlando, Fla. "We believe that being a proactive bystander and teaching Airmen to utilize their leadership traits will help other Airmen."

"Bystanders who see dangerous behavior and don't react send an implicit message that it's OK," said Ms. Stern. "Over time, we build up a callous to the behavior — it becomes normal, not unhealthy or dangerous. People who do nothing are facilitators and make it easier by doing nothing."

Keesler is the second of two test bases compiling information from the pilot program to be presented to the Air Force. A decision will then be made about the best time and manner to implement further bystander intervention training for the rest of the Air Force.

Staff Sgt. Tanya Holditch, Keesler News editor, and Tech. Sgt. Chuck Marsh, Keesler Public Affairs, contributed to this report.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

USM spring term

The application deadline for the University of Southern Mississippi's spring term is Dec. 1. Classes begin Jan. 12.

For more information, call Ashley Christian, 376-8479

William Carey term

William Carey University is currently registering stu-

dents for the winter trimester that begins Monday.

For more information, visit Room 219, Sablich Center or call 376-8480.

Drill down, parade

The 81st Training Group final drill down of the season is 8 a.m. Nov. 14 on the drill pad behind the Levitow Train-

ing Support Facility.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Trina Girley, 377-2737.

GI Bill benefits

Montgomery GI Bill benefits may be used in conjunction with tuition assistance.

For more information, call 376-8708.

Tuition aid online

Air Force members can request tuition assistance online from the workplace through the Air Force Virtual Education Center at <https://www.my.af.mil/afvecpod>.

Student TMO

Short sheet briefings at the technical training traffic management office are 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Briefings are held in Room 213, Levitow Training Support Facility in the Triangle.

For more information, call 377-3147 or visit Room 211 in the Levitow building.

AFCEA teaching tools grants benefit four area schools



From left, Cynthia McWright, Gulfport High School; Jean Baucum, Biloxi High School; Patty Comer, Michel Seventh Grade School, Biloxi; and Penny Walton, Pass Road Elementary School, Gulfport, are the recipients of \$1,000 teaching tools grants presented by the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Gulf Coast chapter. The grants, presented at the Scope Warrior AFCEA luncheon Oct. 28, were funded jointly by AFCEA International and the Gulf Coast chapter, according to Lt. Col. Ray Adams Jr., 81st Communications Squadron commander and president of the Gulf Coast unit.

Class costumes



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Regina Duncan wore '50s attire to teach a network infrastructure systems class in the 338th Training Squadron Oct. 30. The squadron also had a costume contest as part of its Halloween celebration.

Defense Meritorious Service Medal Keesler lineman recognized for service in Afghanistan

By Staff Sgt. Tanya Holditch

Keesler News editor

Staff Sgt. Stuart Miller, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron, was recently awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal for his actions while assigned to Headquarters International Security Assistance Force, Kabul, Afghanistan.

The DMSM is awarded “to recognize exceptionally meritorious service performance and to honor an individual’s accomplishments over a sustained period in a joint environment,” according to the Central Command’s guidebook.

Sergeant Miller served as a lineman in the Signal Support Group from March 2 to Sept. 3, a portion of which he served as the noncommissioned officer in charge, a position normally held by a senior noncommissioned officer, after the line chief was sent home injured.

Sergeant Miller was part of a quick reaction communication team that restored communication networks when they were damaged due to insurgent attacks, fires or any other damage-causing incidents at forward operating bases.

On one such occasion, his three-member team responded to a Turkish unit in Wardak Province, Afghanistan, that needed their network repaired after a rocket attack left members isolated from NATO communications.

“After they got attacked, we got dispatched to the FOB Airborne (Army 101st Airborne forward operating base), but there was no convoy between Wardak and the FOB, so we stayed the night,” said Sergeant Miller, whose team often traveled by whatever transportation was available.

Just after midnight, insurgents at a nearby Taliban training camp launched five 107mm rockets at the Army base. One of the rockets landed less than 20 meters from Sergeant Miller’s position.

“The (101st Airborne) camp suffered casualties from a previous attack and were already minimally manned,” Sergeant Miller explained. “While the Army was responding to insurgents outside the wire, I grabbed my weapon and gear and went to their command post. The three of us remaining did a sweep searching for casualties and damage.”

The three then posted at known vulnerable points around the camp’s perimeter, which allowed the Army troops to load vehicles with-



Sergeant Miller

out fear or delay so they could carry on their mission, he said.

“When the ‘all-clear’ was given, we took a convoy to Wardak and within six hours they had communications,” he said. They then went back to the 101st Airborne camp, again awaiting transportation back to their home base HQ ISAF.

“There were attacks throughout the night, and I volunteered to post at the front gate for extra vigilance,” explained Sergeant Miller. “The next morning, the insurgents came into the black zone, which is an area where movement isn’t allowed by anyone.”

They monitored vehicle movement, alerted the command post and relayed information about whether or not attacks were ordered, based on the intelligence they received, he said.

In addition to these events, Sergeant Miller also served as an assistant convoy commander while transporting equipment vital to the mission. He deployed to six forward operating bases completing more than 180 communication network repair and installation projects.

He said one of the most difficult things he faced while deployed was climbing towers to do repair work.

“You are a prime target and you never know who is looking at you,” he said.

IN THE NEWS

CFC surpasses goal

As of Oct. 30, Keesler surpassed its goal for the 2008 Combined Federal Campaign by nearly 48 percent, with pledges totaling \$180,173.

Capt. Timothy Fast, 335th Training Squadron, served as project officer. Although this year’s drive is officially over, he expects a few late turn-ins.

Government travel card transition

It’s necessary for people who’ve received the new Citibank government travel cards to verify receipt, according to Maj. Bob Paleo, 81st Comptroller Squadron commander.

“Members can’t use the cards until Nov. 30, but they still need to verify receipt,” the major said.

Anyone who hasn’t received a card yet should notify the unit GTC coordinator to make sure the address in the database is correct. Deployers should have their spouse, friend or unit GTC coordinator forward their new card to the deployed location.

Construction reroutes traffic

Bay Breeze Events Center — access to Bay Ridge housing area from Ploesti Drive is rerouted to Curtis Drive, then to Patton Drive, and finally to Vandenberg Drive and other streets as desired. Detour signs are in place.

As part of the same project, the housing tie-in for the new Pine Lawn Boulevard requires relocation of the existing walkway used by children to access Rodeo Drive on the way to Jeff Davis Elementary School. Children are directed along the detour behind traffic barriers to temporary access to Rodeo Drive so they won’t have to cross the street or come in contact with any construction equipment. When the new road is completed, new access will be provided.

New training aids facility — Q Street between Chappie James Avenue and L Street is permanently closed.

Flu shots available

Free flu shots are available at Keesler Medical Center’s immunization clinic for Department of Defense beneficiaries, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays. No appointment is necessary.

For more information, call 376-3553.

Air Force wins EPA energy award

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials received an Environment Protection Agency award for leading the federal government in purchasing renewable energy.

The Air Force won the 2008 Green Power Leadership Award in the Green Power Purchaser category.

Air Force officials made an annual purchase of more than 899 million kilowatt hours, making it the top federal government purchaser of green power and ranking it among the largest purchasers on the EPA Green Power Partnership list.

Early deadline for Keesler News

The deadline for the Nov. 13 issue of the Keesler News is noon today, four days earlier than usual, because of the Nov. 11 Veterans Day federal holiday.

Nuclear,

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Michael Donley and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz — are taking to turn the situation around.

“The Air Force is now moving in the right direction,” Secretary Gates said, expressing confidence that headway will continue in what he said “will undoubtedly be a long-term process.”

Secretary Gates noted several measures that aim to, in Secretary Donley’s words, “refocus the nuclear enterprise.”

That effort, described in the Air Force’s Nuclear Enterprise Roadmap, calls for a new Global Strike Command and a Headquarters Air Force staff

agency to handle nuclear assets, a nuclear weapons center and a single process for inspections.

“This roadmap will enable the Air Force to effectively secure, maintain, operate and sustain our nation’s nuclear capabilities and expertise,” Secretary Donley said. “It is the foundation for reinvigorating the Air Force nuclear enterprise to reestablish the confidence in our ability to provide nuclear deterrence to our nation and our allies.”

Secretary Gates said the proposed Global Strike Command, which will bring all the Air Force’s intercontinental ballistic missiles and nuclear-coded bombers together under one organizational chain, will help to bring better focus to the nuclear enterprise.

This command will include

8th Air Force, with headquarters at Barksdale and now under Air Combat Command; and 20th Air Force at F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo., currently under Air Force Space Command.

Secretary Gates cited other signs that the Air Force is taking action. The Nuclear Weapons Center at Kirtland AFB, N.M., has been “revitalized and expanded, with clearly understood chains of command to prevent repeats of past problems,” he said.

In addition, he said the Air Force is undergoing a top-to-bottom review of what items to place under the Nuclear Weapons Center’s control.

He also pointed to efforts within the Air Force to develop “a stronger, more centralized inspection process to ensure that nuclear material is handled properly.”

New directorate has nuclear focus

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — A new Air Staff directorate began operations Saturday to sharpen focus on the nuclear enterprise.

The new office, aligned as A10 on the staff, is officially called the Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration Office and will fully stand up next September. It will be led by Maj. Gen. C. Donald Alston, who also directed the Air Force Nuclear Task Force.

“These organizational changes, together with other roadmap initiatives and strong leadership at all levels, will improve our support to our missile and bomber forces in their vital role providing nuclear deterrence,” General Alston said. “The concentration of nuclear expertise in A10 will improve the focus on nuclear issues across the air staff and the flow of information between the Air Force, the Department of Defense and other mission partners.”

“The new directorate provides policy oversight, increased institutional focus and staff integration for nuclear issues,” said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz.

Communication leaders converge for Scope Warrior

From left, Col. Prince Gilliard, 81st Training Group commander; Tina Ross-Seamans, Biloxi Bay Chamber of Commerce executive director; Col. Jodi Tooke from Scott Air Force Base, Ill., Air Force Cyber Command (Provisional); and Maj. Scott Solomon, 333rd Training Squadron commander, mingle at the Scope Warrior fish fry, Oct. 27 at the Katrina Kantina.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Left, Airmen 1st Class Rashedia Robinson, Tim Jaronik and Katie Stanek from the Keesler Honor Guard salute the POW-MIA table at the beginning of the dining-in.

Right, Lt. Gen. Michael and Susan Peterson were presented a cake at the dining-in. General Peterson, former 81st Training Wing commander, is chief of warfighting integration and chief information officer for the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force at the Pentagon. He retires in February.



Airman 1st Class Matthew Pummill, left, Hurlburt Field, Fla., talks to Col. Mike Lewis, director of communications for Air Force Pacific Command at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, discuss the benefits of a secure high-speed agile reachback kit used on short-notice deployments. They attended the Scope Warrior dining-in Oct. 29 at the Locker House Dragon’s Den.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Civilian retirement planning

Monday is the deadline to register for one of four one-day retirement planning seminars sponsored by the civilian personnel office.

All sessions are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Sablich Center auditorium, Room 222.

Nov. 18 and 19 — for employees covered by the Federal Employees Retirement System.

Nov. 20 and 21 — for employees covered by the Civil Service Retirement System and CSRS-Offset.

Deborah Hatch from Federal Benefits Services, LLC., conducts the seminars.

Employees contemplating retirement in the next three to five years who haven't attended a retirement planning seminar before are encouraged to attend. Seating is limited to 50 participants each day, so reservations are required on a first-come, first-served basis. Employees who don't make reservations are considered on a space-available basis the day of the seminar.

Due to contract class size limitations, priority is given to employees who've never attended. After Monday, remaining seats are opened to employees who've previously attended one of the seminar.

To register, get your supervisor's approval and e-mail Cecilia Schefsky at cecilia.schefsky@keesler.af.mil. Attending employees may bring their spouse, who don't count against the 50-per-day class size. If you sign up and can't attend, contact Ms. Schefsky immediately so someone else can attend in your place.

Health benefits open season

Federal employees health benefits open season is Nov. 10-Dec. 8.

You can enroll or change your plans in the EBIS system by logging on to <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil>.

For more information, call Cece Schefsky, 376-8326

Special leave accrual available

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Airmen who were recalled from or unable to take annual leave this past year for reasons such as support for contingency operations may be allowed to accumulate more than 75 days at the end of a fiscal year.

Special leave accrual applies when deployments or assignments to designated operational missions at the national level prohibit members from using leave. It applies to active duty and Reserve personnel under Title 10 of the U.S. Code, and includes Air National Guard members who performed full-time training or other full-time duties for 30 days or more.

Special leave accrual is designed to prevent Airmen from losing accrued leave if they're unable to take normal leave due to significant and unforeseen operational requirements.

Airmen can't use their major command's recovery time policy as a reason for reinstatement when accrued leave could have been taken in its place.

For more information, contact local military personnel sections or call the Air Force Contact Center, 1-800-616-3775.

Health care questionnaire deadline

Air Force News Service

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — The deadline for participating in the Military Health System questionnaires is Nov. 28.

The questionnaires, one for wounded, ill or injured service members and one for family members, are available at <http://www.health.mil/Pages/Page.aspx?ID=18>.

Tricare patients can go online to schedule appointments

By Tech. Sgt. Natascha Jones-Williams

81st Medical Support Squadron

People needing appointments at Keesler Medical Center can book them online instead of calling the central appointment desk.

Log on to <http://www.tricareonline.com> and click on "My Health." After agreeing to the Web site terms, complete registration. Common access card holders may use their cards and personal identification numbers, while others must set up a username and password.

The site allows users to book urgent and non-urgent appointments based on their needs.

For example, people should not schedule a physical exam in a routine appointment slot. Urgent appointments are used for urgent appointments only. Selecting the correct appointment slot allows the system to work the way it was intended.

Appointments are automatically booked with the individual's primary care manager. If the PCM is unavailable, the user is given the option to make the appointment with another provider in the same clinic.

All active-duty members should register themselves at the online site when they arrive at Keesler.

Family members must be registered separately.

To report any problems with Tricare Online or for more information, call the Tricare office, 376-3101.

Petraeus is new head of CENTCOM

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

MACDILL Air Force Base, Fla. — Army Gen. David Petraeus assumed leadership of the U.S. military command charged with helping to build peace in a tough and war-torn part of the world today.

General Petraeus took the reins of the Central Command from acting commander Army Lt. Gen. Martin Dempsey in a ceremony here.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates presided over the change of command held at the base's Memorial Park.

“General Petraeus, you are again taking responsibility for our precious sons and daughters,” Secretary Gates said. “I have no doubt they will continue to make you and me — indeed all Americans — very proud.”

General Petraeus now has responsibility for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. He must deal with the threat that Iranian pursuit of nuclear weapons poses to the region and world and an unstable government in Pakistan.

U.S. CENTCOM reaches from Kazakhstan to Yemen and Egypt to Kyrgyzstan. General Petraeus commanded Multinational Force Iraq during the troop surge that turned the tide in Iraq's security. Violence dropped in Iraq, and most of the country has returned to Iraqi control.

While the challenges of the region may not require the same strategies General Petraeus used in Iraq, he can build on that experience as he moves forward, said Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Secretary Gates also praised the efforts of American troops serving in CENTCOM.

The men and women of CENTCOM have sacrificed for all Americans, and “we cannot thank you enough,” Admiral Mullen said.

DRAGON OF THE WEEK

Name — Staff Sgt.
Caleb “Cable” Rose

Unit — 81st Training
Wing

Position — executive
assistant to the 81st TRW
command chief

Time in Air Force —
12 years

Time at Keesler —
four years

Hometown — Las Vegas

Noteworthy — Recently
met Air Force Chief of Staff
Gen. Norton Schwartz, Air
Education and Training
Command commander Gen.
Stephen Lorenz, and Chief
Master Sgt. of the Air Force
Rodney McKinley during
duties as executive assistant.

**Why did you join the Air
Force?** I grew up as an Air
Force brat and watched my
father’s career grow, and
knew as a child that I want-
ed to follow in his foot-
steps.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

**What are your short-
and long-term goals?** short-
term, prepare for the arrival
of my new baby daughter;
long-term, being able to pay
for her wedding.

**What’s your favorite
quote?** “I do not regret the

things I’ve done, but those
in which I did not do.” —
Lucas (Empire Records)

What are your hobbies?
spending time with my wife
and family, watching movies,
HeroClix, and spelunking.

DIAMOND NOTES

With dwindling daylight hours
during this season, keep this in mind
Air Force Instruction 91-207, Paragraph 3.5.2.
on traffic safety which states,
“When jogging or running on roadways
at night or in inclement weather
(fog, rain, sleet, snow, etc.),
personnel will wear reflective clothing
or devices visible from the front and back.”



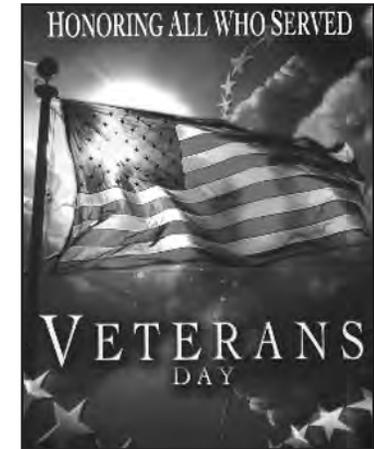
Master Sgt. Christopher Rash, 81st Security Forces Squadron first sergeant

MEMORABLE MOMENTS



June 18, 1973

The 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron
moved from
Ramey Air Force Base, Puerto Rico,
to Keesler.



Keesler marches to honor veterans

Keesler Public Affairs

Members from each unit on base participate and march in the 8th Annual Gulf Coast Veterans Parade, 11 a. m. Saturday in Biloxi.

The parade begins at the IP Casino at the intersection of Caillavet Street and Bayview Avenue and ends in front of the Hard Rock Casino at the intersection of Lameuse Street and Highway 90.

Prior to the parade, base leadership attends a ceremony with community leaders to kickoff the event.

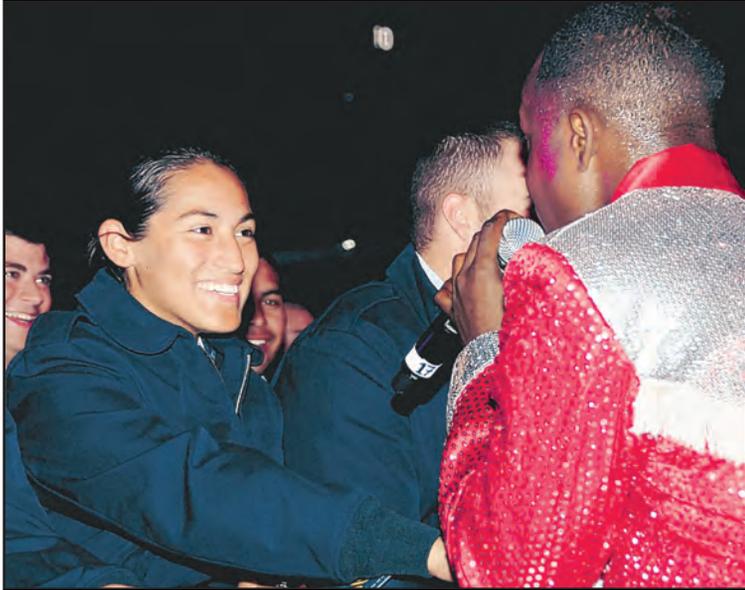
Keesler's Speakers Bureau also reaches out into the surrounding area for two Veterans Day speaking engagements.

Chief Master Sgt. Paul Moreau, 2nd Air Force command chief, talks to students, parents and faculty at Biloxi High School today about the importance of honoring our veterans every Nov. 11.

The chief is also the keynote speaker at the International Trade Club's annual Veterans Day breakfast buffet in Mobile, Ala., Tuesday.

Lt. Col. John Thomas, 338th Training Squadron commander, speaks about his deployment experiences at the North Baldwin Chamber of Commerce's annual Veterans Day breakfast at City Hall in Bay Minette, Ala., on Tuesday.

Coast audience cheers Tops in Blue



Airman Basic Destiny Ortiz, left, a student in the 334th Training Squadron, is serenaded by Staff Sgt. Corey Sims, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.



Senior Airman Tommy Crutcher, 81st Force Support Squadron Services, takes center stage for Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA" with Tech. Sgt. Bridgett Johnson, left, Moody AFB, Ga.; Senior Airman April Vollm, Dyess AFB, Texas; and 1st Lt. Darci Day, Tinker AFB, Okla.



Photos by Kemberly Groue
Senior Airman April Vollm sang and played several comedic roles during Tops in Blue, Oct. 30 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi.



Airman 1st Class Jesse Hernandez-Luna, Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, plays his saxophone for "Life is a Highway."



Airman 1st Class Alice Lewis, left, McGuire AFB, N.J., and Airman Crutcher show they can dance as well as sing as they perform "Footloose."

AFPC adds new mission — helping veterans

By Master Sgt. Kat Bailey

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Air Force officials announced an added mission for the Air Force Personnel Center, which began Oct. 30 to improve the accountability of medical records and aid in the timely processing of veterans' disability claims.

Starting with Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, as the test base, AFPC will collect and then transfer health treatment records to the servicing Department of Veterans Affairs location of retired and separated Airmen who left the Air Force after Sept. 1, 2008.

The new mission capitalizes on a policy announced in 2007 to hold medical and dental records at medical treatment facilities 30 days past an Airman's date of separation to capture documentation from medical appointments and procedures toward the end of a member's service. The policy directs all services to transfer medical and dental records from a "centralized personnel outprocessing location," which the Air Force has chosen to locate at AFPC.

Airmen can file a disability claim with the VA up to six months before separating or retiring, providing they can be available for VA medical appointments. In these cases, Airmen request a copy of their records from their medical facility to provide to the VA. Then the Airman's medical facility holds the original record until 30 days after separation or retirement when it is sent to the AFPC health treatment records central cell.

AFPC's new total force mission will soon provide accountability for medical and dental records for all retired or separated Airmen — active, Guard and Reserve. The effective start date for Guard and Reserve members is announced later this fall.

Keesler welcomes Air Force chief of staff



Capt. Douglas Gautrau, 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, shows General Schwartz the equipment inside a WC-130J aircraft used by the Hurricane Hunters to monitor weather conditions.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



Airman 1st Class Michael Sullivan, 334th TRS, welcomes General Schwartz to the Levitow Training Support Facility for the Airmen's Call Oct. 28.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz was the featured speaker at the 30th annual Salute to the Military in Biloxi Oct. 28. The event, attended by 1,100 military and civilian guests, is sponsored by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce to honor the area's "neighbors in uniform."

Photo by Herb Welch



General Schwartz chats with Airman Basic John Bassler, a student leader in the 334th Training Squadron, at a breakfast at the Katrina Kantina before the general's departure Oct. 29.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



From left, 1st Lt. Justin Delorit, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, tells General and Mrs. Schwartz about a new home in Northwest Falcon Park, one of more than 700 Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design homes being constructed at Keesler. The largest military housing construction project in Air Force history is currently under way at Keesler and will add more than 1,000 homes for officers and enlisted members.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

Medic returns from tour with Army in Afghanistan



Courtesy photo
Sergeant Vander Grinten stands on the Bagram flight line wearing her full “battle rattle” as she waits to board an Army CH-47 Chinook helicopter for one of her missions.

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Master Sgt. Helen Vander Grinten, 81st Medical Group, recently returned from a four-month tour with the Army in Afghanistan.

Deployed from early May to mid-September, Sergeant Vander Grinten served with a U.S. Army Reserve military police unit from Florida working in detainee operations at Bagram Air Base.

The education and training flight chief explained, “I was part of a team (of seven to eight members) that went on several missions to Army field operating bases throughout Afghanistan. I was one of two Air Force master sergeants. The team consisted of medical, legal and military police personnel. Our mission was to train the FOB personnel about conducting correct detainee operations.”

Although she participated in only three missions, they lasted up to a week each and were to various areas in Afghanistan including Kandahar in the south and a field operating base near the Pakistan border.

Sergeant Vander Grinten also participated in volunteer service with the Egyptian clinic at Bagram.

“We would give immunizations to Afghan women and children who would come on base,” she said.

She also assisted a few times at the Bagram hospital’s intensive care unit.

This was her second deployment; she was in Saudi Arabia in 1998.

The Army recognized Sergeant Vander Grinten for her service with the Army Achievement Medal. She was also submitted for the Army Meritorious Service Medal, one of three members of her team to be nominated.

Sergeant Vander Grinten has been assigned to Keesler since 2002, coming here from Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont.

Sergeant Vander Grinten and husband Tom reside in Thrower Park with daughters Megan, 15, and Savannah, 12. The family moved into the newly-constructed house only a month before she deployed.

Saluting in civvies during anthem OK’d

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Veterans and service members not in uniform can now render the military-style hand salute during the playing of the national anthem, thanks to changes in federal law that took effect in October.

“The military salute is a unique gesture of respect that marks those who have served in our nation’s armed forces,” said Dr. James Peake, secretary of veterans affairs. “This provision allows the application of that honor in all events involving our nation’s flag.”

The new provision improves upon a little known change in federal law last year that authorized veterans to render the military-style hand salute during the raising, lowering or passing of the flag, but it did not address salutes during the national anthem. Last year’s provision also applied to service members

while not in uniform.

Traditionally, members of the nation’s veterans service organizations have rendered the hand-salute during the national anthem and at events involving the national flag while wearing their organization’s official head-gear.

The most recent change, authorizing hand-salutes during the national anthem by veterans and out-of-uniform military personnel, was sponsored by Sen. Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma, an Army veteran. It was included in the Defense Authorization Act of 2009, which President Bush signed Oct. 14.

The earlier provision authorizing hand-salutes for veterans and out-of-uniform service members during the raising, lowering or passing of the flag, was contained in the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008, which took effect Jan. 28.

Harvest Festival



Three-month old twins, Ethan and Adriana Contreras, took second place in the harvest festival costume contest. Their parents are Tech. Sgt. Steven and Carmen Contreras, 81st Medical Support Squadron.



Photos by Kemberly Groue
Four-year-old Brian Louis Jr. plays the floating ring toss game with Chaplain (Capt.) Scott Jobe at the chapel's harvest festival, Friday at the Triangle Chapel annex. Brian's parents, retired Tech. Sgt. Brian and Dierdre Louis of Ocean Springs, are members of Keesler's gospel service. The event included games, food, candy and a costume contest.



Tristian Mallory, 5, plays inflatable bowling as his 7-year-old brother Jabin waits his turn. Their dad, Chaplain (Capt.) Charles Mallory, as Airman Basic Tiffany Rogers, a volunteer from the 336th Training Squadron, cheers them on.

To report
sexual
assaults,
call
Keesler's
sexual assault
response
coordinator
hotline,
377-7278.

Pottery bingo

The Keesler Spouses Club holds a Polish pottery bingo, 6-9 p.m. Nov. 13 in the Locker House events room.

The charge is \$10, and only club members are eligible to win. Annual dues are \$36.

To respond, e-mail vicki hamant@hotmail.com by Nov. 9.

Heart Link

Heart Link, an orientation program specifically for spouses with less than five years of Air Force affiliation, is Nov. 13.

The free event is intended to familiarize spouses with Air Force mission, customs, traditions and base and community resources and services.

Lunch is served, prizes are given and assistance with child care is offered.

To register, call 376-8728.

Thanksgiving guests

The chapel is sponsoring the Home Away from Home Thanksgiving dinner program for nonprior service Airmen.

Host families volunteer to provide a holiday meal for two or more students. Active-duty, civil service and retirees are invited to participate.

Host sign-up forms must be turned by Nov. 24 at the Triangle Chapel or the Fishbowl Student Center in the Levitow Training Support Facility, by e-mail to charles.mallory@keesler.af.mil, or by calling 377-8256 or 2331.

Host and student registration forms are also available at the Keesler public Web site, <http://www.keesler.af.mil>.

Student sign-up forms are also available at the Fishbowl.

Pediatric dentistry

The 81st Dental Squadron's pediatric dentistry clinic is looking for patients for the advanced education in general dentistry residency.

Children 4-12 are evaluated for restorative needs. No orthodontic treatment or use of oral sedation is available. Patients must be available for treatment on Thursday mornings.

For more information, call 376-5144.

Housing maintenance

The new phone numbers for family housing maintenance service calls are 377-5561, 5562 and 5563.

Airman's Attic

The Top III is looking for volunteers to support Airman's Attic, a program that assists junior enlisted members with free basic household supplies.

Airman's Attic, in the former chapel building adjacent to

Sablich Center, is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays and 3-6 p.m. Wednesdays when enough volunteers are available.

The program also needs donations in good condition and volunteers with trucks to assist with occasional pick-ups.

For more information, call 377-3814 or 7801.

Thrift shop

The Keesler Thrift Shop, in the former chapel building adjacent to Sablich Center, is

open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Consignments are accepted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays. Donations are accepted during regular hours.

For more information, call 377-3217.

Multimedia services

For information on multimedia products and services available at Wall Studio, call 377-2793 or 4636.



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AAFES Corporate Communications

DALLAS — The Army and Air Force Exchange Service offers military families a chance to win a shopping spree and a four-night Disney cruise for four.

From Oct. 17-Dec. 24, authorized exchange shoppers at participating stores worldwide can register for their chance to win AAFES' Disney cruise getaway, which will be awarded on or about Jan. 28. The total value of the prize package, is approximately \$10,000.

No purchase is necessary as shoppers fill out an entry form at participating locations for their chance to win.

For the shopping sprees, participants can enter the "Patriot Family Pet Photo Contest," which runs through Dec. 15. Pet owners submit a photo of themselves or family members with their pet along with a 50-word or less description of their pet.

The grand prize winner receives a \$1,500 AAFES shopping spree. Additional prizes include a \$1,000 shopping spree for first place, two second place \$500 awards and two third place \$350 shopping sprees.

In addition to the monetary prizes, the winning photos will be featured in future AAFES advertisements as well as on Exchange TV, AAFES' in-house television network.

To participate in the Patriot Pet Photo Contest, shoppers can send entries to PatriotFamily@aafes.com with "Patriot Family Pet" in the subject line. Entrants must include their name, address, phone number, rank, occupation and pet's information (name, breed or type of pet) in the e-mail.

For more information, log on to <http://www.aafes.com>.

2008 Climate Survey

Honest answers, maximum response needed for change

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — On Oct. 1, Air Force leaders opened the door for all Airmen to voice their concerns with the launching of the 2008 Air Force Climate Survey. Although that door is still open, it is slowly closing.

The survey, which runs through Nov. 26, is designed to assess the opinions and perceptions of the Air Force's active-duty, Reserve, Guard and civilian members.

Topics include job characteristics, trust, deployment support, resources, recognition, general satisfaction, unit performance and unit characteristics.

From Oct. 1-8, more than 566,700 e-mail invitations were sent out Air Force-wide and included a survey link and easy-to-follow instructions. So far, about 24 percent have responded. The personalized link will remain active through Nov. 26.

"We want to thank those who have already taken the survey and encourage people who haven't to participate," said Dorothy

Felberg of the Air Force Survey Office at the Air Force Manpower Agency. "Air Force leaders at all levels are seeking honest feedback so they can implement positive change."

The 2008 survey is the sixth Air Force-wide survey conducted since 1997; however, this year's version has been streamlined and includes fewer questions. The survey also is customized to accommodate major command-specific questions, and includes comment questions so people can express their opinions on issues they feel strongly about.

At designated intervals, reminder e-mails with personalized links are sent out. If a new link is needed, e-mail the Air Force Survey Office at af.surveys@randolph.af.mil.

"We are looking forward to making this year's Air Force Climate Survey the best yet," said Ms. Felberg, "with increased participation, candid feedback and leadership involvement across the Air Force."

See more
news, videos
and photos
on the Web
at
[http://www.
keesler.af.mil](http://www.keesler.af.mil)

Slugfest VI

Keesler boxers victorious in 2 divisions



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Chris Kissam, left, 81st Training Wing, and Reggie Demps, 45th Airlift Squadron, met in the first heavyweight contest of Slugfest VI, Saturday in Hangar 4. Demps beat Kissam by a technical knockout and went on to win the heavyweight title.



Kevin Crider, left, 338th Training Squadron, takes on Jeremiah Freeman, 336th TRS, in his second match. Both boxers made it through all three rounds, but Crider took the win by decision and went on to earn the middleweight championship. Winners in other categories were Jason Williams, lightweight, Columbia, Miss., and Ivanna Coleman, women, Slidell, La.

SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

Monday Night Budweiser (as of Oct. 27)

Team	Won	Lost
Robbie's Rejects	33	16
DOG Squad	33	16
Hit 9 Get 9	33	14
New Meat	32	17
Ricky's Rookies	30	19
Martini's	29	20
403rd Strykers	28	21
Man On!	27	22
Team 15	26	23
Wrong Foot Forward	26	23
Perry's Refrigeration	26	16
All Screwed Up	23	26
Hang Chucky	23	26
Pot Luck	21	28
Sandy's Gang	20	29
Slater's Shooters	18	31
Our Gang	15	34
Team 18	14	28
Hoops Gang	13	36
Unpredictables	13	36

Wednesday Night Mixed (as of Oct. 29)

Team	Won	Lost
Wild Gang	38	18
Dee's Crew	31	25
Clyde's Crew	30	26
Neighbors Plus 1	29	27
Any Takers	27	29
70s Plus	27	29
Team 6	26	30
Guys and Dolls	26	30
MUDD	25	31
Ichi Ban	21	35

Thursday Retired Seniors (as of Oct. 30)

Team	Won	Lost
6-Pack	38	18
Kitty and Kats	37	19
Team 16	32	24
Team 13	31	25
TBB Express	31	25
Team 14	30	26
Team 12	27	29
Three's Company	26.5	29.5
Team 5	26	30
Two He's and a She	26	30
Team 11	26	30
CHMATO	25	31
Team 8	24	32
3-70s Plus	24	32
Lucky Trio	22.5	33.5
2 Kings and A Queen	22	34

Friday Night Mixed (as of Oct. 31)

Team	Won	Lost
Fun Timers	39	17
We Take Ugly	36	20
3 Guys and a Babe	33	23
Lady and the Tramps	31	25
Pin Busters	29	27
Frustrated	28	28
Rose and Her Thorns	27	29
Sandbaggers	23	26
The Strikers	23	33
Beyond Control	22	34
Mixed Nuts	22	27
Pin Pals	16	40

Other

Open Sundays — starting Nov. 16, Gaudé Lanes and 11th Frame Café are open 1-6 p.m. Sundays.

Registration — continues for

Keesler Youth Bowling Association at Gaudé Lanes. Any child old enough to throw the bowling ball down the alley is eligible. League meets 9:30 a.m. Saturdays. Instruction available. For more information, including fees, call 377-2817.

Glow bowling — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, \$1 per game and \$1 for shoes; 9 p.m. Fridays, 7 p.m. Saturdays, \$5.50 adults, \$3.50 ages 17 and younger, including shoes.

Lunch and bowl special — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. Bowl for \$1 a game plus \$1 for shoes.

Team building special — 1-5 p.m. weekdays. Bring your employees bowling for \$1 a game plus shoe rental. Call 377-2817 for reservations.

Open bowling — limited on league days; first come, first served. Reservations accepted with groups of 20 or more. Discounts available with groups of 25 or more.

Club member special — show current club card Thursdays and bowl for \$1.50 per game; free shoe rental.

Birthday party package — 1:30-3 p.m. or 3:30-5 p.m. Saturdays. Basic party with bowling and food \$8.95 per child. Mid party, including table supply and T-shirt, \$11.95 per child. Premium party with games and a pin, \$15.95 per child. Reservations required.

Fitness centers

Walk your way through the holidays — Nov. 20 through Jan. 1. Annotate your daily step total. Register Monday through Nov. 19 at the health and wellness center. Get a free pedometer and walking log book; medals awarded.

Massage appointments — at Triangle Fitness Center, call 263-5515.

Wall of Fame — powerlifting event, 1-4 p.m. first compressed work schedule Friday each month, Triangle Fitness Center.

For more information, call 377-3056.

Free fitness classes — yoga, step aerobics, turbo-core, spin/cycle, boxing workout and fencing at Dragon Fitness Center. For more information, call 377-2907.

Computerized fitness assessments, counseling — available by appointment at Dragon Fitness Center. To schedule, call 377-2907.

Golf

Membership drive — through Nov. 15. Giveaways and special prizes or new members. Current members in good standing who enlist new member eligible for special prizes. Winners announced Nov. 18.

Turkey shoot tournament — shotgun start 8 a.m. Nov. 22; sign up by Nov. 18. Two-person team; must have verifiable handicap. Annual members \$15, inclusive members \$10, nonmembers \$30 including greens fees, cart, food and beverages, prizes and awards.

Twilight golf special — 2 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays. Pay nine-hole fee and golf until course closes.

Dragon fun league — Thursdays. Meet at 4 p.m., shotgun start 4:30 p.m. Four-person teams; two-person blind

draw. Sign up as twosome or single. \$20 per person including greens fee, cart, food, beverages and prizes. Format decided by draw each week. Limit 44 golfers.

Golf lessons — \$25 for 30 minutes. For appointment, call 424-0479.

Driving range — 40 balls, \$2.

Course and pro shop — 7 a.m. to dusk daily. For tee times, call 377-3832.

Outdoor recreation

Back Bay fishing trip — 7 a.m. to noon Saturday and Nov. 22. \$20 per person; bring your own food and drinks. Mississippi fishing license required. Minimum four, maximum seven people.

Discount on equipment rental — Tuesday all veterans receive a 10 percent discount.

Turkey casting contest — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 21; winner receives a \$50 savings bond.

Discount on skiff rental — bring a friend, get 10 percent discount.

Fish of the month — weigh in largest flounder for the month and win \$100 savings bond.

One-day fishing trips — to Horn, Ship or Cat Islands; pick the date. Charter trip in Delacroix and Reggio, La. with professional fishing guide. For more information, call 377-3160.

Camping packages — for rent include sleeping bags, lanterns, camp stoves and tents. For more information, call 377-3160.

RV, boat and trailer storage — \$20 per month.

Delacroix, La. fishing site — two self-contained trailers for rent, \$50 per night. Maximum four per trailer. Bring linens and cooking utensils. Louisiana fishing license required.

Pontoon boat training — to rent a pontoon you must take a test and be certified. Call for information.

Bicycles for rent — 3500 Trek seven-speed bikes, \$3 day, \$15 week.

Wet slip fees — monthly, boats more than 32 feet, \$3.75 per foot; less than 32 feet, \$2.50 per foot. Overnight, \$5 per boat.

Deep sea fishing trips — compressed work schedule Fridays and Sundays on the Keesler Dolphin II. \$75 per person includes everything you need to fish. Payment due upon reservation. Minimum 15, maximum 22 people. For reservation, call 377-3160.

Deep sea fishing private charter — rent Dolphin II, \$850 for first six people, \$60 each additional person. \$350 deposit required.

Back Bay cruiser — 17-foot vessel for rent. Mississippi boater registration card required. For prices, call 377-3160.

Marina park pavilions — to reserve, call 377-3160.

Disk golf — distance, fairway, multi-purpose, putt and approach disks for sale or rent.

Resale area — snacks, beverages, fishing and rental equipment, hunting and fishing licenses.

Paintball course — open by reservation only; for reservations or more information, call 377-3160.

GRADUATIONS

Airman Leadership School Class 08-7

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Senior Airmen Paul Anderson, Brian Billington (distinguished graduate and academic achievement award) and John Taylor.

81st Force Support Squadron — Senior Airmen Roslyn Ball and Thomas Clark II.

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — Senior Airmen Nicholas Thompson and Metia Tigler.

81st Logistics Readiness Squadron — Senior Airman Anna Mills.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Senior Airmen Kenyatta Curtis, Jessica Fish (leadership award), Joseph Holder and Monique Toth.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Senior Airmen George Brooks II, Sergio Jacquez and Jason McClean.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Senior Airmen Chad Byall and James Moten.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Senior Airman Jasmine Henderson and Derrick Sweat III.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Senior Airman Adam Campbell (Levitow Award) and Anthony Martinez.

336th Training Squadron — Senior Airman Victor Martinez-Ortiz.

338th TRS — Staff Sgt. Tobiah Walter.

Mathies NCO Academy Class 08-7

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Amy Sharpe.

81st Dental Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Zackery Leos.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Maria Robles.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Tech. Sgts. Daniel Burruss and Erik Castro.

81st Training Wing — Tech. Sgt. Denete Tracy.

335th Training Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Nikole Tipton.

336th TRS — Tech. Sgt. John Obermark (distinguished graduate).

338th TRS — Tech. Sgts. Kwame Felton and Daniel Wilburn (distinguished graduate).

Air Force Office of Special Investigations — Tech. Sgt. Dusty Lee.

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Kevin Adamski, Joshua Atencio, Patrick Benton, Keith Bivens, Shawn Blair, Amanda Booth, Justin Bowden, Brandon Brookshire, David Bruenning, Royce Bruggeman, Taylor Buse, Joseph Butler, Denan Campbell, Brandon Capley, Jessica Clark, Christopher Cottrell, Dale Coy, Carlton Crumpton, Jeremy Dauzat, Chasity Dillard, Nathaniel Dykstra, Matthew Earl, William Earnest, Seth Evans, Carrington Fleming, Miguel Flores, Patrick Forbes, Terry Frampton, Matthew Furlough, Mathew Furrow, Lucas Gamache, Robert Gasca, Chance Green, Mathew Guelliams, David Harper, Richard Hollingsworth, Benjamin Howell, Kristopher Hunter, Emily Johnson, Joseph Johnson, Adam Karnowski, Michael Kilburn, Quinton Krueger, Donald Leavell, Andrea Lloyd, John Magee, Corey McLaughlin, Jeremy Miller, Robert Morrison, Michael Nelson, Joel Nielsen, Andrew OMalley, Andrew Parks, Ralonda Peamonn, Michael Plummer, Mark Pomory, Zachary Raak, Mark Robideau, Nathaniel Rosenthal, Dominick Santopietro, Matthew Sherman, Cody Shreve, Gregory Smith, Kenneth Strube, Kenneth Summers, Kelly Thiel, Michael Tully, Robert Turner, Mitchel Upson, Damen Vanover, Edgar Vasquez, Drew Michael Wells, Blake Wendt, Danielle Wilson and Kyle Wilson; Airmen Zachary Archer, Adam Blanchard, Ryan Dowler, Dale Haegler, Justin Hemsworth, Vance Kendrick, Matthew O'Connell, Justin Rosen, Matthew Sharp, Patrick Shiver, Bruce Wade, Jacqueline Willson and Jevan Zetina; Airmen 1st Class

Justin Adams, Andrew Anderson, Edward Anderson, Aaron Azar, Christopher Barnes, Tyreek Bing, Jeffery Briggs, Benjamin Byers, Jose CalleVega, Francis Carcel, Joseph Carrigan, Joshua Cato, Shawn Cummins, Benjamin Dellheim, Owen Filion, Jeremy Grant, Samuel Hardin, Bryson Harley, Jonathan Hartsfield, Robert Hubbard, Nathan Hutsky, Alexander Johnson, Jeremy Jones, Justin Jones, Brian Kelley, Jennifer Kuehn, David Lindsay, Derek Lopez, Ryan Marcum, Robert Mattix, Christian McQueen, Jeremy McReynolds, Janacyn Mertilien, Amador Ramirez, Kendall Robinson, Lea Rodrigues, Joshua Royce, William Schmidt, Andrew Senica, Kristopher Stanage, Ryan Tanner, Elio Tapper, Elroy Tereyama, Carvis Turner, Bryce Wenger, Benjamin Weston and Shawn Williams; Senior Airmen Russell Fry, Jeremy Hall and Ronald Wallace; Staff Sgts. Glenn Brackin, Thomas Elliott, Brian Gunkelman, David Jacobson and Fenton Whetstone; Tech. Sgt. Peter Stephens; Senior Master Sgt. James Hunter; Chief Master Sgt. Mohammend Bakr Rasheedi.

334th TRS

Aerospace control and warning systems — Airmen Basic Adam Bombino, Aaron Dever-Curtis and Christopher Rowe; Airmen Sharmaine Popa; Airmen 1st Class Benjamin Danner, Andrew Kittsmiller and Josue Rivera-Berrios; Staff Sgt. Ryan McCray.

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Cody Baird, William Breen, Jon Bryant, David Capela, Brandon Gallemore, Daniel Graham, Justin Hawkins, Adam Palmer, Nicholas Ringering, Amanda Saylor, Adam Slone, Jeremiah Storey, Anththan Taggart, Lucas Wells and Tyler West; Airmen Jonathan Kolsters, Jayson McNary, Justin McWhite and Michael Perry; Airmen 1st Class Kip Guidry, Justin Kobler, William MacDonald, Maria Morinello and William Walton; Senior Airmen Ramsay Gonzalez, Creg Kinkead and Kirk Robert; Staff Sgts. Christopher Donaldson and Juan Sanchez; Tech. Sgt. John Barr; 1st Lt. Maitree Muangtong.

Command post apprentice course — Airman Whitney Byers; Airmen 1st Class Katherine Black, Alek Escobedo, Nathan Lary and Shauna McMahan; Senior Airmen Chad Green and Brittany Faulk; Staff Sgts. Erica Huls, Randy Jeffrey, Andre Nesbeth, Julitssa Ortiz and Michael Torbett; Tech. Sgt. Candace Skalet; Master Sgt. David Derenski; Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Bell; Brian Ailinger.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2520.

Protestant

Sunday worship

Larcher Chapel traditional with children's ministry.....8:30 a.m.

Triangle Chapel contemporary service.....10:30 a.m.

Triangle Chapel gospel service.....Noon

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass

Triangle Chapel.....9 a.m.

Weekday Mass

Medical Center chapel.....11:15 a.m.

Jewish

For worship opportunities, call Master Sgt. Michael Raff, 377-5235 or 273-2226.

Islamic

Building 2003 — prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jumma congregational prayer, noon Friday.

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

Latter-Day Saints

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints — student group service, 2 p.m. Sundays, Triangle Chapel. For more information, call 396-5274 or 801-787-1990.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Alicia Allmer, Daniel Bodine, Katherine Castano, Aaron DeGraw, Zachariah Lowe, Sarat Luewongopas, Scott Proefrock and Kirstin Singleton; Airmen Jonathon Tovey and Amanda Wilson; Airmen 1st Class Terence Bow, Yaohue Chen, Benjamin Debacco, Keith Holley, Haley Johnson, Aslin Leger, Guillermo Lopez-Young, Duane Robinson, Randall Rosales and Katherine Smith; Senior Airmen Jennifer Anderson and Brittany Willey; Staff Sgts. Jon Farley, Joseph Pierce, David Roque and Maylin White; Tech. Sgts. Lynett Dubia, Minnie Gordon, Cassandra Richardson and Cecilia Speigner.

Weather training flight — Airman Basic Nicole Corcoran, Michael Holy and Brian Zwiers; Navy Airmen Recruit Jessica Huiss, Elizabeth McDaniel and Shawn McVay; Airman Molly Ahmann; Navy Airman Brian Norton; Airmen 1st Class Marcus Becker, Mary-Jo Laumbach, Sheronda Magee-Bailey, Michael Naughton, Sean Roth and Justin Worrell; Marine Cpl. Joshua Whittaker; Senior Airmen Kenneth Beavers, Gregory Goodnight and Christopher Price; Marine Sgt. Kyle Secrest; Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class Jeffrey Weniker.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems flight — Airmen Basic Charles Beaver and Jason Marshall; Airman James Frazier; Airmen 1st Class Jacob Corrigan, Justin Lail, Marc Rhodes, Robert Robinson and Carlos Vega; Senior Airman Joseph Sparks; Staff Sgt. Christopher Back; Senior Master Sgt. Stanley Walker.

Communications and information management flight — Airmen Basic Christopher Barrow, Zachary Boles, Gregory Bowman, Wilmer Rivera-Bruno, Steven Campbell, Daniel Chaffee, Daniel Chung, Jennifer Correa, Darren Diones, Lashanay Dubose, Ian Fischer, Jessica Hurley, Barbara Maloney, Bryan Napier, Alexis Rivera, Francisco Serrano, Brandon Smith, Evan Soriano, Cody Trendera, William Twomey, Gary Williams and Daniel Yockey; Airmen Eric Byrne, Randall Ciardetti, Eric Leyva, Mark Quinlan and Jelaina Walker; Airmen 1st Class Austin Carroll, John Delarma, Benjamin Harmon, Chelsea Kline, Jonathan Martin, Ke Vaughn Murray, Ryan Poster, Juan Rivera-Puig, Michael Trum, Patrick Weller and David Whittaker; Senior Airmen Jose Alvarez-Vargas, Christopher Enright and Hyun Lee; Staff Sgts. Pedro Cancel and Jayson Maxwell; Tech. Sgts. Jay Goodman, Sarah Soliz, Herry Stallings and Miguel Valdivia; Master Sgts. Timothy Norton, Jascha Patton and Daniel Whalen.

338th TRS

Ground radar — Airman Basic Eugene Smith; Airmen 1st Class Jeffery Alexandre, Ryan Frankland, Jennifer Hurley and Casey Raynes; Staff Sgt. Heber Laing; Senior Master Sgt. Daniel Finchum.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Veterans Day

Editor's note: Hours reflect changes in observance of the Columbus Day federal holiday, Tuesday.

Keesler News — closed.

Commissary — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Inns of Keesler — open 24 hours.

Child development center — closed.

Azalea Dining Facility — closed.

Live Oak Dining Facility — 7:30-9 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Magnolia Dining Facility — 7:30-9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Family child care office — closed.

Blake Fitness Center — 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Dragon and Triangle Fitness Centers — closed.

Gaudé Lanes and 11th Frame Café — closed.

Arts and crafts center — closed.

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Auto hobby shop — closed.
Bay Breeze Golf Course — 7 a.m. to dusk.
Information, ticket and tours office — closed.
Katrina Kantina — closed.
McBride Library — closed.
Outdoor recreation — 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Vandenberg Community Center — noon to 6 p.m..
Veterinary clinic — closed.
Youth center — closed.
Legends Café — closed.
Car wash — open 24 hours.
Mini-mart — open 24 hours.
Fam camp — open 24 hours.
Main exchange — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Mini-mall — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Shoppette and Class Six — 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Car care center — closed.
Military clothing sales — closed.
Furniture store — closed.
Subway — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Mobile units — closed.
Charley's Grilled Subs — closed.
Anthony's Pizza — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Optical shop — closed.
Nail shop — closed.
Welch Theater — closed.
General Nutrition Center — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m..
Beauty shop — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Mini-mall barber shop — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m..
Shoppette/car care center barber shop — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Medical center barber shop — closed.
Laundry/dry cleaners — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Mini-mall gift shop — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Enterprise Car Rental — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
U-Haul — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Mobile units — closed.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 09-1 — graduation Dec. 16.

Mathies NCO Academy

Class 09-1 — graduation Dec. 18

Arts and crafts center

Specials

Fall festival and craft fair — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 15. Booth reservations now accepted. Costume contest, fall and holiday crafts for sale, turkey bingo, door prizes, fun and food. Open to everyone eligible to use the center.

Teen time crafts — 3:30-5:30 p.m. Thursdays. Today, gingerbread cookies in a jar; Nov. 13, bake holiday cookies. Call for prices.

Holiday bread making — Nov. 22. Make refrigerator rolls; call for time and price.

Bob Ross painting workshop — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 22. Wet-on-wet technique on 16x20-inch canvas. \$65 includes materials, instruction and light lunch.

Multicraft shop

Fall and holiday crafting — 5-7:30 p.m. Thursdays. Make project for holiday gift-giving.

Penguin painting project — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Call for price.

Holiday card workshop — 5-7 p.m. Nov. 13; \$10 includes supplies and instruction.

Holiday moose ceramic project — 5-7:30 p.m. Nov. 20. \$27 includes supplies and instruction. Preregistration required.

Pottery on the wheel — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 22; \$60 includes clay, firing and instruction.

Wood hobby shop

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. Nov. 22. \$20 including all materials and tool use; new project each month.

Frame shop

Picture framing and matting — noon to 4 p.m. Nov. 15. Pre-registration required. Learn equipment use and basic techniques of matting and frame assembly. Qualify for operator's card for self-help shop use.

Customized picture framing and military flag and show box design — self-help framing area is available for certified hobbyists, or pick matting and molding and shop will do the work.

Engraving shop

Perfect gifts — personalized mugs and coasters, laser-engraved pen and desk sets and prints by local artists.

Auto hobby shop

Open shop use.

Free auto care briefing — 4:30-6:30 p.m. Nov. 20.

Vehicle storage lot — for a secure place to store your vehicle, call 377-3872.

24-hour coin-operated car wash — features vacuum and tire air pump, features foamy brush wash, high pressure rinse, wax system, towelettes, Armorall, and vacuum station.

Vehicle resale lot

One block west of Larcher Boulevard on Tingle Street north of the 81st Security Forces Squadron building. Register at multi-craft shop; \$10 per month per vehicle per stall. Registration, license and proof of insurance required. To place a car on the lot, call 377-2821.

Chapel

All classes are held at the Triangle Chapel Annex. For more information, call 377-2520.

Catholic religious education — after 9 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Protestant Sunday School — 10:30-11:30 a.m. for preschool, elementary, teens and adults.

Men's prayer breakfast — 9 a.m. to noon second Saturday of the month.

Women's prayer breakfast — 10 a.m. to noon first Saturday of the month.

Tuesday Bible study — 6-7:30 p.m. at the Haven.

Dinner and the Bible — 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Triangle Chapel Annex.

Keesler Medical Center

Pediatric subspecialty clinic

Baby Boot Camp — 11 a.m.-1 p.m. second Thursday of the month in conference room BF 400, located off the outpatient clinic entrance. Classes cover infants from birth to 6 months of age. Classes address common concerns of new parents such as booking appointments, colic, immunizations, safety, feeding issues, developmental milestones, dental care and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Gifts, prizes and refreshments are included. Classes open to members of all branches of the military and their dependents. To sign up, call Capt. Romeatrius Moss, 376-5375. For more information, call Capt. Moss, Maj. Muriel Gatlin, 376-5387, or Staff Sgt. Jihan Brown, 376-5579.

Mental health clinic

Post-traumatic stress disorder — 1:30 p.m. Mondays.

Healthy thinking — 2 p.m. Tuesdays.

Stress management techniques — 10 a.m. Wednesdays.

Relaxation techniques — 9 a.m. Mondays.

To register, call 376-0385.

McBride Library

Story time — 2 p.m. Wednesday, ages 3-5.

Gale data base orientations — 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Fax special — 50 cents a page this month.

Orientations for commanders, instructors and first sergeants — 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

Lunch — herbed baked chicken, beef and noodles, fried catfish, blackeyed peas with rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, peas, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, cheeseburger soup, frontier chicken chili, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

Dinner — roast pork loin, jaegerschnitzel veal, chicken cordon bleu, potato halves, orange rice, gravy, carrots, pinto beans, corn combo, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

Friday

Lunch — Mexican baked chicken, country-style steak, stuffed peppers, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, beans, Spanish beans, peas and carrots, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chicken with wild rice soup, onion soup, chili, barbecue pork sandwiches and burritos.

Dinner — lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken cacciatore, rice, gravy, broccoli, cauliflower, Italian baked beans, corn O'Brien, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chicken with wild rice soup, onion soup, chili, barbecue pork sandwiches and burritos.

Saturday

Lunch — baked chicken, beef yakisoba, canned ham, baked potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, broccoli, peas, carrots, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, raisin sauce, clam chowder, tomato florentine soup and buffalo wings.

Dinner — fish almondine, stir-fry chicken with broccoli, pork chops, rissole potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, calico corn, club spinach, fried okra, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, clam chowder, tomato florentine soup, chicken frontier chili and buffalo wings.

Sunday

Lunch — baked fish, sauerbraten, chicken breast parmesan, au gratin potatoes, egg noodles, gravy, cauliflower combo, mixed vegetables, fried cabbage, tomato salad, German coleslaw, cheesy chicken tortilla soup, baked potato chowder, chili and cheese pizza.

Dinner — ginger barbecue chicken, fried shrimp, beef manicotti, potato wedges, mashed potatoes, gravy, black-eyed peas, collard greens, corn O'Brien, tomato salad, German coleslaw, cheesy chicken tortilla soup, baked potato chowder, chili and cheese pizza.

Monday

Lunch — Swiss steak, baked chicken, sausage, peppers and onions, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, carrots, cucumber and onion salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumplings soup, minestrone, chili with beans, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

Dinner — turkey, ribeye steak, tempura fish, mashed potatoes, cornbread dressing, gravy, succotash, tempura vegetables, green beans, garden cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone, chili with beans, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

Veterans Day

Lunch — roast turkey, barbecue spareribs, fried shrimp, cream of broccoli soup, gravy, mashed potatoes, cottage fried potatoes, bread dressing, glazed carrots, Mexican corn, broccoli, candy, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

Dinner — roast pork loin, barbecue beef cubes, chicken fajitas, O'Brien potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower, corn on the cob, lima beans, waldorf salad, frontier chicken chili, beef pot roast soup, vegetable soup, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

Wednesday

Lunch — fried chicken, cajun baked fish, jalapeno cornbread, barbecue ribs, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, okra and tomato gumbo, fried cabbage, cole slaw, garden cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

Dinner — spaghetti with meat sauce, Swiss steak, fried chicken, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, fried cauliflower, asparagus, simmered cabbage, coleslaw, country style tomatoes, chicken noodle soup, potato soup, chili with beans, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

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Available for use — children's library and meeting, audio and typing rooms.

Free wireless Internet — check at circulation desk.

Tours/orientations — call 377-2181.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

Editor's note: All events, except dances, are open to all Keesler personnel.

Family and teen talent show — 5 p.m. Nov. 14, Welch Auditorium; sign up at community center by 5 p.m. Friday.

Football frenzy — 7 p.m. Mondays. Club members are eligible for prizes.

Free shuttle service — 6-9:30 p.m. Thursdays before nonworking Fridays; 1-11 p.m. nonworking Fridays and Saturdays and 6-11 p.m. working Fridays. Also stops at Muse Manor, McBride Library, arts and crafts center, Tyer House, Gaude Lanes, outdoor recreation, Katrina Kantina and Bay Breeze Golf Course.

Legends Café — open 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, 5-9 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 5-11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Pool tournaments — 6 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays.

Movie night — 6 p.m. Wednesdays. New releases, popcorn.

Dances — 6 p.m. to midnight Thursdays before compressed work schedule Fridays, and Fridays and Saturdays. \$3.

Katrina Kantina

All ranks invited — open 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays. Snacks, beverages and music.

Luncheon specials — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays; \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers. For more information, call 377-2219.

Tuesday special — red beans and rice, \$1 bowl.

Martini and jazz night — 5 p.m. Thursdays before nonworking Fridays.

Catering — experts can assist with planning weddings, holidays, birthdays, official functions and other special occasions.

Youth center

Teen turkey challenge — 6-8 p.m. Nov 17; sport games and competitions, snacks and prizes.

Fun night — 5-9 p.m. Nov. 22, ages 6 and older. Skate, dance, games and video games. \$3 includes snacks and prizes.

Basketball registration — throughout month for ages 6-15. Play begins in January; volunteer coaches needed. For more information, call 377-4116.

Power hour — 4-6 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. Homework help and tutoring, ages 6-12. No charge for those registered in the youth program.

Torch Club — 6-7 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, ages 6-12. Focus on club and community service, education, athletics and fitness.

TRAIL (Keystone Club) — 6 p.m. every other Monday; leadership club for teens.

Book collection — drop off new and used children's books at the center to be distributed to the Keesler Medical center's pediatric clinic.

Classes — register for dance, gymnastics, piano, tennis and assorted sports clinics.

Youth employment service — earn money for college tuition; call for more information.

Congressional Award program — ages 14-21; self-directed merit program promoting personal development, physical fitness and community involvement.

Volunteers needed — for sports, open recreation, crafts, cooking, computers, arts, reading, sewing and general cleaning and decorations. Must be 18 or older. For more information, call 377-4116.

TICKETS AND TRIPS

Trips to Saints games at New Orleans Superdome — Nov. 24, Green Bay Packers, game time 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 7, Atlanta Falcons, game time noon; Dec. 28, Carolina Panthers, game time noon. \$60 per person including admission; limit two tickets per trip. Sign up at the Vandenberg Community Center customer service desk. Limit 20 passengers; first come, first served.

Discounted tickets — for many attractions including Busch Gardens, Sea World, Universal Studios and Disney World in Florida. For price list, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>.

Information on area and out-of-state attractions — free brochures for Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Georgia.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Congressionally-mandated pre-separation briefings — counseling by airman and family readiness center for active-duty military members of any branch of service who'll receive honorable discharges and no extra transition benefits. Briefings are Thursdays in Room 111, Sablich Center, 1 p.m. for those who are separating and 2:30 p.m. for those who are retiring. Those with less than honorable discharges, receiving extra benefits such as second enrollment opportunity in Montgomery GI Bill, Reserve or Guard personnel coming off 180-day deployments or entering the disability system, call 376-8728 for individual counseling appointment. To register, call 376-8728. For more information, call Jackie Pope, 376-8505.

Transition assistance program — 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 17-20 and Dec. 8-11, Room 108A, Sablich Center. For military personnel who are 12 months or less from separation or 24 months or less from retirement, and Department of Defense civilians; spouses welcome. Military members should complete congressionally-mandated pre-separation counseling in advance. Attire is business casual — no uniforms, jeans, shorts or T-shirts. To sign up, call 376-8728.

Military retirement benefit seminars — 8-10:30 a.m. Nov. 6 and Dec. 4, Room 108A, Sablich Center. Tricare, Survivor Benefit Plan, movement and storage of household goods, military and retired pay issues and other topics covered. Spouses encouraged to attend. To sign up, call 376-8728.

Air Force Reserve opportunities — for members separating within 180 days, call Master Sgt. Neil Sherman, 377-7116; e-mail anthony.sherman@keesler.af.mil or visit Room 130, Sablich Center.

Palace Chase — for information about how to apply for a program to attend college full time and work part time, visit Room 216, Sablich Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Neil Sherman, 377-7116; e-mail anthony.sherman@keesler.af.mil or visit Room 130, Sablich Center.

Web sites

Air Force Blue to Corporate Gray — <http://www.bluegray.com>.

Air Force Federal Employment Resume and Information — <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/resweb>.

Civilian job certification and licensing requirements for military personnel and veterans — <http://www.dol.gov/dol/vets>.

Department of Veterans Affairs — <http://www.va.gov/efit/index.htm>; for members returning from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

New military spouse career center — <http://www.military.com/spouse>. Job board including public and private sectors. For more information, call Vince Patton, 703-269-0154, or e-mail at vince@militaryadvantage.com.

Military Connection — online resources database for military family members seeking civilian employment at <http://www.militaryconnection.com>.

Southern Region Military and Civilian Job Fair — <http://www.jobfairs.ms.gov>.

Department of Defense Transition Assistance Program — <http://www.Turbotap.org>.

Military Homefront — <http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil>.

Military One Source — <http://www.militaryonesource.com>.

Employment opportunities

Career focus program for spouses — information on area employment opportunities, job Web sites, human resources contacts, temporary jobs, on-base listings and free training programs. Computer lab available for resume preparation or job search in Room 108B, Sablich Center. For an appointment, call Ron Bublik, 376-8502 or 376-8728, or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

Air Force Office of Special Investigations — senior airmen with less than six years time in service, and staff and technical sergeants with less than 12 years time in service are eligible. Foreign language, computer or technical skills are desired, but not required. Those accepted attend the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick, Ga. for training in instruction in law, report writing, forensics, interview tech-

niques, firearms and defensive tactics and other subjects related to the challenges of investigative duty. For more information on applying, contact AFOSI Detachment 407, 377-3420.

Junior ROTC — immediate employment opportunities for retired or retiring Air Force officers and noncommissioned officers. Those who retired within the past 10 years or are six months from retirement may qualify to be an instructor. To apply or for more information, go to <http://www.afots.af.mil> and select "AFJROTC" or call Jo Alice Talley, toll free 1-866-235-7682, extension 7742; DSN 493-7742, or commercial (334) 953-7742.

MEETINGS

African-American Heritage Committee — 3:30 p.m. second Tuesday of the month, Room 109, Taylor Logistics Building. For more information, call Paulette Powell, 377-2270, or Kurt Higgins, 377-1390.

Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 652 — 4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month, Katrina Kantina. For more information, call Master Sgt. Rich Striggow, 377-4800, or visit the group's Web site, <http://www.afsa652.org>.

Air Force Sergeants Association Auxiliary — 6 p.m. third Tuesday of the month. For more information, call Michelle Foster, 273-4591, or e-mail auxiliary.president@afsa652.org.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving — For more information, call Staff Sgt. Aaron Eden, 377-1907; Staff Sgt. Brad Mills, 377-1714, or call 377-SAVE.

Asian Pacific-American Heritage Committee — 11:30 a.m. first Wednesday of month, Room 111, Sablich Center. For more information, call Lucy Belles, 376-8500, or Master Sgt. Ernesto Alvendia, 376-8501.

At Eze Toastmasters Club — 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Building 1101 conference room. For more information, call Dewi Clark, 377-2714 or e-mail dewi.clark2@keesler.af.mil; Arleen Stewart, 377-2440, or visit <http://www.toastmasters.org>.

Blacks in Government — 5:15 p.m. second Thursday of the month, Taylor Logistics Building conference room. For more information call Florence Clay, 377-8681, or Paulette Powell, 377-2270.

Civil Air Patrol Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron — 7 p.m. Tuesdays upstairs in Hangar 3 for youth and adults. For more information, call 1-601-528-4337, e-mail Camo.princess92@gmail.com or visit <http://www.keeslercap.org>.

Company grade officers council — meets first Wednesday of the month. For time and location, call Capt. Ted West, 377-7343.

Keesler 5.6 — 3:15 p.m. third Wednesday of the month; location varies. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Toyshaline Young or Tech. Sgt. Jodi Evans, 377-4885.

Keesler Christian Home Educators Association — 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month, September-May, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call Heather Melancon, 831-8895.

Keesler Spouses Club — second Tuesday of the month. For time and place, call Leanne Ramsay, 377-3217, or visit <http://www.KeeslerSpousesClub.com>.

Retired Enlisted Association Magnolia Chapter 81 — 6:30 p.m. second Thursday of the month, Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call Larry McKean, 377-3252 or 374-5922.

Top III — 3 p.m. third Thursday of the month, Katrina Kantina. For more information, call Master Sgt. Michael Krejci, 377-4451.

Tuskegee Airmen Inc., Col. Lawrence E. Roberts Chapter — 5 p.m. first Thursday of the month, McBride Library. For more information, call Glenda Mosby, 243-1992, gmosby1@bellsouth.net, or Charles Bowers, 860-3665.

MISCELLANEOUS

Movies

Editor's note: Movies are shown at Welch Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 adults and \$1.50 children for regular features, and \$2.50 adults and \$1 children for matinees.

Friday — 6:30 p.m., Burn After Reading (R, 96 minutes).

Saturday — 2 p.m. Igor (PG, 86 minutes); 6:30 p.m., Nights in Rodanthe (PG-13, 92 minutes).

Sunday — 1 p.m., Miracle at St. Anna (R, 160 minutes).