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Dragons deployed — 230



From left, Diane Patrick, wife of Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick; Airman Basic Justin Peoples, 334th Training Squadron, and Gayle Manchin, wife of West Virginia Gov. Joe Manchin, demonstrate their hula-hoop skills at Saturday's luau at marina park. The event was organized to entertain and honor families of Keesler's deployed members.

Photo by Adam Bond

Governors sample Mississippi hospitality

By Angela Cutrer

Keesler News staff

It's been quite awhile since the governors of the United States enjoyed the breezes off the Mississippi Gulf Coast — 74 years, in fact — but that all changed last weekend when the National Governors Association kicked off its 101st annual meeting in Biloxi.

Spouses of the governors and guests enjoyed a Keesler welcome during a Saturday luau at the base marina, where they passed out gift bags to families of Keesler members who either recently returned from deployment or who will be deployed in the next 90 days.

Luau participants enjoyed games of limbo and musical chairs, as well as water slide events, prizes and

music. Keesler Federal Credit Union provided funds for a menu of chicken and beef kabobs, macaroni salad, baked beans, pulled pork sandwiches and drinks.

Country music star Paul Overstreet surprised the guests with an impromptu performance, and he signed autographs to show his support to military families having to deal with loved ones on deployment.

"Family members are under as much stress as the deployed member," said Master Sgt. Jessica Woodruff, family readiness non-commissioned officer with the airman and family readiness center. "I thought it was time we recognized

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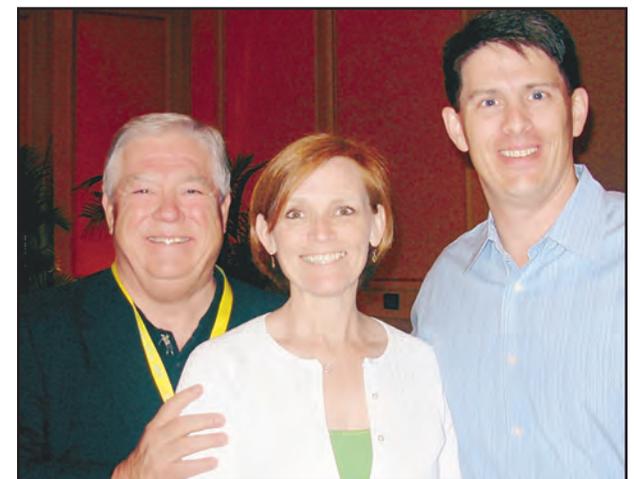


Photo by YoLanda Wallace

Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour, left, greets Brig. Gen. Ian Dickinson, 81st Training Wing commander, and his wife, JJ, at the conference's Sunday brunch.

For today's Airmen, it's all about service

By Gen. Stephen Lorenz

Air Education and Training Command commander

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — A few weeks ago, Staff Sgt. Sarah Price worked diligently as a radar approach control controller within the 71st Operations Group at Vance Air Force Base, Okla. If anyone had asked her what she did, her response would have been simple and quick, “I control aircraft.”

No one would argue the importance of her job, especially since it directly enables the student flying training that Vance conducts on a daily basis. Sergeant Price would have told you that her ability to make a difference in our Air Force was directly related to her ability to expertly control Vance's aircraft. Her perspective, however, was about to change.

June 8, at one minute after midnight, the collective bargaining agreement between an Air Force contractor and its labor force at Vance expired and student flying training stopped. Nearly 800 people went on strike — that's over 40 percent of the base's labor force! These were all key and essential people who not only ran aircraft maintenance operations, but also enabled most base support operations. Suddenly, Vance was without people to run the child development center, base supply system, environmental management programs, transportation, mail delivery, communication systems, civil engineering operations and many other services that the base's population depends on each and every day.

The leadership at Vance had to make some immedi-

ate changes, to reallocate limited resources based on new priorities and new realities. Services that had long been taken for granted were now in jeopardy. Student flying training was no longer the most important operation on Vance. One minute after midnight on June 8, Sergeant Price ceased working as a RAPCON controller and became Vance's lodging detail noncommissioned officer-in-charge. Sergeant Price began training in a brand new capacity, learning the intricacies of military lodging operations and even how to handle hazardous waste! She and her team worked every day of the strike, including weekends. Lodging, a base service function with 100 percent occupancy at the outset of the strike, could not fail.

Being an Airman in the United States Air Force is all about service. For many, when we start serving in the Air Force, this is simply something we do. As time passes, military service becomes central to who and what we are. This transition happens at different times for all of us — and the sooner the better. When the Air Force is who you are, then you have internalized our core values. You'll spend the extra time to finish the job right. You'll stop and pick up the lone piece of trash along the road while jogging. You'll put the needs of others ahead of your own.

Is Sergeant Price's story unique? It certainly isn't in the 71st Flying Training Wing. The entire base population shifted responsibilities to keep the wing running. When the strike eventually ended more than two weeks later, the base was ready to return to its traditional allocation of responsibilities.

Sergeant Price, her lodging detail teammates and the rest of the wing returned to their normal duties.

Student flying training is once again a top priority for Vance. Vance's reallocation of responsibilities during the strike helped the base gain an important lesson in priorities. Base support services provide the foundation for Vance to conduct their 'primary' mission: student flight training. This is applicable at every installation across the entire Air Force and not just at Vance. Our daily base support activities can never be taken for granted. From Sergeant Price's perspective, “even the smallest jobs play their part in sustaining the mission.”

Stories like Sergeant Price's happen every day across the Air Force — service-focused Airmen helping Airmen to accomplish the mission, even if it means moving away from their comfort zone. Sergeant Price never expected in her wildest imagination she would have the opportunity to make such a positive difference in people's lives and in her organization while working for base lodging — and not as a RAPCON controller. As Airmen, we are all united by our commitment to Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do. Through our Core Values, Sergeant Price made a difference for Vance.

If you ask Sergeant Price today what she does, her response, while still simple and quick, sounds a little different, “I am an Airman.” You see, serving in the Air Force is who she is. The sooner all of us follow her lead, embracing service and the other Core Values, the better our force will be.

Be thankful for leadership examples along the way

By Brig. Gen. Ian Dickinson

81st Training Wing commander

This week has been a great opportunity to recall and appreciate all the help I've received over my 24-year career.

Starting back in 1978, retired Lt. Col. Bill Meyer and retired Tech. Sgt. Del Dolan taught me about the Air Force and citizenship as a cadet in the NV91 Junior ROTC program in Las Vegas, Nev. I also learned about Air Force heritage, operations and leadership techniques. These education programs were outstanding opportunities for me to see leaders in action, both in military training and in academics, as examples to emulate. I encourage their core values in what we do in Air Education and Training Command and the 81st Training Wing as we develop Airman and officers into our newest leaders.

As a junior officer, I had great opportunities to see teamwork in action, to witness caring for each other exhibited by my supervisors and coworkers grow into the lifelong relationships for which

the military is famous. Therefore, it was no surprise to see many of those lifelong friends supporting me again this week in the audience at my pinning ceremony.

I learned great lessons in base-level operations from then-Lt. Col. Steve Quick, my first base-level squadron commander in Brig. Gen. Gregory Martin's 1st Fighter Wing. Fellow company grade officers at Langley Air Force Base, Va., taught me the power of having a solid network of colleagues I could reach out to, both across the wing and on the major command staff, as they helped my flight get things done.

I returned to AETC, both here at Keesler and then Maxwell AFB, Ala., to receive the advanced training and developmental education necessary to better prepare me for my potential command opportunities in my future. My classmates helped me formulate the “Integrity, Teamwork, Caring” command philosophy I needed even before I had the opportunity to assume command at Cannon AFB, N.M. Afterwards, my fellow commanders at Cannon still

helped me in addressing problems, accomplishing work and answering questions on many topics.

As my career continued, each opportunity to serve on a Joint Staff, whether in the Pentagon or deployed, gave me lessons in how our senior leaders do business. I learned a staff can come together to ensure successful combat operations, policies and programs. Then I watched Capt. Betsy Hight set one of the best examples of tenacious, yet cheerful executive support to my senior leadership and “battle buddies” like Lt. Cols. Lori Sussman and Mark Davis, who stood by me as we tackled the staff issues of the day.

As an air base and group commander, I was taught how the local community can make a positive impact on a military base. They proved to me first hand that interagency and allied organizations can be essential to Air Force operations. As time moved on, more lifelong friendships developed, and I still today rely on those I got to know over the years

as I've entered the “force development” phase of my career.

After a year in industry, I saw what our industry partners bring to the table and how leaders like my sponsor, John Dutra, motivate their teams. Those lessons from him and other fellows in that program continue to pay dividends back to the Air Force.

Fast forward through three more incredible years serving on senior staffs at home and deployed learning from fellow deplorers like Lt. Col. Monica Kopf, a former Keesler squadron commander, who rally around you as a great support team.

I find myself here at Keesler looking out at a great wing of professionals all doing great things for our Air Force and our nation every day. To all of you and my incredible family and friends, I just have to say “thank you for everything you do.” And remember that you or the young Airman you guide, support and mentor today could be a base commander pinning on his or her first star somewhere down the road.



DRAGON ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

Keesler News photojournalist

What is one thing you've learned about life?



Live it to the fullest and in all that you do, put God first.
Visitor Lisa Lattimore



Life is as good as you make it. You have to set goals, be determined and complete the goals.
Minnie Gray, 81st Comptroller Squadron



That's it's too short to be serious.
Senior Airman Alexander Edgett, 81st Communications Squadron

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and unpaved surfaces;
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and when waved
through base gates;
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in parking lots;
35 mph
in some sections
of perimeter roads.

Bulls get new leader

Maj. Tabetha Clark, left, new commander of the 335th Training Squadron, gets a tour of Allee Hall July 16 from Capt. Tim Fast, instructor supervisor for the squadron's financial management officer course. Major Clark took command from Lt. Col. Mark Messenbrink, who's now assigned to the Pentagon. A Mississippi native, Major Clark formerly commanded the 39th Comptroller Squadron at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



Graduation of endodontics residents another post-Katrina milestone

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler marked another landmark in its recovery from Hurricane Katrina with the June 29 graduation of Keesler Medical Center's residency in endodontics class.

Lt. Cols. (Drs.) David Bowers and Gerald Kaban were honored in the first graduation ceremony for endodontics residents since 2005, when the program was originally accredited.

Col. (Dr.) Richard Rutledge, flight commander of the endodontics residency program at Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, was guest speaker for the event and assisted in the presentation of diplomas. Colonel Rutledge, who was assigned to Keesler on two separate occasions, is also the military consultant to the Air Force assistant surgeon general for dental services.

According to Col. (Dr.) Brian Bergeron, director of the two-year endodontics residency certificate program, "The residents spent their first year as geographically-separated (Air Force Institute of Technology)-sponsored students, where they accomplished the majority of their didactic and research requirements at Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas. They began their second predominantly clinical year of study at Keesler, where they provided patient care valued at over \$650,000."

"When they arrived, they found themselves waist-deep in a top-to-bottom clinic renovation that relegated them to an environment where their treatment rooms, offices and staff offices

were all in separate areas of the building," he continued. "During the course of their two-year matriculation, they served under the direction of two sponsoring institutions and three different program directors. It was without question a dynamic residency program, but they met all obstacles with a positive attitude and a continued desire to learn."

Colonel Bergeron said the graduates "both accomplished not one but two research projects during their program. One was recognized as award-winning research garnering one of only 10 protocols to be recognized at the annual session of the American Association of Endodontists. They each produced two manuscripts for submission to peer-reviewed journals.

"They were the first Keesler residents to take their written boards during their program, which both successfully passed," Colonel Bergeron continued. "They challenged three separate mock board examinations, including two orchestrated by the national civilian consultant to the Air Force surgeon general who stated that both would have passed with flying colors had he been administering the real exam.

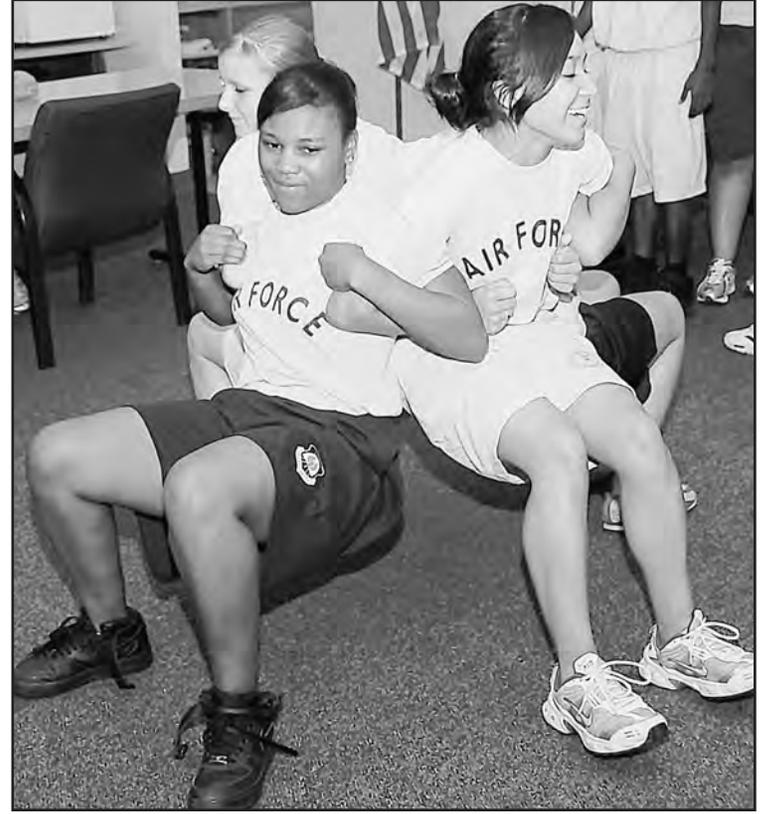
"Both residents participated in supervised teaching of our Keesler general dentistry residents and, based on their performance, were selected for assignments where they will be teaching their own Air Force residents in the art and science of endodontics," he added.

Colonel Bowers, who's been selected for promotion to full colonel, will be assigned to Eglin AFB, Fla., and Colonel Kaban will be assigned to Travis AFB, Calif.

Junior ROTC cadets hold camp at Keesler



Biloxi High School Cadet Jeanece Kelly, left, meets Col. Lynn Connett, 81st Training Group commander, during Friday's parade at the conclusion of the Junior ROTC Summer Leadership School at Keesler last week. Cadet Kelly's parents are Jimmy and Katrina Kelly. Her father is the retired former command chief at 2nd Air Force. The annual school, hosted by Biloxi High's ROTC program for units from Mississippi and surrounding states, includes physical training, lectures, marching, uniform inspections, team building exercises, speeches and drill evaluations. Cadets live, eat and study on base during the week.



Photos by Kemberly Groue
Clockwise from front left, Cadet Aja Forte from Noxubee High School, Macon, Miss., and Cadets Lilly McEldowney, Crystal Ross and Elaina Garza from Biloxi High School do a back-to-back challenge in which they link arms and stand using only their feet.

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TRAINING, EDUCATION NOTES

House party

A UBU house party for nonprior service students is 8 p.m. Friday at the Legends Café in Vandenberg Community Center.

Students may pick up a free UBU card at the event, or show their current card and become eligible for prizes and giveaways.

The party is sponsored by AAFES and Keesler Federal Credit Union.

Drill downs, parades

The 81st Training Group conducts drill downs at 7 a.m. Aug. 7 and 8 a.m. Oct. 2 on the parade field behind the Levitow Training Support Facility.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Malcolm Summers, 377-2103.

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 376-8472.

Civilian tuition aid

Civilian tuition assistance program funds are still available for fiscal 2009.

For more information, call the education office, 376-8710.

GI Bill benefits

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

For more information, call 376-8708.

Graduate degree

University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast now offers the adult education master's program at Keesler.

Four core courses, one per semester, are taught on base. The degree can be completed with online electives.

For more information, call 214-3444.

Retired Lt. Gen. Michael Peterson, left, administers the oath of office to Brig. Gen. Ian Dickinson, 81st Training Wing commander, as he assumes his new rank Monday. General Peterson, who retired Feb. 1, was the wing's commander from May 2002 to April 2004.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Wing commander pins on first star



JJ Dickinson looks at her husband's first star after his promotion ceremony. A reception followed at the marina.



Sheila Dickinson pins a star on her son's shoulder during Monday's ceremony.



One of General Dickinson's guests at the ceremony at the Dragon's Lair was his uncle, retired Army Lt. Col. Wally Lee.

IN THE NEWS

Commander's calls

Upcoming 81st Training Wing commander's calls at Welch Auditorium:

Monday — 9 a.m., Airmen; 3:30 p.m., noncommissioned officers.

Tuesday — 10 a.m., company grade officers; 3:30 p.m., senior NCOs.

Wednesday — 10:30 a.m., field grade officers.

July 30 — 3 p.m., civilians.

Aug. 7 — 8 a.m., make-up call for all ranks.

Dental clinic closes

Due to a resident graduation ceremony and a planned power outage in the dental clinic, there'll be no patient care after 1 p.m. Aug. 4.

2 Airmen die in F-15E crash

Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON — Sunday, Department of Defense officials announced the names of two Airmen who died supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in a nonhostile F-15E Strike Eagle crash Saturday near Ghazni Province, Afghanistan.

Killed were Capt. Thomas Gramith, 27, of Eagan, Minn., and Mark R. McDowell, 26, of Charlotte, N.C. Both was assigned to the 336th Fighter Squadron from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.

Work continues in Bay Ridge area

Work continues during July and August on street tie-ins and utility connections near the entrance of Bay Ridge housing area and Bay Breeze Golf Course.

Traffic on Ploesti Drive near Vandenberg and Patton is being rerouted into the turn lane, which is expected to cause congestion when motorists turn left from the northern stretch of Ploesti into the Bay Breeze parking lot.

Construction closes ER entrance

The main entrance to Keesler Medical Center's emergency room is closed until mid-August due to construction of the new radiation oncology center.

ER patients should use the outpatient clinic entrance. More critical patients use a temporary entrance on the north side of the building west of the ambulance bay door.

White Avenue Gate still closed

The White Avenue Gate is closed until about Aug. 10 for denial barriers upgrades.

The Meadows Drive and Pass Road Gates are open 24/7. The Judge Sekul Avenue Gate is open 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. work days.

Off-limits establishments

Off-limits establishments for military members are the Blue Note Lounge, Boulevard Nightclub and Henry Beck Park (except during daylight hours or official events) in Biloxi; Bunksmall Apartments and H&H Hideaway in Pascagoula and Toni's Lounge in Moss Point.



Betsy Forster, left, has country music star Paul Overstreet autograph a CD. Mrs. Forster's husband is Staff Sgt. Mat Forster, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron. Sergeant Forster currently on temporary duty in England.

Photo by Adam Bond



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the families for all their sacrifices and for supporting our deployed members.”

Sergeant Woodruff, who coordinated and implemented the weekend event as part of her scheduled monthly events for families of deployed members, had a special reason to feel proud of the event — her spouse, Tech Sgt. Fred Woodruff, is deployed to Iraq from the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron until January.

The last time the NGA annual meeting met on the Coast was in June 1935, when the gov-

Keeping in touch

As part of the airman and family readiness center's outreach program, Master Sgt. Jessica Woodruff e-mails spouses of deployed members every week. To sign up, call 376-8508 or e-mail jessica.woodruff@us.af.mil.

ernors attending numbered but 20, including Alabama's David Graves and Mississippi's Martin Conner. In contrast, last year's centennial meeting in Philadelphia, where former president Bill Clinton served as the keynote speaker, played host to 30 governors, 38 former governors and 15 other special guests.

This year's affair, with Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour as host, spotlighted Gov. Edward Rendell of Pennsylvania's year-long initiative concerning U.S. economic stability; a keynote address by Zhang Dawei, vice governor of Henan Provincial Government in China; and U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano delivering a central address about emergency preparedness.

Brig. Gen. Ian Dickinson, 81st Training Wing commander, and his wife, JJ, were guests at Sunday's conference brunch, where the Keesler Honor Guard presented the colors.

The weekend before the event, Keesler volunteers joined other Biloxi civic groups in a city-wide cleanup in preparation for the visitors.

Photo by YoLanda Wallace
Top, the Keesler Honor Guard presents the colors at Sunday's brunch for the National Governors Conference at Beau Rivage Casino Resort in Biloxi.

Right, Airman 1st Class James Dibattista, 334th Training Squadron, serves a kabob to Tech. Sgt. Anthony Wallis, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Photo by Adam Bond



PERSONNEL NOTES

Military personnel customer guide

The 81st Force Support Squadron military personnel section has developed a customer handbook to assist members in obtaining the appropriate assistance concerning personnel programs.

The handbook includes contact information, program descriptions with points of contact and helpful Web sites with Air Force Personnel Center links, step-by-step guides and Personnel Service Delivery Memorandums.

The link is \\keefs10302\81MSS_Common\MPS_Customer_Handbook.docx

For more information, call Master Sgt. Kreig Cressione, 376-8648.

Financial aid for adoption

Air Force Personnel Center

Through the Adoption Expense Reimbursement Program, parents using a legal adoption agency may be eligible for up to \$2,000 per adoptive child, with a maximum reimbursement of \$5,000 in a calendar year, for qualifying expenses.

To qualify for the program:

Adoption must be finalized while the Airman is serving on continuous active duty, or full-time Air Guard Reserve duty with orders specifying a period of at least 180 days,

Child must be under 18 years of age and physically or mentally incapable of caring for himself,

Child may not be the biological offspring of the Airman or a stepchild, and

The adoption must be arranged by a qualified adoption agency that has responsibility under state or local law for child placement through adoption; a nonprofit voluntary adoption agency that is authorized by state or local law to place children for adoption; or any other source authorized by a state to provide adoption placement if the adoption is supervised by a court under state or local law.

For more information, call the Total Force Service Center, 1-800-525-0102 or DSN 665-5000.

Customer service hours

Military personnel in uniform now receive priority service from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the 81st Force Support Squadron customer service section.

Customer service is also open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on “down Fridays.”

To be issued an identification card, two forms of legal identification are necessary. Dependents are required to be accompanied by their sponsor unless they have power of attorney or a Defense Department Form 1172.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Carlton Vinson, 376-8339.

2009 selection boards

Through Friday — 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.

Sept. 21-25 — special selection boards.

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.

Take safety with you
when you hit the highway for summer travel.

Chief Madigan ends military career

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Fortunately for the Air Force, Chief Master Sgt. Bob Madigan decided halibut fishing in Alaska wasn't for him. Thirty years later, he's retiring from military service.

Chief Madigan, chief enlisted manager for the 81st Communications Squadron, was born in Germany and graduated from high school in Anchorage, Alaska.

While he was trying to "find himself," he toured the country doing odd jobs and worked on fishing boats. One night after he fell off a boat and nearly drowned before being rescued from the 20-foot swells, he realized there had to be a better way to make a living and decided to join the Air Force.

After basic training, he was assigned to Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.; Lajes Air Base, Azores, and Robins AFB, Ga., as a wideband communications technician. He served as a base security systems maintenance technician at Loring AFB, Maine; a satellite communications maintenance technician at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, and contingency communication maintenance technician at Plattsburgh AFB, N.Y. before returning to Robins as non-commissioned officer in charge of tactical air base



Chief Madigan

communications.

In 1996, he joined the first sergeant ranks with five different assignments at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. — the 355th Civil Engineer and Supply Squadrons, 41st Electronic Combat Squadron, 612th Air Communications Squadron and 612th Theatre Operations Group — divided by a one-year tour with the 8th Services Squadron at Kunsan AB, Korea.

Chief Madigan arrived at Keesler five years ago as first sergeant of the 81st Medical Support Squadron and served as the 81st Training Wing's acting command chief for five months before assuming his current duties.

He completed associate

degrees in electronic systems technology and human resource management from the Community College of the Air Force and received a bachelor's degree in human resources management from Faulkner University.

The chief earned the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal (three devices), Air Force Commendation Medal (three devices), Air Force Achievement Medal (one device), Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (four devices), Air Force Good Conduct Medal (eight devices), National Defense Service Medal (one device), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Air Force Overseas Ribbon, Air Force Longevity Service (six devices), noncommissioned military officer professional military education ribbon (two devices), basic military training honor graduate, small arms expert marksmanship ribbon (rifle) and Air Force Training Ribbon.

Chief Madigan and his wife, Danielle, have been married for 26 years and have two children — Claire, a staff sergeant at Travis AFB, Calif., and Ben, a chef in Tucson, Ariz.

His retirement ceremony is 2 p.m. July 31 in the Dragon's Lair.

Explaining ethics of endorsements

By Richard Brock

Legal office

Joint Ethics Regulation 5500.7-R, Section 3-209 provides that endorsement of a non-federal entity, event, product, service, or enterprise may be neither stated nor implied by Defense Department employees in their official capacities and titles, positions or organization names may not be used to suggest official endorsement or preferential treatment.

This prohibition means that if you buy a car from a dealer, it's a violation of the regulation to appear in a photograph while



in uniform by the car you bought, or in front of the dealership or display the dealer's logo while in uniform. By the same

token, it would be a violation of this regulation to appear in an advertisement in your uniform in front of the sign depicting the local college you are presently attending during off-duty time. In both instances, your appearance in a photograph by in front of dealership or college sign would be a violation of the regulation.

If you're asked to appear in such a photograph, respectfully decline the opportunity by saying to so do would violate the ethics rules.

For more information on ethics issues, call 376-8601.

Energy-saving program needs catchy new name

Free boat rental for contest winner

Keesler Public Affairs

What's in a name?
Sometimes everything.

The 81st Training Wing needs your help in coming up with a new name for the plug load reduction program.

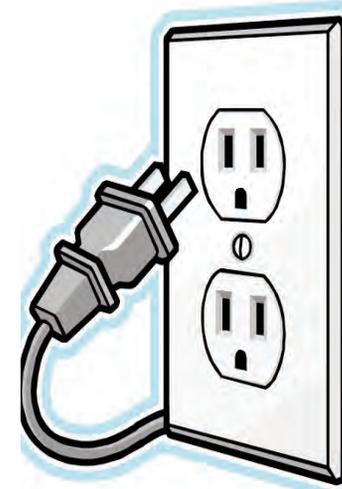
"The name 'plug load' is an accurate, yet forgettable term that accounts for up to 25 percent of the electrical energy consumed in an office setting or educational facility," said Marcy Whitfield, Keesler's resource efficiency manager. "The real goal here is to find a new 'catchy' name than will connect with people, create a sense of ownership and remind them that saving energy can be a part of their daily routine."

The plug load program includes power consumed by devices that plug into a facility's electrical system. This includes TVs, VCRs/DVD players, monitors, printers, electronics and other office equipment. In short, any electrical equipment that is plugged into a wall outlet can be considered a plug load.

The person who comes up with the winning name receives a free half-day boat rental from outdoor recreation.

Suggestions are submitted to Airman 1st Class David Salanitri at david.salanitri@keesler.af.mil. The last day for submission is Aug. 30. The top 10 suggestions is voted on by wing senior leadership and a winner is announced Sept. 14.

"Many people think turning on a power save button at night will do the trick, but studies show that's not always the case," said Ms. Whitfield. "Any electronic equipment plugged into an outlet with an instant 'on' switch, has a digital or LED clock, or has a small transformer to provide direct current power to oper-



ate contains a phantom energy load. These devices consume between 1 and 25 watts an hour every hour they are plugged in, even when they are not in use."

For example, a single VCR left plugged in over a four-year time frame wastes \$11. With thousands of these types of electronics on a base, thousands of kilowatt hours of electricity are being consumed without mission benefit. Using power strips to connect phantom load devices to a power source will disconnect devices with a switch, eliminating the phantom load at the end of the work day.

The yet-to-be-named plug load reduction program will include turning off lights when spaces are not in use, enabling a power save mode on office equipment during office hours and shutting equipment off, preferably by unplugging or utilizing a power strip, during non-working hours.

Of course, computers, vending machines and refrigerators should not be unplugged. Accountability will be a chief concern through random off hours auditing and score cards delivered to leadership reflecting a unit's adherence to the program.

Jerry Taranto and Airman 1st Class David Salanitri, Keesler Public Affairs, contributed to this report.



Photo by Adam Bond

DRAGON OF THE WEEK

Name — Capt. Theodore (Ted) "Radar" West

Unit — 81st Training Wing

Position — plans officer

Time in Air Force — eight years (after eight years of junior and senior ROTC)

Time at Keesler — 2½ years

Noteworthy — just earned master's degree in computer information systems from the University of Phoenix, Federal Aviation Administration student pilot (flew F-15D from the back seat)

Hometown — Destin, Fla.

Why did you join the Air Force? to serve and lead in the world's best air and space force

What are your short- and long-term goals? short-term, obtain my private pilot's license; long-term, attend Air Command and Staff College

What's your favorite quote? "Knowledge is power." — Sir Francis Bacon

What are your hobbies? flying, collecting, music, games

DIAMOND NOTES

The new physical training uniform wear policy states that the T-shirt will be tucked in at all times with **only** one exception, and that is during your annual physical training test.



Master Sgt. Scott Passman, 81st Force Support Squadron first sergeant

MEMORABLE MOMENTS



July 25, 1944

Keesler officials
opened recreational facilities
on Ship Island.

4 Keesler nominees compete for Sijan Awards

By Senior Airman
Eric Summers

Keesler Public Affairs

Keesler has announced its four nominees for the Air Education and Training Command 2009 Lance P. Sijan Air Force Leadership Award.

The Lance P. Sijan Air Force Leadership Award was created in 1981 to recognize the accomplishments of officers and enlisted members who have demonstrated the highest quality of leadership in the performance of their duties and their personal lives.

Sijan, an Air Force captain, died while he was a prisoner of war during the Vietnam War. Prior to his capture, the Air Force Academy graduate and posthumous Medal of Honor recipient evaded the Vietnamese for six weeks after being shot-down in November 1967.

The four award categories are senior officer, junior officer, senior enlisted and junior enlisted.



Sergeant Jerry

The junior enlisted nominee is **Tech. Sgt. Yolanda Jerry**, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron non-commissioned officer in charge of material control. She leads personnel in the procurement of critical parts for a 398-vehicle fleet worth \$23 million in support of the Air Force's largest training group. The sergeant was also a key Combined Federal



Sergeant Trahan

Campaign project officer, raising \$4,100 within her squadron among other accomplishments.

The senior enlisted nominee is **Master Sgt. Roger Trahan**, 81st Medical Support Squadron first sergeant. Sergeant Trahan is responsible for general supervision and focal point for matters concerning more than 200 members. He was Keesler's



Captain Stone

representative for the First Sergeant Worldwide Conference. He briefed 90 Air Command and Staff College students on commander and first sergeant dynamics, which groomed and educated future squadron commanders. He also led the cooking team during the Conseil International du Sport Militaire women's soccer tournament cultural



Major Robinson

exchange hosted by Keesler.

The junior officer nominee is **Capt. Michael Stone**, 81st Force Support Squadron chief of readiness and plans. Captain Stone instructed 406 hour of class and served instructor supervisor and flight commander for 308 personnel all at one time to earn him the wing's company grade officer of the year award for 2008. The captain also led the Special Olympics nerve center, directing 43 members for 6,000 attendees.

The senior officer nominee is **Maj. Ryan Robinson**, 336th Training Squadron deputy director of resources and sustainment directorate. Major Robinson volunteered for a 365-day deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom where he was No. 1 of six field grade officers to lead combined joint intelligence and resources and sustainment as deputy director for an Army colonel. He has also pioneered a \$1.8 million network suite. He also led 14 personnel in a \$100,000 blown transformer swap after a storm, restoring combined joint intelligence from zero power to full mission capable in 15 minutes.

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Demolition ahead as Muse Manor closes its doors

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

It won't be long before Muse Manor is a memory.

Lodging is moving out of Muse Manor by the end of the month so the \$1.4 million project to level the building can begin, according to Col. Jeffrey Jackson, 81st Mission Support Group commander.

Preparations are already under way to move front-desk operations to Tyre House by Aug. 1. Lt. Col. Rich Cole, 81st Force Support Squadron commander, expects a seamless transition with little disruption for Keesler's guests.

No more guests are being accommodated at Muse Manor in anticipation of the project.

Muse Manor's age, deteriorating infrastructure, leaky windows, mold, mildew and problems with the heating, ventilation and air conditioning combined to make demolition the best course, Colonel Cole said.

"We've been working with Air Staff, 2nd Air Force and the Air Force Services Agency to determine the best course to follow," Colonel Cole explained. "Muse Manor had many problems that would be extremely costly to remedy. We've only been able to use 40 or 50 of its 427 rooms for several months."

Officials estimate that it would cost about \$48 million to build a comparable facility, which isn't in the works for the foreseeable future.

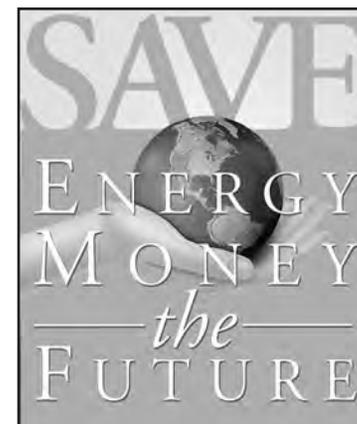


Lodging front-desk operations move from Muse Manor to Tyre House.



Maj. Brian Biggs, a student in the 335th Training Squadron on temporary duty from U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., chats with guest service representatives Devin Johnson and Barbara Brody on Monday. Major Biggs is one of the last guests to stay at Muse Manor before demolition.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



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



Left, Shante and Austin English get acquainted with pencil urchins in the touch tank. Right, Austin gets a close-up view of a blotched king snake. Shante, 11, and Austin, 12, are the children of Tech. Sgt. Michael and Ella English, 81st Engineering Installation Squadron. Sergeant English deploys to Afghanistan next month.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Children of deployed members attend Sea Camp

By Senior Airman
Kimberly Moore Limrick

Keesler Public Affairs

The University of Southern Mississippi's Gulf Coast Research Laboratory provided eight scholarships to children of deployed military members to attend Project Marine Discovery Sea Camp 2009 for free, July 13-17.

Master Sgt. Jessica Woodruff, family readiness program coordinator at the airman and family readiness center, coordinated a contest where children submitted either a one paragraph essay on "What deployment means to

me" or drew a picture of their military family to compete for the eight scholarships.

The camp normally cost between \$210 and \$275. Prices include camp T-shirt, individual and group photos, all instructional costs and materials, admission fees, field trips and art supplies. But for eight Keesler members, the five-day camp was free.

The popular marine science day camp for ages 6 to 13 was held at GCRL's J.L. Scott Marine Education Center in Ocean Springs.

"This marks our 22nd year," said Michael Carley, Sea Camp director. "Participants experienced coastal habitats through hands-on learning activities with live animals."

Field trips took campers into beach and salt marsh habitats, and all campers visited Deer Island aboard the R/V Sea Explorer, he said.

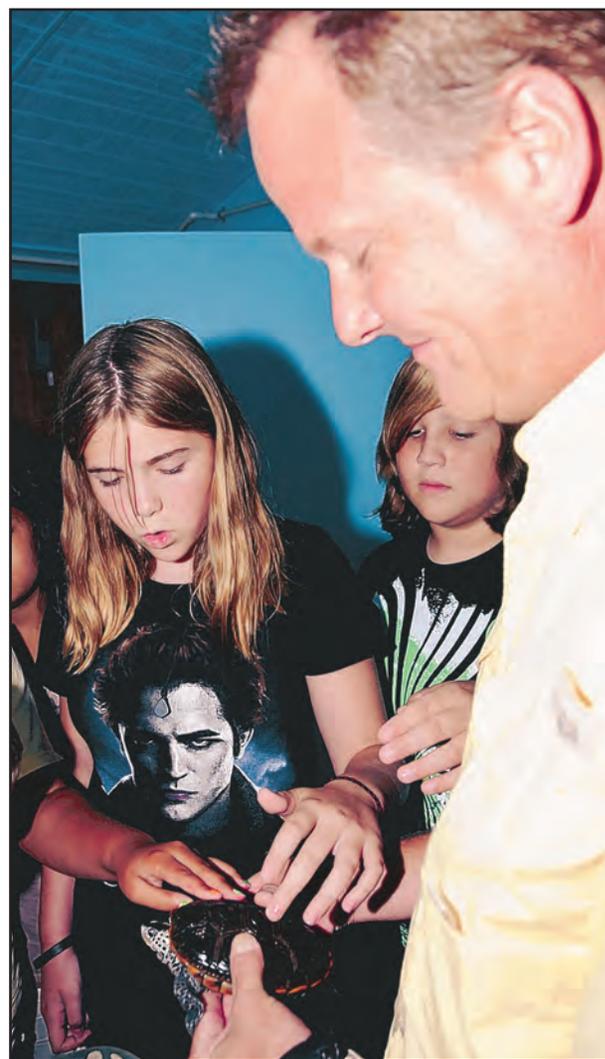
"I went with the kids on the first day of camp," Sergeant Woodruff said. "We took a boat trip to Deer Island and the children were all very involved and enjoyed the experience."

"Being a parent myself and also having a husband who is deployed, I know how important it is to keep yourself and your kids busy while a loved one is away," Sergeant Woodruff continued. "If you always have something to do, it takes your mind off the member being gone and also makes the time go by quicker. Also, as a parent I know when your partner is away, sometimes we need a little break too, so this helped both the children and their parents."

"I have met a lot of families since I started this job two years ago," she continued. "My favorite part is being



Ashley Valdez-Heilman, 9, fishes off the GCRL pier. Her parents are Master Sgt. Chad and Elizabeth Heilman, 85th EIS. Her father has a one-year remote assignment to Korea.



Eleven-year-olds Rowan McConville, left, and Tyler Higgins learn about the Mississippi diamondback terrapin turtle from Sea Camp director Michael Carley. Rowan's parents are Lt. Col. Abbie Luck, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, and Marine Corps retiree Stephen Dubois. Her mother is deployed to Iraq. Tyler's parents are Frank and Patricia Higgins of Gautier.

able to say that a spouse was not left alone during this stressful time. It is important to keep the military family together. By doing so you not only help the Air Force retain people but you create a relationship to the many people you will meet throughout your career. I love being able to hold events

and see the kids really enjoy being part of a big family."

For more information about GCRL and Sea Camp, log on to <http://www.usm.edu/gcrl>.

For more information about airman and family readiness programs, call 376-8500.

Part-day preschool kicks off Aug. 17

By Senior Airman
Kimberly Moore Limrick

Keesler Public Affairs

The child development center is currently accepting registration in its part-day enrichment program for children 3 to 5 years old.

Children already enrolled in the full-day care are already receiving this preparatory care.

The program begins Aug. 17, lasts three hours per day Mondays through Thursdays and facilitates children's readiness for kindergarten.

"The children attending Pre-K will follow the same curriculum in place for those children in full-day care," said Roveta Simmons, director. "However, these children will follow the school-year calendar, honoring school holidays, and attend either 8-11 a.m. or 12:30-3:30 p.m. Additionally, these families won't have to meet the same employment restrictions as those of full-day care children."

"This care is available to children of active-duty military members, active-duty reservists, Department of Defense civilians and DOD contractors. Both parents don't have to be employed to take advantage of this program and fees are still based on household income," she added.

The CDC provides a safe, healthy and nurturing learning environment for children to foster positive identity and a sense of emotional wellbeing.

"Most of our staff has child development associate credentials and/or a four-year degree," Ms. Simmons said.

Since young children learn best through play, the CDC has set up its environment to meet this need.

"The CDC staff uses the Creative Curriculum by Teaching Strategies, as well as lesson plans based on the developmental needs and individual interests of the child," Victoria Jones, CDC training curriculum specialist, pointed out.



Photo by Kemberly Groue
CDC caregiver Ruth Payton and two of 3-year-old charges, Collin Weber and Carson Sasaki, enjoy playing with clay. Collin's parents are Kimberly Weber, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Jason Weber, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron. Carson's parents are Maj. Geoffrey and Jacqueline Sasaki, 81st MDOS.

The CDC uses the developmental practices outlined by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

"NAEYC advocates a child-initiated, teacher-facilitated method which supports children's growth and development," Ms. Jones said. "Young children need to be in an environment that allows them to explore and develop all the necessary skills needed for their early school-age years to set a firm foundation for their future learning."

Each program implements developmentally appropriate activities that promote the social, emotional, cognitive and physical development of children enrolled. All programs have a training and curriculum specialist who provides staff training on implementation of the curriculum and other safety, health, and child abuse prevention requirements in accordance with Air Force and DOD requirements.

For more information, call 377-2211.



More new faces

Lt. Col. Randolph Toris, left, new commander of the 81st Comptroller Squadron, tours the finance office with Maj. Robert Paleo, July 16. Colonel Toris, who took command from Major Paleo Friday, was previously the commander of the 27th Special Operations Comptroller Squadron, Cannon Air Force Base, N.M. Major Paleo remains at Keesler as chief of the 81st Training Wing's exercise and evaluation team.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Airman 1st Class Rashawnda Eddings, left, a medical technician in the 81st Medical Operations Squadron's pediatric clinic, shows her new commander, Lt. Col. Jane Denton, new Cryopen equipment used to freeze warts during Colonel Denton's July 20 visit to the clinic. Colonel Denton, who's been selected for promotion to colonel, assumed command from Col. (Dr.) Kathleen Elmer June 22. Colonel Elmer remains on staff as a dermatologist. The 81st MDOS has more than 400 medical professionals in the pediatric, medicine services, family health, emergency services, genetics, mental health and diagnostic imaging flights. The colonel came to Keesler after completing Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. Previously, she commanded the 14th MDOS and served as officer-in-charge of education and training, chief nurse executive and deputy commander of the 14th Medical Group, Columbus AFB, Miss.



AFSO21

Air Force Smart Ops For The 21st Century

Program for process improvement offers tools for efficiency, economy

By Senior Airman Eric Summers

Keesler Public Affairs

As the Air Force looks for ways to save money and resources, Keesler's AFSO21 program has been looking for ways to save on the local level.

"Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century is an Air Force program that executes the continuous process of improvement and uses several theories to eliminate waste, listen to the customer and making sure we are giving the customer what they want at a reasonable cost," said Brian Mooers, Keesler's AFSO21 coordinator.

"This isn't just an Air Force program," he explained. "It is also a Department of Defense-wide effort to implement a process of improvement in a standardized fashion by using tools that industries use to save money, improve products and the quality of life for their workers."

Keesler's AFSO21 office has undertaken a few initiatives to implement the process. The operating room at Keesler Medical Center has

made changes to maximize the time spent with the doctor and reduce processing time. Changes have also been implemented in the 81st Force Support Squadron to help speed the process of inprocessing and outprocessing.

Mr. Mooers said his office is also hosting a class that will teach 10 people AFSO21 tools and techniques. It covers the Air Force's eight-step problem-solving method and applies AFSO21 rules to improve processes. Members of the class will learn how to identify waste, determine root cause and analysis, and how to do a streamline map.

"The class is to teach them about AFSO21 and the ways we can make things work better or more efficiently," said Mr. Mooers. "The class is 40 hours of training, and participants will have to be part of three rapid improvement events."

Mr. Mooers said this is the another way for Team Keesler to excel.

"Airmen on a daily basis emphasize excellence in the things they do — my role is to let people know the eight-steps and how they can be more effective," Mr. Mooers commented.

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If you see documents being removed from trash cans, call the 81st Security Forces Squadron law enforcement desk, 377-3040.

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School starts in August

Start dates and Web addresses for area school districts:

Biloxi — School begins Aug. 5, but students not registered by July 31 won't start until Aug. 6. To verify which school your child will attend, call 374-1810, extension 125. For more information, visit <http://www.biloxischool.net>

Gulfport — School starts Aug. 5; <http://www.gulfportschools.org>.

D'Iberville and Harrison County — School starts Aug. 6; <http://www.harrison.k12.ms.us>.

St. Martin and Jackson County — School starts Aug. 5; <http://www.jcsd.k12.ms.us>

Long Beach — School starts Aug. 6; <http://www.lbsdk12.com>.

Ocean Springs — School begins Aug. 6; <http://www.ossd.k12.ms.us>.

Defense secretary takes stand against 'business as usual' spending

By Samantha Quigley

American Forces Press Service

CHICAGO — Defense spending and program priorities can't be divorced from the very real threats of today and the growing ones of tomorrow, the defense secretary told members of the Economics Club of Chicago July 16.

"We stand at a crossroads," Robert Gates said. "It is time to draw the line and take a stand against the business-as-usual approach to national defense.

"We must all fulfill our obligation to the American people to ensure that the United States remains safe and strong," he said.

The proposed \$534 billion Fiscal 2010 defense budget is the first true 21st Century defense budget and reflects the fundamental shift in the nature of the conflicts the nation faces, Secretary Gates said. Other nations have learned from others' encounters with the United States that it is ill-advised to fight a conventional war head-to-head with the United States.

"Instead, they are developing asymmetric means that take advantage of new technologies — and our vulnerabilities — to disrupt our lines of communication and our freedom of movement, to deny us access, and to narrow our military options and strategic choices," Secretary Gates said. "In sum, the security challenges we now face, and will in the future, have changed, and our thinking must likewise change.

"The old paradigm of looking at potential conflict as either regular or irregular war, conventional or unconventional, high end or low end, is no longer relevant," he added.

As a result, Defense Department leaders need to think about and prepare for war in a profoundly different way than what it has been typical throughout the better part of the last century, he said.

To this end, the president's



Secretary Gates

budget request cut, curtailed or ended a number of conventional modernization programs, including satellites, ground vehicles, helicopters and fighters that were either performing poorly or in excess to real-world needs. Conversely, future-oriented programs where the United States was relatively underinvested were accelerated or received more funding.

Secretary Gates described a little-noticed initiative in the budget that includes money to begin a new generation of ballistic missile submarines. It also allows for nearly \$700 million in additional funds to secure and assure America's nuclear deterrent.

"In truth, preparing for conflict in the 21st Century means investing in truly new concepts and new technologies," Secretary Gates said. "It means taking into account all the assets and capabilities we can bring to the fight. It means measuring those capabilities against the real threats posed by real-world adversaries."

One of the programs the budget would cap is the F-22 Raptor program. While "a niche silver-bullet solution for one or two potential scenarios," the fighter is expensive and has limited capabilities when compared to the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, he said.

The F-35 is 10 to 15 years

newer, less than half the cost, carries a much larger suite of weapons and is technologically superior in several areas, Secretary Gates said. About 500 will be purchased over the next five years and more than 2,400 over the life of the program. By contrast, he recommended to the president that the F-22s already allowed for were sufficient.

"The grim reality is that with regard to the budget, we have entered a zero-sum game," Secretary Gates said. "Every defense dollar diverted to fund excess or unneeded capacity ... is a dollar that will be unavailable to take care of our people, to win the wars we are in, to deter political adversaries and to improve capabilities in areas where America is underinvested and potentially vulnerable.

"That is a risk that I cannot accept and one that I will not take," he said.

"If the Department of Defense can't figure out a way to defend the United States on a budget of more than half a trillion dollars a year, then our problems are much bigger than anything that can be cured by a few more ships and planes."

When inflation and the fact that some war costs were moved from the supplemental appropriations to the main defense budget, the current proposed \$534 billion budget is a modest increase over the last proposed defense budget of \$524 billion, the secretary said.

By one estimate, the U.S. defense budget adds up to about what the entire rest of the world combined, friend or foe, spends on defense.

Some in Congress have called for more analysis before making any of the decisions in this budget, he added. But when dealing with programs that were clearly out of control, performing poorly and (in) excess to the military's real requirements, military leaders didn't need more study, more debate or more delay, he said.

New top enlisted leader reviews his career path

By Airman Brian McGloin

AETC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force, Texas — There wasn't much happening in Monroe, Mich. in 1982. James Roy, recently out of high school, wanted to do something with his life where he could get some training and an education, something that wasn't what everyone else was doing.

He enlisted as an airman basic in September 1982, and today, nearly 27 years later, he is the 16th Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force.

"I wanted to do something I enjoy," Chief Roy said. "I was looking for something different than the status quo, something different from car manufacturing."

Chief Roy said he entered the Air Force with the idea of serving four years and doing the best he could in that time, both for himself and for the Air Force. He said he wasn't thinking about a long-term career at the time.

"I came into the Air Force looking for an education and to learn a skill," he said.

Chief Roy's Air Force career path took him down a road similar to most enlisted Airmen. After basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, he went to technical training, at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. There he learned to operate heavy construction equipment in a joint training environment.

Tech. Sgt. Nathan Heard, since retired, was Chief Roy's supervisor and a big influence early in his career.

Sergeant Heard "made an indelible impression early in my career," Chief Roy said. "He reinforced the standards that were taught to me in the beginning."

Chief Roy said Sergeant Heard gave him a month to finish his career development course — not a month and a day.

"I didn't want to disappoint Sergeant Heard, that's how much respect I had for this man," Chief Roy said.

"He taught me what it was to be a leader and about taking care of people."

Chief Roy took advantage of the education the Air Force offers and was the first in his family to earn a college degree.

He places high priority on not just taking care of the Airmen, but their families as well. He said he wants to continue to improve not only training and education for the enlisted Airmen, but the health and well-being of them and their families.

"Families are a huge factor in an Airman's career, so we need to ask ourselves, how do we help develop them as well? How do we better involve families in this profession of ours? I believe helping them with their education is part of their development," he said.

His wife, Paula, takes an active role in his career.

"I married Miss Paula right out of high school — she has been with me the entire time," he said. "She's interested in trying to see how we can better educate ourselves; how we can continue to care for family members."

Chief Roy said his own family is involved in his career, and he can't overemphasize the family aspect of being an Airman.

"I've been able to stay energized because it's been noteworthy and fun for the family," Chief Roy said. "I can tell you, communication is key to a military families' success. We have to keep our families informed so they can be active participants in, and supporters of, all we do.

Chief Roy said not to worry about putting on rank or gathering awards, that doing one's best is more important.

"Just be the best Airman you can," Chief Roy said. "Regardless of what job you have or where you are, just be the best Airman you can, and you will be recognized for that."

Keesler artist wins annual poster contest for fifth time



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Keesler artist Suzy Templin, left, and Biloxi Mayor A.J. Holloway unveil Ms. Templin's winning entry in the 28th annual Biloxi Seafood Festival poster contest, July 16. Ms. Templin is a military fine artist employed by K-Mar Industries, the base's multimedia contractor. The three shrimp boats in the poster — the Miss Suzann, Three Musketeers and Big Temby — represent Ms. Templin, her three sons and her late husband, Tech. Sgt. John Templin, an instructor in the 338th Training Squadron, who was killed by a drunk driver 18 months ago. Ms. Templin, who also won the contest in 1998, 1999, 2001 and 2003, won \$500 for her winning entry. This year's festival is Sept. 12-13.

KEESLER NOTES

Heart Walk

Team registration ends Friday for the American Heart Association Heart Walk set for Oct. 3.

To register or for more information, call Master Sgt. Patrick Key, 376-8524 or 8529, e-mail patrick.key@us.af.mil, or log on to <http://gulfoastheartwalk.kintera.org>, select "find a team," then select "Keesler Dragons."

Coastal cleanup sign-up

Keesler is responsible for Hiller Park during this year's Mississippi Coastal Cleanup, 8-11 a.m. Oct. 17.

Registration deadline is Oct. 13, and the backup date is Oct. 24.

Keesler members who want to participate register online at <http://www.mscoastalcleanup.org>. Military members, family members, civilian employees and contractors may participate. Children under 18 must bring the permission/registration slip and turn it in to the zone captain at the site.

For more information, call Staff Sgt Lynn Rinker, 376-3333, or e-mail rink101@yahoo.com.

Breast cancer walk

The fourth annual 5-kilometer Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event is 8 a.m. Oct. 24 at the Biloxi Town Green.

Squadron leaders and walkers are being recruited.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Asha Gray, 377-7153, or e-mail asha.gray@us.af.mil.

Play group

A play group for ages 5 and younger meets 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesdays at the youth center.

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

Wheelchair taxi

The 81st Logistic Readiness Squadron vehicle operations now has a wheelchair-accessible mini-van available for taxi service.

For more information, call 377-2430.

Immunization clinic

Immunization clinic hours:

Immunizations — 7 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday; closed 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays.

Allergy shots — 1-4 p.m. Monday; 7:30-10:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

The clinic is closed noon to 5 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month for training.

For more information, call 376-3553.

Thrift shop hours

The Keesler Thrift Shop is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

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

For more information, call 377-3217.

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For overpricing issues or concerns, call Michael Cashion, 377-5206, or e-mail michael.cashion.ctr@keesler.af.mil.

Root canal treatment

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.

Referral from a dentist for root canal treatment is required.

For more information, call the endodontics department, 376-5227.

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Spurlin, No. 18, celebrates a 3-1 win over Venezuela with his USA teammates at the Conseil International du Sport Militaire men's volleyball tournament in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The American team finished in seventh place.

Photos by Ari Kaye



Spurlin competes on international volleyball stage

By Airman 1st Class David Salanitri

Keesler Public Affairs

Ashley Spurlin, 334th Training Squadron combat control instructor, recently returned from multiple Air Force and Armed Forces volleyball competitions.

In early June, Sergeant Spurlin represented Keesler as part of the Air Force volleyball team in the Armed Forces Men's Volleyball Championship at Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N.C. Spurlin, a combat control instructor at Keesler for the past year, led the Air Force team to a 6-0 tournament record and the gold medal.

Later that month, Spurlin was selected to the U.S. Armed Forces team and he competed in the Conseil International du Sport Militaire men's volleyball tournament in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The team finished in seventh place.

"Being able to represent the United States through sport is very important to us as a nation," said the Bronze Star recipient. "Historically, in volleyball, much like soccer, the U.S. finishes outside the top three. But every year, we still go in order to show other countries who we are as people in the military, in the Air Force, the Marines, the Army and Navy.

"I played for the Air Force team in 2002 with a gold medal as a result and was selected to go to Romania as a player for the CISM games there," he pointed out. "Then in 2003, the Air Force won a silver medal and I was selected to participate in the Military World Games in

Italy. This year was my third time playing."

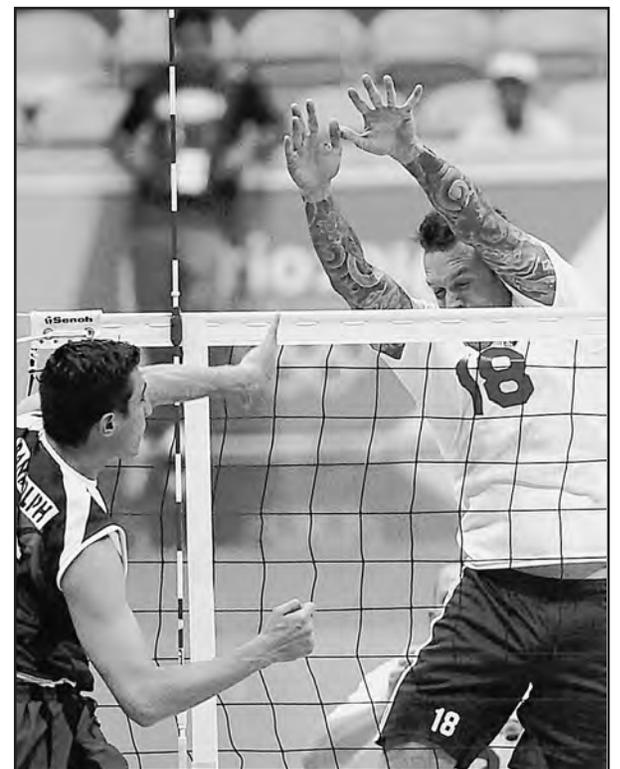
Competing at this high level requires preparation, and the California native would train no differently.

"I was able to play in the Keesler intramural league with my squadron," he explained. "Other base teams had very competitive players that helped me train. I was also able to go to multiple beach tournaments on the weekends in Florida that helped as well."

During a time where Airmen deploy to Iraq and Afghanistan next to Soldiers, Marines and Sailors, Spurlin explained that the joint service concept is important in many ways.

"By traveling with the team made up of all the services, I was able to expand other services' knowledge of Air Force jobs and work ethics, along with promoting team work among the services," said the eight-year Air Force member. "Being able to play in the Armed Forces tournament against the different services, then be named to the CISM team a few weeks later to play as teammates with those same people, just shows the ability of the U.S. Military as a whole to get the job done, either in sport or down range.

"It is an awesome feeling to be in a foreign country in an arena full of spectators rooting for you, no matter what country you were from," he recalled. "Before every match, they would play the National Anthem as we all stood at attention. It was very motivating before we went out to play every day."



Spurlin gets his hands up at the net in the CISM match against Venezuela.

Don't let swimming fun take tragic turn this summer

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Summer's heat and humidity draw people to pools, beaches and inland rivers.

But summer fun can turn to tragedy where water is concerned. The National Safety Council reports that drownings claim about 4,800 lives each year and are the fifth leading cause of accidental death in the United States.

More than half of all drownings involve unintentional trips and falls from docks, boats, bridges and pool perimeters. These accidents often result from horseplay, the use of alcohol or drugs, roughhousing or a child's curiosity.

About half of all drownings in swimming pools happen on home premises. There are more than 6.5 million residential swimming pools in the United States and the number is growing steadily.

Swimming accidents cause about 450 to 500 spinal injuries each year, many resulting in permanent paralysis. Injuries are caused by diving head-first or too deep into shallow water, diving into objects or other swimmers, diving from high places, and diving into water of unknown depth. About 95 percent of the injuries result from dives into water less than five feet deep.

The American Red Cross offers these swimming safety tips:

Don't swim alone.

Obey posted warning signs.

Know first aid basics and cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Don't tempt beginning swimmers into waters or situations beyond their abilities.

Never swim after drinking alcohol or using medications.

Always check the water depth.

Don't swim if you can't see the bottom of the pool in the deep end or if the water is cloudy.

Watch out for the dangerous "too's"— too tired, too cold, too far from safety, too much sun and too much exercise.

Keep an eye on young swimmers.

Obey lifeguard instructions and respect their judgment.

Never fake an emergency.

Learn proper diving techniques. Always enter the water with your arms extended firmly overhead and keep your hands together to protect your head.

Don't eat or chew gum while swimming.

Wear swimming goggles only for surface swimming.

Don't rely on floating toys, air mattresses or armbands to prevent drowning.

Keep a life jacket near the pool.

Don't run or splash near pools.

Don't swim during thunderstorms.

Never swim when you're ill.

Never dive into an above-ground pool.

For more information, call the safety office, 377-2910.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Outdoor recreation employees Wayne Fortier, left, and Joe Heflin return a pontoon boat to the dock. Free certification training is provided to people who want to rent a pontoon boat.

Outdoor recreation provides affordable boating, fishing options

By Jonathan Hicks

Keesler Public Affairs

Despite the blazing hot summer, it's still possible to cool off with the help of outdoor recreation. The facility at the base marina has a variety of programs available to fit almost anyone's particular interest and taste.

Outdoor recreation director Dave Bowers and his staff assist individuals and families with equipment issue and rental, outdoor adventures, family campground trailer rentals, pools and aquatic activities and charter boat programs.

Since assuming his current job in November, one of Mr. Bowers' major goals has been finding the delicate balance of lowering costs to customers without compromising services, a rough prospect during current economic times. Outdoor recreation has been able to change the minimum number of people required to charter the Keesler Dolphin II, a 50 foot charter boat, from 15 to 10. Dolphin II charters now include activities such as overnight fishing trips, team meetings and other social functions – even a recent wedding.

Although Keesler has many recreation opportunities to choose from, Wayne Fortier, outdoor recreation's certified boat captain in charge of the boating programs, points out that

boating and fishing trips are still the most popular choices.

A trip to Horn Island aboard the Dolphin II, 8 a.m. Saturdays following nonworking Fridays weather permitting, costs \$30 per person. Back Bay of Biloxi fishing trips are \$20 per person. Deep sea fishing trips onboard the Dolphin II are \$75 per person, with private charters starting at \$750 for the first 10 people and \$50 for each additional person up to 22. Pontoon boats and the 17-foot Back Bay cruiser can be rented, and don't forget the excellent fishing in Delacroix, La., where self-contained trailers are available.

Despite the fun, safety is always a concern. According to Senior Airman Ronny Paz of the safety office, most outdoor recreation incidents are sports-related, but in recent years, a few mishaps can be attributed to boating, fishing and other water activities.

Team Keesler can look forward to more exciting adventures trips to points of interest within Mississippi and other surrounding states with new programs such as white water rafting on the Ocoee River in Tennessee scheduled for Aug 14-16, horseback riding, trailer rentals for camping and expanded usage of charter boats.

"We're always open for new ideas," Mr. Bowers said. "Come check us out and see what we have to offer."

SCORES AND MORE

Basketball

Varsity men's and women's teams — tryouts to be announced. Teams play in Southeastern Military Athletic Conference. Coaches needed. For more information, call 377-2444 or 3056.

Bowling

Fall leagues — registrations being accepted now for the Saturday morning youth league, Monday night league, Tuesday night (hospital and VA), Wednesday and Friday mixed leagues and Thursday intramurals. Sign up at the counter or call 377-2817.

Bowling fund raisers — for more information, call 377-2817.

Youth bowling — for any child old enough to throw the bowling ball down the alley. League meets 9:30 a.m. Saturdays; instruction available. For more information, 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

No smoking policy — in effect on Crotwell Track across from Blake Fitness Center.

Free fitness classes — boot camp, self-defense, cycling, yoga, step aerobics, circuit training, kick boxing and pilates at Dragon Fitness Center. For more information, call 377-2907.

Free fitness testing, exercise prescription and personal training — at Blake, Dragon and Triangle Fitness Centers. Call for appointment.

Boxing room — Triangle Fitness Center. Six heavy bags, three speed bags and one double-end bag. Boxing gloves available.

Intramural flag football — letters of intent due July 31 at Triangle Fitness Center. For more information, call 377-2444.

Fit to fight incentive program — register at any Keesler fitness center for this ongoing program. Log miles accumulated on exercise machines that record miles, or by running, walking, biking or swimming. Prizes awarded for various milestones.

Parent/child fitness room — at Dragon Fitness Center. Workout equipment; play area for ages 6 months to 7 years.

Massage appointments — at Triangle Fitness Center, call 348-6698.

Triangle Fitness Center — open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays and weekends; closed holidays. For more information, call 377-3056.

Blake Fitness Center — open 4:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays; 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekends and holidays.

Dragon Fitness Center — 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays. Parent-child fitness room has workout equipment and play area for ages 6 months to 7 years.

Golf

Intramural league

(as of July 14)

Team	Points
334th TRS-A	67
81st FSS	57
336th TRS	53
81st LRS	46
MARDET-A	42
*334th TRS-B	41
*81st SFS	39
333rd TRS	39
335th TRS	36
81st TRSS	34
81st MDSS	12
MARDET-B	6

* one make-up match to play

For more information and schedule, call Sam Miller, 377-2444.

Other

9-hole Dragon fun golf — Shotgun start 4:30 p.m. Thursdays. \$20 per person includes greens fee, cart, food, beverages and prizes. Four-person team, two-person blind draw. Sign up as twosome or single. Format decided by draw each week; limited to first 36 golfers.

Twilight special — 3 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays. Pay one price and golf until closing; E1-E4 \$12, E5-O3 \$20, O4-up \$22, guests \$22.

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 clubs.

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

Outdoor recreation

Pools — main base pool, noon to

5:30 p.m. daily except Monday. Triangle Pool, noon to 7 p.m. daily except Wednesday, with lap swimming for adults, 11 a.m. to noon. Single and family passes available. Pool parties available. For more information, call the main base pool, 377-3948, or Triangle Pool, 377-3568.

Pool parties available — For more information, call 377-3568.

Camping packages — available, including sleeping bags, lanterns, camp stoves and tents.

July fish of the month — weigh in the largest flounder, win a \$100 savings bond. Minimum three participants.

Canoes, kayaks — for rent.

Trip to Horn Island aboard the Keesler Dolphin — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays following nonworking Fridays, weather permitting. \$30 including barbecue grill, charcoal and ice. Bring food, drinks, sunscreen and fishing equipment. Minimum 15 passengers. Group rates available. For more information, call 377-3160.

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

Back Bay fishing trip — \$20 per person. State fishing license required; minimum four, maximum six people. For date and time, 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 10 people, \$50 each additional person. No license needed. \$100 deposit.

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

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

Rent a bicycle — 3500 Trek, seven speed, \$3 a day, \$15 weekly, \$35 monthly.

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

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

USAF FITNESS



FLEX YOUR WINGS

An American is sexually assaulted every 2 1/2 minutes.

One in five American women has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape.

About 10 percent of sexual assault victims are men.

At least 2/3 of sexual assaults are committed by someone the victim knows. 44 percent of rape victims are under age 18, and 80 percent are under age 30.

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Metrology basic course — Airman Nicholas Cotter; Airmen 1st Class Reginald Graves, Donny Herrera and Mathew McCain; Staff Sgt. Timothy Schockley.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Jody Cotton, Matthew Gibson, Matthew Hainley, Jeffrey Lawson, William McCraney, Ryan Noone, Savannah Pavelka, Heather Polly, Dawn Sampson, Sarah Savick, and Nathaniel Scheer; Airmen Andrew Coburn, Christopher Hall, Zachary Horr and Michaela Waters; Airmen 1st Class Lee Barnes, Andrew Burzynski, Stacy Decaussin, Joshua Fellows, Benjamin Marconi and Andrew Scarbrock; Staff Sgt. David Kaylor.

Aviation resource management — Airmen Basic Blake Dudley, Phyllis Laughhunn, Alexandria Murphy, Shahn Mushel and Nina Nguyen; Airman Joseph Sykes; Airmen 1st Class Richard Black, Scott Hartzell and Andrew Wichie; Senior Airmen Christi Conley-Szteiter and Patrick Lawson.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Joshua Bice, Latonya Kocher, Kelly Meeks, Caitlin Ollis, Matthew Powell, Dwayne Simeon, Samuel Spaethe, Wesley Stakely, Steven Sutton and Tefera Workneh; Airmen Darius Dinkins and Rebecca Sobiech; Airmen 1st Class Laurita Agnis, Joseph Boyet, Jordan Edwards, Nicole Jaszemski, Alton Kelly, Sarah Lambertson, David Rossman, Doron Smith, Marquis Smith and Jonathan Vance; Senior Airman Daniel Swanson; Staff Sgts. James Blaz, Tess Jaeger, Jason Luckenbach, Jason Minor, Jennifer Pascarelli, Adam Rohrer, Jerome White and Jason Yeargin; Tech. Sgt. Shawn Carnahan; Master Sgt. Christopher Morin; Capt. Ghanam Al Ajmi

Weather training flight — Marine Pvt. Brian Wetherald, Navy Airman Recruit Raelynn Hagan; Airmen Basic Jeffrey Brealand, Michael Burl, Jeffrey Cleghorn, Jesse Follmer, Joshua Freedman, John Geibel, Connor Irvine, Brandon Murphy, Amy Ressel, Joshua Scherer and Christian Taylor; Navy Airmen Apprentice James Gaddis and Austin Giles; Airmen Lucas Kjolsing, David Luken and James Stubbs; Navy Airmen Vaughan Dill, Michael LeHockey and William Rector, Navy Seaman John Becton; Airman 1st Class Britanee Booker-Sias, Matthew Butler, Victor Davis, Michael Draper, Marcus Garcia, Rachel Perkey, Rivera Savas, Charles Whatley and Enchieh Yang; Senior Airman Peter Miner; Marine Sgt. Robert Stokes; Staff Sgts. Robert Carlton and Patrick Griffin; William Whitt.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems flight — Airman Timothy Emerson, Daniel Evans and Elvin Woodruff; Airmen Basic Derrick Dehart, Phillips Green, Nicholas Jones, Hien Le, Nicholas Liberty, Alex Matuszak, Richard Paskvan, Travis Porter, Kurt Schoeppler, Robert Schuster and Richard Wojnowski; Airmen 1st Class Cortney Dailey, Edwin Echevarria, Robert Fuller, Anthony Gerspacher, Alexander MacPhail and Brendan Rebeck; Airman 1st Class Scott Schneider, Jon Sewak and Bryant Strobel; Senior Airmen Jonathan Craig, James Guy, Nicholas Jones, Tapuilima Oliveros and Lateef Rasberry; Staff Sgts. Christopher Currin, William Fleming, David Maillet, Gary Miles, John Tharp, Matthew Todd and Kenneth Wermann; Tech Sgts. Kirsten Scott and Chad Watson; Master Sgts. James Atchison, Timothy Back, James McKinney, Edward Mastin Jr. and Tommy Sams; Senior Master Sgt. Phillip Moya; Chief Master Sgts. Saad AlDossari and Thomas Edmondson.

338th TRS

Airfield systems — Airmen 1st Class Matthew Kuhns and Adam Shaffer; Staff Sgt. Robert Murphy.

Ground radar — Airman Basic Curtis Burbank; Airmen Tyler Bagby, Robert Compton and Christopher Farrell; Airmen 1st Class Brian Adams, Keith Ammons, Samuel Devalal, Adam Gagnon, Jona Green, Christopher Halubka, Antonio Labella, Ryan McKee, Michael Taunton and Edward Willocks; Senior Airman Erik Borgeson; Staff Sgts. Gerald Barq and Eliud Martinez-Franco; Master Sgt. Audean Garcia-Lopez; Senior Master Sgt. Byong Park.

Ground radio — Airmen Basic Sean Carnahan, Anthony Delocco, Nicholas Dragoon, Jesus Enriquez, Michael Lowe, Tobbie Moorer and Christopher Totzke; Airman Matthew Thelen; Airmen 1st Class Jared Carter, Charrich Charlemange, Christopher Joren, James Kane, Richard Kemmy, Nicholas Olson, Wesley Sorrill, Aaron Stubalt, Martin Wagner, Joshua Watson and Hart Weber; Senior Airmen Daniel Boger, Ronald Forest, Jeremy Horton, Michael McKenna, Nicholas Neenan, Matthew Place and Adam Smith; Staff Sgts. Terrance Bias, Matthew Brazier, Christopher Farnsworth, Roger Gregory, Justin Oaks, Geraldo Ovalle and Jeremy Paumer and Jeremy Walker; Tech. Sgts. Robert Hoffman, Kevin Irvin, Jeremiah White and David Winston; Master Sgt. Michael Weaver.

Network infrastructure systems — Airmen Basic Matthew Brewer and Brock Padilla-Souza; Airmen David Jeong and Roston Meade; Airmen 1st Class Colin Fagan, Daniel Gaudette, Justin Glassman, Jamal Golden, Eric Hagarty, Joshua Haydon, Kyle Kirchem, Leon Korejwo, Ryan Leuenberger and Nathaniel McGill; Staff Sgt. Ryan Baker.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 09-6 — Aug. 10-Sept. 16.

Mathies NCO Academy

Class 09-6 — Aug. 3-Sept. 10.

Arts and crafts center

Tailgate flea markets — Saturdays. Set up at 8 a.m., sales are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tables \$15 on day of sale. Register by 4

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

Triangle Chapel.....11:15 a.m.

Jewish

For worship opportunities, call Master Sgt. Michael Raff, 377-5235 or 207-2196.

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.

p.m. Fridays and pay \$10 and get a parking space.

Summer arts youth camp — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$25 including all materials. Tuesday through July 23, woodworking; July 28-30, scrapbooking and card making.

Card making — 10:30 a.m. to noon today. \$7.

Pottery — 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday. \$40 including instruction and supplies. Call for time.

Beginning woodworking — 5-7 p.m. Wednesdays. \$25 including shop use and materials. This class will certify you to use the equipment in the future.

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.

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.

Auto hobby shop

For open shop use, call 377-3872.

Stalls and lifts — indoor and outdoor available.

Collection site — for privately owned vehicle oil, antifreeze, transmission and brake fluids; no tires or batteries.

Vehicle storage lot — call 377-3872.

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

Vehicle resale lot

One block west of Larcher Boulevard on Tingle Street, north of 81st Security Forces Squadron; register at multi-craft shop, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Registration, license and proof of insurance required. \$10 per month per stall for regular vehicles, \$20 per month for recreation vehicles and boats.

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.

Keesler Medical Center

Pediatric subspecialty clinic

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

Mental health clinic

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

Healthy thinking — 2 p.m. Tuesdays.

Stress management techniques — 10 a.m. Wednesdays.

Relaxation techniques — 9 a.m. Mondays.

To register, call 376-0385.

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McBride Library

Student research help — 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Basic information on Ebsco and Gale Group.

Research databases — comprehensive research capabilities. Many specialty areas. Orientations 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. To sign up, call 377-2181.

Playaway — first self-playing digital audio books now available. Audio content preloaded; select from large assortment of titles. Pop in a battery, plug in almost any type of headset and enjoy.

Overdrive audio online book program — individual or family accounts 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.

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.

Free wireless Internet — check at circulation desk.

Tours/orientations — call 377-2604.

Paperback book swap — swap one for one. Must be in good condition and of same genre.

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. Buffet specials 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; July 8, Italian; July 15, beef brisket, \$6.95, work Fridays catfish \$8.95.

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.

Margarita night — 5-8 p.m. July 31. Specialty margaritas \$5.25, chips and salsa, DJ Wayne and his karaoke machine.

Tuesday special — 5-7 p.m., tacos 2 for \$1 for members, \$1.50 each for no members.

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

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.

School-age and teen camps — through Aug. 7. Registrations continue until camps are full for each week.

School-age program — register now. School served are Jeff Davis and Beauvoir Elementary. Space limited.

Missoula children's theater camp — Rumpelstiltskin performance 5 p.m. Friday. For more information, call 377-4116.

Golf for kids — Tuesday through July 30, 8:30-9:30 a.m. ages 6-8; 9:30-11:30 a.m. ages 9-12. \$65 per session including equipment and T-shirt. Sign up at the youth center or Bay Breeze Golf Course. Space is limited.

Coming soon — archery, tennis, cheerleading, dance and Operation Night Hoops. For more information, call 377-4116.

Classes — gymnastics 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays; ages 3 and older. Guitar, ages 6 and older, by appointment only. Both classes are \$50 per month. To register, call 377-4116.

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.

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.

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 separating/retiring under special circumstances, call 376-8728 for appointment.

Transition assistance program — briefings are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 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 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 or visit Room 130, Sablich Center.

Employment opportunities

Equal Opportunity career field — is in need of the finest Air Force personnel. The career field, 3S1X1, offers positions at every installation and the ability to support overseas contingencies at many forward bases. The minimum qualifications are rank of staff sergeant or above, prior qualification in any Air Force Specialty Code at the 5-skill level or higher, ability to speak distinctly and communicate well with others, no record of disciplinary action or financial irresponsibility, outstanding appearance, high moral standards, exceptional military bearing and conduct. For more information, call Master Sgt. Michael Rieger, 377-2975.

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, call AFOSI Detachment 407, 377-3420.

Junior ROTC — immediate employment opportunities for retired or retiring Air Force officers and noncommissioned officers. Those who retired within the past 10 years or are six months from retirement may qualify to be an instructor. To apply or for more information, go to <http://www.afoats.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.

Career focus program for spouses — information on area employment opportunities, job Web sites, human resources contacts,

DINING HALL MENUS

Today

Lunch — baked chicken, pepper steak, pasta primavera, mashed potatoes, rice, gravy, mixed vegetables, fried okra, green beans, potato salad, fruit salad, cream of broccoli soup, cheeseburger soup, chicken chili, buffalo wings and roast beef subs.

Dinner — pork chops with mushroom gravy, braised liver with onions, fried fish, hush puppies, rissole potatoes, rice, gravy, broccoli, peas and carrots, corn, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken chili, cheeseburger soup, buffalo wings and roast beef subs.

Friday

Lunch — chili macaroni, barbecue chicken, fried catfish, potato wedges, Spanish rice, gravy, fried cabbage, carrots, broccoli, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chicken and wild rice soup, French onion soup, chili, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Dinner — shrimp scampi, beef stew, turkey, egg noodles, rice, gravy, corn on the cob, cauliflower, collard greens, three-bean salad, chicken and wild rice soup, French onion soup, chili, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Saturday

Lunch — baked fish, knockwurst, Chinese five-spice chicken, potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, stir-fry vegetables, baked beans, spinach, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, clam chowder, chili and chicken nuggets.

Dinner — baked chicken, Swedish meatballs, creole shrimp, mashed potatoes, rice, gravy, creamed corn, asparagus, steamed squash, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, clam chowder, chicken chili and chicken nuggets.

Sunday

Lunch — stir-fry beef with broccoli, turkey nuggets, pork chop suey, sauteed mushrooms and onions, baked potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, corn on the cob, green beans, German coleslaw, tomato salad, chicken tortilla soup, baked potato chowder, chili and cheese pizza.

Dinner — oven fried fish, spareribs, chicken breast parmesan, macaroni and cheese, O'Brien potatoes, gravy, peas, sweet potatoes, broccoli combo, German coleslaw, tomato salad, chicken tortilla soup, baked potato chowder, chili and cheese pizza.

Monday

Lunch — spaghetti with meat sauce, loin strip steak, turkey, baked potatoes, pea and pepper rice, gravy, squash, carrots, broccoli, sauteed mushrooms and onions, macaroni salad, cucumber/onion salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone, chili with beans, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

Dinner — beef pot roast, baked stuffed fish, roast pork loin, potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, succotash, green beans, cucumber/onion salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone, chili with beans, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

Tuesday

Dinner — teriyaki chicken, veal parmesan, baked fish, rice, parsley buttered potatoes, gravy, fried cabbage, succotash, steamed carrots, macaroni salad, cottage cheese salad, beef pot roast soup, vegetable soup, chicken chili, sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

Lunch — country captain chicken, meatloaf, turkey a la king, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, tempura vegetables, mustard greens, okra tomato gumbo, macaroni salad, cottage cheese salad, beef pot roast soup, vegetable soup, chicken chili, sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

Wednesday

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

Dinner — lemon-herb chicken, pork chalupe, jambalaya, scalloped potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, Mexican corn, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, chicken noodle soup, cream of potato soup, chili, cheese fishwich and pizza.

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The Airman's Creed



*I am an American Airman,
I am a warrior,
I have answered my nation's call.*

*I am an American Airman,
My mission is to fly, fight and win,
I am faithful to a proud heritage,
a tradition of honor,
and a legacy of valor.*

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

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

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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.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

Company grade officers council — meets first Wednesday of the month. For time and location, call 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 Sturdivant, 377-1813.

Keesler Amateur Radio Club — Net with news-line and echo-link is held Wednesdays on 146.79, minus offset, no PL tone. Monthly meeting is 7 p.m. second Monday of the Month at Locker House facility. Enter courtyard on left side of building as you face the front of it. Enter the door marked "T flight" and proceed straight ahead until you see a sign saying "K5TYP."

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 — 3:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month; location varies. For more information, call Master Sgt. Tammy McElroy, 376-3164.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Movies

Editor's note: Movies are shown at Welch Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 adults and \$1.50 children for regular features, and \$2.50 adults and \$1 children for matinees. For recording about current features, call 377-6627.

Friday — 6:30 p.m., Night at the Museum (PG, 105 minutes.)

Saturday — 2 p.m., Land of the Lost (PG-13, 102 minutes); 6:30 p.m., Hangover (R, 100 minutes.)

Sunday — 1 p.m., Imagine That (PG, 107 minutes.)