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## Lorenz on Leadership: Leaders come in all sizes

By Gen. Stephen Lorenz

Air Education and Training Command commander

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Earlier this year I wrote an article about our civilian force — the solid foundation on which our Air Force is so securely postured. Often, it is the continuity our civilian partners provide that so effectively enables our warfighters to project air, space and cyberspace power when called upon. Without a doubt, our civilian force has direct impact on the lives of our Total Force team every day.

A vital civilian component of the Air Force team is our world-class group of non-appropriated fund employees. NAF Services encompass most, if not all, of the morale and welfare functions at our bases. These services vary widely — from golf courses, auto skills centers and base gymnasiums to child development programs and libraries, just to name a few. Each of these programs is provided as a service to you and me, allowing us to relax during our off-duty time, care for our families and take care of our health and personal well being. They enable us to return to duty refreshed and focused on the mission.

They are, however, perishable entities. The unique and essential programs offered by NAF Services are funded by our interest and business. If we don't personally support them, we face the reality of losing them.

This brings me to a fundamental point regarding the critical importance of leadership in the ranks of our NAF partners. Leaders within NAF Services have been called to serve and support Air Force members and their families. I have witnessed this firsthand as a member of the community at Randolph.

Randolph is one of a few remaining installations that still operates separate enlisted and officers' clubs. The sole manager for both of those facilities is a NAF leader named Marilyn Gove. She is a tenacious leader and the fuel that energizes one of the Air Force's greatest base club systems.

What distinguishes Marilyn and makes her unparalleled in her career field — besides being 5 feet tall — are several characteristics I have personally observed in my tenure as the AETC commander. First and foremost is her vision. Marilyn began her current role as general manager about two years ago. However, she has served within the Randolph club system for over 14 years. Her club team is now ranked No. 2 on the Air Force consolidated clubs fiscal sales list of 2009. She is driven by the goals of excellence and top performance in her craft — and is fast approaching the No. 1 position. But her vision is not solely controlled by fiscal performance. Marilyn is motivated by a true concern for the people she professionally supports ... our Airmen. She passionately believes that what she does can, and will, have a profound effect on those around her.

Such drive is personally motivating and is certainly permeating the Randolph community.

Marilyn also demonstrates daily a genuine approach to servant leadership. It is not uncommon to see her fulfilling duties in a variety of positions within her own clubs. These include door greeter, server, cashier and hostess. Her energy is contagious! In fact, I often wonder how she seems to be everywhere all at once. She firmly believes that there is no job too small and certainly no job insignificant to accomplishing her mission. This alone is one of the most powerful tools any leader possesses ... leading by example. Marilyn regularly demonstrates to her staff and customers that she is fully committed to them, her clubs and the marvelous people with whom she works. This is evident in the exceptional staff and impeccable clubs they operate.

As military members, we receive world-class benefits we sometimes overlook. Throughout my years of service I have come to greatly appreciate the variety of low-cost services that focus solely on caring for our Airmen and easing the stresses placed on our families. I am deeply indebted to our non-appropriated fund civilian partners. They selflessly serve our military families so that we may continue serving our nation. And within the ranks of NAF employees are valiant servant leaders like Marilyn Gove, those who believe passionately in their purpose and mission and have a direct impact on our Air Force mission.

## Fine-tune customs, courtesies, dress and appearance

UCI preparation team

Football season and major league baseball playoffs are in the air, but Team Keesler is gearing up for a different kind of game — the Air Education and Training Compliance Inspection. To be ready for our big game that starts Oct. 24 and ends on Nov. 2, it's important to remember customs, courtesies, dress and appearance.

Customs and courtesies are acts of respect and courteous behavior. More importantly, they are indicators of self-discipline and pride. The military is a unique organization with a long history of traditions that have become our present day customs and courtesies. Adherence to these basic acts shows others we are professionals, dedicated to the service of our country.

First impressions are always important, and never more so than during an inspection. During the UCI, inspectors will be on the lookout for appropriate customs, courtesies, dress and appearance. We need to concentrate on making a good first impression for our visi-



### 10 days until Unit Compliance Inspection

tors by adhering to proper customs and courtesies (Air Force Manual 36-2203, Drill and Ceremonies), and dress and appearance (Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel).

Let's make sure we are not making the same mistakes in customs, courtesies, dress and appearance other AETC bases made during their inspections. These are the most common infractions inspectors saw:

- Two Airmen wore the airman battle uniform cap with "ranger roll."
- Two Airmen weren't wearing a cover while outdoors.

- An Airman carried an unauthorized backpack.
- Two Airmen carried their backpacks over right shoulder only.
- Eight Airmen had their hands in their pockets.
- An Airman had a hat hanging from the cargo pocket of his ABU.
- An Airman had sunglasses hanging from his ABU pocket.
- A female Airman's hair covered one eye.
- Two Airmen failed to salute an officer.
- An Airman wore the flight jacket unzipped.

- A female Airman wore an unauthorized hair accessory.
- Two Airmen wore unauthorized "U.S." insignia on service coats.
- Two Airmen wore incorrect skill level badges.
- Three Airmen wore sunglasses on top of their heads.
- An Airman had unauthorized ornamentation on her handbag.
- An Airman wore his hat indoors.
- An Airman wore an unauthorized organizational T-shirt with ABUs.

If you notice any Airmen improperly displaying customs and courtesies or dress and appearance, don't hesitate to use the wingman concept and watch out for your fellow Airmen. Have the backbone to let your fellow Airmen know when they need to make an on-the-spot correction. Be proud: we have nothing to hide. Presentation is everything — be excited about what you do, and show a sense of urgency during the compliance inspection. Let's show AETC's Inspector General team that Keesler is Outstanding!

## ON THE COVER

From left, Keesler firefighter Daniel Fish and Sparky the Fire Dog look on as 1-year-old Shaelyn Moore casts a wary glance at Smokey the Bear during the fire department's visit to the child development center Oct. 5. Shaelyn's parents are Senior Airman Dimaris Moore, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Jason Moore, 81st Security Forces Squadron. For more photos of Keesler's Fire Prevention Week activities, see Page 14.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



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# Breast Cancer Awareness Month hits home

By Airman 1st Class Alexandria Mosness

26th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

SHAW Air Force Base, S.C. — Do you remember the time you realized your parents weren't invincible? Can you recall how you felt?

Dread, fear and shock are a few things I remember as I stared at my mother sobbing after her double mastectomy surgery, the removal of both breasts and tissue.

My feet were frozen to the ground. I looked upon my mother, the strong woman who would never be defeated, as she cried in my father's arm about losing a piece of herself that cancer had taken away.

My hero was first diagnosed with breast cancer at age 28 — as a young woman raising me and my two siblings. She was a dedicated Airman and was fighting for her life before she was 30 years old.

Cancer is not something you expect or plan for in life, and it does not discriminate. It knows no race, age or gender boundaries.

According to breastcancer.org, all women are at risk for breast cancer and even a small population of men, about 1,900, will be diagnosed. The risk increases with age and about one out of every seven women will get breast cancer over a 90-year life span.

As stifling as these realities can seem, there are also many myths that people need to understand. Breast cancer does not just affect older women. In fact, breast cancer can occur at any age. You can get breast cancer even if it does not run in your family. About 80 percent of women who get breast cancer have no known family history of the disease.

Being young, I was not quite aware of what my mother was going through. I thought the head scarves she was wearing were a new fashion choice, and I was happy. As a 5-year-old, not much else matters. Looking back, I can only imagine the fear and uncertainty she went through every day, but she managed to put on a strong front for her family.

The Air Force paid for her chemother-

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## Cancer does not discriminate. It knows no race, age or gender boundaries.

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apy treatment at Keesler. I thought of it as a fun adventure my mom and I were taking together. I didn't know she was battling for her life. My mother ended up getting a lumpectomy, the surgical removal of a breast cyst or tumor, chemotherapy and radiation.

Although it was a tough journey and she beat the cancer, it took its toll. She ended up getting out of Air Force, going to nursing school and having another child. She was on track with life when cancer came tumbling back. At age 41, she was diagnosed with breast cancer for a second time.

I was a sophomore in high school when she was diagnosed again. More aware than I was before, I was scared for my mother's life. I presented a strong front to everyone, but inside the question always came up, "What if?"

I could not imagine life without the woman I admired so much. I put away those feelings, and I went on to battle this disease with her. From feeling tired from hours of chemotherapy, to making her dinner in bed, even when the chemo had burnt off her taste buds to where she could not taste anything, I was there day and night for her.

While the first time I didn't know what the head scarves were for, this time I was vividly aware. One afternoon when she was so tired of the patches in her hair, she told my Dad to just shave the rest off. I stood there helpless as my Dad shaved her head, and Mom tried to make jokes to be strong for us, but I know she must have been devastated.

For the second time, my hero fought for her life. I remember my father and mother gathering my siblings and myself in the living room for "the talk." She said, "Do not worry. I'm a fight-

er. I'm not going anywhere."

I remember trying to hold back the tears, and the silence among my family was unbearable. But I believed what she said, and knew I would have to be strong for her.

My mother is a fighter, and while breast cancer is a scary disease, it is not a death sentence. So, a long battle ensued with a double mastectomy, ovary removal, reconstruction surgery, along with many problems that ensued from the reconstruction surgeries. The process took about four years from start to finish.

Every day, I continue to look at this woman who stands in front of me in awe, as I do with anyone who has survived this awful disease.

Today, my mother is a big advocate for breast cancer awareness. From participating in events aimed at supporting cancer research, to sponsoring those going through the horrible cancer experience, she does it all, just so everyone can raise awareness.

And now, I stand in full circle of my mother, as an adult woman in the Air Force. But this time I have an advantage, because I know the odds against me.

For those worried about this or any cancer, early detection is the key to prevention.

Women must remember to do monthly self breast exams. For women 40 and over, schedule your annual mammograms, or if you have a history of breast cancer, make sure to talk with your doctor.

Each year, more than 200,000 women are diagnosed and more than 40,000 will succumb to their battle with breast cancer.

As we celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month and help to raise awareness about this disease, we celebrate the millions of survivors who defeated it and honor those who lost their lives to the battle.

I understand my risks for getting breast cancer, and although it scares me a little, I continue to live my life to the fullest. I will not let the fear of cancer cripple me.

Like my mother, I will continue to bring awareness, and if I am diagnosed, I will be a fighter just like her — my hero.

## Officials implement new vision for modeling and simulation

By Master Sgt.  
Angelica Colón-Francia

Secretary of the Air Force  
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Given the complexities of today's combat missions and the inherent life-threatening dangers faced by Airmen today, it's critical that Airmen receive effective training before engaging in battle. To provide Airmen with the most realistic training environment away from the battle space, Air Force leaders have implemented a new vision and governance structure for Modeling and Simulation.

M&S is one of the ways leaders are enabled to organize, train, educate, equip and employ current and future air, space and cyberspace forces for a full range of operations.

"The new M&S governance structure is intended to enhance the framework in which M&S communities — acquisition, analysis, planning, testing, experimentation, training, and education and formal training — work together, share information and create credible and reusable live and virtual representations of the battle space to meet Defense Department objectives," said Brig. Gen. William Bender, director of Warfighter Systems Integration, Office of Information Dominance, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force.

A key objective of the new M&S structure is to foster improved cross-communication between M&S users.

"It is important that we look for cross-cutting opportunities to share information," said Maj. David Johnson, Air Force M&S policy division. "The new vision and governance structure will help (identify) capability gaps as

well as opportunities to leverage synergies."

M&S is an enabler that can give decision-makers the capability to create a virtual joint battle space to train Airmen, test asset operability and make informed decisions about what equipment to buy.

"M&S helps leaders work on tactics, techniques and procedures," General Bender said. "We can model a campaign for 180 days of combat involving Airmen and (computer-generated) entities to give us a sense of 'what if.' What if we had more F-15s or F-16s? What effect would that

have in a major conflict? We can also look at force structure. How many squadrons do we need? How many and what kind of aircraft? What are the capabilities of those assets? What logistical support will we need? The use of M&S is broad."

A revision of Air Force Policy Directive 16-10 is in progress. The vision together with the updated AFPD and subordinate Air Force instructions will enhance the Air Force's ability to meet new challenges and assess complexities of a changing battle space.

## 5 state teams sign up for cyber contest

Air Force Association

ARLINGTON, Va. — Five five-member teams from Mississippi are competing online for a chance to win college scholarship money and a free trip to Washington, D.C.

Keesler's Civil Air Patrol Col. Bertha A. Edge Composite Squadron joins teams from Picayune High School, Horn Lake High School's Marine Corps ROTC and Air Force Junior ROTC teams from Ridgeland High School, New Albany High School and Bay High School in the competition with more than 500 teams registered this year

CyberPatriot is a unique national cyber security competition produced by the Air Force Association and presented by Northrop Grumman. This competition helps students learn firsthand about the cyber security field and introduces them to the idea of cyber security as a profession.

Teams with an approved coach, usually a teacher, learn to defend a computer network from real-life computer threat scenarios. They'll square off online using special software and programs provided by CyberPatriot to competitively solve vulnerabilities in their network. The top teams compete again in a series of online rounds to determine finalists for an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. for the championship round in April 2011.

# 'Drop Night' sets path to future for cyber officers

By Capt. David Trollman

## 333rd Training Squadron

Fifteen officers in the first undergraduate cyber training course in the 333rd Training Squadron received their assignments Friday during "Drop Night" at the Bay Breeze Event Center.

This is the Air Force's first UCT class. The course was launched June 22 to bolster the demands of a network-centric Air Force operating in an ever-increasing cyberspace domain.

In other officer career fields, drop night is a formal, and usually raucous, event held with many friends and family in attendance.

The first UCT drop night used a setup similar to an NFL or NBA draft. Units "draft" the students just like NBA or

NFL teams draft their players. Of course, this "draft" is actually an assignment match by the Air Force Personnel Center in coordination with the UCT cadre.

Undergraduate cyber training, like other long-term officer training programs such as specialized undergraduate pilot training, specialized undergraduate navigator training and intelligence officer training, is a first-assignment permanent change of station for students. The students and their families make a PCS to Keesler to attend the 23-week UCT course.

As a result of this PCS for training, students usually don't know about their next assignment. UCT uses a competitive selection process for assignments that's based on how the student performs dur-

ing the course. The competitive process ensures that students are matched to assignments where they will most likely succeed and excel at their first assignment following graduation from the course.

In flying communities, the assignment of a weapon system, such as the F-16, A-10, C-17 or B-52, determines the officer's career and assignment path for next five to seven years.

With the transition of the communications and information career field to cyber operations, the first post-UCT assignment of a 17D Cyber officer determines the officer's career and assignment path for the next three to seven years, depending on the officer's assignment.

The class graduates Dec. 7.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

**Second Lt. Carlos Rodriguez reacts with his wife Marife, left, and son Josiah, 2, after learning his assignment during 'Drop Night' Oct. 8. He'll join the 56th Air Communications Squadron, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.**

# 2 advanced cyberspace courses begin

## Air Force News Service

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Cyber 200 and 300 courses started Tuesday at the Air Force Cyberspace Technical Center of Excellence at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Oct. 28, more than 100 students will graduate from the Air Force Institute of Technology's newest educational courses designed to develop the Air Force's cyber workforce.

Cyber 200 and 300 are professional development courses for cyberspace professionals as they transition to intermediate and higher-level responsibilities.

Specialists from the AFIT Center for Cyberspace Research conducted beta test classes of Cyber 200 and 300 courses in June and July. Thirty-nine students from various organizations including the U.S. Strategic Command, Air Force Space Command, 7th Intelligence Squadron, 23rd Information Operations Squadron, 57th Information Aggressor Squadron and the 315 Network Warfare Squadron provided feedback on these courses.

"The Air Force Cyberspace Technical Center of Excellence has done a tremendous job of putting these courses together," said Lt. Col. Timothy Franz, a Cyber 300 student and the 57th Information Aggressor Squadron commander. "It was refreshing to discuss topics (including) doctrine, current ops, present

threats, legal challenges, acquisitions and even current research and development and academic efforts."

Cyber 200 and 300 courses are designed for all cyberspace professionals including the entire 17D or Cyberspace Warfare Operator career field. The courses provide an understanding of the design, development and acquisition of cyberspace systems. They also explore cyber asset capabilities, limitations, vulnerabilities and employment in joint military operations. The courses aim to keep cyberspace professionals current and at the cutting-edge, keeping pace with the quickly changing technologies of the cyber domain.

"Hands down this is the best Air Force course I've taken in my career," said Capt. David Gordon, a Cyber 200 student from USSTRATCOM. "It has sharpened my knowledge to see the 'big picture.'" I now understand the technical part and can explain the 'so what' to any senior leader.

"My knowledge has been enhanced and eyes opened," he said. "I can apply cyber to base operations; battlefield networks: ground, air, land, and maritime; homeland defense; and theater operations. Cyber begins where other domains end to achieve kinetic and non-kinetic affects. We have now moved in a new paradigm where cyber is the new spear."

More information can be found on the AFIT Center for Cyberspace Research website.

## TRAINING, EDUCATION NOTES

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### Commander's call

The 81st Training Group commander's call is 3:15 p.m. today at the Bay Breeze Event Center.

For more information, call Staff Sgts. Bryan Walsh or Albrecco Jackson, 377-1154.

### Academy Day at USM

The 2010 4th Congressional District Academy Day is 8 a.m. to noon Saturday in the student union at the University of Southern Mississippi's Hattiesburg campus.

Congressman Gene Taylor is hosting the event.

Representatives from all five service academies will attend to provide information and answer questions. Army, Air Force, and Navy ROTC representatives will also make a presentation, and cadets attending the academies will be on hand.

### Drill down, parade

The 81st Training Wing's final drill down of the year is 8 a.m. Oct. 29.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Julie Hammond, 377-2103.

### Commissioning briefings

Commissioning briefings are 10 a.m. second Tuesday of the month in Room 224, Sablich Center.

### GI Bill benefits

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

For more information, call 376-8708.

### OTS boards

The Officer Training School recruiting services board schedule is:

**11OT01** — rated board; application cutoff Dec. 2; board date Jan. 24-28, estimated release date Feb. 25.

**11OT02** — nonrated board; application cutoff Feb. 24; board date April 11-15; estimated release date June 2.

**11OT03** — rated as needed; application cutoff June 23, board date Aug. 8-12; estimated

The in-place patient decontamination team cleans an accident victim before he can be seen by medical providers outside the hospital's emergency department.

Photos by Steve Pivnick



# Exercise sharpens medical response to major accident

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

The 81st Medical Group conducted a major accident response exercise Oct. 7 to prepare for the upcoming Air Education and Training Command Unit Compliance Inspection that begins Oct. 24.

The exercise scenario involved a fuel truck carry-

ing JP-8 fuel "T-boning" a bus with 18 passengers. The accident "victims," students from the 332nd and 338th Training Squadrons, sustained burns and other serious injuries. Medics evaluated and provided immediate care for the injured near the accident scene. The accident victims were then transported to the 81st MDG Hospital by ambulances and Ambus.

They were removed from the emergency vehicles

outside the emergency department and, since the accident involved fuel, were cared for by the hospital's in-place patient decontamination team. Following decontamination, the patients were further evaluated and, based on the severity of their injuries, taken inside the emergency department for treatment and later moved to simulated in-patient units for care.



Master Sgt. Clint Moore, left, and Lt. Col. (Dr.) Joseph Pocreva, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, examine a injured patient in the emergency department to ensure he has no additional wounds.

Left, Senior Airman Kendra Henderson, 81st MDOS, assists Capt. (Dr.) Robert Henley, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, as he evaluates accident victim Airman Basic Justin Brueckner, 332nd TRS.

## New Air Force motto selected

Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON — Incorporating extensive inputs from all ranks and career fields in the development effort, Airmen have selected “Aim High ... Fly-Fight-Win” as the service’s motto.

An enduring statement of Airmen’s pride in their service, the motto is a two-part expression — a call to action, with a response of commitment.

“The call and the response are two sides of the same coin,” said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz. “Airmen indicated ‘Aim High’ and the response ‘Fly-Fight-Win’ as indicative of their enduring commitment to do just that in defense of our nation.”

When the Air Force motto team embarked on the project, they committed to Airmen buy-in in an inclusive, well-researched effort, rooted in Air Force culture and identity.

“Airmen recognize a motto should represent something enduring,” General Schwartz said. “It must be bigger than any single person, something that gives voice to the pride of service of all who’ve worn this nation’s Air Force uniform — past, present and future.”

“We took the time to try to get this right,” General Schwartz said. “A service motto belongs to those who serve, and we’ve done our best to give voice to how Airmen feel about serving this nation.”

The chief master sergeant of the Air Force, the director of Air Force Public Affairs, the Air Force director of force management policy, and the commander of Air Force Recruiting Service provided the leadership oversight for the motto team research experts.

In early 2010, the motto team engaged in almost nine months of hands-on research that began with extensive face-to-face meetings with nearly



300 total force Airmen from all job specialties and in every major command. Airmen described to the team what they thought it means to be an Airman, to serve and what is unique about the Air Force.

“The exhaustive research process showed that Airmen share a core set of identity concepts that serve as a basis for an Air Force motto,” said Gen. Stephen Lorenz, Air Education and Training Command commander.

“No matter what career field they serve in, Airmen consistently told us they see themselves, and they see the heritage of the Air Force, as those entrusted by the nation to defend the modern, complex security domains — first air, then space and now cyberspace,” General Lorenz added. “Airmen take this sense of mission very seriously.”

An Air Force-wide survey to validate and quantify input from discussions indicated Airmen have a shared pride in their abilities to adapt to meet any threat, and they feel empowered to bring innovation and excellence to the mission of national defense.

After understanding the shared identity, the motto team began transforming words and concepts into a unifying, enduring and credible motto, said Lt. Col. Clark Groves, Ph.D., the lead scientist for the project.

“The research team held more meetings with nearly 250 Airmen on bases in each major command, discussing scores of identifying words and concepts tied to the core

Airman identity,” he added.

“These discussions, information from Air Force historical archives, and input from total force Airmen, Air Force civilians, retired Airmen, and the public provided the basis for identifying the ideal motto candidates,” the colonel said.

That led to an Air Force-wide survey.

Five potential mottos emerged and were presented at CORONA for final consideration.

“This really was a process grounded in inputs from Airmen,” Colonel Groves said. “We went Air Force wide four times, including face-to-face discussions at bases in every major command twice, and in two Air Force-wide surveys.”

“The data provided quality information on everything from accessions and retention, to diversity and broader Air Force cultural initiatives,” said Gen Lorenz.

Airmen can expect to gradually hear and see more of the motto as it is included in Air Force presentations, correspondence and products. It will also be introduced in the coming year into basic training, professional military education, Reserve Officer Training Corps and U.S. Air Force Academy courses.

“This motto encompasses what Airmen say about what it means to serve in this great Air Force,” said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy. “‘Aim High ... Fly-Fight-Win’ gives our service a new and lasting tradition for voicing our pride.”

The chief noted an important distinction between slogans and mottos.

“Slogans and ad phrases come and go, but a motto is meant to be passed from one generation of Airmen to another,” Chief Roy said. “This is for the hundreds of thousands of Airmen who now serve, who have served and who will serve in the future.”

## IN THE NEWS

### Gas line repair closes Ploesti Drive

Ploesti Drive on the south side of the Triangle adjacent to the railroad tracks is closed until at least Tuesday to repair a natural gas line from Hercules Street to Z Street.

To detour, go north on Z Street to Hangar Road to Phantom Street to Hercules Street back to Ploesti Drive.

### Citizenship assistance

From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. today, a representative of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services is in the legal office to meet with military members, their families, retirees and dependents to answer questions about becoming a citizen, legal permanent residency and the naturalization process.

### Combined Federal Campaign

As of Tuesday, \$15,259 has been collected for this year’s Combined Federal Campaign, 11.26 percent of this year’s goal of \$135,542. The campaign runs through Nov. 3.

### Salute to the Military is Oct. 26

The 32nd annual Salute to the Military is 6 p.m. Oct. 26 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum Convention Center in Biloxi.

The guest speaker is Marine Corps Gen. James Cartwright, vice chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Free tickets are available for E-6s and below and their spouses or dates through group superintendents. Ticket recipients must attend the entire event. Other tickets are \$40 for military and spouses or dates and \$50 for civilians. Attire is mess dress for military and formal wear for civilians.

For tickets, call YoLanda Wallace, Keesler Public Affairs, 377-1179, or Laura Wilson, Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce, 604-0014

### Airman killed in Afghanistan

Air Force News Service

Senior Airman Daniel Johnson from the 30th Civil Engineer Squadron at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., was killed in action Oct. 5 in Afghanistan.

Tech. Sgt. Robert Butler was injured.

Airman Johnson and Sergeant Butler were conducting EOD operations in an area west of Kandahar when an improvised explosive device detonated.

### Fitness assessment cell time change

Because of cooler temperatures, the fitness assessment cell reverts to original testing times starting Monday:

Group A is 6:45 a.m. showtime and 7 a.m. start time until 9 a.m., and Group B is 9:45 a.m. showtime and 10 a.m. start time until noon.

### Trick-or-treat in base housing

Trick-or-treat hours in base housing are 6-9 p.m. Oct. 31.

### Tops in Blue coming to Biloxi

Tops in Blue performs a free show at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum Nov. 4.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7.

### Dragons deployed — 253

# Base rolls out red carpet for retirees



Top, Airman 1st Class Brandon Schleichert, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, gives a flu shot to retired chief Charlie Carrigan of Gulfport at Retiree Appreciation Day, Friday.

Right, Staff Sgt. Kyle Grantham, Master Sgt. Darlene Santana, Airman 1st Class Kris Holt and Tech. Sgt. Tammy Pfeifer, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron, prepare fish to be fried.



At left, Air Force retirees Martin Wuollet of Hattiesburg and Don Richardson and Dave Butler of Ocean Springs discuss benefits of membership in The Retired Enlisted Association.



Photos by Kemberly Groue  
Anita McAllister, left, and Lula Barberee of Ocean Springs join in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. McAllister is married to retired Senior Master Sgt. Ivan McAllister. Mrs. Barberee's late husband, Austin, was a retired master sergeant.

## Change in law could increase paycheck for spouses

By April Rowden

### Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Military spouses in states that collect state income taxes should be able to pocket a little more of their paycheck under an amendment that allows spouses to retain their legal residency in their home state.

A November 2009 amendment to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act included a provision that exempts military spouses who are living with their active-duty sponsor under official military orders from paying state income taxes on wages earned in that state, as long as that state is not the spouse's legal residence.

The requirements for legal residency are determined by each state. Spouses are encouraged to contact the nearest military legal office for more details and how to re-claim home state residency.

Spouses that qualify for the tax exempt status and have already filed their taxes may be eligible to file an amended state tax return for the refund. Taxpayers should speak with a tax professional to determine the requirements of the state in which they are currently living and working.

For more information, read visit AFPC's personnel services website. Airmen may also call the 24-hour Total Force Service Center 1-800-525-0102 or DSN 665-5000.

**Base construction sites are off-limits without authorization.**

## PERSONNEL NOTES

### Classes for job hunters

Job hunters can improve their chances for success with several upcoming classes at the airman and family readiness center.

Classes are held in the center's conference room in Sablich Center. There's a limit of 10 people per class.

After attending a class, call 376-8728 to have your resume reviewed.

**Career skills assessment** — noon to 2:30 p.m. Oct. 28.

**Interview skills and salary negotiation** — 11 a.m. Oct. 26, Nov. 23 and Dec. 28.

**Federal format resume writing** — 9 a.m. Nov. 4; 2 p.m. today, Nov. 18 and Dec. 8; and 3 p.m. Oct. 28. Registration is required.

**Civilian format resume writing** — 2 p.m. Oct. 21, Nov. 4 and Dec. 2 or 15.

For more information, call 376-8728 or e-mail [lana.smith.1@us.af.mil](mailto: lana.smith.1@us.af.mil).

### Moving in October?

#### 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron

The Joint Personal Property Office in San Antonio relocates to Port San Antonio today and is minimally manned this month.

Those relocating in October should visit the personal property processing office, Room 114, Sablich Center, no later than 30 days prior to their desired pickup date.

Technical training students in the Triangle area must contact the traffic management office, Room 211, Levitow Training Support Facility.

### First sergeant symposium

Registration is under way for the Air Education and Training Command Additional Duty First Sergeant Symposium, Nov. 15-19 at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas at the Inter-American Air Forces Academy Training Center, Building 7356.

The symposium provides tools to prospective and current additional duty first sergeants. The event is unit-funded for members traveling to Lackland, and those attending must coordinate with their first sergeant or command chief prior to registration.

To register, visit <https://www.my.af.mil/afknprod/community/views/home.aspx?Filter=OO-DP-AE-54>.

For more information, call 210-671-3897 or DSN 554-2641.

### Leave accumulation extended

#### 81st Comptroller Squadron

Members unable to use leave due to military necessity may accumulate a maximum of 75 days by the end of a fiscal year until Sept. 30, 2013. After this date, the limit returns to the previous 60-day limit of accrued leave.

If service members are unable to use their excess accrued leave prior to that date due to mission requirements, approval may be requested to carryover the excess leave days.

For more information, call the military personnel section, 376-8738, or the Total Force Service Center, 1-800-525-0102.

### Paralegal opportunities

The Air Force paralegal career field (AFSC 5J0X1) offers many career opportunities.

Qualifications include rank of at least senior airman with a minimum 5-skill level in any Air Force specialty code, minimum general Armed Forces Qualification Exam score of 51, ability to type at least 25 words per minute and no convictions by court-martial, punishment under Article 15, or conviction by civilian court (excluding minor traffic violations).

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Daniel O'Hara, 376-8145.

# Team Keesler has 21 picked for promotion

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Twenty-one Team Keesler members have been selected for promotion.

## To staff sergeant

**81st Inpatient Operations Squadron** — Johann Bermudez-Cadena and Jason Syverson.

**81st Medical Operations Squadron** — Tina Anderson and Mark Butanis.

**81st Medical Support Squadron** — Danny Papegeorgiou.

**81st Security Forces Squadron** — George Clark Jr.

**85th Engineering Installation Squadron** — Matthew Proctor.

**332nd Training Squadron** — Gregory Kelly-Skelton.

## To master sergeant

**85th EIS** — Michael English and Gregory Wilson.

**345th Airlift Squadron** — Ricky Jackson.

## To captain

**81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron** — Kristy Rakes.

**81st Contracting Squadron** — Onyenma (Dan) Nwaelele.

**81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron** — Justin Hyde and Linda Novak.

**81st Logistics Readiness Squadron** — Aileen Koukal.

**81st MDOS** — Angela McElroy and Jaime Reed.

**81st Surgical Operations Squadron** — Valeria Gadson.

**81st Training Wing** — Joost Verduyn.

**333rd TRS** — Christian Laford.



## DRAGON ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

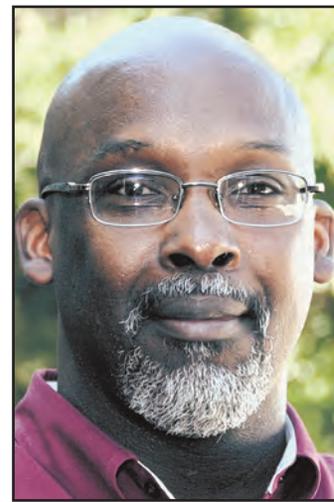
Keesler News photojournalist

How do you stay  
young at heart?



"Playing sports."

**Tech. Sgt. Chad Robbins,**  
**81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron**



"Spending time with my grandson and at the gym."

**Raymond Alexander,**  
**airman and family readiness center**



"My sports, kids and grandbaby."

**Penny Hodgson,** Bay  
**Breeze snack bar**

**Volunteer —  
get connected.**

# VA officials extend coverage for ailing Gulf War veterans

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Veterans of the Gulf War as well as current operations in Iraq and Afghanistan now have a smoother path toward receiving health care benefits and disability compensation for nine diseases associated with their military service, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki announced Sept. 29.

A final regulation published in the Federal Register relieves veterans of the burden of proving these diseases are service-related: brucellosis, campylobacter jejuni, coxiella burnetii (Q fever), malaria, mycobacterium tuberculosis, nontyphoid salmonella, shigella, visceral leishmaniasis and West Nile virus.

Secretary Shinseki added the new presumptions after reviewing a 2006 National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine report on the long-term health effects of certain diseases suffered among Gulf War veterans.

He also extended the presumptions to veterans of Afghanistan, based on NAS findings that the nine diseases are prevalent there as well.

The new presumptions

apply to veterans who served in Southwest Asia beginning on or after the start of Operation Desert Shield Aug. 2, 1990, through Operation Desert Storm to the present, including the current conflict in Iraq. Veterans who served in Afghanistan on or after Sept. 19, 2001, also qualify.

For Secretary Shinseki, who pledged to honor the 20th anniversary of the Gulf War by improving health care access and benefits for its 697,000 veterans, the new presumptions represent a long-overdue step in addressing the medical challenges many face.

“This is part of historic changes in how VA considers Gulf War veterans’ illnesses,” he said. “By setting up scientifically based presumptions of service connection, we give these deserving veterans a simple way to obtain the benefits they earned in service to our country.”

The new presumptions initially are expected to affect just under 2,000 veterans who have been diagnosed with the nine specified diseases, said John Gingrich, VA chief of staff. Numbers are likely to climb as more cases are identified.

With the final rule, a veteran needs only to show serv-

ice in Southwest Asia or Afghanistan during the specified time periods to receive disability compensation, subject to certain time limits based on incubation periods for seven of the diseases.

“It gives them easier access to quality health care and compensation benefits,” Mr. Gingrich said. “The message behind that is that the VA is striving to make access to health care easier for our veterans who have served in our combat zones.

“When we find these presumptions and we reach out and get the veterans into our system, we can help them and give them the proper medical care they need, and maybe keep their disease from getting worse or getting it to go away altogether,” he added.

It also will help eliminate the piles of paperwork and long claims adjudication process veterans had to go through to prove their cases to receive care and benefits.

VA provides compensation and pension benefits to more than 3.8 million veterans and beneficiaries, and received more than 1 million claims last year alone. Veterans without dependents receive a basic monthly compensation ranging from \$123 to \$2,673.

## Air Force offers cross commissioning options

By Tech. Sgt. Amaani Lyle

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — To obtain the right balance of skills across the total force, alternative commissioning options are being offered for specified career fields.

Bill Booth, deputy assistant secretary for force management integration, said Oct. 7 that ROTC cadets slated to commission in fiscal 2011 may volunteer and compete for positions in the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard.

“Cross commissioning is a force management tool which will allow us to right size active component accessions and balance officer accession needs across the total force, Mr. Booth said. “It offers the opportunity for some newly commissioned officers to pursue careers in the Reserve or Guard components.”

Most AFROTC cadets programmed to be commissioned in fiscal year 2011 will be eligible and may begin applying immediately.

Applicants should note the program’s restricted career fields, Mr. Booth said. Cadets majoring in computer engineering, electrical engineering and meteorology, cadets in the education delay program, graduate law program, or one-year college program of the judge advocate general corps and cadets in health professions and those with pre-health designations are ineligible at this time, he added.

Restricted career fields may change for 2012, Mr. Booth said. Air Force officials will determine the needs at that time. Those cadets may start applying in June 2011.

For more information, call 1-800-257-1212 or log on to [www.afreserve.com](http://www.afreserve.com) or [www.goang.com](http://www.goang.com).

# Fire Prevention Week is family affair at Keesler



Photo by Kemberly Groue  
 Top, Senior Airman Roberto Rivera, a Keesler firefighter, shows 2-year-olds Gavin Butler and Angel Lujano the controls on the side of a fire truck during a visit to the child development center Oct. 5. Gavin's parents are Amber Butler, 81st Force Support Squadron, and Senior Airman Thomas Butler, 81st Comptroller Squadron. Angel's parents are Senior Airman Mirna and Angel Lujano, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Right, Sarah McCraine participates in a stove fire demonstration Oct. 4 in front of the exchange. Her husband is Maj. Rodney McCraine, 403rd LRS.

Photo by Adam Bond



Photo by Lt. Col. Jonathan Wright  
 Sawyer Stone, left, and A.J. Wright enjoy the fire truck ride during the fire department's open house Saturday. Sawyer, 8, is the son of Col. Lynn Connett, 81st Training Group, and Col. Jay Stone, Air Force Medical Support Agency, Washington. Eight-year-old A.J. is the son of Lt. Col. Jonathan and Lisa Wright, 81st Contracting Squadron.



Photo by Kemberly Groue  
 Tech. Sgts. Stephen Dereis and Caroline Bunce from the 81st Dental Squadron Flossinators, kiss the team's first-place trophy at Friday's fire muster.



Photo by Kemberly Groue  
 Staff Sgts. Johnny Blakely, left, and Jose Ramos from the 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron's Bad Mother Truckers, aim at targets during the hot shots competition. Their team came in third place, just behind the chapel's Holy Fire Squad.

## Firefighters test response skills at theater



Photo by Kemberly Groue  
Staff Sgt. Donald Walker, left, and Airman 1st Class Jeffrey Spivey connect hoses before entering Welch Auditorium.

Donovan Oosterhuis, left, and Guy Chadwick secure straps around a "victim" to carry him to safety during an Oct. 6 fire exercise at Welch Auditorium. In the scenario, workers cleaning the building noticed heavy smoke and evacuated, but this one worker was missing.

## Energy as operations enabler

# Air Force launches Energy Awareness Month

By 2nd Lt. Meredith Kirchoff

Air Force Academy Public Affairs

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — The undersecretary of the Air Force helped launch the federal government's energy awareness month at the Air Force Academy Oct. 1.

Erin Conaton, accompanied by Terry Yonkers, assistant secretary of the Air Force for installations, environment and logistics, chose the Academy as the location to highlight the Air Force's energy efforts because of its selection as the service's net-zero installation. Each of the services designated an installation which will study and implement initiatives to achieve a net zero energy status through its use of renewable energy sources and energy reduction efforts.

Col. Rick LoCastro, 10th Air Base Wing commander, welcomed Ms. Conaton and Mr. Yonkers and explained that the Academy is uniquely equipped to take on the task of being the Air Force's first net zero installation.

"We have untapped potential here," he said, referring to the Academy's energy triad, which consists of the professors, cadets and engineers of the 10th ABW. Through the triad, the Academy is able to incorporate research and findings into cadet learning and capitalize on the inventive ideas cadets can bring to the program.

"The partnership you have here among these three entities is truly something I've never seen before," said Ms. Conaton, who discussed energy initiatives with about 30 professors, cadets and engineers from the 10th ABW and also had an opportunity to engage with cadets and faculty regarding the numerous ongoing research initiatives in the chemistry, life sciences, electrical and computer engineering, and civil and environmental engineering research centers.

Russ Hume, the Academy's energy program manager, out-

lined where the academy is with electric, natural gas and water consumption and the projects already underway, such as solar array and photovoltaic roofing on Vandenberg Hall dormitory, to help reach goal levels in each area.

The Air Force's theme for this year's federal government's Energy Awareness Month is "A New Culture: Energy as an Operations Enabler."

"Seeing what you all have been able to accomplish on this scale inspires the actions we can take as an Air Force to reduce energy demand, increase supply and change our culture," Ms. Conaton said.

One initiative that caught the attention of the undersecretary was energy foundations for buildings, a project co-developed by Dr. Karen Henry, a civil engineering professor, and Dr. John McCartney at the University of Colorado. This project also linked to two civil engineering design courses taken by first-class cadets — foundation engineering and expeditionary facility design.

Energy foundations combine the structural supports of a building with a heat pump, where heat is absorbed and/or shed to the ground by way of a circulating fluid to provide heating and cooling for the building, Dr. Henry said. This provides a cost-efficient approach to conserve energy, reduce carbon emissions and reduce installation costs.

This project would result in a facility on academy grounds designed and constructed by both 10th Civil Engineer Squadron engineers and an Air Force RED HORSE squadron.

Colonel LoCastro stated that the Academy is taking a holistic approach to energy conservation and consumption.

"It's about having an energy program, not just a solar array; a recycling program, not just some recycling bins," Colonel LoCastro said.

## Spotlight on energy conservation



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Adrian Barcomb, left, base resource efficiency manager from CSC, and Charles Campbell from Center Point Energy, Keesler's natural gas provider, provide information on energy awareness to Maj. Matthew Atkinson, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron, Oct. 5 at the exchange/commissary complex. Other energy providers will be featured at similar booths throughout the month.

## Nov. 12 is deadline for overseas holiday mail

By Cheryl Pellerin

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The recommended mailing deadline for sending economy-priced holiday packages to service members in Afghanistan, Iraq and other places around the world is Nov. 12.

Other deadlines for arrival by Dec. 25 are Nov. 26 for space-available mail; Dec. 3 for parcel airlift mail; Dec. 10 for priority mail and first-class mail, letters and cards; and Dec. 18 for express mail military service.

Holiday packages and mail headed for Iraq and Afghanistan must be sent a week earlier than the deadlines above, postal officials said. Express mail military service is not available to those destinations.

The Postal Service offers a discount on its largest priority-mail flat-rate box, a 12-inch by 12-inch by 5.5-inch carton that can accommodate laptop computers, small conventional ovens, and military care packages.

Mail sent to overseas military addresses costs the same as domestic mail, and the usual price for the large flat-rate box is \$14.50. But for packages heading to APO/FPO addresses, the Postal Service charges \$12.50 or \$11.95 for those who print the priority-mail postage label online.

Priority-mail flat-rate boxes are free at any

post office and can be ordered online at <http://shop.usps.com>. Postage, labels and customs forms can be printed online at the postal service website.

APO/FPO addresses usually require customs forms, postal officials said, and each country has customs regulations that apply to all mail, including U.S. military mail, coming into the country.

Mail addressed to military and diplomatic post offices overseas is subject to restrictions in content, preparation and handling.

Each five-digit military and post office ZIP code (APO/FPO) has specific restrictions, but the following are prohibited in the regions of Operation New Dawn in Iraq and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan:

**Horror comics** and obscene prints, paintings, cards, films and videotapes

**Anything depicting nude or seminude persons**, pornographic or sexual items, or unauthorized political materials

**Bulk quantities of religious materials** contrary to the Islamic faith, though items for personal use are permitted

**Pork** or pork by-products.

For specific restrictions and mailing prices to an APO/FPO address, visit the Postal Service's online price calculator or a local post office, or call 800-ASK-USPS.

# Website is one-stop shop for deployment issues

By Joe Farrington

## Air and Space Expeditionary Force Training and Outreach

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Airmen can access information about their upcoming deployment at the Air and Space Expeditionary Force Online website.

The AEF Online website, <https://aef.afpc.randolph.af.mil>, provides a single access point for all AEF-related issues to include reporting instructions, tempo banding, training requirements, functional area posturing and sequencing guidance.

AEF Online is organized into six key areas: deployment information, force providers, Air Reserve components, education and training, intermediate TDYs and personnel readiness operations. The website



also provides several applications designed to help commanders Air Force-wide.

The commander's toolkit application found on AEF Online provides commanders with a critical tool for managing the readiness of unit personnel, said Col. James Horton, the director of AEF and Personnel Operations at the Air Force Personnel Center.

"The No. 1 desire for most

commanders is to get back time on the calendar, and this toolkit does just that by giving them a one-stop website to ascertain readiness," the colonel said. "This is better than the old way of relying on multiple agencies sending spreadsheets out that were not current by the time you got them."

The commander's toolkit provides a common access card-enabled, single-point access to preventive individual medical readiness and Military Personnel Data System information. This includes AEF indicator and security clearance information for all assigned personnel.

Future upgrades to the commander's toolkit will add additional interface capabilities to Advanced Distributed Learning Service, Security

Forces Management Information System, Automated Civil Engineer System-Personnel and Readiness, and Deployment Availability Code information.

Through the toolkit, commanders can manage unit readiness by reviewing unit personnel and medical status stop-light charts. They can also generate duty status reports, medical due and overdue reports, and profile reports to ensure readiness.

The toolkit also features a built-in e-mail notification system to enable commanders, or their designees, to send e-mails to members who are due or overdue on readiness items. Commanders may designate up to three individuals, such as unit deployment manager, operations officer and chief enlisted manager, for access to

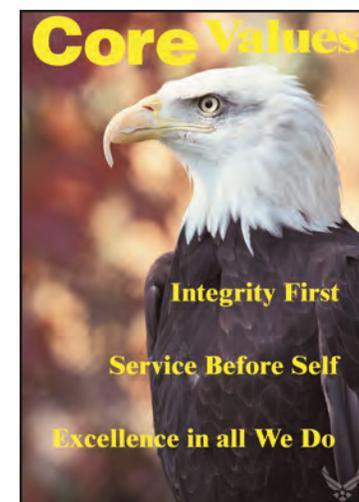
commander's toolkit.

To use commander's toolkit, commanders must first establish an AEF Online account and then request a commander's toolkit role of "CTK\_USER" with the justification of "Appointed Unit Commander." The system will prompt the commander to enter the PAS codes for which he or she has G-series orders authority.

Approval normally takes 48 to 72 hours, and commanders will receive system-generated e-mail notices for automatic account creation, role request and account approval. The spectrum of toolkit users ranges from unit to major command commanders.

For additional information contact the commander's toolkit program manager at DSN 665-1192.

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# KEESLER NOTES

## Pharmacy events

To mark October's observance of American Pharmacists Month, the 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron has several events for beneficiaries.

The pharmacy staff provides poison prevention education for children at the child development center, 10 a.m. today.

From 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the exchange pharmacy, patients can bring in their medications and herbal supplements and speak with the pharmacist about any concerns.

Tours are scheduled at the exchange pharmacy, 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Oct. 21, and the hospital pharmacy, 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. Space is limited, so sign up is required at the pharmacy during duty hours.

## 81st CS closed

The 81st Communications Squadron is closed 7-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays for Unit Compliance Inspection preparations and training.

Regular hours resume after the inspection.

For emergencies, call 376-8127.

## Blood drive

A blood drive is 1-6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Dolan Hall.

## Briefing cancelled

The "Marketing Yourself for a Second Career" program scheduled for Wednesday in the Sablich Center Auditorium has been cancelled and will be rescheduled this spring.

## Airman's Attic hours

Airman's Attic is at the corner of Meadows Drive and 1st Street.

Airmen's Attic assists junior enlisted members with obtaining free basic household items.

Donations are needed such as furniture, area rugs, cutlery, dishware, infant wear and maternity clothes which are clean and in good condition. Bring donations to Airman's Attic during regular hours, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mondays, Wednesdays, non-training Fridays and the last Saturday of the month.

## Thrift shop hours

The Keesler Thrift Shop, operated by the Keesler Spouses Club, is at the corner of Meadows Drive and First Street.

Hours are 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.

## Zero overpricing

Submit zero overpricing items on Air Force Form 1046 to CSC supply customerservice, Room 126, Taylor Logistics Center, Building 4002.

For overpricing issues or concerns, call Michael Cashion, 377-8891, or e-mail michael.cashion.2.ctr@us.af.mil.

## Speakers bureau

The public affairs office is looking for people who enjoy public speaking to tell the Air Force story.

The Keesler Speakers Bureau is a community relations program developed as a public service and information vehicle. It's comprised of military and civilian Air Force employees who volunteer their time and information to speak to community groups.

Speakers come from a variety of experiences and backgrounds that offer a variety of presentations. Topics include aircraft maintenance, aviation, computer operations, communication skills, health, military life, military law, combat experience, financial management, child development, Air Force history and more.

For more information, call YoLanda Wallace, 377-1179.

## Be Well class

The health and wellness center offers a "Be Well Class," 8-10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, for Keesler military, retired, their families and federal civilian employees.

The three-part class focuses on exercise, nutrition and behavior modifications. It's

recommended for people who aren't sure how to start an exercise program or make improvements in overall health, fitness and diet. It's taught by an exercise physiologist, the HAWC dietician and a mental health technician.

Specific modules are offered each month that members can attend, such as running, strength training and healthy weight.

For more information, call the HAWC, 376-3170.

## Supply classes

Quarterly supply classes are held in Room 109, Taylor Logistics Building.

**Block I** basic supply class is 9 a.m. Dec. 15.

All newly-assigned supply custodians and resource managers are required to attend.

For more information, contact Patrick Governale, 377-5998 or patrick.governale.ctr@us.af.mil, or Paulette Powell, 377-2270, paulette.powell.1.ctr@us.af.mil.

**Block IIA-Bench Stock** is 9-9:30 a.m. Dec 9. To schedule an appointment, call Crystal Simpson, 377-9955.

**Block IIB-Repair Cycle** is 10-11 a.m. Dec 9. To schedule an appointment, call Nathaniel Parks, 377-2310.

**Block III** training is 1 p.m. Dec. 15. All newly-assigned supply equipment custodians are required to attend as well as all other custodians annually.

For more information, contact Willie McDonald, 377-2660 or willie.mcdonald.1.ctr@us.af.mil or Paulette Powell, 377-2270, paulette.powell.1.ctr@us.af.mil

## Space available flights

Regularly scheduled flights on 403rd Wing unit training assembly weekends are available to MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.; Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga.; Little Rock AFB, Ark.; and Millington Municipal Airport, Memphis, Tenn.

For recorded flight information, call 377-4538 or DSN 597-4538, and for a passenger representative, call 377-1259 or DSN 597-1259.

# Public health flight keeps Keesler safe, clean

## 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron

The two dozen members of the 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron public health flight have a major responsibility: screening elements that affect the health of the entire Keesler AFB community.

The flight manages and performs public health activities and programs. Included are food safety and security inspections; sanitation inspections; medical entomology surveillance programs; vector borne, communicable and occupational disease prevention and control; public health medical readiness activities; and promoting and providing health education and training.

In addition, the flight applies medical standards for initial and continued qualification of all Air Force members, provides administrative oversight to the Preventive Health Assessment and Individual Medical Readiness Program and the related Occupational Health Physical Examinations Program (including audiograms), provides medical intelligence through preventive medicine



**Senior Airman Carlina Moreland checks the temperature of food on the hospital cafeteria serving line to ensure it is correct for hot holding to prevent microbial growth. She is a member of the public health flight's food safety sanitation section.**

briefings and pre- and post-deployment surveillance activities and assists with medical processing for all deploying personnel.

Led by flight commander Maj. Matthew West and flight chief Senior Master Sgt. Jason Devereaux, public health monitors a wide range of areas under their community health and force health elements.

Major West explained that among their communicable disease screening responsibilities, his staff interviews patients who have developed illnesses that can be passed on from person to person. These include, but aren't limited to, food-borne illnesses, sexually-transmitted diseases, epidemic disease outbreaks such as H1N1 influenza, and even staph infections — anything that can affect members of the community.

One very important program is the influenza surveillance program which detects flu through nasal wash samples. This process is used to find the predominant virus. This data is provided to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta which decides what type of flu vaccine is manufactured.

Major West explained, "We review emergency room and clinic reports for outbreak trends related to specific populations or groups."

Sergeant Devereaux said another important area under community health is the flight's food inspection program.

"The technicians conduct weekly inspections of any operation serving food to the public to ensure it is safe to consume and handled properly — that equates to about 30 each month," Sergeant Devereaux said. "They also

inspect public facilities, such as the fitness centers, swimming pools and child development center to ensure they maintain sanitary conditions thus preventing outbreaks of communicable disease." The \$53 million worth of food that comes onto Keesler annually is scrutinized by the public health staff to ensure it

comes from approved sources and is fit to be consumed.

Another aspect under public health's purview is occupational health. Among occupational health's responsibilities are conducting hearing evaluations as required and assisting in educating supervisors and workers in personal hygiene, occupational hazards, hazard communications and personal protective equipment, mainly hearing protection devices.

These technicians also monitor results of occupational health examinations to detect adverse trends, help investigate occupational illnesses, advise health-care providers on workplace hazards, manage occupational health examinations and provide quality control of examination paperwork.

The flight also monitors force fitness.

"This covers all deployment issues," Major West pointed out. "We review all preventive medicine requirements to ensure all Airmen are healthy to deploy, including required medications and gas mask inserts for those wearing glasses to ensure all congressional mandates are met. We also ensure medical aspects are met for security clearance, retraining and overseas moves as well as coordinate flight physicals with the flight medicine physicians for people coming into the Air Force."

Public health technicians also monitor the Air Force Form 469 profiling system that covers everything that may limit a person from deploying or performing their daily duties and could result in retraining or meeting a medical evaluation board.

All military members are aware of one area of public health responsibility — preventive health assessments. These annual preventive health screenings are required for all active-duty members. The assessments cover all health aspects from inoculations to dental health to physical exams.

The flight's entomology program conducts surveil-



Photos by Steve Pivnick  
**Airman 1st Class Candace Caudill simulates performing an audiogram (hearing test) on Staff Sgt. Starr Haywood in the flight's occupational health element.**



**Public health technicians Airman 1st Class Mark Landry, left, and Terrance Hill from public health's entomology element complete assembly of a mosquito trap in a tree behind the 81st Medical Group Hospital Sept. 28. The red canister contains dry ice. Mosquitoes are attracted to the carbon dioxide in the dry ice. Once the insects land on the top of the net, a fan sucks them into it and traps them. Traps are placed in shaded areas around the base including housing areas. The traps are left out overnight and specimens collected in the morning. The mosquitoes are sent to a laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, to determine what type they are and if they can carry diseases, such as West Nile virus.**

lance for mosquitoes that can carry disease. Technicians strategically place mosquito traps each week in areas the insects may inhabit to monitor the quantity and types.

Base air shows and other community events also become points of interest for the staff as they ensure anyone handling food receives training

to prevent food-borne illness.

The staff also has been involved with the inspection of the kitchen and food operations of the new Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport.

Major West commented, "We inspected their kitchen plans and will work with the staff to ensure all food is handled properly."

# Instruction clear on runway traffic

## 81st Operations Support Flight

Keesler Instruction 13-201, Airfield Operations and Local Flying Procedures, spells out the procedures for the traffic lights along Ploesti Drive north of the runway.

The air traffic control tower activates the lights to protect vehicular and air traffic during the following scenarios:

**When aircraft** utilize the Runway 21 Key-hole for takeoff or landing roll out. The light is activated before the aircraft enters the runway for back taxi to account for jet blast affecting pedestrians on the I-81 track and cars on Ploesti Drive. The 81st Security Forces Squadron is notified of cars that run the light.

**To protect** the glide slope critical area for Runway 21 when ceiling is below 800 feet and/or visibility less than 2 miles when aircraft are on an Instrument Landing System approach to Runway 21.

**To protect** the approach light-plane at night in accordance with Unified Facilities Criteria 3-535-01, Visual Air Navigation Facilities. Acti-



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vate the lights when aircraft are within 5 flying miles of the airfield on an ILS or Tactical Air Navigation approach to Runway 21 whenever conditions are less than reported ceiling 800 feet and/or visibility less than 2 miles.

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# Holiday hours for clinics announced

By Steve Pivnick

## 81st Medical Group Public Affairs

With the holiday season fast approaching, the 81st Medical Group staff wants to assure the Keesler community the hospital's primary care and specialty clinics will maintain operating hours aligned with the 81st Training Wing schedule throughout the Christmas and New Year's period.

Except for the actual holidays, the clinics will be open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays. The clinics have reduced staffs on non-training Fridays. Clinics are closed on federal holidays. The emergency department is always open.

Clinics are closed on Air Education and Training Command family days, Nov. 26, Dec. 27 and Jan. 3.



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## Flag football intramural league ready for playoffs

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

A coaches' meeting at 2 p.m. today in the Vandenberg Community Center sets the stage for post-season play in Keesler's intramural flag football league.

Playoffs begin next week, according to Sam Miller, intramural sports director.

In the American Conference as of Friday, the undefeated 81st Security Forces Squadron topped the standings at 8-0. The other teams are the 338th Training Squadron's A-team (7-2), Marine Corps Detachment (6-3), 334th TRS (5-4), 335th TRS (4-6), 81st Medical Support Squadron B-team (3-7), 336th TRS-A (2-6) and Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit (0-7).

Last week, the 338th TRS-A defeated the 336th TRS-A, 25-19; the 81st SFS blanked the 81st MDSS-B, 30-0, and upended the 334th TRS, 29-13; CNATTU lost to the 334th TRS, 6-0, and MARDET, 38-12; and the 336th TRS-A took a 19-13 win over the 81st MDSS-B.

The league had five makeup games Tuesday and Wednesday which could shuffle the final standings a little.

In the National Conference as of Friday, the 81st Medical Group finished the regular season with a perfect 10-0 record, with the 81st MDSS-A one game back at 9-1. Other teams are the 332nd TRS (6-4), 338th TRS-B (5-5), 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron (4-6), 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron (3-7), 403rd Wing (2-8) and 336th TRS-B (0-10).

Last week, 338th TRS-B posted a 27-14 victory over 81st MDTs, 81st MDG kept their undefeated streak alive with a 25-6 win over the 81st MDSS-A and 81st MDSS-A beat the 81st MDTs, 25-13.

For information on the post-season tournament, call 377-2444.

## Golf galore



Photo by Herb Welch  
Edward Ashley lines up a shot as Chris Denz, his teammate from the 81st Force Support Squadron, looks on during the intramural golf championship round, Oct. 6 at Bay Breeze Golf Course. The 81st FSS successfully defended its title by defeating the 334th Training Squadron's A-team, 6-2.



Photo by Herb Welch  
Joel Riley checks out Jim Smith's shot as the 334th TRS challenged the 81st FSS in the Oct. 6 intramural title match.



Photo by Kemberly Groue  
Rand Bundenthal putts on the green on Hole 9 at Bay Breeze Golf Course during Friday's Wounded Warrior Golf Tournament. Bundenthal and his teammates from the 81st Training Support Squadron — Thomas Sirovey, Robert Walker and David Carley — won the event. Daniel Ransom, 81st Medical Group recovery care coordinator, said that this year's tournament raised \$700 for wounded, injured or ill service members through the local Disabled American Veterans organization.

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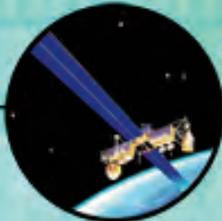
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