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A B-52 Stratofortress prepares for refueling over Afghanistan during a close-air-support mission. A B-52 from the 2nd Bomb Wing, Barksdale Air Force Base, La., will do a fly-by at Keesler's Thunder on the Bay Air Show and Open House, April 4-5. For a guide to the event, see Pages A1-4. Air Force photo

## Advance planning makes air show a breeze

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Come prepared for the time of your life at Thunder on the Bay April 4-5 — but leave your ice chests, pets, pocket knives and roller skates at home, and don't forget your earplugs, sunscreen and comfortable shoes.

Base officials are trying to ensure that Keesler's first air show in four years is a safe and enjoyable time for spectators, but certain rules are in place to maintain security and order.

This week's Keesler News provides a four-page air show insert to guide your weekend plans, and information is updated daily at the base's Web site, <http://www.keesler.af.mil>, and the air show Web site, <http://www.keesler.shultzairshows.com>.

On Page A4 of the insert, there's a listing of approved and prohibited items for air show visitors.

Even with all of the excitement and entertainment, this is still a military installation," Maj. Miki Gilloon, public

affairs coordinator for the event, pointed out. "We want spectators to have a wonderful time, and we're doing all we can to ensure their safety."

"To maintain security, all bags will be inspected as spectators enter through airfield security points, and all individuals are subject to search," said Justin Cooper, Keesler's air show director.

Only people with Department of Defense identification cards can drive onto the base through the White Avenue Gate and the Pass Road Gate. Pedestrian traffic isn't allowed at these gates, but walkers can access the base through the Oak Park Gate behind Keesler Medical Center and the Meadows Drive Gate off Forrest Avenue.

Residents of Thrower Park, West Falcon Park and Bay Ridge housing areas are encouraged to ride buses labeled "base housing shuttle" that will run regularly both days.

Handicapped visitors with official state license plates or placards are allowed to park on base by entering the Judge Sekul Avenue Gate, where uni-

formed personnel will guide them to special parking areas in front of Bryan Hall.

For people without regular base access, there's free designated parking near the Oak Park Gate and the Meadows Drive Gate. Visitors are directed by uniformed personnel and local law enforcement officials. Continuous shuttle buses run back and forth from the parking locations to the air show site.

Biloxi's Back Bay will close intermittently to civilian and maritime traffic, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. April 2-5, according to Federal Aviation Administration regulations during practice times and air show performances.

Those regulations also close Ploesti Drive from the child development center to the north entrance of Bay Ridge, as well as the marina and Bay Breeze Golf Course, during the same hours.

"Base personnel aren't permitted to watch practices or the air show from Bay Breeze or the marina during the show box closure times," Major Gilloon stressed.

## Take a stand for your Wingman

By Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

The Department of Defense released its Fiscal 2008 Report on Sexual Assault in the Military last week, noting that the number of reports had increased by 8 percent over 2007. An 8 percent increase ... is that a bad thing? Not necessarily. In fact, those most familiar with the department's campaign to combat sexual assaults do not necessarily think that higher number is negative. For example, Gail McGinn, deputy undersecretary of defense for plans, described the situation as indicating "service members feel more comfortable reporting the crime and are getting the care they need." Indications here at Keesler seem to corroborate that view.

Nonetheless, while I am proud that our Air Force provides exceptional support to those who have been assaulted, I am saddened and disappointed that we have **any** incidents of sexual assaults in our society. Please note that I used the term, "our society." That was deliberate as many of these reported assaults occurred before the Airman

even entered the Air Force. Unfortunately, some of our fellow Airmen come to us as casualties of sexual assaults that occurred before they joined our team. Tragically, some become victims after they join us. It is incumbent on all of us to join together as wingmen to protect each other, to defend each other, and to eradicate sexual assaults.

Sexual assault is a crime. When the Department of Defense launched its campaign to combat sexual assaults, they found that some victims felt intimidated by the legal process and wanted to remain anonymous. Accordingly, the department created a program that empowered victims to report their incidents to a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, who could coordinate necessary treatment in a confidential setting. These "restricted" reports protect the victim's identity while enabling them to benefit from our comprehensive counseling and treatment services. How effective is the anonymity of these "restricted" reports? Not even I get to know the identities of the victims or suspects; the reporting victim's rights are

respected. The victim also has the option to report the crime through the chain of command for investigation. These "unrestricted" reports enable commanders to investigate allegations of crime and, when warranted, act using the Uniform Code of Military Justice. According to the Department of Defense report, of the Air Force's initial 262 restricted reports last year, 42 were later changed to unrestricted status.

I personally review each of the investigations and have noted some troubling themes in the reported assaults. First, there is a strong correlation between alcohol use and sexual assaults. As Chief Alex Perry, the wing's command chief, tells every new arrival from basic military training, "You don't get any better looking, stronger, or a better dancer when you've been drinking." Alcohol is guaranteed to make you stupid. If you are old enough to drink, do so responsibly. If not, don't break the law. Be a good wingman and make sure your buddy is taken care of and is not a threat to themselves or others.

Equally troubling is a second observation. The reports

## 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.

Suggestions to help make this a more valuable and useful tool are welcome. Call the commander's action line, 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](mailto:commanders.line@keesler.af.mil) (off-base).

often indicate a bystander sees the trouble starting yet fails to intervene. I don't care what rank you are...if you see trouble happening you have a responsibility as an Airman ... as a citizen ... to stop it! Where prudent, confront the individual and steer them in the right direction. If you need help, call in your wingman. Consult with your military training leader. Call the 81st Security Forces Squadron at 377-3040. There are so many resources, but the key is to do something

when you see the warning signs. All of us have a responsibility to protect and defend our fellow Airmen.

As Airmen, our core values dictate we will not accept unacceptable behavior that compromises our integrity, service, and excellence. Sexual assaults, alcohol abuse and turning a blind eye toward misconduct all are unacceptable. Let's continue to be a band of brothers and sisters who take care of each other and make our Air Force family proud.

## Focusing on analog leadership in a digital world

By Senior Master Sgt. Clayton French Jr.

81st Medical Operations Squadron first sergeant

We see it every day. "Airman 1st Class Crash, I need you to ... and when you're finished, you need to ... and don't forget to ..." followed by "**send.**"

In case you haven't noticed, we live in a very digital world. Take a moment and list the gadgets that have made your life simpler — laptops, i-phones, texting, Facebook, GPS. We are digitally dependent. How do I know? Just shut down the server for one hour on a Monday morning and watch. We feel the need to text, tap, blog and **send**; oh, yes, we live in a digital world.

So, how do we as leaders lead in a digital world? Should we take a typing course so we can send messages faster? Maybe we start with asking some fundamental questions about leadership. How well can we inspire from behind a screen and clicking a keyboard? How involved are we with our Airmen through instant communication via cell phone? Do

we demonstrate compassion by sitting behind our desk in our own little cubicle?

I make no apologies, but our solution to leading in the digital world is old-fashioned analog leadership. This active type of leadership is door to door, face to face and heart to heart.

Ask yourself these questions:

**"Why should I lead face to face?"** Simply put, people respond quickly and usually give extra effort for leaders who genuinely and actively care for them. There's no better way to care for them than to physically interact with them. Your Airmen will perform the seemingly impossible if you show sincere interest and are concerned for career development and welfare, and that is done face to face.

**"How am I going to get out from behind my desk?"** If you want to actively lead Airmen, you must be out front. It takes dedicated work. This may be the trickiest thing to tackle because the digital world is very convenient and attractive. Here's a tip;

set aside 30 minutes a day to walk away from your desk and be in your work centers. Mark it in your calendar, have a peer hold you accountable and then do it. You won't be in your office and, trust me, the world won't stop. You'll be out "guiding" your Airmen. If you don't set this up **deliberately** and **intentionally**, it will never happen.

**"What will it cost me?"** I would be lying if I told you that analog leadership was free. It will cost you time and effort. But doesn't everything of value cost something? You've got to give up some office time to be out front. In the end, I'm convinced that some of your problems will disappear if you **invest** time and effort into your people. The upfront cost is worth it.

Although digital may enhance your television experience, it makes for a lousy leadership style. Don't delay. Not next week or next month; get out and lead. I'll guarantee you, it will become the highlight of your day.



## DRAGON ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

Keesler News photographer

What is your favorite thing about spring?



The weather!

Wanda Kimbler, BENE-FIT contractor



For this state, it seems like it's the only time the weather is nice and stays consistent.  
Senior Airman Crystale Samuel, 81st Force Support Squadron



Being out in the sunshine.  
Lindsay Hunt, spouse of Aiman Shawn Edgecomb, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron

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Combat Support & Community Service

## Teamwork yields valuable simulator for training

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Team Keesler has once again demonstrated the power of collaboration.

Over the past 18 months, professionals from the 81st Training Support Squadron and the 334th Training Squadron, with technology funding support from Air Education and Training Command, have developed a modular control equipment classroom trainer for use in the aerospace control and warning systems apprentice course.

Tuesday, formal delivery of the trainer took place in Bryan Hall as Lt. Col. Kevin O'Rourke, 81st TRSS commander, signed over the system to Lt. Col. Scott Chowning, 334th TRS commander.

In the ACWS apprentice course, Airmen learn the basics of defending airspace from hostile incursion, vectoring aircraft intercepts and detecting and identifying aircraft. Operators perform multiple switch actions and operate voice communications equipment, utilizing the operator console unit workstations. The six-week course awards the 1C531 Air Force Specialty Code upon graduation.

Recent upgrades to the real-world MCE threatened to render the existing trainer training outdated. ACWS instructors foresaw training deficiencies when Keesler's training equipment configuration didn't match operational equipment in use around the globe, so they requested a new trainer.

The situation was just the kind of challenge the 81st TRSS Simware section likes to tackle.

Simware stands for simulator interface management ware, a set of tools that provide a means of creating, editing and storing scenarios for a



Tech. Sgt. James McAnelly sets up a scenario for students in the aerospace control and warning system apprentice course on one of the new MCE trainers. Sergeant McAnelly, a master instructor in the 334th TRS, served as squadron's primary subject matter expert in coordinating with the 81st TRSS for development of the trainer.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

trainer or simulator, said Ron Washburn, Simware development chief. Simware provides Air Force customers with high-fidelity trainers and simulators through cost-effective software engineering concepts.

"We deliver products on time, within budget and with capabilities that provide an optimal training experience," Mr. Washburn explained. "The bottom line is the quality of training will increase and the cost will decrease."

The Simware section's feasibility study determined a new MCE trainer could be built that would mirror the operational system and meet training requirements.

"To accomplish this, we had to study documents such as technical orders and course lesson plans," Mr. Washburn pointed out. "Several software programmers attended the ACWS to get a better understanding from the student per-

spective. We also documented how the real-world MCE on site operates.

"Finally, we had to demonstrate to the course's subject matter experts what we could do for them, just like we do for all of our projects — we learn their business and they learn ours," he added.

But one obstacle remained — funding for the unanticipated project hadn't been budgeted. Fortunately, 2nd Air Force solicited projects for AETC's technology insertion program funds. The 334th TRS and Simware specialists built a compelling case, and 2nd Air Force earmarked \$170,000 to build the MCE trainer.

With the project approved, Simware programmers worked with 334th TRS subject matter experts to develop and refine software for the new trainer. Skilled craftsmen from the 81st TRSS trainer development flight designed and fabricated

an integrated communications set which couples with the software to enable instructor-student communication. The 81st TRSS built four trainers, one for each of the course's four classrooms.

"All in all, this was another fantastic team achievement," said Colonel O'Rourke. "I never cease to be amazed by the result of this team's work."

In February, the ACWS apprentice course began using the first new MCE trainer. Based on instructor and student feedback, it has already proven to be a highly effective training system.

"This trainer provides my instructors with a tremendous capability to train our newest Airmen, and rave reviews from instructors and students validate that it was a job well done," Colonel Chowning remarked.

The new MCE trainer advances theater air opera-

tions training to the next level through improving student comprehension by delivering a realistic hands-on simulation and increasing training efficiency by reducing the required instruction time in the classroom.

AWCS students interpret and react to MCE trainer radar scope presentations and generated console displays as well as make simulated radio calls over the integrated communications system.

"The 334th TRS has requested Simware to develop a new trainer to prepare students for their duties at an air operation center," Mr. Washburn remarked. "This indicates that we delivered what they needed when they needed it, but it could not have happened without the dedication of the folks at the 334th TRS. This is a truly a win-win for the 81st TRSS and the 334th TRS."



Michelle Davis



Steven Davis

## 334th TRS instructors earn AETC awards

By Airman 1st Class David Salanitri

Keesler News editor

Two instructors from the 334th Training Squadron are Air Education and Training Command award winners for their respective categories for 2008.

**Tech. Sgt. Michelle Davis**, aviation resource management instructor, is AETC's aviation resource management instructor of the year. In 2008, Sergeant Davis taught 1,170 hours of classroom podium work and taught 70 Airmen.

Sergeant Davis, who's been in the Air Force for nearly 11 years, helped polish aviation resource management instruction by identifying 25 discrepancies in the multimedia instruction method.

**Tech. Sgt. Steven Davis**, operating location Chief/Instructor supervisor at the squadron's detachment at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., is AETC's command post instructor of the year. In 2008, Sergeant Davis developed two new nuclear command and control courses for command post controllers and instructors throughout Air Force Strategic Command.

Sergeant Davis, a 13-year Air Force veteran, also won this award for AETC in 2006.

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## Special testing dates

Application deadlines and dates for special testing are:

**PRAXIS I and II** — June 14 for July 13.

**ACT** — Friday for April 27; May 22 for June 22.

**SAT** — April 24 for May 25. Test time is 7 a.m. for all.

For more information, call 376-8708.

## Scholarship available

Applications are accepted through Tuesday for the 2009 Hurricane Hunters Association Swan 38 Memorial Scholarship.

For eligibility requirements, instructions and application forms, log on to <http://www.hurricanehunters.com>.

## Parking lot closed

The parking lot on the southeast side of the NCO Academy is closed until noon Wednesday for drill practice and evaluation.

In case of inclement weather, the hours may change or the lot will be open.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Greg Jackson, 377-2740.

## Pitsenbarger awards

The deadline for spring Community College of the Air Force graduates to apply for the \$400 Pitsenbarger Award is 4 p.m. April 2.

Applications are available in the education office, Room 224, Sablich Center, or at <http://www.afa.org/aef/aid/pit.asp>.

The award is sponsored by the Air Force Association and

the Aerospace Education Foundation. Prior winners aren't eligible.

For more information, call 376-8708 or 8710.

## KSC scholarships

April 10 is the deadline to apply for six scholarships being offered by the Keesler Spouses Club.

High school and home-schooled seniors and spouses in Jackson, Harrison and Hancock counties who are dependents of Keesler active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retirees, deceased members, and Defense Department civilians are eligible.

Applicants must enter an accredited two-year or four-year college or university this fall.

Applications are available at high school counselor offices, Keesler Thrift Shop and online at <http://www.keeslerspousesclub.com>.

## Drill downs, parades

The 81st Training Group conducts drill downs and parades on the parade field behind the Levitow Training Support Facility.

**Drill downs** — 8 a.m. April 17; 7 a.m. June 12 and Aug. 7; 8 a.m. Oct. 2.

**Parades** — 6 p.m. July 23 and April 17.

For drill down information, call Tech. Sgt. Trina Girley, 377-2737. For parade information, call Staff Sgt. Donald McNair, 377-9527.

## Student health center

The student health center in the Levitow Training Support Facility is open 7 a.m. to 5

p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday.

The front desk phone numbers are 376-0324 or 0325.

## New CCAF program

The Community College of the Air Force's General Education Mobile is a partnership between CCAF and civilian academic institutions that offers clustered online general education courses to meet CCAF associate degree requirements.

For more information, call the education center, 376-8708 or 8710.

## ACSC options

Air Command and Staff College can be completed by correspondence or seminar.

Majors or major-selects of all services and civilians General Schedule-11 and above are eligible.

For more information, call Joyce James, 376-8472.

## GI Bill benefits

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

For more information, call 376-8708.

## CCAF online

Visit the Air Force Virtual Education Center, <https://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod>, to create MyAFVEC accounts to access online customer service tools.

People can request and track Community College of the Air Force transcripts, view degree progress reports and see if a course counts toward a CCAF degree.



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## C-17 pilot for air show recalls his introduction to flying at Keesler

By Angela Guirola

Keesler Public Affairs intern

Spectators at next week's Thunder on the Bay Air Show will find at least one former Gulfport resident as part of the sky-high performance.

Lt. Col. James Cole, director of operations for the 58th Airlift Squadron at Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma, is flying with his C-17 formal training unit.

The unit provides initial and follow-on flight training to Air Force, National Guard and Air Force Academy cadets.

Although Colonel Cole was never stationed at Keesler, he did many things on base as he was growing up. He gained an interest in the Air Force when he participated in the Keesler Civil Air Patrol unit as a cadet.

"I actually learned to fly at the Keesler Aero Club in 1985," Colonel Cole recalled. "I flew my first solo flight at Keesler, so it is a real treat to get to come back and fly at Keesler again."

During his time in the Aero Club, he flew light Cessna aircraft.

Colonel Cole's training at Keesler didn't help him for his C-17 duties, but he pointed out, "My time at Keesler motivated me to enter the military as an officer and pursue a career in aviation."

As an Air Force pilot who's been on active duty since 1992, Colonel Cole has flown the T-3A, T-37B, T-1A, C-13A, and C-17A.

"I have over 6,000 hours of combined military and civilian flight time, including over 4,000 hours in military jet aircraft," the colonel remarked. He's been stationed at Altus since February 2008.



"I flew my first solo flight at Keesler ... I remember coming to the Keesler air shows as a kid."

— Colonel Cole

The C-17 Globemaster III is the Air Force's newest, most flexible cargo aircraft. The C-17 is capable of rapid strategic delivery of troops and all types of cargo to main operating bases or directly to forward bases in the deployment area. The aircraft can perform tactical airlift and airdrop missions and can also transport litters and ambulatory patients during aeromedical evacuations.

The C-17 demonstration team flies 10 to 15 shows

each year to demonstrate the aircraft's capabilities. The Keesler performance is scheduled to last about 10 minutes.

"We demonstrate a high speed pass, a low speed pass, a tight 360-degree turn over the airfield, a tactical departure and an assault, or short field landing," he explained.

"While most are in the U.S., we do support some overseas shows," Colonel Cole said. "We will be traveling to Puerto Rico and Canada this year."

His team members include Maj. Kent Freeman and Bernie Allemeier. The team flies with one pilot, one copilot and one safety observer. According to Colonel Cole, all of the team members are instructor pilots for the C-17 formal training unit at Altus. The team will also include a loadmaster who's responsible for the cargo compartment of the aircraft.

Colonel Cole, a graduate of Harrison Central High School and Mississippi State University, says he's very excited about returning to south Mississippi.

"It is coming back home for me," he said. "I grew up on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and coming home for me is always great."

His parents, Stuart and Martha Cole, and his brother and sister-in-law, Robbie and Carrie Cole, still live in Gulfport.

"I am thrilled to be returning to Keesler," he commented. "I remember coming to the Keesler air shows as a kid, and the whole team is looking forward to being there."

Susan Griggs, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.

## IN THE NEWS

### Promotion ceremony for chiefs

The Keesler Chiefs Group's annual ceremony recognizing individuals selected for promotion to chief master sergeant is 6 p.m. Friday in the Dragon's Lair.

They are Chief Master Sgt. James Morrison, 81st Comptroller Squadron; and Senior Master Sgts. Danny Ogas, 2nd Air Force; Joe Watson, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron; and Pamela Manning, 81st Training Wing.

Tickets are \$25 for the formal/semi-formal event and are available from any Keesler chief or Chief Master Sgt. Bob Madigan, 377-5958.

### National Prayer Breakfast April 2

Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander, is the guest speaker for the National Prayer Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. April 2 in the Locker House Dragon's Lair.

Tickets are \$5 and are available through the chapel and first sergeants.

For more information, call 377-2520.

### Farewell parade for General Touhill

A parade and decoration ceremony honoring Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander, is 9 a.m. April 6 on the parade field behind the Levitow Training Support Facility.

General Touhill, who's served as wing commander since October 2007, has a new assignment as Chief, Office of Military Cooperation, U.S. Central Command, Kuwait.

### No ID cards issued April 6-8

Identification cards won't be issued April 6-8 while hardware for the Real-Time Automated Personnel Identification System is being replaced.

The Defense Manpower Data Center replaces about one-third of the RAPIDS hardware each year to maintain a viable operating capacity.

The system includes desktop computers, laser printers, smart card printers, monitors and desktop cameras.

### Medical center parking reduced

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Ongoing construction projects will impact about 200 parking spaces on the north, east and west sides of Keesler Medical Center until the completion of the new inpatient tower, currently scheduled for October 2011.

Except for about 15 parking spaces on the north side of J Street adjacent to the emergency department, parking won't be permitted on J Street north side of the medical center from 3rd Street to the medical logistics loading docks on 5th Street, including all parking on the south side of J Street from the generator courtyard east to 5th Street. Parking isn't allowed in the current emergency room parking lot or some spaces in front of the new central energy plant for safety reasons.

# Stimulus package to aid Airmen

By Tech. Sgt. Amaani Lyle

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Improvements in dormitories, child development centers and energy conservation plans will come to fruition as the Air Force receives about \$1.7 billion in Defense-related appropriations through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, military finance officials said.

“The Air Force fully supports the administration’s commitment to invest recovery act dollars with unprecedented transparency and accountability so Americans know how and where their tax dollars are being spent,” said Audrey Davis, deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for financial operations.

With a focus on Airmen care, families and environmental stewardship, the Air Force’s portion of the stimulus will spur about 1,500 military construction and facility improvement projects including quality-of-life upgrades and renewable-energy research.

ARRA funds will be used to support high-priority programs such as fuel-cell, wind and solar research and energy security. Air Force leaders support national and Department of Defense efforts to achieve greater energy independence through funding these critical military energy research programs.

“ARRA funds are being used for high priority maintenance and repair projects as well as new child development centers, military family housing and dormitories,” said Air Force Civil Engineer Maj. Gen. Del Eulberg. “This is consistent with Air Force goals to improve the quality of life for its Airmen and their families.”

Officials specifically identified the locations with the greatest need based on previously conducted facility and requirements studies to maximize the benefit of ARRA funding.

“Many of the projects entail making much-needed improvements to military installations and include repairs on roads, fitness centers, chapels, utility systems and improvements to achieve energy efficiency goals,” General Eulberg said.

According to the general, ARRA funding will enable more than 1,500 maintenance and repair projects valued at \$1.1 billion in addition to \$260 million for Air Force military construction and housing: \$100 million for four dorms, \$80 million for seven CDCs, and \$80 million for two MFH projects. Additionally, Air Force engineers will construct four Energy Conservation Investment Program projects using \$17 million provided to the Department of Defense.

Ms. Davis said the Air Force is committed to following secretary of defense guidance to meet critical accountability requirements while ensuring efficient execution of the projects.

“When it comes to being accountable to the Air Force family and the American people, we want to do it right,” Ms. Davis said. “Investment in Air Force-related projects will further President Barack Obama’s goal of providing much-needed stimulus to the economy while improving quality of life for Airmen and their families.”

To view a complete list of the specific projects, visit <http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery> and <http://www.recovery.gov>.



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AAFES Corporate Communications

DALLAS — The Army and Air Force Exchange Service has more than 3,000 food, entertainment and retail outlets around the globe, and people often ask, “Who’s authorized to shop these facilities?”

AAFES doesn’t decide who is or isn’t authorized to shop. Exchange service authorization begins with the House Armed Services Committee and ultimately ends with the installation commander, according to Air Force Instruction 34-211. Regulation requires proper identification of authorized customers, including uniformed personnel and members of Reserve components and family members, applicable Department of Defense civilians, exchange associates and retirees who possess a basic exchange purchase privilege authorization card.

AAFES’ 1,384 food facilities and 279 shoppettes are open to virtually anyone looking for a quick bite to eat. DOD policy allows all federal government employees and installation visitors to dine at AAFES restaurants as long as their orders are consumed on the installation, and anyone can purchase single-serve consumables from a shoppette.

## 2009 selection boards

**May 18-22, Sept. 21-25** — special selection boards.

**June 8** — lieutenant colonel and major BSC/NC.

**July 13-24** — senior noncommissioned officer supplemental.

**Aug. 17-28** — command screening.

**Sept. 14** — colonel medical service corps, medical corps and dental corps; lieutenant colonel and major MC/DC.

**Oct. 13-26** — chief master sergeant evaluation.

**Nov. 2** — colonel and lieutenant colonel judge advocate and chaplain; major LAF, judge advocate and chaplain.

**Dec. 1** — colonel LAF/ BSC/NC, lieutenant colonel and major BSC/NC.

## Total Force Service Center

### Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Members of the total force now have one central phone number for personnel questions.

Air Force members can call the Total Force Service Center, 1-800-525-0102, to reach a customer service counselor to discuss issues ranging from retraining, promotions and identification cards to leave, retirements and civilian benefits.

When calling from outside the U.S., dial the toll-free AT&T direct access number for the country they are located, then dial 1-800-525-0102. Direct access numbers are found at [http://www.business.att.com/bt/dial\\_guide.jsp](http://www.business.att.com/bt/dial_guide.jsp).

There's no change for individuals with hearing impairments. They can still reach the civilian Benefits and Entitlements Service Team and AFPC's Personnel Systems Operations Control Center and ask employment questions, by calling the Telephone Device for the Deaf number, 1-800-382-0893 or 1-210-565-2276.

For answers to many personnel questions, log on to <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil> or <http://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil>.

## Deployment data deleted

### Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Deployment history data is now deleted from duty qualification briefs for officer selection and preselection and from senior noncommissioned officer evaluation briefs.

This total-force initiative applies to all active-duty members, Reserve and Guard personnel for management level reviews and officer and enlisted central selection boards. For more information, call the Air Force Contact Center, 1-800-616-3775.

## Medical appointments

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" to 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.

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.

For more information, call 376-3101.

# Thrift Savings Plan provides nest eggs for retirement

By Gerry Gilmore

### American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — About 614,000 service members are saving for retirement in the federal Thrift Savings Program, which was opened to military members in 2002.

The TSP, explained Chuck Witschonke, assistant director of military compensation for economic analysis at the Pentagon, is a U.S. government-managed, 401(k)-type payroll-deduction program designed to provide tax-deferred retirement nest eggs for service members and federal civilian employees.

"You can contribute pre-tax dollars, and all the money in your plan earns money, tax-deferred, until you take the money out when you're nearing retirement," he said.

Federal civilians have been eligible to use TSP since 1986, when Congress established the program, he said.

Today, participating service members have money distributed among the TSP's investment-fund programs. They include:

### Government Security In-



vestment, or G Fund, which consists of treasury bonds and other federal-backed investments. It is considered among the most stable of the five TSP investment choices.

**Common Stock Index Investment**, or C fund, which consists of stocks of major established corporations. This option, along with the Fixed Income Index Investment, or F fund; the Small Capitalization Stock Index Investment, or S fund; and the International Stock Index Investment, or I fund, offer riskier investment strategies, but higher potential yields.

**The Lifestyle Fund option**, or L fund, which allocates money among the five funds and changes how they're dis-

tributed over time. The L fund automatically places money in the more risky, but higher potential yield funds early on, and later moves them to more secure, conservative investment options as the participant nears retirement.

TSP participants may change their investment options at any time, Mr. Witschonke said, noting changes can be made on the system's Web site.

Participants may withdraw some TSP savings, and then pay it back with interest, into the account, Mr. Witschonke said, but, participants should view TSP as a way to save for future retirement.

"This is long-term retirement savings. It's not savings for something that you might need in the near future," he said. "It's not where you should put money if you're saving for a car, or saving for a vacation."

Funds invested in TSP accounts "is money that you can afford to put away now that will be available to you in 20, 30, maybe even 40 years, when you're reaching retirement age and want some money to supplement your income," Mr. Witschonke said.

# Root canal treatment available

## **81st Dental Squadron**

The endodontics department at the Keesler Dental Clinic is seeking patients that require root canal treatment.

All authorized beneficiaries including military retirees and dependents of active duty and retired are eligible for care.

“Patients accepted for treatment are treated by either the endodontic specialty program residents or the residents in the general dentistry program,” said Col. Michael Mayerchack, director of the department’s resident education and training.

Referral from a dentist for root canal treatment is required.

For more information, call 376-5227

## DRAGON OF THE WEEK

**Name** — Tech. Sgt. Jason Goodman

**Unit** — 81st Training Support Squadron

**Position** — 81st Training Group security manager

**Time in the Air Force** — 13 years

**Time at Keesler** — nine months

**Hometown** — He's processed 728 student security clearances for the group.

**Why did you join the Air Force?** — t.o provide a stable environment for my family and to serve my country.

**What are your short- and long-term goals** — short-term, to run a marathon and receive my bachelor's degree; long-term, earn a master's degree in religious education, working in ministry



Photo by Kemberly Groue

with an emphasis in teaching.

**What are your hobbies?** spending time with the family, reading, running and watching movies.

**What's your favorite quote?** — "All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing." — Edmund Burke

## DIAMOND NOTES

According to Air Force Instruction 36-2618, Chapter 3, Paragraph 3.1.3, Airmen must exhibit professional behavior, military bearing, respect for authority, the highest standards of dress and appearance, and exemplary standards of on- and off-duty performance. Airmen should correct personnel who violate military standards.



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

## MEMORABLE MOMENTS



**March 31, 2004**

Detachment 4,  
Air Mobility Command  
Air Operations Squadron,  
inactivated at Keesler.

# DOD officials releases sexual assault statistics

By John Kruzel

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department released a congressional report March 17 that examines sexual assault allegations in the military services and sets policies for reducing incidents.

Key components include a finding that indicates a rise in the number of incidents reported in fiscal 2008 and details of department-led initiatives aimed at preventing sexual assault and increasing accountability of offenders.

“Given the fear and stigma associated with the crime, sexual assault remains one of our nation’s most under-reported crimes in both the military and civilian community,” said Dr. Kaye Whitley, director of the Defense Department’s Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office. “The department has been aggressively pursuing efforts to increase reporting and convince more victims to seek care and support services.”

The analysis found 2,923 sexual assault “reports” in fiscal 2008, which is roughly an 8 percent increase compared to fiscal 2007. But officials cautioned that the rise in reporting — a figure that represents the total number of sexual assaults reported — is not necessarily indicative that more incidents occurred.

One possible explanation for the increase could be that higher numbers of victims are reporting incidents as people become more aware of sexual assault in general, and the military’s robust support network, Dr. Whitley said.

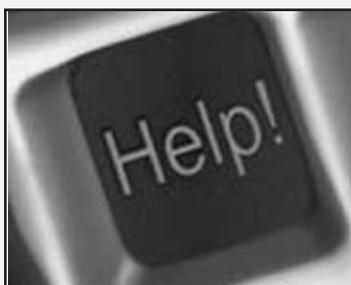
Often, taking the first step — reporting the incident — proves difficult. According to Defense Department officials, of the 6.8 percent of women and 1.8 percent of men who indicated they experienced unwanted sexual contact, the majority — 79 percent of women and 78 percent of men — chose not to report it.

The most frequently cited reasons for not reporting the incident include:

**Felt uncomfortable making a report** (58 percent of women; 51 percent of men);

**Thought they’d be labeled a troublemaker** (56 percent of women; 41 percent of men);

**Didn’t want anyone to know about the**



**incident** (56 percent of women; 47 percent of men);  
**Didn’t think anything would be done** (53 percent of women; 44 percent of men);  
**Fear of retaliation** (50 percent of women; 38 percent of men);  
**Not important enough to report** (48 percent of women; 60 percent of men);

**Thought they wouldn’t be believed** (41 percent of women; 35 percent of men);

**Thought reporting would take too much time and effort** (36 percent of women; 46 percent of men); and

**Didn’t report because they didn’t know how** (18 percent of women; 26 percent of men).

“This does not mean sexual assaults have gone up,” she said. “This means that reports have gone up, which we see as very positive. The increase of reports means the department’s policy of getting victims to come forward is making a difference.”

About 63 percent represent rape or aggravated assault. Also, 251 incidents occurred in combat areas, with 141 in Iraq and 22 in Afghanistan. Those numbers increased from fiscal 2007.

Dr. Whitley said the department seeks to establish a military culture that calls on bystanders to play a more active role in preventing assaults.

Keesler and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, tested the Air Force’s pilot bystander intervention training program in November.

The effort was partly inspired by a campaign to curb drunk driving, in which friends were encouraged to dissuade their peers from getting behind the wheel while intoxicated.

There are parallels between the programs as many cases of sexual assault involve alcohol.

“If you see one of your buddies serve drinks to somebody to get them drunk, maybe what you do is step up and say, ‘Why don’t you wait until she’s sober?’” Dr. Whitley said, illustrating an example of bystander intervention.

A 20-second public service video is being launched worldwide next month to promote bystander intervention. It shows pictures of male and female service members with a dubbed, male voice saying, “preventing sexual assault is part of my duty.”

“Our goal is to strengthen the knowledge and the skills of service members and empower them to identify and safely intervene in situations that may lead up to sexual assault,” Dr. Whitley said.

The department’s multi-pronged approach acknowledges that not all incidents are preventable. Another compo-

ment of the policy is raising awareness that victims have a strong support network should they seek help.

Dr. Whitley said an average of one in six women and one in 32 men in the United States experience some form of sexual assault in their lifetime.

But the department hopes its robust approach to caring for victims will encourage them to alert the proper authority when incidents occur — the sexual assault response coordinator at every military installation who’s dedicated to providing such assistance.

“We have a 24-hour system in place to respond to sexual assaults,” she said, adding that the SARC supports the victim through every step of the process, including medical care counseling and other services.

Those who are victimized by sexual assault can report the incident one of two ways: an unrestricted or restricted report. The latter protects the

anonymity of the victim and doesn’t lead to a criminal investigation.

Of the 2,923 reports of sexual assault in fiscal 2008, 2,280 were unrestricted, while 643 were restricted, according to the congressional report.

DOD officials understand the need to balance victims’ anonymity vs. pursuing justice against the perpetrator, Dr. Whitley said, adding that the department will always support the victim’s right to choose which course of reporting with which they’re most comfortable.

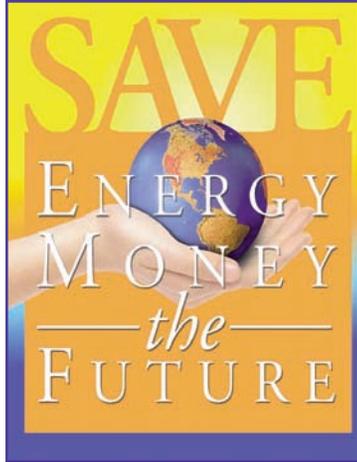
Neither the victim’s command nor the police are notified in cases of restricted reporting, but victims are permitted to have a voluntary forensic examination performed soon after the incident, with the results being saved for up to a year, in case an investigation is launched later.

Dr. Whitley noted that last year, 110 incidents that began as restricted reports were decided by the victims to be transferred to unrestricted.

“What we hope is that the victim will feel that they’ve gained a sense of control back and maybe they’ll begin to develop confidence in our system and later switch to unrestricted so we can hold that offender accountable,” Dr. Whitley said.

“It is my hope today that when (service members) see this report or press conference, that they will be encouraged and come forward to report sexual assault and receive care,” Dr. Whitley said. “Sexual assault harms our people and erodes our mission readiness. The department remains committed to aggressively pursuing increased reporting of sexual assault, providing first-class care and preventing this crime before it occurs.”

Army Staff Sgt. Michael Carden, American Forces Press Service, and Susan Griggs, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.



For the latest "Thunder on the Bay" information,  
log on to <http://www.keesler.af.mil>

To report  
sexual  
assaults  
at Keesler,  
call 377-7278.



## Hands-on aerospace learning

Staff Sgt. Reggie Demps, 45th Airlift Squadron, shows life support equipment to Elizabeth Gregory during a March 13 visit to Keesler by a dozen gifted students from W.J. Quarles Elementary School in Long Beach. Elizabeth, 11, is the daughter of Mimi and Scott Gregory. The students and their teacher, Marian Foster, are working on aerospace engineering projects. Photo by Kemberly Groue

# KEESLER NOTES

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## **Kick the habit**

The 81st Medical Operations Squadron sponsors a "Kick the Habit" seminar for people addicted to nicotine, 1-2:30 p.m. Friday in the hematology/oncology clinic.

To register, call 376-3845.

## **Commissary closed**

The commissary is closed April 12 for Easter.

## **Play group**

A children's playgroup for ages 5 and younger meets 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesdays at the youth center.

For more information, call Andi Hunter, 313-9822.

## **Travel clinic**

People planning international travel should visit the travel medicine clinic at least one month before departure.

The clinic is in the allergy clinic in the medical center's basement near the emergency department entrance.

For more information, call 376-3550.

## **Peridontal patients**

The dental clinic's periodontics department is looking for patients with gum problems for treatment in their dental residency program.

A limited number of eligible beneficiaries accepted as teaching cases receive their periodontal care at Keesler at no charge. Patients should be readily available for appointments, usually Monday afternoons and Tuesday mornings.

For more information, call 376-5225.

## **Thrift shop hours**

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 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays.

Donations are accepted during regular hours.

For more information, call 377-3217.

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# SPORTS AND RECREATION



Jose Espola-Negron, left, 334th Training Squadron, and Maria McElroy, 2nd Air Force, were the top male and female runners in the St. Paddy's Day 5-kilometer run, March 17. Espola-Negron finished in 18 minutes, 44 seconds. McElroy posted a time of 25:40.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



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# SCORES AND MORE

## Bowling

### Monday Night Budweiser

(as of March 16)

Team	Won	Lost
New Meat	119	49
Perry's Refrigeration	117	51
DOG Squad	99	69
Hit 9 Get 9	98	70
Robbie's Rejects	95	73
Man On!	92	76
Wrong Foot Forward	89	79
Slater's Shooters	85	83
All Screwed Up	84	84
Pot Luck	84	84
403rd Strykers	82.5	85.5
Our Gang	82	86
Ricky's Rookies	81.5	86.5
Martini's	79	89
Sandy's Gang	78	90
Hoops Gang	72	96
Why Not	64	104
Team 18	64	104
Team 12	61	107
Unpredictables	54	114

### Wednesday Night Mixed

(as of March 18)

Team	Won	Lost
Dee's Crew	106	69
Wild Gang	101	74
Any Takers	96	79
Neighbors Plus 1	94	81
Clyde's Crew	87	88
Ichi Ban	86	89
MUDD	85	90
Team 6	79	96
70s Plus	73	102
Guys and Dolls	68	107

### Thursday Retired Seniors

(as of March 19)

Team	Won	Lost
Kitty and Kats	108	67
6-Pack	106	69
Team 12	98	77
Team 16	96	79
TBB Express	91	84
Team 14	91	84
CHMATO	90	85
Two He's and a She	88	87
Three's Company	86.5	88.5
Team 13	83	92
Team 8	82	93
2 Kings and A Queen	80	95
Team 5	79	96
Team 11	79	96
3-70s Plus	74	101
Lucky Trio	66.5	108.5

### Friday Night Mixed

(as of March 20)

Team	Won	Lost
Rose and Her Thorns	111	57
Frustrated	101	67
Sandbaggers	89	79
Mixed Nuts	87	81
The Strikers	84	84
We Take Ugly	83	85
Fun Timers	81	87
Pin Pals	80	88
Lady and the Tramps	78	90
3 Guys and a Babe	78	90
Pin Busters	73	95
Beyond Control	63	105

## Other

**Gaude Lanes** — closed on Sundays effective this week.

**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. For reservations, call 377-2817.

**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

**Free fitness classes** — boot camp, self-defense, step aerobics, yoga, pilates, cycling and sculpt and tone 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.

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

## Golf

**Nonprior service student special** — show phase card or UBU card. Greens fee and cart, \$15 for 18 holes, \$10 for nine holes; add \$5 for rental clubs.

**Free golf lessons for nonprior service students** 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays; first come, first served. Maximum 10 per session; bring your own clubs.

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

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

## Outdoor recreation

**March fish of the month** — weigh in the largest croaker and take home a \$100 savings bond; minimum three participants.

**10 percent discount** — No. 1 camping package.

**Rental campers** — \$50 day. Two available; one sleeps six, one sleeps eight. For more information and towing requirements, call 377-3160.

**Fish of the month** — weigh in the largest redfish during February and win \$100 savings bond; minimum three participants.

**Back Bay fishing trip** — \$20 per person. Mississippi fishing license required; minimum four, maximum five people. For date and time, 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.

**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.

**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.

**Nonprior service student special** — 35000 Trek seven-speed bikes, \$5 day on nonworking Friday, Saturday and Sunday, or Saturday/Sunday.

**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** — Fridays and Sundays on the Keesler Dolphin II. \$75 per person includes everything you need to fish. Payment due upon reservation. Minimum 10, maximum 22 people. For reservation, call 377-3160.

**Deep sea fishing private charter** — rent Dolphin II, \$750 for first six people, \$60 each additional person. \$100 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.

## Volleyball

(as of March 18)

Team	Won	Lost	Tied
81st TRSS	1	0	0
334th TRS	1	0	0
81st LRS-A	0	0	0
338th TRS	0	0	0
81st DS	0	0	0
333rd TRS	0	0	0
81st LRS-B	0	1	0
81st FSS	0	1	0

**All games at Blake Fitness Center.**

**March 18** — 81st TRSS over 81st FSS, 1-0; 334th TRS over 81st LRS-B, 1-0.

**Monday** — 6 p.m., 81st LRS-A vs. 333rd TRS; 7 p.m., 81st DS vs. 334th TRS; 8 p.m., 338th TRS vs. 81st LRS-B.

**Wednesday** — 6 p.m., 81st TRSS vs. 81st LRS-B; 7 p.m., 81st LRS-A vs. 338th TRS; 8 p.m., 81st FSS vs. 333rd TRS.

## HONORS

### Student honor roll

#### 332nd Training Squadron

**Electronic principles** — Airmen Basic Anthony Alano, Joshua Aragon, Anthony Balmer, Christopher Basciano, Alex Berry, Joshua Bice, Christopher Black, Caleb Bohnsack, Paul Borja, David Burgoon, Sean Carnahan, Zackary Chaussee, Elliot Crossley, Richard Crumley, Jimmy Dalzell, Matthew Day, Shawn Diviney, David Domine, Jacob England, Brian Galbreath, Daniel Gaudetta, Giancarlo Gaviria, Anthony Gilbert, Jamal Golden, Jona Green, Malcolm Harris, Jose Hernandez, Jake Hysell, Cordero Jackson, Rajab Kigembe, Adam Koethe, Christopher Kronenwetter, Jommel Lazaga, Bradley Lehman, Wesley Llanes, Sean Lopez, Kimberly Loun, Stuart Lunsford, Laci McArter, Ronald Meckes, William Miller, Zachariah Miniea, Dennis Morala, David Montroy, Stephane Morris, Bradley Mowery, Kenneth Noel, William Noirot, Robert Padgett, Daniel Poelking, Marc Porter, Bobby Price, Chace Pugh, Aaron Ratcliff, Justin Rhoads, Riley Roy, Brandon Russell, Anthony Santoro, Chad Sebald, Miesha Shepard, Machek Sherepa, Joshua Snow, Michael Stevenson, Richard Synger, Jeffrey Torres, Abel Tuinei, Travis Tyler, Richard Velez, Christopher Walka, Marcus Williams, Royce Williams and Corby Wilson; Pvts. Christopher Alvarado and Matthew Wojtowicz; Airmen Dominick Alfano, Seth Beattie, James Brosnaham, Tyler Carey, Josef Christman, Truth Clark, Nicholas Clementoni, Nicholas Eacmen, Cody Feher, Nathanael Guy, Paul Hendrick, Mark Jackson, Matthew Johnson, Matthew Kuhns, Jacob Rutter, Jared Stevens, Jonathan Thompson, Melissa Wegener and Jared Zeiders; Airmen 1st Class Jesse Adams, Kevin Amberson, Andrew Armendariz, Andrew Batson, Keith Bohn, James Boudrot, Kyle Bradford, Michael Branch, Justin Brooks, Calixto Cassas, David Clarkson, Yelitza Conover, Nathan Cox, Donald Crawford, Gabriel Cruz-LaFontaine, Joseph Dunavant, Charlotte Eaton, Nicholas Ervin, Jacob Fair, Justin Glassman, Timothy Goad, Rosie Gumbs, David Haas, Eric Hagerty, Christopher Halubka, Joshua Hatcher, Kyle Heffler, Damien Howard, Charles Jamison, Kevin Johnson, Marcello Johnson, Quyntrell Johnson, Jeremy Jolliff, William Keeley, Alisha Kruger, Travis Livingston, Roy Loran, Richard Melcher, Hillary Miller, Kevin Monroe, David Montroy, Reggie Mooreman, James Myer, Michael Niu, Tyler Owens, Gregory Pagan, David Petrekovich, Jonathan Roche, Christopher Smith, Michael Spencer, Stephen Stenseth, Shawn Thompson, Tyler Vaughn, Hart Weber, Jonathan Williams and Kevin Wittmann; Pfc. John Gordon and Darryl McClelan; Senior Airmen Shad Hines, Willie Jinks, Jeremy Kuperus, Horacio Martinez, Jeremy Nagy, Taya Schram, Bradley Snyder, Johsua Tewmey, William Vandermate, Kory Whitmore and Reginald Woods; Staff Sgts. Shailhan AlSubhi, Eldric Bankston, Anthony Bellinger, Terrance Bias, Antonio Butler, Iam Christian, Paul Deforge, Jacob Fulton, Roger Gregory, Jules Guidry, Bradley Hankinson, Scott Husler, Jason McDonald, Stanley Ruth, Michael Sistrunk, Stephanie Smith, Jesus Soto and Nicholas Wright; Tech. Sgts. Robert Hoffman, Matthew McCoy, Tyson Scholes, James Warrick and David Winston; Senior Master Sgts. ByongCheol Park and Ronald Prince; Chief Master Sgt. Mohammed AlQahtani; Thomas Jalbert and Alce Martin.

**Metrology basic course** — Airmen Basic Jose DeJesus and Benjamin Lockwood; Airman 1st Class Mathew Struble; Staff Sgt. Nicholas Leuschen.

#### 334th TRS

**Aerospace control and warning systems** — Airmen Basic Thomas Drake, Nicholas Finn and Trenton Howard; Airman 1st Class Nicholas Bell; Senior Airmen Timothy Mills and Thomas Dumont; Staff Sgt Eric Lewis; Master Sgt. Franklin Hiden.

**Air traffic control operations training flight** — Airmen Basic Reyan Anger, Aaric Ballard, Marc Bernier, Walter Blake, Olivia Duarte, Kyle Ellis, Craig Gephardt, Nicholas Jantz, Paul Kope, Peter Logar, Darryl Melendez, Anthony Nilson, Eric Ormson and Dean Wells; Airmen William Moore, Jamal Perry, and Lance Wallerstedt; Airmen 1st Class Clayton Barrus, Trae Carter, Katelyn Mulvihill, Clayton Schluter, Mark Schwab and Anton Ziny; Senior Airmen Christopher Brattin, Kerry Russell, and Steven Pillar; Staff Sgt. Douglas Zolnar.

**Command post apprentice course** — Airmen Basic Heather Burge, Garrett Lee and Natalie Untalan; Airman 1st Class Kyle Morales; Senior Airmen Brian Franklin and Timothy Kutz; Staff Sgts Stuart Aldrich, Matthew Ash, Adam Crogan,

Christopher Gallo, Amy Kodera, Burke Mills and Shawn Wentz; Tech. Sgt. Robert Allen, Richard Kennedy, Christopher Simon; Master Sgt. Jeffrey Cummings.

#### 335th TRS

**Comptroller training flight** — Airmen Basic Aaron Coleman, Nancy Ervin, Gina Hayes, Michael Peak and Joshua Tibbit; Airmen Kristopher Barrientes and Julia Fomina; Airmen 1st Class Precious Akitoye, Vincent Bulatao, Lanita Collins, Carlos Esguerra, Jesse Hughes, Alfred Lee, Petra Reid, Pete Sanchez, Douglas Vice and April Williams; Senior Airman Ryan Ferguson, Joshua Krueger and Elisabeth Peshek; Staff Sgts. Jennifer Baker, Russell Carr, Rasheem Cephas, Martin Hanley, Erica Harper, Jerry Madriaga, Howard McGriff and Rodney McInnis; Master Sgt Doris Hagan.

**Weather training flight** — Navy Airmen Recruit Nicholas Davila, Aaron Goldberg, Christopher Vallejos and Logan Vath; Airmen Basic Joshua Davis, Laura Kent, Jessica Patton and Nathaniel Schmidding; Airmen Molly Ahmann, Matthew Mong and Steven Vasko; Navy Airmen Heather Koos and Nicholas Pennell; Marine Cpl. Jacob Hansel; Airmen 1st Class Dillion Curtis, Jennifer Hampton, Brittany Kincaid, Sara Knight, Sean Roth and Kyle Vidmar; Senior Airmen Breana McDonald and Christopher Price; Staff Sgts. Matthew Connell and Patrick King; Coast Guard Chief Jeffrey Wenciker; Senior Master Sgt. Park Jin Hyung.

#### 336th TRS

**Communications-computer systems flight** — Airman Basic Kerry Boner; Airmen 1st Class Ryan Brewer, Brian Davis, Aaron Graff, Jenna Horton, Benjamin Paddock, Anna Picken and Joshua Stewart; Senior Airmen Jeremy Kaufmann and Paul San; Staff Sgts. Jonathan Jones, Mario Chavez-Rivas, Chad Stanley and Harvey Williams; Tech. Sgts. Pelayo Llanos-Lopez and Stephen Wall; Master Sgts. Allen Faust, Toby Igo and Scott Russell.

**Communications and information flight** — Airmen Basic Brett Adams, Jason Bartok, Spencer Eades, Grace Enriquez, Joseph Goddard, Nicholas Hoover, Barry Hopkins, Jonathan Howard, Nikki Licuanan, David Linden, Jenna Miller, Justin Munzing, Zackery Nuvy, Jeremy Osinski, Christopher Rushing, Michelle Terrelonge, Brandon Tyler and Jarrod Villareal; Airmen Noah Blach, Michael Cook and Anthony Wellens; Airmen 1st Class Michael Ashley, Raeann Batz, Ryan Briggs, Jonathan Brown, Michael D'Amico, Jacquelyn DeLauder, Joshua Deville, Reed Esslinger, Brian Haddad, Kyle Harvey, David Hickox, Kellie Hinkle, Lindsay Holt, Christopher Kattner, Meredith Long, Michael Pazarena, William Randall, Kevin Reynolds, Jayme Rodriguez, Angel Sanchez, Daniel

Simmons, Stephen Tritten, Aaron Vondeharr, Barry Westmoreland, Jerry Williams and Matthew Zeltman; Senior Airmen Karol Bakowski, Kenneth Butler, Travis Casey, Chrystal Gusler, Jeffrey Hicks, Claude Jackson, Joshua Konakowitz, Thomas Melvin, Corey Ross and Wesley Sobczyk; Staff Sgts. Daniel Ball, Charles Clayton, Aaron Copeland, Cameron Davis, Alicia Dunn, Kansas Franks, Charlie Freeman, Thomas Knoll, Nathan Langston, Peter MacMillan, Joseph Michael, Qadir Phillips and Dylan Young; Technical Sgts. William Hartung, Kevin Hicks, Gerardo Rodriguez and Eric Turner; Master Sgts. Christina Hutchins and Marnie Jewell; Senior Master Sgts. David Robles and Robert Tice; Chief Master Sgt. James Boswell; Sherice Stovall.

#### 338th TRS

**Airfield systems** — Airman Basic Monte Hall; Airmen Ronald Brandtman, Micheal McHam and Victoria Rhyner; Airmen 1st Class Matthew Lafermier, Melissa Lafollete, Steven Lafollete, Ryan Swiderski, Jared Wallace and Jacqueline Wilson; Staff Sgt. Doyle Allen.

**Ground radar** — Airmen Basic Steven Bright, Richard Dale, James Fong and Scott Kababik; Airman 1st Class Justin McCormick; Senior Airman Christopher Bartlett; Master Sgt. Kelly Merrell.

**Network infrastructure systems** — Airmen Basic Seth Chestosky, David Dupont, Andrew Emmons, Jeremy LeBlanc, Nicholas MacMaster, Edward Mitchell, Herbert Mullens and Collin Osting; Airmen Chad Greer, Pena Joseph and Brian McDonald; Airmen 1st Class Matthew Bowen, Robert Collier and Richard Roggensack; Senior Airmen Marcone Cangussu, Jason Geeo, Kristen Montano and Alex Szwet; Staff Sgts. Mark Brizzi and Roger Jones; Tech. Sgts. Jason Altig and Gregory Claiborne.

## CLASSES

### Airman Leadership School

**Class 09-3** — graduation Wednesday.

**Class 09-4** — April 14 -May 21.

### Mathies NCO Academy

**Class 09-3** — graduation April 2.

**Class 09-4** — April 14 -May 21.

### Airman and family readiness center

**Key Spouse training** — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today, Room 108B, Sablich Center.

### Arts and crafts center

**Open house** — 4:30-7:30 p.m. today. Meet instructors, tour shops, register for door prizes.

**Jewelry making** — 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday. \$30 including materials. Learn wire wrapping and tooling.

**Thursday crafting** — 5-7:30 p.m. crafting pleasure, painting, pottery, scrapbooking.

**Multi-crafts center** — potter's wheels, ceramic molds, air brushing and tools are available for use in the shop. Craft classes for beginners, intermediate and advance levels. Craft supplies for sale.

**Engraving shop** — squadron, office and individual orders are our business.

**Wood shop** — stocked retail lumber and a large assembly area adjacent to the machine room are available. Call for information on beginners and advanced woodworking classes.

### 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 pre-school, 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.

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

## 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-Jummah 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.

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## McBride Library

**Book displays** — Shakespeare with Ides of March topic through Friday.

**Overdrive audio online book program** — individual or family accounts can be set up to allow download/playing of full length audio books on a personal computer. Check with library staff for details.

**Rosetta Stone online language learning center** — 30 foreign languages including Spanish. For more information, check with the library staff.

**Chief of Staff professional military reading list** — titles available for checkout from the special book collection.

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

**Homework help** — 4-5 p.m. Tuesdays, middle school and up.

**Volunteers needed** — dancers, singers, musicians, artists to share their talent with the children during the summer reading program. For more information, call 377-2604.

**Online catalog** — to search the inventory of books, DVDs, CDs, videotapes, magazines, periodicals and more, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>, click on the link for McBride Library, then the link for the online catalog.

**Available** — two large meeting rooms, audio room, typing room and children's library.

**Wireless Internet** — information available at the front desk.

**Free wireless Internet** — check at circulation desk.

**Tours/orientations** — call 377-2604.

## CLUBS AND CENTERS

### Vandenberg Community Center

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

**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.

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

**Movie nights** — 7 p.m. Wednesday; free popcorn.

### 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** — 5 p.m., red beans and rice, \$1 bowl.

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

### Youth center

**Editor's note:** All children registered in a youth center program receive free membership.

**Open recreation** — 3-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 3-6 p.m. Fridays and 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays, ages 9 and older. Boys and Girls Club programs including computer media center, homework assistance "Power Hour" program, and triple-play sports and recreation activities. Students sign themselves in at the front desk.

**Image makers photo contest** — through Friday, ages 5-18. For more information, call 377-4116.

**Friday night fun** — 6:30-9:30 p.m., ages 6-12. Free skating music and games.

**Youth center action council** — meets monthly. If you're interested in military youth programs and have a child age 6-18, call and join this focus group.

**Military home schoolers** — meet monthly at the youth center. 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.

**Classes** — gymnastics, karate, children's theater and guitar; \$50 month. Classes meet Saturday mornings. For more information, call 377-4116.

**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.

**Commissioners and coaches needed** — for youth sports. For more information, call 377-4116.

**Shuttle service** — parents interested in a shuttle service for ages 9 and older for Biloxi area schools and base housing to youth center, sign up at the center as soon as possible.

## 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 Tuesdays in Room 111, Sablich Center, 1 p.m. for those who are separating and 2:30 p.m. for those who are retiring. If someone is separating/retiring under special circumstances, they can schedule an appointment by calling 376-8728.

**Transition assistance program** — briefings for 2009 are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 13-16, May 11-14, June 8-11, July 13-16, Aug. 10-13, Sept. 14-17, Oct. 19-22, Nov. 16-19 and Dec. 14-17, 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.

**Air Force Reserve opportunities** — for members separating within 180 days, call Master Sgt. Charlene Morse, 377-7116; e-mail [charlene.morse@keesler.af.mil](mailto:charlene.morse@keesler.af.mil) or visit Room 125-F, Sablich Center.

**Palace Chase** — for information about how to apply for a program to attend college full time and work part time, visit Room 125-F, Sablich Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Charlene Morse, 377-7116; e-mail [charlene.morse@keesler.af.mil](mailto:charlene.morse@keesler.af.mil) or visit Room 130, Sablich Center.

### 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 376-8728.

**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.afjrotc.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.

**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 techniques, 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.

## MEETINGS

**African-American Heritage Committee** — 3:30 p.m. second Tuesday of the month, Room 109, Taylor Logistics Building. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Yolanda Jerry, 377-2157, or Kurt Higgins, 377-5250.

**Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 652** — 4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month, Katrina Kantina. For more information, call Staff 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](mailto: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.

## 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 almonde, 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.

### Tuesday

**Lunch** — lemon garlic fish, pork schnitzel steak, beef and yakisoba, ginger rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, pinto beans, spinach, squash, spinach salad, waldorf salad, frontier chicken chili, beef pot roast soup, vegetable soup, 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** — Mexican baked chicken and pork chops, beef fajitas, jalapeno cornbread, refried beans, corn, gravy, pinto beans, peas and carrots, 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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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 Camoprincess92@gmail.com or visit <http://www.keeslercap.org>.

**Company grade officers council** — meets first Wednesday of the month. For time and location, call 1st Lt. Stephanie Lutz, 377- 8638.

**Keesler 5.6** — 3:15 p.m. third Wednesday of the month; location varies. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Kimberly Sturdi-

vant, 377-1813.

**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

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### Movies

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**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. For recording about current features, call 377-6627.**

**Friday** — 6:30 p.m., Paul Blant: Mall Cop (PG, 91 minutes).

**Saturday** — 2 p.m., Taken (PG-13, 91 minutes); 6:30 p.m., Friday the 13th (R, 98 minutes).

**Sunday** — 1 p.m., The Pink Panther 2 (PG, 92 minutes).

### AFAF representatives

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**Installation project officer** — 2nd Lt. Laura Piranio, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron, 376-3007.

**Assistant project officers** — 2nd Lts. Dan Nwaelele, 81st Contracting Squadron, 377-1830, and Aileen Koukal, 81st LRS, 376-3007.

**332nd Training Squadron** — Gregory Hunter, 377-1976, and Tech. Sgt. Julie Sargent, 377-1529.

**333rd TRS** — Capt. Joseph Manning, 377-0672, and Master Sgt. Troy Edwards, 377-1919.

**334th TRS** — Staff Sgt. Thomas Crowther, 377-3456, and Capt. Mark Kraemer, 377-9385.

**335th TRS** — Tech. Sgt. Yolanda Heyward, 377-7674, and Staff Sgt. Kenyatta Williams, 377-0337.

**336th TRS** — Tech. Sgt. Felix Rodriguez, 377-4315 or 4167; Senior Airman Cornelio Flores, 377-9349; and Tech. Sgt. James Briney, 377-7723.

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**338th TRS** — Staff Sgt. Marcus Palmer, 377-4688, and Tech. Sgt. Kyle Ganey, 377-2337.

**45th Airlift Squadron** — Capt. Jason Eddy, 3775682,1 and Airman 1st Class Jill Balderas, 377-2577.

**81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron** — 2nd Lt. Kristy Rakes, 376-3218, and Airman 1st Class Harold Tamodong, 376-3211.

**81st Civil Engineer Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. Kendell Jones, 861-4964, and Staff Sgt. Christopher Perry, 377-1348.

**81st Communications Squadron** — Senior Master Sgt. Jores Hinojos, 377-8885, and Master Sgt. Anthony Parisi, 377-8058.

**81st Comptroller Squadron** — Staff Sgt. Celestine Russell, 376-8223.

**81st Contracting Squadron** — Senior Airman Alex Potter, 377-1823, and Airman 1st Class Zakk Young, 377-1809.

**81st Dental Squadron** — Master Sgt. Laura Leos, 375-5138, and Staff Sgt. Natasha Carter, 376-5138.

**81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. Phillip Diroma, 376-3808, and Staff Sgt. Chad Robbins, 375-5056 or 5064.

**81st Force Support Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. Estrada Santiago and Staff Sgt. Thomas Clark, 376-8357.

**81st Inpatient Operations Squadron** — Airman 1st Class Kimberly Delus, 376-3327, and Senior Airman Johann Bermudez, 376-5612.

**81st Medical Group** — Maj. Debra Zinsmeyer, 376-3876; Capt. Robert Curtis, 376-4446, and Senior Master Sgt. Steven Runyon, 376-5008.

**81st Medical Operations Squadron** — Senior Airman Niguel Pulley, 376-3302.

**81st Medical Support Squadron** — Master Sgt. Mary Sarris, 376-3333; Staff Sgt. Tawnie Miller, 376-3275.

**81st Mission Support Group** — Master Sgt. Jodi Evans, 377-4845.

**81st Security Forces Squadron** — Master Sgt. Steven Jones-Johnson, 376-5677; Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Davis, 376-6649.

**81st Surgical Operations Squadron** — Staff Sgt. Luis Vasquez, 376-0466; Airman 1st Class Adam Hall, 376-6649.

**81st Training Group** — Master Sgt. Stephanie Messer, 377-7367; Master Sgt. Darold Graham, 377-9307.

**81st Training Support Squadron** — Master Sgt. Maurice Quick, 377-1463; Tech. Sgt. Marcus Hosten, 377-5044.

**81st Training Wing staff agencies** — Capt. Jeff Phillips, 376-8125.

**85th Engineering Installation Squadron** — Master Sgt. Trevor Kearns, 377-1127; Tech. Sgt. John Weimer, 377-4997.

**Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 407** — Master Sgt. Roger Applegate, 377-3420.



2009  
U.S. AIR FORCE  
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# KEEPER A.F.B. AIR SHOW

## "THUNDER ON THE BAY"

April 4 & 5

# Performance schedule

Times subject to change.  
Sequence of events is same both days.

- 9 a.m. Gates open
- 10:00 Opening ceremonies
- 10:05 Army Golden Knights Flag Jump with National Anthem with Greg Poe Circling Jumper
- 10:12 Army Golden Knights mass exit
- 10:20 Greg Poe FAGEN MX-2 Aerobatic Teaser
- 10:30 DAV B-25 Flight with P-40 and F4U Corsair
- 10:40 Michael Kennedy BT-13 Demo
- 10:50 John Bostic T-6 Demo
- 11:00 Fowler Cary T-33 Demo
- 11:15 Greg Poe FAGEN MX-2
- 11:30 Trojan Phlyers
- 11:50 Tim Weber GEICO Extra 300
- 12:05 p.m. Air Force Thunderbirds engine run and sound check
- 12:25 Keesler Combat Control Team parachute demonstration
- 12:32 Wings of Blue parachute team mass exit
- 12:40 Team Keesler C-21, C-130 fly by
- 12:45 Air Force Reserve Command C-130 demo
- 12:55 Navy F/A-18C Hornet tactical demo
- 1:10 Navy F-18 and F4U legacy flight
- 1:20 Air Force B-52H Stratofortress fly by
- 1:33 Gary Tower PT-17 demo
- 1:48 Tim Weber and Greg Poe two-ship routine
- 2:03 Army Golden Knights
- 2:37 Air Force F-15E Strike Eagle demo
- 2:54 Air Force F-15E and P-47 heritage flight
- 3:06 Air Force C-17 demo
- 3:20 Air Force Thunderbirds
- 5:00 Show ends

## Static displays

### Active military

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| C-17 (Jackson)      | EA-6B (Navy)     |
| T-1 (Laughlin)      | C-23 (Gulfport)  |
| C-21 (45th AS)      | OH-58 (Gulfport) |
| C-130s (815th, 53d) | UH-1 (Gulfport)  |
| CF-18 (Canada)      | A-10 (Barksdale) |
| CP-140 (Canada)     | HH-60G (Moody)   |
| CT-142 (Canada)     | TH-1L (Kirtland) |

### Warbirds (vintage aircraft)

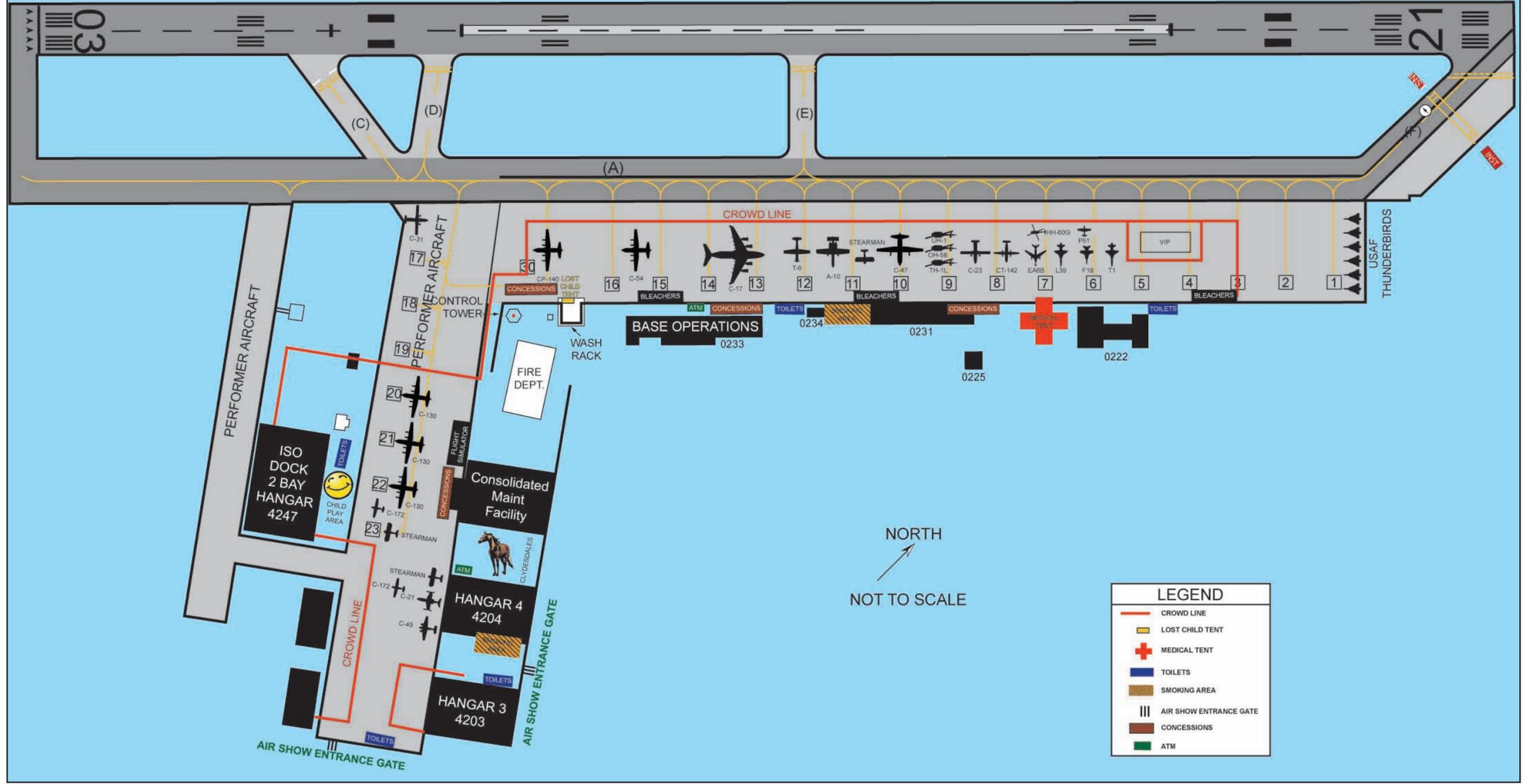
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| C-47 | B-25     | T-6G |
| C-54 | C-45     | C-45 |
| P-51 | Stearman | O-2A |
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### Other

- C-172 (Civil Air Patrol) "Little Bill"

# AIR SHOW DIAGRAM

## 2009 THUNDER ON THE BAY



## Base access, parking, shuttles

Only people with Department of Defense identification cards can drive onto the base through the White Avenue Gate and the Pass Road Gate. Pedestrian traffic isn't allowed at these gates, but walkers can access the base through the Oak Park Gate behind Keesler Medical Center and the Meadows Drive Gate off Forrest Avenue.

Residents of Thrower Park, West Falcon Park and Bay Ridge housing areas are encouraged to ride buses labeled "base housing shuttle" that will run regularly both days.

Handicapped visitors with official state license plates or placards are allowed to park on base by entering the Judge Sekul Avenue Gate, where uniformed personnel will guide them to special parking areas in front of Bryan Hall.

For people without regular base access, there's free designated parking near the Oak Park Gate and the Meadows Drive Gate. Visitors are directed by uniformed personnel and local law enforcement officials. Continuous shuttle buses run back and forth from the parking locations to the air show site.

## 'Show box' closures

Biloxi's Back Bay will close intermittently to civilian and maritime traffic, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. April 2-5, according to Federal Aviation Administration regulations during practice times and air show performances.

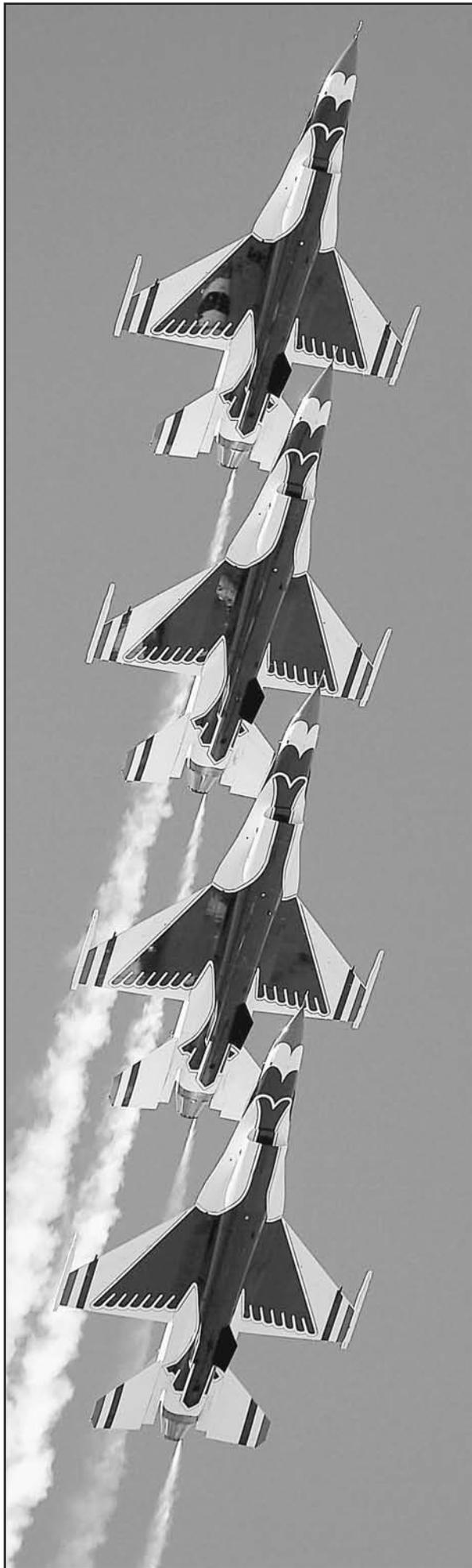
Those regulations also close Ploesti Drive from the child development center to the north entrance of Bay Ridge, as well as the marina and Bay Breeze Golf Course, during the same hours.

Base personnel aren't permitted to watch practices or the air show from Bay Breeze or the marina during the show box closure times.

For up-to-date Thunder on the Bay Air Show and Open House information, log on to Keesler's Web site, <http://www.keesler.af.mil>, and the air show Web site, <http://www.keesler.shultzairshows.com>.

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Courtesy photos  
The Thunderbirds perform at Keesler for the first time since 1995 at "Thunder on the Bay."



The Army's Golden Knights parachute team has been entertaining audiences at air shows, special events and competitions for 50 years.

## Welcome to "Thunder on the Bay"

By Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

Welcome to the 2009 Keesler Air Force Base "Thunder on the Bay" Air Show and Open House! We are delighted to be hosting the first air show at Keesler in five years and are extremely honored to invite you — our community partners and neighbors — to join us firsthand in personally witnessing the amazing work your United States Air Force and our sister services are doing around the globe for our nation.

If you are not familiar with Keesler, it is home to the 81st Training Wing, one of the Air Force's largest wings.

Our mission here at Keesler is threefold: we're not only Rebuilding the Base structurally, but we're also rebuilding the pride, the processes and the precision that make our Air Force great. We're Renewing our Community as engaged community partners, and we're Reloading the Air Force with combat ready Airmen trained for any challenge. Having this Air



General Touhill

Show and Open House complements all parts of our mission and demonstrates that Keesler is back bigger and better than ever!

The Air Force's premier demonstration team, the Air Force Thunderbirds, and the Army's Golden Knights will headline our air show. In addition to military airpower of past and present, you'll witness incredible civilian aircraft acts and get to take a close

look at the many static aircraft parked on the airfield. While you're looking at the aircraft, I encourage you to take a moment to meet with our Airmen. Ask them about their aircraft, their jobs and their military experiences — I'm confident that given the chance to speak with these fine young men and women, you'll understand that our security is assured well into the future.

We enjoy a tremendous partnership with our Mississippi Gulf Coast community. Your friendship and unparalleled hospitality gives us strength and is the vital ingredient that makes it possible for our Airmen to accomplish the mission. Thank you for your outstanding support!

To assist you in enjoying your day to the fullest, please remember to prepare for a day in the sun by staying hydrated, using sunscreen, bringing chairs, sunglasses and ear protection, and making safe decisions.

Thank you for coming out to "Thunder On the Bay" 2009. Enjoy the show!

### Tips to make your air show visit a "thundering" success

- Bring hearing protection.
- Stay hydrated.
- Wear sunglasses, sunscreen, a hat and comfortable shoes.
- Be prepared for changing weather.
- Smoking is prohibited on the flightline — designated smoking areas will be available.
- Don't use Keesler as a political platform.
- Pick up your trash.
- Bags are inspected as spectators enter airfield security check points. All visitors are subject to search. Confiscated items won't be returned.
- **Authorized items** include cellphones and pagers, small purses, cameras and camcorders with small bags (don't load film in advance in case equipment is searched), small folding chairs and lawn chairs, umbrellas and sunshades, wheelchairs and guide dogs to assist handicapped, and diaper bags and small strollers for small children.
- **Prohibited items** include ice chests or coolers, bags larger than a smaller purse or fanny pack, all weapons regardless of permit, alcoholic beverages, large lawn chairs, pets, glass containers, bicycles, roller skates, roller blades and skateboards.