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Learn something new this week

By Brig. Gen. Andrew Mueller

81st Training Wing commander

As the 81st Training Wing's Compliance Inspection goes on, I challenge everyone on Team Keesler to make an extra effort to learn something new this week.

With more than 140 of the top subject matter experts in Air Education and Training Command on base, there's a tremendous opportunity to learn something from each and every one of them which could help you better yourself, better your unit and ultimately better our team.

I recognize challenging you to learn something new during an inspection designed to evaluate our knowledge of the rules and regulations may seem a bit odd. However, the inspectors on base are also fellow Airmen with years of experience in our Air Force. This experience provides each of us another source to learn something - one that isn't available once they leave. So don't be tentative — seize this opportunity to learn.

The easiest area to learn something new this week is in your primary duty area. As the inspectors work through hundreds of compliance items with you, don't be afraid to pull out the governing directive or regulation to learn something. Use this inspection to better your understanding of the directives that govern your unit to improve your expertise in your career field. Regulations and directives change, so don't miss an opportunity to discuss these changes with a fellow Airman to help you remain both up to date and relevant with your area of expertise.

Learn something new about the inspection process

itself. Compliance inspections are not one-time events. As the Air Force continues to work to improve our culture of compliance these types of inspections will become more frequent with less notice. Improving your understanding of the process now make you better prepared in the future.

In addition, the Inspector General is always looking for top performers to augment their inspection teams. Don't hesitate to ask your inspector about the inspection process and what it took to become an IG inspector. Who knows? Your outstanding performance this week could highlight you for selection to augment an IG inspection team in the future.

Learn something new about how our base operates. Learn more about your role in how our team works together to protect our personnel, protect our resource and respond to a variety of emergency situations. Learn more about how you're a key part of the programs like safety, information protection and operational security.

Finally, I invite each of you to the Triangle at 8 a.m. Friday to view the 81st Training Group's last student drill down competition of the year. Here you're certain to learn how our Air Force's newest Airmen can bring energy, excitement and creativity to any arena. Drill down is a great tradition here at Keesler in which Airmen learn the value of cooperation and teamwork, lessons which will serve them well as they move on to their operational units in our Air Force. I look forward to seeing you there and hearing about all you learned this week.

Train to Fight! Train to Win!

Challenged employee shares success story



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Ms. Fizer uses voice recognition software that allows her to speak into her headset and "type" letters and memos.

By Alauna Fizer

81st Force Support Squadron

July 26, President Barack Obama signed an Executive Order to increase federal employment of individuals with disabilities. Approximately 54 million Americans are living with a disability, and the federal government has made it a priority to reduce employment discrimination against these individuals. October is also National Disability Employment Awareness Month, and events all across the country are occurring to celebrate this integral part of the federal work force.

Allow me to share my personal story. In 2002, I was a healthy 17-year-old college freshman living in Chicago. I entered DePaul University that year on a full-ride academic scholarship, with dreams of

becoming an attorney someday.

Fast forward four years — three weeks after my 21st birthday in March 2006, I was diagnosed with a presently incurable progressive neurological illness. There's a great deal of frustration, shame and difficulty that comes with being a disabled American, and believe me, I've experienced it all.

I picked myself up, pushed myself through graduate school and entered the Workforce Recruitment Program for students with disabilities. This internship program allows students with disabilities the chance to work within the federal government at no cost to the agency with their salaries subsidized by the Department of Labor for 90 days over the summer. If an

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ACTION LINE — 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. Andrew Mueller

81st Training Wing commander

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

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

Comment — As a vocal proponent of the phrase "reduce, reuse, and recycle," I feel it's important to Keesler and our planet to continue to push the conservation message. Recycling is mandatory, yet few people participate in base housing or in the workplace. The base recycling center is staffed by good, motivated people who'll give blue bins to any housing resident, service member or employee that requests one. Recycling dramatically reduces the amount of waste we put into our landfills. Reducing the amount of waste we generate, reusing what we can and recycling what we can't significantly aids our base and our planet.

Response — Thank you for your involvement and support of our recycling program. We support any and all recycling efforts and any diversion of solid waste from landfills. Keesler promotes recycling through a variety of activities, including Earth/Arbor Day, household hazardous waste collections days twice a year, energy conservation week and National Recycling Day, Nov. 15. We also submit articles to the Keesler News, train unit environmental coordinators and facility managers, sponsor outreach booths at the exchange and commissary, speak at local schools and other events. Our base recycling contractor is Zero Waste Solutions, and our point of contact is Charles Moore. The recycling center is in Building 4004, off Chappie James Avenue at B Street. Hours are 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Fridays. Recyclable materials include all metals, food and beverage cans, telephone books, Code 1 and 2 plastic bottles, newspapers and all inserts, magazines, brown paper bags, loose and shredded office paper, glass bottles and jars, and cardboard. Please separate all recyclable items.

There's curbside recycling in base housing each Wednesday. On the main base, recyclables are picked up Mondays or Tuesdays, depending on the building number. For more information, call the recycling center, 377-4546.

ON THE COVER

Keesler leaders welcome Air Education and Training Command's Inspector General Compliance Inspection team to the base Sunday. Through Tuesday, more than 140 inspectors review how well Team Keesler executes its day-to-day mission and responds to various exercise scenarios.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



DRAGON ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

Keesler News photojournalist

What costume are you wearing for Halloween?



"Anakin Skywalker."

Bryan Stafford, 12, son of Master Sgt. Steve and Vanessa Stafford, 81st Security Forces Squadron



"Disco Diva."

Naphtali Lamey, 12, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Wrenroy and Jermaine Lamey, 81st Communications Squadron



"A Ninja."

Matthew Nguyen, 11, son of Master Sgt. John and Hong Diep Scheffer, 81st Medical Operations Squadron

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agency decides to keep the intern, he or she may be offered temporary or permanent position. I interned at Keesler for roughly four months and was recently offered a position at this amazing installation as a human resources specialist in the manpower and personnel flight.

Programs are in place to assist individuals with disabilities such as the Schedule A hiring authority which allows qualified job seekers with certain medical restrictions the ability to simply submit their resume and a letter from licensed medical professional or vocational rehabilitation center to a hiring authority for consideration. I was hired through this authority, and the flexibility and ease of using Schedule A can shorten the hiring process from months to a couple of weeks.

A misconception that many hiring managers have about individuals with

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For more information, call Curt Greer, Keesler's disability employment programs coordinator, 376-8325, or visit the civilian personnel office, Room 214, Sablich Center.

disabilities is that it costs too much money to create reasonable accommodations for them. Not with the Computer/Electronics Accommodations Program. CAP provides free assistive technology and accommodations to employees with disabilities and wounded service members at no cost to the agency. I wrote this article using my assistive technology supplied by the CAP Program.

So why is it important to create opportunities for individuals with disabilities? Currently, the unemployment rate in the U.S. is roughly 9.4 percent. In contrast,

the unemployment rate for individuals with disabilities is more than 64 percent. To give a stronger reference point, the unemployment rate during the Great Depression was 25 percent.

Recognizing this extremely high unemployment rate, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates has established a goal to have at least 2 percent of the entire Defense Department work force as individuals with disabilities. How does the Air Force measure up to these mandates? Though the Air Force has some of the highest rates of employed individuals with disabilities, we can still do better. In the last two years, the Air Force has dropped from .8 percent to .6 percent of employees with disabilities.

If no one had taken a chance on me, I would never have had the opportunity to serve in a supportive capacity to our brave warfighters and their families. Take a moment this month to appreciate our wounded veterans, differently-abled employees and their caretakers.

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

March honors fallen combat control warriors

By Steve Hoffmann

Keesler News staff

It's 6:45 a.m. Oct. 19. The sun is just beginning to rise over the Gulf of Mexico as two men approached in the distance on Highway 90 near the Edgewater Mall in Biloxi. They are the first two of 14 marchers, one man for each of the 14 combat controllers who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001 — two more than last year.

For the second year in a row, special operations Airmen have walked 860 miles from Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, to Hurlburt Field, Fla. It's a relay of six teams of two or three walkers each who are walking with 50-pound rucksacks on their backs, 24 hours a day across five states to honor the deaths of their comrades. The marchers hope to raise money for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation that gives money to the children of the men who have died as another way to honor them.

The walk is known as the Tim Davis Special Tactics Memorial March and was started last year by Master Sgt. Kenneth Huhman, chief of the combat control selection course at Lackland, to honor Staff Sgt. Tim Davis who was killed in action in 2009.

It also draws attention to the fact that the Air Force does have ground troops that go into harm's way. The two most recent special operations Airmen to lose their lives in the line of duty are Senior Airman Mark Forester and Senior Airman Daniel Sanchez.

The march began on Oct. 9 at Lackland and passed by Keesler Oct. 19. Nearly 130 students from the 81st Training Group were standing along U.S. Highway 90 to cheer on the marchers.

"It's really good for the stu-



Photo by Kemberly Groue

From left, Staff Sgt. Robert Parra and Lt. Col. Patrick Barnett, 342nd Training Squadron, Lackland, join Staff Sgt. Robert Gutierrez, 21st Special Tactics Squadron, Pope AFB, N.C., in leading the Tim Davis Special Tactics Memorial March down Highway 90. Colonel Barnett is the 342nd TRS commander. Combat control trainees and instructors from Keesler joined them in honoring their fallen comrades. Students from the 81st Training Group lined the route at White Avenue intersection to cheer the procession on.

dents to see," said Tech Sgt. Adam Malson, 334th Training Squadron combat control instructor. "It's important for them to see that there's a whole community that supports them."

Another 60 combat control trainees were present to witness the march.

The path of the march route is symbolic of a trainee's path as they progress through combat control school. Trainees begin

at Lackland and end at Hurlburt Field, but spend 15 weeks at Keesler learning such skills as air traffic control and tactical weather forecasting.

"There's a perception among the students and trainees that being on team and operational is so far away," Sergeant Malson said. "But it really isn't. One of the men who died last year graduated from Keesler in 2007 and was only on team for a year before he was killed. It's

an eye opener. It's motivating but at the same time rather humbling."

The names of the men who were killed are engraved on 14 batons, one name on each baton. "It gets people to think that these are not just random soldiers," said Sergeant Malson. "These were people we knew. For three months, these Airmen called Biloxi home."

In addition to Sergeant Davis and Airmen Forester

and Sanchez, the marchers honor Senior Airmen Jason Cunningham and Adam Servais; Staff Sgts. Casey Crate, Juan Ridout and Scott Sather; Tech. Sgts. John Chapman, Scott Duffman and William Jefferson; Master Sgt. William McDaniel and Capts. Derek Argel and Jeremy Fresques.

For more information on the march, visit <http://www.wix.com/trifectaconsulting/specialtacticsmemorialmarch>.

JET Airmen: 'Fit to fight any given day'

By Airman 1st Class Bryan Swink

Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Public Affairs

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, N.J. — Airmen often have a reputation of being “behind the scenes,” never in the action, but persona is changing with Air Force’s heavy involvement in joint tasking operations where Airmen are performing non-traditional jobs and missions alongside sister service members.

There are many Joint Expeditionary Tasked Airmen from various specialty codes deployed to southwest Asia today. Each JET Airman receives combat skills training at one of the Army’s four power projection platforms to learn the tactics and skills required to be successful in a combat environment.

“This training is critical for Airmen being deployed with the Army for the joint service taskings in Iraq and Afghanistan,” said Lt. Col. John Hanlon, 602nd Training Group (P) Detachment 6 commander, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.

The 31-day JET training course provides Airmen the same training Soldiers receive to be successful in deployed environments. Detachment 6 trains approximately 50 percent of the Airmen going through Army CST.

“We are the largest power projection platform,” said Colonel Hanlon. “We train 50 to 120 students per class and put out approximately 2,400 JET Airmen annually, with an increase scheduled for next year.”

“Airmen focus on learning how to shoot, move, communicate and treat on the battle field,” said Master Sgt. Tammy Birky, 602nd Training Group (P) Detachment 6 first sergeant.

The students cover a number of individual and specialized training areas, including rules of engagement, weapons familiarization, land navigation, unexploded ordnance/improvised explosive device training, high mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle egress and rollover training, personnel and vehicle search, casualty operations, self-aid buddy care and combatives (hand-to-hand combat).

“We have the Army experts training our JET Airmen to operate in harm’s way,” said Sergeant Birky. “The training is so repetitive it establishes muscle memory which becomes second nature. This way of training builds confidence in our Airmen.”

A large amount of the training is conducted using state-of-the-art equipment, but technology is not always reli-



Photo by Chief Master Sgt. David Richards

Airman 1st Class John Fallesgon peers through the smoke to engage enemy during combat skills training Sept. 2 at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. Airman Fallesgon is a food services chef at Langley Air Force Base, Va.

able when down range. Students must be knowledgeable and proficient with the use of modern technology.

“The Army taught us land navigation — both mounted and dismounted,” said Senior Airman Courtney Beard, a 204th Intelligence Squadron intelligence analyst. “The mounted portion was done using a defense advanced GPS receiver while the dismounted portion was done the old fashioned way — with simply a map and a compass. While counting our paces and navigating through the woods, we were expected to locate three different field sites.”

Acclimation into a joint environment also begins at JET training. Most Airmen move directly down-range upon completion of the course.

“The Army environment is a culture shock to say the least, but I expect it to serve me well as I deploy to work with the Army,” said 1st Lt Emily Meredith, the 802nd Force Support Squadron military personnel section chief at Joint Base San Antonio, Texas. “I got a little better taste of how they do business and the differences from what I’m used to. I am grateful for the training, even though I hope I never have to implement the skills downrange.”

Capt. Jeffrey Underwood, a Class A25W student who is a production cost analyst in the F-35 Program Office in Arlington, Va., is deployed

to Afghanistan. As a financial reform officer, he is working with the Afghan National Police to resolve pay issues.

“Less than five days on the ground I was on a mission with our commander to Herat on a pay team visit,” Captain Underwood said. “It was an eye opening experience - CST training was good preparation for what we encountered.”

Colonel Hanlon has a motto that suits the attitude and readiness JET Airmen display at all times: “Fit to fight, any given day.”

2nd Air Force’s role

Second Air Force’s 602nd Training Group (Provisional), which is headquartered at Keesler, provides fully combat mission capable Airmen to all combatant commanders in direct support of the Joint Expeditionary Tasking mission.

The 602nd TRG(P) oversees about 7,300 Airmen annually attending combat skills training at Army power projection platforms like the one mentioned in this story. CST ensures Airmen meet pre-deployment requirements supporting in-theater tasks to include provincial reconstruction teams, police transition teams and combat adviser teams. JET Airmen train at the individual and collective task levels, in both field and garrison environments learning to shoot, move, communicate and treat on the battlefield.

The 602 TRG(P) total force team manages a command and control operations center at Keesler and the Air Force training detachments collocated at the Army PPPs.

The detachments maintain continuous command and control over all JET Airmen in CST. The 602nd TRG(P) retains administrative control over Airmen throughout CST, coordinates onward movement of JET Airmen from the PPP into theater and accounts for all Army equipment issued to JET Airmen during CST via the post-deployment third party turn-in process.

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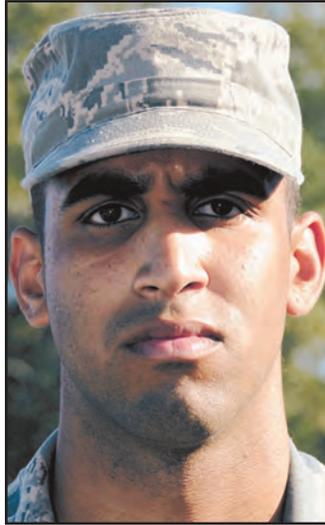
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Academic aces



Senior Airman Mark Roberts, left, and Staff Sgt. Caleb Daugherty graduated Oct. 21 from the electronic principles course in the 332nd Training Squadron with perfect scores. Both are headed to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, for F-16 avionics systems apprentice school. Airman Roberts will be stationed at Creech AFB, Nevada, and Sergeant Daugherty returns to the Texas Air National Guard's 147th Reconnaissance Wing in Houston.

TRAINING, EDUCATION NOTES

CCAF graduation

The Community College of the Air Force fall commencement ceremony is 3:30 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Bay Breeze Event Center.

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

Drill down

The 81st Training Wing's final drill down of the year is 8 a.m. Friday on the drill pad behind the Levitow Training Support Facility.

For more information, call 377-2103.

USM visitor

Employment specialist Michelle Lane from the University of Southern Mississippi visits the USM office in Room 219, Sablich Center, 2-5 p.m. Nov. 16.

She can answer questions about any of USM's degree programs.

USM's spring semester starts Jan. 18.

For an appointment, call 376-8479.

Commissioning briefs

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

CCAF program

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

For more information, call 376-8708. or 8710.

GI Bill benefits

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

For more information, call 376-8708.

Cyberspace Information technology is warfare's newest domain

By Cheryl Pellerin

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — With the creation of the U.S. Cyber Command in May and last week's cybersecurity agreement between the departments of Defense and Homeland Security, DOD officials are ready to add cyberspace to sea, land, air and space as the latest domain of warfare, Deputy Defense Secretary William J. Lynn III said Oct. 14.

"Information technology provides us with critical advantages in all of our warfighting domains, so we need to protect cyberspace to enable those advantages," Secretary Lynn said.

Adversaries may be able to undermine the military's advantages in conventional areas by attacking the nation's military and commercial information technology, or IT, infrastructure, Secretary Lynn said.

This threat has "opened up a whole new asymmetry in future warfare," the deputy defense secretary said.

DOD's focus on cyberdefense began in 2008 with a previously classified incident in the Middle East, in which a flash drive inserted malware into classified military networks, Secretary Lynn said.

"We realized we couldn't rely on passive defenses and firewalls and software patches, and we've developed a more-layered defense," he said.

Secretary Lynn laid out a draft cyberstrategy in the September/October issue of "Foreign Affairs" magazine. He said DOD officials are working to finalize the strategy.

"There's no agreed-on def-

"We realized we couldn't rely on passive defenses and firewalls and software patches, and we've developed a more-layered defense."

— Secretary Lynn

inition of what constitutes a cyberattack," Secretary Lynn said. "It's really a range of things that can happen, from exploitation and exfiltration of data to degradation of networks, to destruction of networks or even physical equipment, (or) physical property. What we're doing in our Defense cyberstrategy is developing appropriate responses and defenses for each of those types of attacks."

One element of the strategy, working with Homeland Defense to protect critical military and civilian IT infrastructure, was put into place Oct. 13, when Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano announced a new agreement to work together on cybersecurity.

The agreement includes a formal mechanism for benefiting from the technical expertise of the National Security Agency which is responsible for protecting national security systems, col-

lecting related foreign intelligence and enabling network warfare.

Another element is what Lynn calls a "layered defense, where you have intrusion detection and firewalls, but you also have a ... layer that helps defend against attacks."

In his draft strategy, Secretary Lynn described the defense-layer component of cybersecurity in terms of NSA-pioneered systems that "automatically deploy defenses to counter intrusions in real time. Part sensor, part sentry, part sharpshooter, these active defense systems represent a fundamental shift in the U.S. approach to network defense."

And, since no cyberdefense system is perfect, DOD officials require "multiple layers of defense that give us better assurance of capturing malware before it gets to us," Secretary Lynn said.

"We need the ability to hunt on our own networks to get (intruders who) might get through, and we need to continually improve our defenses," he said. "We can't stand still. The technology is going to continue to advance, and we have to keep pace with it."

Envisioned attacks on military networks could impair military power, national security and the economy, Secretary Lynn said.

Enemy cyberattacks could deprive the military of the ability to strike with precision and communicate among forces and with headquarters, he said. It could impair logistics or transportation networks and eliminate advantages that information technology has given military forces.

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IN THE NEWS

Combined Federal Campaign

As of Friday, \$88,237.77 has been pledged for this year's Combined Federal Campaign, more than 65 percent of this year's goal of \$135,542. The campaign ends Wednesday.

Grass enhancement in housing

81st Infrastructure Division

Last week, a contract awarded to fix erosion, washout and areas that are prone to voids of grass in certain base housing areas.

South Mississippi Hydro Seeding mobilized Oct. 20 with seed planting in South Pinehaven, Bayridge, East and West Falcon housing areas, along with working on eroded areas. The contractor is providing additional soil in affected areas. People in affected areas are asked not to remove the small orange flags that mark areas to be treated.

The contractor is also planting trees in these areas. The contract runs through early spring, but the actual work will be complete within 30 days. The contractor is working behind senior officer quarters and general officer quarters for the next few days bringing in soil for eroded and low areas.

Arnold Annex renovation

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Arnold Annex, Building 5901, is undergoing a three-phase renovation project that began Monday and is expected to last through March.

Arnold Annex is occupied by mental health, alcohol drug abuse prevention and treatment program, family advocacy, physical and occupational therapy, chiropractic services and the blood donor center.

Visitors are asked to use the large parking lot across the street instead of next to the building. In addition, there may be some unpleasant odors and loud noises associated with the project.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Lisa Ware, 376-0385.

Trick-or-treat in base housing

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

Wing quarterly awards Nov. 4

The 81st Training Wing quarterly awards luncheon is 11 a.m. Nov. 4 at the Bay Breeze Event Center.

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.

Early Keesler News deadline

The Keesler News is published Nov. 10, one day earlier than usual, because Veterans Day falls on Nov. 11, the regular publication day.

The deadline for submissions for the Nov. 10 issue is noon Nov. 4 because of the holiday.

Dragons deployed — 253



Photo by Howard Parker

A T-1 Jayhawk skidded off the runway near the Bay Breeze Golf Course, Aug. 20, 2003.

Airfield safety demands removal of live oak

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Poet Joyce Kilmer said it best — “I think that I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree.”

Keesler has been recognized as a Tree City USA for 17 consecutive years by the National Arbor Day Foundation. Keesler’s varied collection of trees is one of its most treasured resources.

But when it comes to aircraft safety, base officials have no choice but to remove trees, vegetation and wildlife hazards that obstruct the airfield.

That’s the case with a large live oak tree near the southeast end of Keesler’s runway that’s scheduled to be removed in about two weeks, according to Col.

Rodney Berk, 81st Mission Support Group commander.

“The removal is a part of the Air Force Chief of Staff’s Airfield Obstruction Reduction Initiative,” said Justin Cooper, Keesler’s airfield operations chief. “The tree falls within an accident potential zone near the runway called the mandatory zone of frangibility, which is 250 feet on each side of the runway centerline in the clear zone.”

Mr. Cooper says the Air Force knows that the risk to people due to aircraft accidents is small, but an accident is a high consequence event and the result is often catastrophic. Despite stringent maintenance requirements and countless hours of training, he noted that past history makes it clear that accidents are

going to occur. The Air Force doesn’t attempt to base its land use recommendations on accident probabilities, but by the fact that an aircraft accident is a significant catastrophic event and poses a higher risk of injury and damage.

Air Education and Training Command Instruction 32-1056 published Aug. 27 mandates that all correctable violations of airfield planning and design criteria within the mandatory frangibility zone or the graded area of the clear zone must be programmed for elimination. If the violation can’t be corrected with in-house resources, wings must prioritize the project and aggressively pursue funding to execute the required corrective action.

“It’s the base’s policy to protect and

replant native trees where feasible,” said Janet Lanier, CSC environmental manager. “The Urban Forestry Management Plan and AETC Tree Conservation Policy create an active tree management and replacement policy for all native trees that have to be removed. Keesler has consistently implemented planning and design projects that minimize removal of native trees while sustaining our mission.”

Ms. Lanier noted that Keesler planted 914 trees during 2009 and continues to monitor and support the health of existing trees. The base works with the Mississippi Land Trust and the Mississippi State Foresters Office to provide a coordinated effort for tree protection and management.

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“Beyond that, cyberattacks conceivably could threaten the national economy if (adversaries) were to go after the power grid or financial networks or transportation networks, and that, too, would be a national security challenge,” Secretary Lynn said. “And over the long run, there’s a threat to our intellectual property ... basically a theft of the lifeblood of our economy.”

Working more closely with allies is an important element of the strategy to ensure a shared defense and an early warning capability, he said.

The NATO 2020 report identified the need for the alliance’s new 10-year strategic concept to further incorporate cyberdefense concepts Secretary Lynn wrote about in Foreign Affairs.

U.S. technological advantages are a critical part of the cyberstrategy, and the Pentagon already is working with industry and with the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency to put these to work, Secretary Lynn said.

As part of a public-private partnership called the Enduring Security Framework, Secretary Lynn wrote, chief executive officers and chief technology officers of major IT and defense companies meet regularly with top officials from the DOD, Homeland Security, and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

DARPA also is working on the National Cyber Range, a simulated model of the Internet that will enable the military to test its cyberdefenses before deploying them in the field.

The Pentagon’s IT acquisition process also has to change, Secretary Lynn wrote.

It took Apple Inc. 24 months to develop the

iPhone, he said, and at DOD, it takes on average about 81 months to develop and field a new computer system after it is funded.

“The Pentagon is developing a specific acquisition track for information technology,” Secretary Lynn wrote, and it also is bolstering the number of cyberdefense experts who will lead the charge into the new cyberwar era.

The military’s global communications backbone consists of 15,000 networks and 7 million computing devices across hundreds of installations in dozens of countries, Secretary Lynn wrote.

More than 90,000 people work full time to maintain it, he said, but more are needed.

Through the establishment of U.S. Cyber Command and the bolstering of cybersecurity at other defense agencies, “we’ve greatly increased the number of cyber professionals we have at DOD and will continue to increase that,” Secretary Lynn said.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Informed decision briefing

An informed decision briefing for personnel within 15 months of their projected date of separation is 8 a.m. to noon Nov. 4 in the Keesler Professional Development Center, Building 2902, at the south end of Airman Leadership School.

The briefing is mandatory for first and second term Airmen within 12-15 months of their DOS regardless of current reenlistment intent, unless pending involuntary separation per Air Force Instruction 36-2624.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Steve Mullens, 377-3697.

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, and registration is required.

Career skills assessment — noon to 2:30 p.m. today.

Interview skills and salary negotiation — 11 a.m. Nov. 23 and Dec. 28.

Federal format resume writing — 3 p.m. today, 9 a.m. Nov. 4 and 2 p.m. Nov. 18 and Dec. 8.

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

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

For more information, call 376-8728 or e-mail lana.smith.1@us.af.mil.

Discrimination hotline

Air Force Personnel Center

The Air Force Discrimination Hotline, 1-888-231-4058, serves all active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilians.

The 24/7 hotline number ensures all discrimination and sexual harassment concerns are quickly identified and addressed. It streamlines the process by which individuals can speak with an equal opportunity professional at the Air Force Personnel Center to advise and assist with their concerns and issues. Callers can remain anonymous.

Personnel are highly encouraged to use their chain of command or local EO office as a first means to address concerns, but the 24/7 hotline is available to those who don't have immediate access to their local EO office.

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.

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 carry over the excess leave days.

Wednesday is insurance health fair

A health fair is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday in Room 108A, Sablich Center.

Representatives from Blue Cross Blue Shield, Mail Handler Benefit Plan and Governmentt Employees Hospital Association and other providers will be available to answer questions and provide information and materials on the different plans. Dental and vision providers are also participating.

The open season for health benefits runs from Nov. 8 through Dec. 13. During this period, employees can enroll or change your plans in the Employee Benefits Information System by logging on to <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil> or calling 1-800-525-0102.

For more information, visit Room 214, Sablich Center, or call 376-8326.

Identity theft is a personal nightmare and security risk.

Shred bills, statements, letters, old journals, records, outdated application forms and any documents that contain your full name, Social Security number, duty title and job information, credit card, bank account numbers and names of family members.

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

Revision affects custodial parents who deploy

By Karen Parish

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — A recent change in Defense Department policy highlights why service members and deployable civilians, who also are custodial parents, may want to seek legal help in arranging their children's care during deployment.

DOD Instruction 1342.19, Family Care Plans, was revised in May to require such plans from service members and expeditionary civilians who have legal or joint custody of a minor child. The new policy requires these parents to attempt to obtain the consent of the noncustodial or adoptive parent to any family care plan that would leave the child in the custody of a third party.

"We hadn't even required those people who were married, but had a blended family, to even consider what's going

to happen to that child when they're (deployed)," a Pentagon legal spokesman said. "You can't just assume that the child will be placed with a new spouse, because you've got another parent in the picture." "Our new policy is focused on ensuring the non-custodial biological parent is contacted, and that (deploying service members and civilians) discuss arrangements with that person."

Army Col. Shawn Shumake, director of the Pentagon's Office of Legal Policy, said many service members may believe mistakenly that their family care plans allow them to transfer temporary custody to a child's stepparent or grandparent during a deployment. But when another biological parent is in the picture, state courts have unanimously ruled that a parent's custodial rights take precedence.

"If you see that there's

going to be a conflict (over custody), then you need to go into court before you deploy, and get the court to resolve any issues," Colonel Shumake said.

While developing a family care plan, filers identify short- and long-term care providers, supply documentation of financial arrangements ensuring the self-sufficiency of family members, complete transportation arrangements and designate escorts for family members and otherwise prove their families' needs will be met during their absence.

Each military branch has its own regulation covering family care plans, and the services are revising those regulations to comply with the DOD instruction, Colonel Shumake said.

The instruction, originally published in 1992, applied only to single-parent service members. Beginning in 2008,

dual-military couples with children were required to file such a plan. The policy now applies to:

Service members and civilian expeditionary work force members who have legal custody or joint custody of a minor child

Single parents

Dual-service couples with dependent family members under the age of 19

Service members and expeditionary civilians legally responsible for others of any age who are unable to care for themselves in their absence

The revised instruction also incorporates Section 556 of Senate Report 111-35, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010, which advises the DOD to:

Ensure that commanders inform service members of the overriding authority of state courts to determine child custody arrangements

Strongly encourage ser-

vicemembers to seek legal assistance

Advise service members that failure to inform the non-custodial parent about the family care plan in anticipation of an absence can undermine the family care plan or even render it useless

More than half of the 2.2 million U.S. men and women serving in the military are married, and 43.7 percent of the active duty force has at least one child. More than 1.7 million American children under the age of 18 have at least one parent in the military.

Colonel Shumake said service members in such families, and their civilian counterparts, carry a dual responsibility.

"People need to think about, in a logical, established way, how their going to take care of their children," said Colonel Shumake. "It's taking care of the mission, and being a good, responsible parent."

Tops in Blue visits Biloxi Nov. 4



Photo by Robbin Cresswell

Next week's Tops in Blue performance at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi features Senior Airman Hansil Jules from the 81st Dental Squadron. Doors open for the free Nov. 4 show at 6 p.m., with a 7 p.m. curtain time. Airman Jules is part of the active-duty special unit made up of talented amateurs that perform across the U.S. and around the world as Air Force musical ambassadors.

'Don't Ask, Don't Tell'

Gates memo changes discharge authority

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

Editor's note: For possible updates to this story, log on to www.af.mil.

WASHINGTON — Given the uncertainty over the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law, Defense Secretary Robert Gates has directed that any discharges under the law be made by the service secretaries in consultation with the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness and the defense general counsel.

More uncertainty looms, as the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals approved a stay of an injunction issued Oct. 12 on the law. The court's action means "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" is once again the law of the land after eight days of the injunction.

The court granted a stay of four days, said a senior defense official speaking on background. The stay lasted through Oct. 25 to give the judges the time to look at the government's request.

The court may extend the stay through the length of the appeals process or allow the injunction — which would allow openly gay and lesbian service members to serve or openly gay and lesbian people to enlist — to take effect.

The appeals process typically last 16 months in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, said the defense official. The court "briefing" schedule has the case on the books through March.

"With a case of this magnitude, it may be sooner," the official said. "Likely (there) could

be a decision sometime in 2011, but I can't predict or control the court's timetable."

The legal uncertainty caused Clifford Stanley, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, to once again caution gay and lesbian service members not to alter their personal conduct during this time.

In an Oct. 22 memo, Mr. Stanley wrote that changing their status because of the injunction "may have adverse consequences for themselves or others depending upon the state of the law."

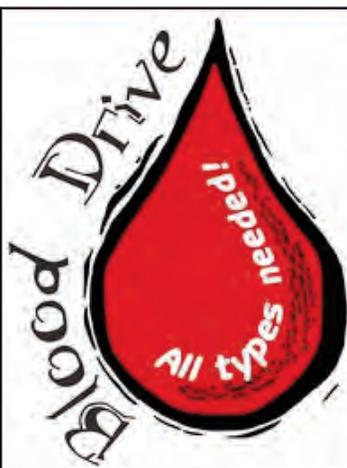
"It remains the policy of the Department of Defense not to ask service members or applicants about their sexual orientation, to treat all members with dignity and respect and to ensure maintenance of good order and discipline," he said.

"From this point forward and until further notice (service secretaries) are the ones who will be the separation authorities for their services," the senior official said. "This is not delegable."

The senior defense official said there is no guidance on recruiting in the secretary's memorandum to the service secretaries.

President Barack Obama and defense leaders want Congress to repeal the law. Changing the law overnight by court action makes for uncertainty within the force, the official said.

"Repeal of this statute that has been in place for more than 17 years should be done in an orderly way, informed by the recommendations ... (and) assessment of the DOD Working Group," the official said.



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3 breast cancer survivors share their journey

By Airman 1st Class
Heather Holcomb

Keesler Public Affairs

The word “cancer” shoots off the tongue like a numbing dart; even said in lullaby tones it conjures nightmares.

At the same time, little else can spark the raw strength, willpower and passion for life that may have been like dormant embers for years.

For some people, being diagnosed with cancer isn't a death sentence — it's an awakening.

Three breast cancer survivors and members of the Keesler family not only endured the physically and emotionally painful treatments, they came out with a brighter perspective on life.

Denise Landry

In February 2007, Ms. Landry, an 81st Medical Group medical law paralegal, was having her annual mammogram when her doctor found a lump near her armpit. At first she wasn't concerned with having a biopsy the next month because all biopsies she received in the past had shown the masses to be benign.

“After those initial words, ‘You have cancer,’ came out of his mouth, I really don't remember too much else,” Ms. Landry said. “It was like I was in a daze and just going through the motions. It wasn't until I got in the car that reality actually sank in and I realized I had cancer.”

Ms. Landry said the diagnosis was difficult to share with her family because her husband had watched his father succumb to lung cancer several years earlier and she knew her children would be devastated.



Ms. Landry

“I was always the healthy one taking care of everyone else and never got sick myself — not even with as much as a cold until then, so this was something that really caught them off guard,” she said.

After her biopsy and diagnosis, Landry was given treatment options. She could either have her breasts removed with a mastectomy or have a lumpectomy and radiation.

“Even though I knew what the right choice was for me, it was still an extremely difficult decision to make because I felt like I would be less of a woman,” she recalled.

She had a mastectomy with a sentinel node biopsy and had 11 lymph nodes removed. She was released from the hospital after three days with one drain and a stapled incision that extended from her armpit across her breast.

“It was not a pretty sight, but it didn't look as bad as I thought it would,” Ms. Landry said.

Five weeks later she had a port placed in her chest so she could begin chemotherapy the next day. For six months she



Ms. Provorse

received two different types of chemo.

“Each time I would have to go in the next day for them to check my white blood cell count — if it was low I had to take injections (to reduce the chance of infection) that caused extremely joint and bone pain,” said Ms. Landry.

Halfway through her chemo, she developed blood clots in her neck. That meant doctors had to inject warfarin, an anti-coagulant, into her stomach for a week and then put her on oral medication.

She completed her chemo in October 2007 and began a five-year regimen of tamoxifen. Weight gain from the drug caused her to put off reconstructive surgery.

“I am not happy at all with my looks,” Ms. Landry said. “I try not to focus on that, but to concentrate on the fact that I'm still here!”

Ms. Landry said she tries to exercise more and eat healthier, although Southern food is often irresistible. She's just gotten involved with helping others. Over the past three years, she's volunteered with several different organizations

and talked to numerous people diagnosed with cancer.

“I find by talking with them it not only helps them better understand and cope, but it also helps me,” she said.

Since her battle with breast cancer, Ms. Landry says she tries not to worry as much or let little things bother her.

“I cherish my family and friends each and every day and look forward to spending time with them,” she said. “I am a lot more laid back now and enjoy life more.”

Valerie Jackson

Ms. Jackson, a retired Navy wife, recently completed treatment at the 81st Medical Group Hospital. She had a double mastectomy and 14 months of chemo along with “tram flap” reconstructive surgery in which fat and muscle from the abdomen are used to reconstruct the breasts.

Ms. Jackson is proof that breast self exams are crucial because she found the lump herself while she was checking in the shower. She said when she found the lump, she was scared and thought of her mother who also had cancer.

Although she wondered why she was given a second chance at life, Ms. Jackson said that since her diagnosis she has become closer to the people she cares about, doesn't smoke, eats healthier and lives every day to the fullest.

She suggests that those who are diagnosed with cancer keep away from negativity, get out of the house, do the things they enjoy and most importantly, never give up.

Ms. Jackson said that the experience has made her a stronger person.

“I don't worry as much about what others think or have to say,” she said.

Cathy Provorse

Ms. Provorse served on active duty in the Air Force for more than 15 years and is married to an Air Force retiree.

She also benefitted from self examination because she too found a lump herself.

“This situation could have been a lot worse if I hadn't found it when I did,” she said.

Ms. Provorse was diagnosed with invasive ductal carcinoma Stage 1 in 2007 and had a left breast mastectomy along with one year of chemo at the 81st MDG hospital. She said she never got sick during treatment, just tired. She did, however, lose her hair.

“When you start your treatments, shave your head,” she recommended. “It was traumatic to be washing my hair in the shower and see my hair in the bottom of the tub. Once you shave it, it's one less stress factor. Just think — you get to wear beautiful hats and get a new hair style.”

She urges people who are diagnosed with cancer to talk about what they're going through instead of internalizing the struggle and doing nothing.

“Talk to your family about the changes you're going through,” Ms. Provorse said, “My husband was fantastic during this whole time. When you get married your vows say, ‘in sickness and in health.’ Well, he really stood up to his end of the deal.”

Denise Landry, Valerie Jackson and Cathy Provorse prove that beams of light can come from the darkest situation. And while many people still succumb to breast cancer, if they have a positive attitude, not a single moment of their lives will be unfilled.

Ms. Landry said, “I don't want to waste time thinking about what could happen — I just want to enjoy being alive.”



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Breast Cancer Tree honors loved ones

From left, Senior Airman Jessie Vanney, Sabreana Montgomery and Airman Georgiana Fisher, all assigned to the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, and Mishelle MorrisMagee, 81st Medical Group, set up a Breast Cancer Tree in the outpatient clinic lobby to help mark Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The tree honors everyone who has been affected by breast cancer. All are encouraged to write thoughts about a person they choose to honor on a provided pink ribbon and hang it on the tree. The tree remains in the lobby through Sunday, then is moved to the general surgery clinic waiting area.

Photo by Steve Pivnick

Surgical services flight offers trio of therapies

81st Surgical Operations Squadron

The 81st Surgical Operations Squadron's surgical services flight offers a trio of services to Keesler people.

The flight includes physical therapy, occupational therapy and chiropractic services. Commanded by Maj. Ann Musto, the flight consists of three active-duty physical therapists, an occupational therapist, a civilian chiropractor, a civilian chiropractic technician and eight physical medicine technicians. Maj. Brian Katen is the physical therapy element chief, Tech. Sgt. Antwionett Wheeler is the flight chief and Staff Sgt. Rachel Chiartano is the physical therapy noncommissioned officer in charge.

According to staff physical therapist Capt. Krista Hutchinson, "The primary job of physical therapy, occupational therapy and chiropractic services is to identify and treat neuromusculoskeletal injuries and conditions. We work together with the patient in developing a plan

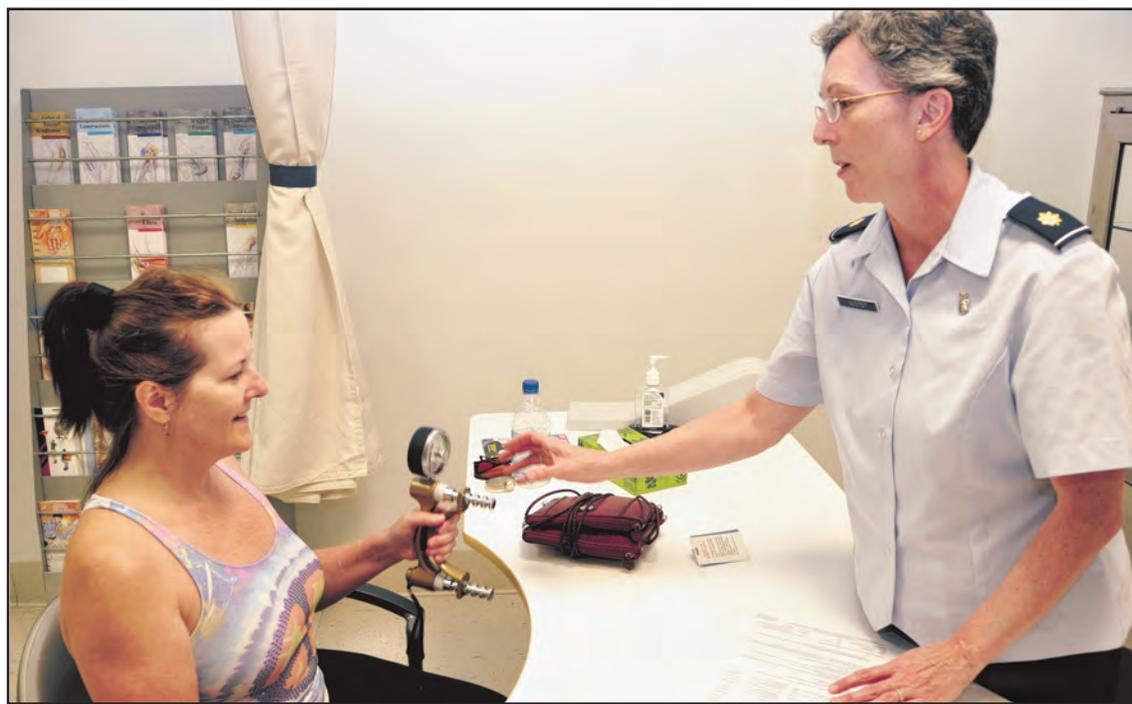
of care to address pain, limited mobility and decreased strength."

She explained the differences among the three services.

"Physical therapists treat diagnoses primarily related to the spine, shoulders and lower extremities," Captain Hutchinson pointed out. "Occupational therapy specializes in treating hand and upper extremity diagnoses. Chiropractors treat diagnoses related to the neck, spine and hips.

"Our job is to evaluate the patient, diagnose problems, provide intervention and reassess outcomes," the captain continued. "We treat pain with various modalities — traction, ultrasound, electrical stimulation, exercise, manual intervention, spinal manipulation and upper and lower extremity splinting. In addition, therapists and chiropractors teach exercises to strengthen muscles that have been weakened by surgery or injury."

Captain Hutchinson said



Photos by Steve Pivnick

Major Musto prepares to take a dynamometer from Kathleen DeHaven of Ocean Springs. The instrument is used to measure a patient's grip strength. Mrs. DeHaven is married to retired Senior Master Sgt. Steve DeHaven.

physical therapy most often evaluates and treats overuse injuries such as shin splints and 'runner's/jumper's knee.'

"Particularly with the institution of the new physical training standards, people are working harder to meet the new requirements," she said. "Physical therapy provides a vital role in caring for the 81st Training Wing students by allotting time to see these patients on a 'same-day' basis."

Occupational therapy addresses overuse injuries such as carpal tunnel syndrome and tennis elbow. Post-surgical upper-extremity rehabilitative cases are also treated. Treatments are tailored to address these diagnoses and how they affect the patient's activities of daily living.

Primary diagnoses for chiropractic services are related to cervical and lumbar segmental dysfunctions that occur from injuries and overuse.

All three clinics treat deployment-related injuries.

"These may include arm, neck and back injuries resulting from explosions, overuse or training injuries due to differences in running terrain," Captain Hutchinson noted.

"Unfortunately, not everyone is 100 percent when they are done with clinical treatment. Our goal is for our patients to have an individualized plan to follow to continue to progress them back to their prior level of function. Many of these injuries have been going on for months and need time and consistent adherence to the treatment plan to resolve."

Patients seen in these three areas are by referral only. Occupational therapy treats active-duty members, retired military and dependents. Physical therapy treats active-duty members and post-surgical patients, as well as military retirees and dependents on a space-available basis. Chiropractor Dr. Carley Davis treats active-duty military only.



Airman 1st Class Kurstie Shaffer connects leads from an iontophoresis unit to 1st Lt. Sarah Reeves' leg. The equipment forces anti-inflammatory medication through the skin to an affected area. Lieutenant Reeves is a member of the 81st Training Group.



Dr. Davis performs a cervical adjustment on 1st Lt. Walker Hofmann, 333rd Training Squadron.



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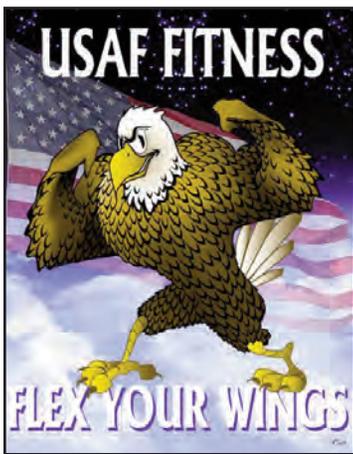
Photo by Kemberly Groue

Sam Parish, the eighth Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, speaks at an enlisted call Oct. 19 at Welch Auditorium. Chief Parish, who retired in 1986, served in the Air Force's top noncommissioned officer position for nearly three years. While at Keesler, he was the guest speaker for the Mathies NCO Academy graduation and met with several base organizations and classes.

National honor



Susan Scott, program director for the 81st Medical Group Hospital's internal medicine residency program for more than eight years, has been selected by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education as one of the outstanding program coordinators in the nation. The letter notifying her of the honor stated, "From among many other highly talented program coordinators in graduate medical education, your nomination, along with several exceptional letters of recommendation, rose to the top." Ms. Scott was selected from nominees among military and civilian programs throughout the U.S. She'll receive the council's GME program coordinator excellence award March 4 at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville.



Trick-or-treaters roam Keesler streets Sunday

81st Security Forces Squadron, safety office, fire department and housing office

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

Here are tips to stay safe on Halloween:

- Use common sense.
- Carry a flashlight.
- Walk, don't run.
- Obey the law. Encourage your kids to follow all the regular rules for walking around. That includes looking both ways before crossing, obeying all traffic laws and using crosswalks and crossing lights where available.
- Cross at corners, not between parked cars.
- Stay on sidewalks; don't cut across yards or driveways.
- Walk facing oncoming traffic if there's no sidewalk.
- Watch for cars turning into or backing out of driveways.
- Accompany your kids if they're not old enough to trick-or-treat on their own.
- Designate a route before your kids begin trick-or-treating.
- Have your kids trick-or-treat in areas where there are a lot of people around.
- Stay in familiar neighborhoods.

Scary fun at haunted attraction

The 332nd Training Squadron and the 81st Security Forces Squadron present "The Forgotten" haunted attraction, 6 p.m. today through Sunday.

It's located in Building 4315 just west of the White Avenue Gate just south of the former temporary exchange. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 12 and under. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Christopher Freimann, 377-8234, or visit myspace.com/keeslerhaunting.

- Accept treats only in the doorway — don't enter a stranger's house.
- Visit only houses with lights on.
- If children are old enough to trick-or-treat without an adult, tell them to stay in a group.
- Dress children in a bright costume so others can see them. If their costumes are dark, have them wear reflective strips or carry a glow stick or flashlight.
- Masks can interfere with vision, so consider using makeup instead.
- Don't wear loose costumes or high-heeled shoes that can cause a child to trip.
- Bulky bags can also trip a child.
- Don't allow children to carry sharp or pointed toy weapons.
- Tell your kids not to accept a ride or go anywhere with a stranger.
- Know other activities a child may be attending, such as parties.
- Set time limits on when children should return home.
- Explain to children the difference between tricks and vandalism.
- Teach children to stop, drop and roll if their costumes catch on fire.
- Tell children not to eat treats until they return home and their treats have been inspected. Look at wrappings and toss out suspicious items.
- Make sure your yard is free of tripping hazards.
- Have a well-lighted home to hamper vandalism.
- In case of a lost child, injury or other emergency, if you're unable to find an 81st SFS patrol, call 911 or the 81st SFS, 377-3040.



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get out,
get fit
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Exchange policy offers shoppers hassle-free returns, refunds

Army and Air Force Exchange Service Public Affairs

DALLAS – Recent industry statistics show that more than \$200 billion worth of merchandise is returned to retailers annually. Since returns are ultimately inevitable, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service wants to ensure that military shoppers are aware of its hassle-free return policy.

“Depending on the product, the exchange offers an industry-leading return policy to maintain maximum customer satisfaction,” said Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Helm, the exchange’s senior enlisted adviser. “If, for some reason, the product doesn’t measure up, we have the processes in place to make it right.”

Items in new condition may be exchanged or returned

within 90 days except for the following:

30 days only: jewelry and watches, camcorders, televisions, digital cameras, furniture, mattresses, major appliances and gas-powered equipment

15 days only: computers and unopened software and peripherals, CDs, DVDs and video games

Non-refundable: gift cards, pre-paid music and wireless and phone cards.

If a shopper requests a refund with a sales receipt, a cash refund will be made if the original purchase was made in cash. If the original purchase was made by credit card, the refund will be credited to the customer’s same credit card. If a customer requests a refund without a sales receipt, the refund amount will be loaded

on an exchange merchandise card.

In addition to returns on items purchased at the exchange, military shoppers dissatisfied with a catalog item can return it to their nearest Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Marine Corps, Navy or Coast Guard exchange for a full. If the return is due to an error on the exchange’s part, the shopper will be reimbursed the standard shipping charges in full.

“We take our commitment to serving those who serve very seriously,” said Chief Helm. “On the rare occasion when a product fails to meet a shopper’s expectations, it’s extremely important that they have a hassle-free experience when it comes to returning and exchanging merchandise.”

‘My Hero’ essay contest offers chance to highlight special person

Army and Air Force Exchange Service Public Affairs

DALLAS — A 300-word essay could be worth \$2,000 in the Army and Air Force Exchange Service’s “My Hero” Essay Contest.

To qualify, authorized shoppers must write an essay on their hero, including what makes the nominee unique or what accomplishment or influence they have achieved.

The “My Hero” contest is open to for all military identification card holders who are 18 years old or older at the time of entry. Essays of 300 words or less must include name, address, daytime phone number, rank or occupation as well as name, address and contact information for the nominee.

“There is no doubt that we are walking among heroes every day at the Exchanges,” said Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Helm, AAFES senior enlisted advisor. “This is a great oppor-

tunity to give these often unsung heroes their opportunity to be recognized.”

Essays may be submitted to PatriotFamily@aafes.com in one of six categories: community crusader, young wonder (under 18), family champion, peacemaker, earth keeper or animal wonder. One essay per household per category may be submitted and each entry must specify which category that entry is for. Essays are accepted through Nov. 19.

The grand prize winner receives a \$2,000 AAFES shopping spree while the writers of the best essay for each of the six category take home a \$500 AAFES gift card. Judging is based on the uniqueness, quality and effectiveness in conveying the story of an individual’s military service or support, either as active duty or a Department of Defense civilian.

Lost & Found

Call the
81st Security Forces
Squadron
investigations office,
377-4500,
7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
weekdays.

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Housing office closed

The military family housing office closes at 11 a.m. Nov. 10 for an official function.

Clinic holiday hours

The 81st Medical Group Hospital's primary care and specialty clinics maintain operating hours aligned with the 81st Training Wing schedule during the holiday season.

Except for the actual holidays, the clinics are open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays. Clinics have reduced staffs on non-training Fridays.

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

The emergency department is always open.

Adoption options

Adoption Options, a seminar for military families considering adopting a child, is 5:30 p.m. Nov. 18 in Room 108A, Sablich Center.

The airman and family readiness center is partnering with several base and community agencies to present the program.

Topics include legal aspects of adoption, emotions and preparing the current family, reimbursement of adoption expenses according to Defense Department guidelines, home study process, and information from Mississippi state and private agencies.

To register, call 376-8728 by Nov. 10.

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.

Flag football rematch doesn't repeat history

By Sam Miller

Intramural sports director

It was déjà vu for the 2010 intramural flag football championship — the 81st Medical Support Squadron's A-team facing the 334th Training Squadron again, just like the 2009 title game.

But Oct. 21, the outcome was very different, with the Gators escaping with a 20-15 win and the intramural crown.

"This was my first year with the team, and I came in knowing we had lost the championship game last year," said Gators head coach Trae Clark. "We had one goal from the beginning of the season and that was to finish strong."

The 334th TRS, 6-4 in the regular season, definitely wasn't considered the team to beat for this year's title.

The 81st Security Forces Squadron, 10-0, dominated the American League during the regular season, also ranking ahead of the 338th TRS-A

(8-2) and the Marine Corps Detachment (6-4).

But the gutsy Gators upset the 81st SFS, 32-15, and demolished MARDET, 41-12, to earn the right to represent the American League for the base championship.

The 81st MDSS-A had finished the regular season 9-1, behind the undefeated 81st Medical Group (10-0), but perhaps the memories of the 2009 championship spurred them on to win the National League spot in the title game.

The title game showed favor to both defenses. The Gators put the first points on the board by completing a 30-yard pass and a 1-yard quarterback touchdown run to give them a 6-0 lead after a failed point-after try.

The next possession for the 81st MDSS-A was stalled when an interception was thrown, giving the Gators first and goal. The Gators failed to capitalize on the interception when they turned the ball over for a 40-



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From left, Robert Lugano and Jordan Light, 334th TRS, close on ball carrier Shaun Johnson, 81st MDSS-A, as Trae Clark, 334th TRS, snatches his flag to end the play.

yard defensive gain that gave the 81st MDSS-A a first-and-goal on the 10-yard line.

The 81st MDSS-A threw another interception in the red zone that was run back 35 yards. Three downs later, the Gators scored a touchdown and converted a 2-point try to take a 14-0 lead with 2:01 remaining in the first half of play.

The 81MDSS-A threw yet

another interception before the half, but it didn't result in any points for the Gators. With about a minute left in the half, the 81st MDSS-A was able to score off a miscue by the Gators quarterback that resulted in a 2-point safety. The score was 14-2 at halftime.

After the 81st MDSS-A received the second half kick-off, both teams initial drives

were stalled. The 81MDSS-A was finally able to put a touchdown on the scoreboard with its second possession of the second half, an 8-yard pass for a touchdown which put the score at 14-8.

A 334th TRS interception shifted the momentum in favor of the 81st MDSS-A after they converted the turnover into a 35-yard touchdown pass to give them a 15-14 lead with 2:00 minutes remaining in the game.

On the Gators' very next possession, they scored a touchdown via a 6-yard pass to take a 20-15 lead after a failed PAT.

With 1:06 left in the game, the 81MDSS-A drove the ball to the Gators' 20-yard line and the team looked poised to win the game with under a minute left. However, the 81st MDSS-A couldn't score a touchdown with three tries. With fourth-and-goal with six seconds remaining, last year's base champions threw another interception to end the game.

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



Ball carrier Gerald Kelley, 334th TRS, races down field with Ladarius Dailey, 81st MDSS, in hot pursuit.



Ball carrier Trae Clark, 334th TRS, attempts to shake and bake his way clear of Ladarius Dailey's defensive maneuvering.

Hockey season takes flight with first toss

Brig. Gen. Andrew Mueller, 81st Training Wing commander, throws out the first puck Friday to open the 2010-11 season for the Mississippi Surge and the Louisiana IceGators of the Southern Professional Hockey League at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi. Steve Weldlich, left, is team captain for the Surge, and Shawn McNeil is the team captain for the IceGators. The Surge skated away with a 3-2 win.

Photo by Airman 1st Class
Heather Holcomb



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Holiday festivities abound at Keesler

November 2010

By Lisa Campbell

CSC marketing director

The holiday season is almost here. There'll be the smell of pumpkin pie in the oven, friends and family ringing your doorbell with trays of food, a hustle and bustle in the local shopping malls and holiday parties and festivities filling up your calendar.

"Tis the season" of gathering with friends and family and celebrating the holidays. Let the 81st Force Support Squadron help you and your family get into the holiday spirit with these events.

Food drive

Through November, youth in the school age program at the youth center are collecting non-perishable food items for the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. Drop off donations at the youth center.

Card making

Deliver season's greetings with personalized, hand-crafted cards made 10:30 a.m. to noon Nov. 13 at the arts and crafts center. . \$7 per person

includes supplies. To sign up, call 377-2821.

Holiday bazaar

Get your holiday shopping done early at the holiday bazaar, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 19-20 at the arts and crafts center. Handmade crafts, demonstrations, prizes and more are planned. Vendor booths are \$20, including table and two chairs. For more information, call 377-2821.

Turkey shoot golf

The Hard-Time Turkey Shoot golf tournament is 7:30 a.m. Nov. 20 at Bay Breeze Golf Course. Two-person best ball, with handicap, by flight. Inclusive members \$25, greens members \$30 and non-members \$40. Fee includes greens, cart, food and drinks. Sign up by Nov. 16. For more information, call 377-3832.

Thanksgiving camp

The Thanksgiving Camp is Nov. 22-24 for ages 6-12 and 13-18 at the youth center. School age program youth may register beginning Monday; all others register begin-

ning Nov. 8. For more information, call 377-4116.

Free golf

Golf is free Nov. 25, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 at the Bay Breeze Golf Course. Cart and club rental aren't available.

Thanksgiving buffet

Nov. 25 at the Keesler Club. Seatings are 10:30 a.m., noon or 1:30 p.m. Enjoy traditional favorites including turkey, ham, dressing and all the trimmings. \$26.95, members receive a \$2 discount. For reservations and more information, call 377-0545.

Jingle Bell 5K

The Jingle Bell 5K run/walk is noon Dec. 1, 11:30 a.m. registration Start and finish at Blake Fitness Center. Free to enter. Safe holiday running attire is encouraged. Prizes for first-third place male and female runners.

Christmas in the Park

This annual free event is 4 p.m. Dec. 1 in the marina park. Festivities include tree lighting, horse and buggy rides,

hay rides, live nativity scene, holiday music by the Keesler Choir and more. Refreshments are served. Bring your camera for photos with Santa. Sponsors are JCPenney and Keesler Federal Credit Union.

New Year's Eve parties

Gaudé Lanes Bowling Center — 8 p.m. Dec. 31 to 1 a.m. Jan. 1. Enjoy a night of bowling (shoes included), music, party favors, dancing, prizes, finger foods and a non-alcoholic midnight toast. Purchase tickets at the front counter, \$30 for adults, \$25 for ages 6-17. Ages 5 and younger are free. Ages 14 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Alcoholic beverages sold separately.

Keesler Club — 8 p.m. Dec. 31 to 1 a.m. Jan. 1. Celebrate with music, dancing, heavy hors d'oeuvres, prizes, late night breakfast and a champagne toast at midnight. \$65 per person, Keesler Club members pay \$60. Purchase tickets at the cashier. For more information, call 377-2334.



H A P P E N I N G S

You can do gift shopping here on base

By Lisa Campbell

CSC marketing director

Why stress yourself out with overly-congested shopping malls when there are so many great shopping opportunities right here at Keesler? The 81st Force Support Squadron has creative gift ideas for everyone in the family and the best news is there are no taxes, long lines or congested parking lots.

For golfers

Bay Breeze Golf Course offers private lessons with a professional golfer, \$30 for a half-hour lesson. The pro shop carries name-brand clubs, accessories and apparel for men and women. Gift certificates are also available.

For outdoor enthusiasts

Outdoor recreation has accessories and equipment for those who enjoy fishing, camping, disc golf, and other outdoor activities, including adventure trips such as deep sea fishing. Gift certificates are also available.

Need an escape?

Give the gift of relaxation. Massage therapy gift certificates are available at the Triangle Fitness Center.

Plan a getaway with the Armed Forces Vacation Club. A resort vacation certificate consists of one week (seven nights) for only \$369. For more information, call the information, tickets and travel office.

For hobbyists

For those that love art, give the gift of learning. The arts and crafts center offers an array of instructional art classes from pottery, to painting, to jewelry making.

Learn or improve performance art hobbies. Classes for adults are offered at the Bay Breeze Community Center and include music, dance, and tae kwon do.

For sentimental souls

Give a gift with a personalized touch. The arts and crafts center can etch, engrave or print on most any gift. Customize plaques, pens, mugs, shadow boxes and more.

Build a customized gift in the woodworking shop. What could be better than hand-crafted gifts from the heart?

For kids

Take the kids on a fun vacation. The information, tickets and travel office sells tickets to some of the largest amusement parks along the Gulf Coast. Get great discounts to places like Disney World, Universal Studios, Sea World and more.

Give the gift of learning. Sign your children up for classes in guitar, piano or tae kwon do at the youth center.

Stir a child's imagination with a craft kit from the arts and crafts center.



EXTRA! Here's what's happening! EXTRA!

11TH FRAME CAFÉ

Editor's note: Located inside Gaudé Lanes Bowling Center, 377-2036. Contractors welcome. Menu is subject to change without notice.

Kingpin daily specials \$6.95 — 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays-Fridays. Call-in orders accepted 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays feature meat loaf, Thursdays get chicken fried steak or chicken, and Fridays enjoy golden fried catfish.

New menu items — now serving pizza and milkshakes.

Lunch punch card — purchase nine combos or Kingpin daily specials and your tenth one is free.

BAY BREEZE COMMUNITY CENTER

Editor's note: Located inside the new Bay Breeze Event Center. For more information, call 377-2509.

Free pool — enjoy a game of billiards on the house. Brand new tables, free wi-fi and a flat screen television.

Internet gaming — cybersports room has computers dedicated solely to internet gaming. Play for free.

Adult classes — tae kwon do, dance and music, ages 18 and older.

AIRMAN AND FAMILY READINESS CENTER

Editor's note: Registration is required for all briefings, classes and workshops below, call 376-8728. Space is limited. No briefings Nov. 11.

Preparation counseling — Tuesdays, 1 p.m. for separatees, 2:30 p.m. for retirees. This is a mandatory requirement for all personnel separating from the service. Suspense for completion is 90 days prior to separation/retirement.

Post-deployment briefing — 9 a.m. Tuesdays or 1 p.m. Thursdays for all returning from deployment.

Predeployment brief — 7-9 a.m. Nov. 4 for all individuals deploying. See your Unit Deployment Manager to schedule.

Civilian jobs resume writing class — 2-4:30 p.m. Nov. 4. Learn about formatting options and how to concisely present accomplishments. Bring a resume if you have one.

Federal resume writing/job search — 9-11:30 a.m. Nov. 4 or 2-4:30 Nov. 18. Learn how to prepare a resume for federal employment. Print a federal job announcement and bring to class.

Sponsor training — 10-11 a.m. Nov. 8 and Nov. 22. Learn about resources and tips for making newcomers feel welcome.

Survivor benefit briefing — 9-11 a.m. Nov. 10 for single and married members and their spouses.

Transition assistance workshop — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 15-17. A three-day workshop conducted by the Department of Labor to help with transition to the civilian work force. Open to those 12 months or less from separation or 24 months from retirement. Spouses are invited to attend.

Bundles for babies — 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 18 for active duty members expecting a newborn into the family. Those attending the class will receive a layette gift valued at \$75.

Veterans Administration benefits brief — 8-11 a.m. Nov. 18 for active duty and spouses.

Retirement benefits brief — 1-3:30 p.m. Nov. 18. Informative briefing for service members and their spouses.

Students on the move — 3:30-5 p.m. Nov. 18. Call 377-0155 to register.

Interview skills and salary negotiation — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 23. Learn how to get the employer to talk money first when discussing salary. Open to anyone with access to Keesler.

BAY BREEZE GOLF COURSE

Editor's note: For more information or tee time, call 377-3832.

Clubhouse — pro shop, snack bar, gift certificates and more.

Night crawlers golf scramble — 6 p.m. Nov. 3. Two-person, nine-hole select shot. Inclusive members, \$25; greens members, \$30; nonmembers, \$40. Fee includes greens, cart, dinner, glow ball and sticks, prizes, and beverages. Each team must bring a flashlight for the golf cart. Putting contest before tournament.

Twilight golf special — 2 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays pay one price and golf until closing; includes cart. E1-E4, \$12; E5-O3, \$20; O4 and up, \$22; and guests \$22.

Golf lessons with a teaching professional — \$30 for a half-hour lesson for any level golfer, from those learning the basic fundamentals to fine tuning the most advanced golfers' skills. Lessons are by appointment Monday-Saturday; call to schedule.

Free golf clinics for nonprior service students — noon to 1:30 p.m. Nov. 6 and 13.

"UBU" nonprior service students' special — \$15 for 18 holes or \$10 for nine holes includes greens fee and cart; \$20 for 18 holes or \$15 for nine holes includes greens fee, cart, and rental clubs.

DINING FACILITIES

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2200.

Daily menu — call 377-DINE (3463).

Monthly birthday celebration — 5:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month for all nonprior service students, permanent party enlisted, and essential station messing members. Reservations must be made in advance by the 25th of the previous month; call 377-3854. Personnel collecting basic allowance for subsistence must pay cash and surcharge.

GAUDÉ LANES BOWLING CENTER

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2817. Bumpers are available on 19 lanes by reservation for ages 10 and younger.

Bowl at lunch — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays-Fridays, \$1 per game and \$1 for shoes.

Club member special — Thursdays. Show your current club card and bowl for \$1.50 with free shoe rental.

Team building — 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays and 1-5 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, bring your employees and bowl for \$1 a game plus shoe rental. Call for reservations.

Glow bowling — 9 p.m. Fridays and 7 p.m. Saturdays.

Birthday parties — 1:30-3 p.m. or 3:30-5 p.m. Saturdays. The birthday child is free, you provide the cake. Parties range in price from \$8.95 to \$15.95 per child. Reservations are required.

"UBU" special — nonprior service students, show your UBU card and bowl for \$1.50 per game any time, shoes included.

Fundraiser idea — an exciting way to score over \$450 cash in just a few hours.

HELP WANTED

Editor's note: The 81st Force Support Squadron's human resource office is located in Sablich Center, 500 Fisher St., Room 211.

Nonappropriated fund positions — apply online at <http://nafjobs.afsv.net>.

Current job openings — for complete list, call the 24-hour job line at 377-9055 or log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>.

INNS OF KEESLER

Editor's note: For reservations and more information, call (228) 374-0088 or DSN 597-4900.

Check-in/out — at Tyer House on Fisher Street. If you're arriving after 6 p.m., call with credit card information to hold reservation.

Rooms available — Space-available reservations can be made three days in advance. Rooms offered are visiting airmen's quarters \$34.75 with a queen bed, refrigerator, microwave and shared bathroom; visitor's quarters \$39 with a queen bed, refrigerator, microwave and private bathroom; and temporary lodging facility \$41.50 for one- and two-bedroom family units with full kitchen. Pet TLFs available for an additional \$10 per night.

Plan ahead for holiday visitors — now accepting reservations for the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's holidays. A limited number of pet TLFs are available.

INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TRAVEL

Editor's note: Now located on the first floor of Bay Breeze Event Center. For more information, call 377-3818.

Discounted tickets — log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the ITT link.

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KEESLER COLLOCATED CLUB

Editor's note: All ranks and contractors welcome. Club members must show club card to receive discounts. Must be 21 or older to enter the collocated lounge. For more information, call 377-2334.

New York strip or linguini and clams — 5-8 p.m. Nov. 9 in the ballroom, \$26.95, members receive a \$2 discount.

Mongolian barbecue — 5 p.m. Nov. 19 in the ballroom, members 95 cents per ounce, nonmembers \$1.10 per ounce.

Children's menu — available upon request.

Daily lunch specials — served 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For menu, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>.

Catering — professional services for your special occasions.

Social hour — 4-7 p.m. daily. \$5 domestic pitchers, \$1.50 domestic draft and \$2 domestic bottle beer.

Bonanza bingo — cards \$1, available at the cashier or ask your bartender; you could win \$500 prize.

Monday night football — enjoy the game in the lounge.

Wingman Wednesdays — every Wednesday get \$5 domestic draft pitchers.

Jazz music — 4-8 p.m. Fridays.

Dance night — 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Nov. 5, 12 and 26. Drink specials. Free admission.

"NFL Sunday Ticket" — noon until. Catch the games on any of our big screens in the lounge. Free giveaways!

"Football Frenzy" — every Sunday. Members enter to win a free round trip to the 2010 Super Bowl.

Karaoke nights — 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Nov. 6 with DJ Wayne and 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Nov. 13 with DJ Hostile.

Tailgate brunch — noon to 5 p.m. every Sunday. \$8.50, members receive a \$2 discount.

Motown night — 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Nov. 20 and 27.

Members appreciation night — 5-8 p.m. Nov. 23 for members only. Free food and giveaways.

LEGENDS CAFÉ

Editor's note: Dine in or take out. Located inside Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call 377-2424.

Fast, inexpensive place to grab a bite — serving pizza, wings, chicken tenders, hamburgers, wraps, quesadillas, sandwiches, salads and more. Open evenings Thursdays-Saturdays.

"UBU" special — nonprior service students, show your UBU card and get a free large fountain drink with a \$5 purchase.

MCBRIDE LIBRARY

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2181.

National Gaming Week Nov. 8-14 — enjoy classic video games at computer/gaming stations throughout the library. Check out our selection of gaming, fantasy and mystery titles. Nov. 8-13, solve the giant sudoku puzzle and enter to win the gaming day drawing Nov. 13. Nov. 13, be part of our whodunit mystery with a live action role as a super sleuth.

Children's story time — 10-11 a.m. Nov. 17.

Free wi-fi — available 24/7. Ask at front desk for login access.

Search online catalog — search for print and audio books, DVDs, CDs, VHS, magazines, periodicals and more, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>.

Research orientations — learn how to access, search, locate and save/use information in online databases. Call to schedule.

OUTDOOR RECREATION AND MARINA

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3160.

Geocaching adventure — 9 a.m. Nov. 5. \$10 per person. Minimum four, maximum six participants.

Veterans special — Nov. 11, all veterans receive 10 percent off all equipment rentals.

Deep sea fishing trips — \$75 includes everything you need to fish, bring food and beverages. Payment is due upon reservation. Minimum 10, maximum 22 people. Call for reservations.

Mississippi Sound fishing charter — aboard the Dolphin II, Keesler's 50-foot fishing vessel. Price is \$750 for first 10 people, \$50 for each additional person with a maximum of 22 people. Fishing licenses are not required. A \$100 deposit is required.

Towable campers for rent — clean and roomy with side slide out. \$50 per day. Tow to your destination and enjoy.

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

Back bay fishing trips — \$20, bring your own food and beverages. Mississippi state fishing license is required. Call to schedule.

RESALE LOT

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2821.

Buy, sell, trade — \$10 per month to place your vehicle on the lot, \$20 for recreational vehicles and boats. Located on Meadows Drive. Register at the arts and crafts center 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Registration, license and insurance required.

SPORTS AND FITNESS

Editor's note: Keesler has three fitness centers for your convenience — Blake Fitness Center, 377-4385; Dragon Fitness Center, 377-2907, and Triangle Fitness Center, 377-3056.

Free fitness classes — Zumba, boot camp, step aerobics, Pilates, cycling/circuit training, kick boxing and yoga are available at the Dragon Fitness Center. For class descriptions and schedule, stop by any of the base fitness centers or log onto <http://www.keeslerservices.us> under the fitness center link.

Parent/child fitness room — inside Dragon Fitness Center featuring workout equipment and a play area for ages 6 months to 7 years. Children must be directly supervised at all times by a parent while in the facility.

Massage therapist now available — hour and half-hour appointments available at Triangle Fitness Center. Swedish, deep tissue, aromatherapy, reflexology and La Stone original body therapy massages are offered. To schedule or for more information, call 263-5515. Gift certificates are available.

Professional certified personal trainers, fitness testing and exercise prescriptions — schedule an appointment with one of our certified personal trainers. They can administer a fitness test and compose a personal exercise prescription just for you based on your fitness goals, physical limitations and time restrictions. These free services are available at any of the three fitness centers. For an appointment or more information, call 377-4409.

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

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ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

Editor's note: Preregistration is required for all classes. Register at craft sales, Building 5904. Space is limited. For more information, call 377-2821.

Specials

Gifts to go — get a décor mug filled with goodies, just \$10 each. Choose one with a picture of a magnolia and the Biloxi Lighthouse for a souvenir.

Sale — check out our discount bin; selected products reduced by up to 50 percent.

"UBU" special — UBU card holders get 10 percent off all items in the crafts resale store.

Multi-crafts shop

Editor's note: Potter's wheels, ceramic molds, air brushing, and tools are available for use in the shop. Classes include materials.

Cartooning — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 6, learn techniques in drawing and developing cartoons.

Pottery — 10:30 a.m. Nov. 6 and 20. \$40.

Scrapbooking — 10:30 a.m. Nov. 10. \$20.

Acrylic painting — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 13. Learn painting techniques and leave with a finished piece of art work.

Jewelry making — 10:30 a.m. to noon Nov. 13. \$30, learn wire wrapping and tooling.

Glass painting — 10:30 a.m. to noon Nov. 13. \$25, class includes a completed painted project.

Wood shop

Editor's note: Hardwoods and plywood in stock for sale. Stock includes walnut, mahogany, pecan, maple, oak, poplar, cypress and cedar.

Beginning woodworking — 8:30-10:30 a.m. Nov. 6 and 13. Make a cutting board. \$25 includes shop use, instruction and materials. Class certifies you to use the equipment in the future.

Beginning intarsia — 10 a.m. to noon Nov. 6. \$15 including materials. Intarsia is the art of piecing wood together in a decorative pattern.

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. to noon Nov. 13. \$20 includes materials and tool use.

Engraving shop

Custom items — The staff can etch glass items and customize your order of plaques, trophies, awards, mugs and writing pens for gift giving, special mementos and squadron functions. Organizational name tags are our specialty.

Frame shop

Framing class — 12:30-4:30 p.m. Nov. 12. \$30. Bring a picture or piece of art no larger than 5x7-inches for framing.

Custom orders — we will customize all work to individual orders. We can coordinate framing awards with engraving shop accessories.

Auto hobby shop

Editor's note: Indoor and outdoor stalls and lifts available. For more information, call 377-3872.

Qualified mechanics — on hand to help with car care needs.

Tire service/air machine — coin-operated, available 24-7. Located at the vacuum station.

Collection site — for privately-owned vehicle oil, antifreeze, transmission and brake fluids.

24-hour coin-operated car care — vacuum station and car wash featuring foamy brush wash, high-pressure rinse, wax, towelettes and Armorall.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2211 or 377-4116.

Give parents a break — 4-10 p.m. Nov. 6. Air Force Aid Society program offers free child care at the center for Air Force families who are referred by base agencies such as the airman and family readiness center and family advocacy, first sergeants, commanders and chaplains. Certificates must be coordinated through the airman and family readiness center. School-age children go to the youth center.

FAMILY CHILD CARE

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3189.

Child care slots — call for availability.

Be your own boss — military spouses who live on and off base who wish to care for children in their homes are being recruited. Providers are also needed to care for children with special needs including asthma, allergies, cerebral palsy and other physical impairments, and to work swing and evening shifts.

Child care assistance programs — Air Force Aid Society, returning home care, expanded duty care and Air Force subsidy programs are available. Call for guidelines.

VANDENBERG COMMUNITY CENTER

Editor's note: All events, except dances and weekend competitions, are open to all Keesler personnel. For more information, call 377-5576.

* Free to compete, regular \$3 dance admission applies.

Musician's jam night* — 9 p.m. Nov. 5 showcase your talent in a 15 minute jam session. Talent will be judged and winner will receive a prize.

Poets and painters night* — 10-11 p.m. Nov. 6. One poet and one painter will pair up to present three minutes of spoken word and a painted depiction of poetry. Karaoke at midnight.

"Soul Train" night — 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Nov. 11.

The 'V' in reverse* — 8 p.m. to midnight Nov. 12. Hear a snippet of a song in reverse and try to name it correctly. Name the most and win a prize.

Hollering contest* — 9 p.m. Nov. 13. Highest decibel wins a prize. Karaoke at midnight.

A fast scare* — 10 p.m. Nov. 19. The person who can stuff a scarecrow the fastest wins a prize.

Bobbing for apples* — 10 p.m. Nov. 20. Karaoke at midnight.

Open mic nights* — 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Nov. 26-27. Karaoke at midnight Nov. 27.

Pool tournaments — 7 p.m. Tuesdays 9-ball, Wednesdays 8-ball. Free to enter.

YOUTH CENTER

Editor's note: All children registered in a youth center program receive free membership. For more information, call 377-4116.

Family and teen talent show and family pride night — 6:30-8:30 p.m. Nov. 5. Free food and special activities. Enter the talent contest or come enjoy the show. Contestants register by Friday. Videos of winners will be forwarded to Air Force for competition at that level.

Friday night fun — 6:30-9:30 p.m. Nov. 12 and 19 for ages 6-12. \$10 admission. Games, snack bar, movies, skating, holiday parties, video games.

Keystone Club (teen leadership) — 6-8 p.m. every other Monday. Nov. 22 special field trip to the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.

Youth basketball — register now.

Homeschoolers — meet 1-3 p.m. Thursdays.

School age program — space is still available.

Open recreation — 3-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 3-6 p.m. Fridays.

Teen open recreation/TRAIL meetings — 4-8 p.m. Saturdays. Special activities and events.

Tennis, tae kwon do, guitar and piano lessons — available. Sign up today.

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Call 377-2821 to reserve.