



KEESLER NEWS

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

Train to Fight. Train to Win.

MARCH 24, 2011 VOL. 72 NO. 12

'Angels Over the Bay' draws record crowds

Pages 2, 16-17

Dog handler receives Purple Heart

Page 8

Keesler's Youth of Year

Page 13

Mustache March

Page 24

INSIDE

Commentary, 2-3 Training and Education, 4-7 News and Features, 8-26 Sports and Recreation, 27

www.keesler.af.mil

Angels Over the Bay Professionalism, perseverance, pride prevail

By Brig. Gen. Andrew Mueller

81st Training Wing commander

What a spectacular open house this weekend!

I hope everyone who participated in this year's unforgettable open house and "Angels Over the Bay" air show enjoyed this absolutely wonderful event. We had picture-perfect clear blue skies, outstanding ground displays, top-notch aerial demonstrations and some of the best funnel cakes on the Gulf Coast. Most importantly, it was a very safe weekend for all our guests.

I have received hundreds of compliments regarding the professionalism and pride on display at this weekend's event, and I am proud to pass them to everyone on Team Keesler who made it possible. The base looked great, the organization to move more than 160,000 guests to and from the base was outstanding, the ground and aerial demonstrations were awesome, and most importantly the enthusiasm and can-do attitude of our hundreds of volunteers was absolutely world class. What a great way to showcase Keesler's 70-year heritage!

In addition, we were proud to join with the U.S. Navy to help celebrate the centennial of naval aviation and kick off Navy Week here on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Hosting a full complement of naval aircraft in heritage paint schemes and the Navy's Blue Angels aerial demonstration team was an excellent start to a great week of activity.

My sincere gratitude goes out to everyone who had a role in making this event possible. Whether you invested countless hours in planning, setting up, cleaning up or tirelessly volunteering to work non-stop in one of the many booths on the flightline over the weekend, this event would not have been possible without you.

Lt. Col. Sean Gallagher, 81st Mission Support Group vice commander who was recently selected for promotion to colonel, led our air show committee of military, civilians,



Photo by Kemberly Groue

General Mueller, right, greets members of the Navy's Blue Angels team on the Keesler flightline following a practice flight March 18.

community members and sponsors — all volunteers! Justin Cooper, 81st Operations Support Flight airfield operations chief, served as "air boss" and Lt. Col. Jonathan Wright, 81st Contracting Squadron commander, served as "ground boss." I sincerely thank you all!

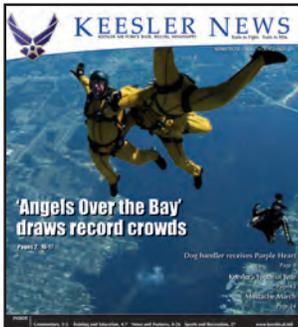
When I became the commander of the 81st Training Wing, I challenged all of you to approach every undertaking with professionalism, perseverance and pride. This past weekend you embraced this challenge. Working

together, Team Keesler made thousands of unforgettable memories that showcased the heritage of our base, our Air Force heritage, a wide range of today's military capabilities and the strong community partnership we enjoy with the cities of Biloxi, Gulfport, D'Iberville and the entire Mississippi Gulf Coast.

In the weeks and months ahead as you replay the images of the Air Force Honor Guard drill team; the K-9 teams; the Army Golden Knights and combat controller parachute teams;

the B-25, C-47, P-51, MIG-17, C-21, T-38, F-16, P-40, F4U, AT-6D, B-25J, AT-38C, MH-65C, C-130, YAK 52, T-28 and FG-1D flight demonstrations and the Blue Angels performance over Biloxi's Back Bay, I hope you take great pride in adding another great chapter in Keesler's seven decades of rich heritage on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Make no mistake — what you do is very important and everyone plays an important role. I am proud to be a part of Team Keesler.



ON THE COVER

From 12,500 feet above Biloxi's Back Bay, four Army Golden Knights begin their descent toward Keesler Saturday during their opening ceremony parachute jump for the Angels Over the Bay open house and air show. The two-day event broke previous Keesler air show records with an estimated attendance of 160,000 guests. The headline act was the Navy's Blue Angels aerial demonstration team as part of the Mississippi Gulf Coast's Navy Week. The weekend was filled with other aerial performers, aircraft static displays, the Air Force Honor Guard, the Budweiser Clydesdales and exhibits. Commentary and photo, Page 2; more photos, Pages 16-17.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Heather Heiney



DRAGONS ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

Keesler News photojournalist

What is your biggest complaint about other motorists?



"Drivers that don't use turn signals."

Senior Airman Royal Wright III, 81st Security Forces Squadron



"Texting while driving."

Jim Lane, retired senior master sergeant



"When vehicles cut me off or go much slower than the speed limit with no chance to pass."

Staff Sgt. Kimberly Brooks, 81st Training Wing

KEESLER NEWS

81st Training Wing commander

Brig. Gen. Andrew Mueller

Public affairs director

Jerry Taranto

Deputy director

1st Lt. Joost Verduyn

Editor

Susan Griggs

Photojournalist

Kemberly Groue

Writer/graphic designer

Steve Hoffmann

Public affairs staff

Billy Bell

Tim Coleman

Airman 1st Class

Heather Heiney

Staff Sgt.

Kimberly Moore

Senior Airman

Eric Summers Jr.

Joel Van Nice

YoLanda Wallace

Tech. Sgt.

Greg Washburn

The Keesler News office is in Room 201A, Wall Studio, Building 0902. The mailing address: 81TRW/PAIN, Keesler AFB, MS 39534-2120. Phone: 377-4130, 3837, 3163 or 9966. Published Thursday. News deadline: noon Monday. Editorial content edited, prepared and provided by the 81st TRW Public Affairs Office is in compliance with Air Force journalistic standards. Photos are Air Force photos unless otherwise indicated.

The Keesler News is published by Gulf Publishing Co., a private firm in no way connected with the Air Force, under an exclusive written contract with the 81st TRW as an authorized publication for U.S. military service members. Contents aren't necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. government, Department of Defense or Air Force. Advertising doesn't constitute endorsement by the U.S. government, DOD, Air Force or Gulf Publishing of products or services advertised. Everything advertised shall be available without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation or any other non-merit factor.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

DOD ensuring off-duty education opportunities for service members

By Elaine Wilson

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Department officials are taking extensive measures, from education reviews to agency partnerships, to ensure service members have access to quality education and learning opportunities in their off-duty hours, a Defense Department official said.

Robert Gordon III, deputy assistant secretary of defense for military community and family policy, recently outlined these efforts for members of a Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs subcommittee.

Each year, one-third of the nation's service members enroll in post-secondary education courses leading to associate, bachelor and advanced degrees, Mr. Gordon said. This past year alone, officials tallied more than 857,000 course enrollments and more than 45,000 service members who earned a degree or certification.

Service members are nontraditional students, attending school part time during off-duty hours, Mr. Gordon said, noting that oftentimes "military missions, deployments, transfers and family obligations impinge on their ability to continue their education."

This can result in an interruption of studies, or breaks of months and even years between courses or in completing degree requirements, he said.

To better accommodate their work schedules and demands, military officials are turning to technology to create more opportunities than ever before, Mr. Gordon said. Colleges and universities deliver classroom instruction via the Internet and on military installations around the world.

"There are no geographical confines," he said. "Courses are offered on-board ships, submarines and at deployed locations."

From spring 2009 to 2010, for example, 432 service members in Iraq and Afghanistan graduated from post-secondary schools, Mr. Gordon said.

With such a widespread educational offering, officials are working to ensure that tuition assistance dollars, intended for off-duty education, are well spent. All institutions participating in tuition assistance programs must be accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the Education Department, Mr. Gordon said. And colleges and universities on installations must adhere to additional criteria.

The DOD, Mr. Gordon said, also contracted with the American Council on Education to conduct the Military Installation Voluntary Education Review, which provided a third-party independent review of the DOD's on-installation programs.

Officials are pursuing another contract, to be awarded by Oct. 1, that will have an "enhanced quality criteria," Mr. Gordon explained, and include all modes of course delivery as well as all institutions on and off military installations participating in the tuition assistance program. Officials will track third-party recommendations for this new review, he added, and monitor corrective actions to ensure ongoing improvement.

To further bolster educational services, officials are on track to implement a new policy, effective Jan. 1, 2012, that would require every institution participating in the tuition assistance program to have a memorandum of understanding with the DOD. This MOU would include an agreement that institutions must participate in the new review process, he said.

The DOD officials are also working with the education department on a "sharing agreement," Mr. Gordon noted, which if enacted, will enable officials to receive reports from accrediting agencies, school-monitoring reviews and requirements for state authorizations of schools. The department will apply this information within the DOD's voluntary education programs and prior to issuing tuition assistance funds, he explained.

To garner feedback, officials have developed an online, automated tracking system to document issues and concerns, Mr. Gordon said. Students, DOD personnel and schools can submit their comments on a Web-based system, which will track submissions and record resolutions, he said.

"The information gleaned will be used to address improper behavior or questionable practices by an institution participating in the TA program," Mr. Gordon said.

Government Accountability Office officials recently conducted a detailed examination of the tuition assistance program, Mr. Gordon said. "I'm pleased to say that I believe their report on our management of this large and complex program was favorable," he said.

The accountability office made five administrative recommendations, Mr. Gordon said. "We concurred with all of them and are implementing them now," he said.

Volunteer — get connected.

81st Training Group announces top student, military training flight

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The 81st Training Group announced its student and military training flight for the month of February March 16.

Airman of the Month is Airman 1st Class Jesse Aiduk, a red rope student leader who graduated the same day from the weather apprentice course in the 335th Training Squadron.

Airman Aiduk, who hails from Corning, N.Y., is headed to his first assignment in Sembach, Germany.

The five squadrons that train nonprior service students select one Airman to compete at a monthly group board.

Airmen are graded on personal appearance, communication skills and military bearing. They also respond to questions about customs and courtesies, dress and appearance, selected entries in the Airman's Manual and current events from that week's issue of the Keesler News.

The MTF of the month for February is the 334th MTF. The Gators scored the highest overall in marching, physical training, room inspections, open ranks, Airman's Manual, charge of quarters and retreat.

The flight received a roving sign to put in front of its squadron to recognize its achievement.



Airman Aiduk

Volunteer —
get connected!

TRAINING, EDUCATION NOTES

KSC scholarships

April 1 is the deadline to apply for 2011 Keesler Spouses Club scholarships.

Eligible applicants include high school seniors entering a college, university or vocational studies and spouses pursuing a degree or vocational studies.

For more information, log on to www.keeslerspousesclub.com or call 273-2489 or 243-7133.

Swan scholarship

May 31 is the deadline to apply for the Hurricane Hunters \$2,000 Swan 38 scholarship.

The scholarship is open to active and retired 403rd Wing members and their dependents.

For more information, log on to www.hurricanehunters.com.

Manager certification

The Community College of the Air Force awards professional manager certification that formally recognizes an individual's advanced level of education and experience in leadership and management, as well as professional accomplishments.

The program provides a structured professional development track that supplements enlisted professional military education and the career field education and training plan.

For more information, log on to <http://www.au.af.mil/au/ccaf/certifications.asp> or call 376-8708 or 8710.

Drill downs, parades

The 81st Training Group's drill downs are 8 a.m. April 29, June 24, Aug. 19 and Oct. 28 on the parade grounds.

For more information, call 377-2103.

Parades are 6 p.m. today, July 21 and Sept. 29 and during Special Olympics, May 13-15.

For more information, call 377-2789.

Military working dog handler receives Purple Heart award

By Steve Hoffmann

Keesler News staff

Staff Sgt. James Martin III, 81st Security Forces Squadron, was honored last Friday with the Purple Heart for wounds he sustained while deployed to Afghanistan.

Maj. James Clark, 81st SFS commander, pinned the award on Sergeant Martin during a ceremony March 18 at the Roberts Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Facility.

Sergeant Martin was wounded Dec. 6, 2010 while assigned to the 101st Airborne Division serving as a military working dog handler for Charlie Company, 3rd Platoon, operating in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan. Sergeant Martin and his military working dog, a German Shepherd named Densy, were attached to the platoon to sniff out improvised explosive devices.

The award citation stated, "While on a dismounted combat patrol during the third firefight of the day, Sergeant Martin's platoon was ordered to the east



Photos by Kemeberly Groue

Major Clark pins a Purple Heart medal Sergeant Martin's uniform during the March 18 ceremony.

of their position to investigate suspicious activity, when they immediately encountered an insurgent ambush. While taking up a fighting position, Sergeant Martin received a gunshot wound to his shoulder. Immediately upon finding adequate cover he checked Densy for wounds and then returned fire before being medivac'd to

Kandahar Airfield."

"I expected to see blood, but it was water," explained Sergeant Martin as he described the moment when he realized he had been hit. "I was hit by two rounds. I felt a rush of warmth down my back and thought I was bleeding out but realized it was water from my camelback. The other round went through my shoulder."

Sergeant Martin had been stationed at Keesler less than a year before his deployment to Afghanistan, his third deployment in seven years in the Air Force.

When asked how this experience has changed his perspective, Sergeant Martin replied, "It really makes you realize the need for training, especially as a dog handler, because you're embedded with the Army so much. If they are trained up, you need to stay trained just as much."

Sergeant Martin continues to work and train with Densy at the military working dog kennel at Keesler.

"I love what I do," he said. "For as long as I can remember I've always wanted to be a cop and I love dogs. It's just something I've always wanted to do."



From left, James Jackson, former commander of the Gulf Coast Chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and Major Clark look on as Sergeant Martin is congratulated by Mike Bass, current MOPH commander. Sergeant Martin's military working dog, Densy, sits obediently by his side.

IN THE NEWS

4 new colonels for 403rd Wing

Four members of the 403rd Wing were promoted to the rank of colonel March 13.

They are Marshall Irvin, 403rd Mission Support Group commander; Patty Beyer, 403rd Wing judge advocate; Connie Allen, 403rd Civil Engineer Squadron commander; and Louis Patriquin, 403rd Operations Group commander.

5 selected for promotion

Five senior airmen are on the March supplemental promotion list:

81st Force Support Squadron — Lucinda Barrera and Nicholas Giuliano.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Terell White.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Stephen Dove and Vincent Swider.

Deployed Airman dies

WASHINGTON — Department of Defense officials announced March 17 the death of an Airman who was supporting Operation New Dawn.

Senior Airmen Michael Hinkle II, 24, of Corona, Calif., died March 16 due to a non-combat related incident in Southwest Asia. He was assigned to the 28th Communications Squadron, Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.

Off-limits list

These establishments have been declared "off-limits" to all armed forces personnel by the Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board::

Biloxi — Ya-ya's, 2623 Pass Road.

Pascagoula — Bunksmall Apartments, 708 S. Pascagoula Street.

Ocean Springs — Pugs, 6213 Washington Avenue.

D'Iberville — Guitars and Cadillacs, 4031 Pops Ferry Road

Gulfport — Herbal Alternatives, 1909 East Pass Road and 11530 U.S. Highway 49.

Service members are ordered not to enter or patronize these off-limits establishments or their locations. This restriction doesn't apply to armed forces police on duty or others on official business. Violations of this order are punishable under Article 92, Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Wing calendar event planning

The 81st Training Wing events calendar at <http://www.keesler.af.mil/events/index.asp> is designed to help organizers avoid conflicts with other events.

Once an official date is set, event planners should send details to the public affairs organizational box, 81trw.pa@keesler.af.mil. Most items are posted within one business day.

Items that must be included are the name of event, date, time, location and a point of contact.

Events should be coordinated and approved through respective chains of command and be mission-relevant to a wide audience. All inputs are subject to review and editing by the 81st Training Wing Public Affairs office.

Dragons deployed — 211

Air Force officials present budget to Senate

By Master Sgt. Amaani Lyle

Secretary of the Air Force
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz discussed the Air Force fiscal-2012 budget request and recent developments in Japan and Libya during a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing March 17.

The Air Force's baseline budget request of \$150 billion and \$16 billion in overseas contingency operations supplemental appropriations represents a careful balance of resources among Air Force core functions necessary to implement the president's national security strategy, Secretary Donley said.

"This budget request, fully appreciating the nation's extraordinary fiscal condition, supports our Airmen in their continuing efforts to structure the force for maximum versatility across the spectrum of operations for today's requirements and for future challenges," General Schwartz added.

During the session, the Air Force's top leaders said investment priorities will continue to minimize risk and maximize efficiency across the full spectrum of potential conflict.

"Proceeding with development and production of the KC-46 tanker aircraft; implementing the joint strike fighter restructuring; meeting the combatant commanders' need for more intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; investing in the long-range



Photo by Scott Ash

General Schwartz answers a question on the Air Force's fiscal 2012 budget proposal during a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing March 17.

strike family of systems, including a new penetrating bomber; and enhancing space control and situational awareness all remain critical capabilities for both today's and tomorrow's Air Force," Secretary Donley said.

In addition to these investments, Air Force officials will continue to address challenges in readiness — in particular, the slow but persistent decline in materiel readiness most notable in the service's non-deployed forces and the personnel challenges across 28 stressed officer and enlisted

career fields, both of which are the result of today's high operational tempo, he added.

"And of course, we'll continue to support our active, Guard, Reserve and civilian Airmen, and their families, with quality housing, health care, schools and community support," Secretary Donley said.

The secretary and general also noted the effect of the continuing resolution on the Air Force and its mission, as the operations tempo around the globe continues to intensify.

"Without a 2011 appropriations bill, we will have to fur-

ther reduce flying hours, cancel training and exercise opportunities, delay or cancel weapon system sustainment and depot maintenance activities, and disrupt a multitude of other day-to-day operations," General Schwartz said.

In the wake of Japan's earthquake and its effect on that country's nuclear reactors, Secretary Donley and General Schwartz said the service is bringing to bear all possible capabilities to support ongoing humanitarian assistance and disaster relief there.

"We are using C-17 (Globe-

master IIIs) and other assets to help move search-and-rescue capabilities from the United States to Japan," the secretary said. "We've used our helicopter and fixed-wing airlift capabilities to move food and water, equipment and key personnel around the main island in support of the local requirements, as defined by Japanese officials."

Secretary Donley also stated that the Air Force will continue to work closely with U.S. Pacific Command to support the Department of State-authorized voluntary departure of family members and dependents of U.S. officials who wish to leave northeast Japan.

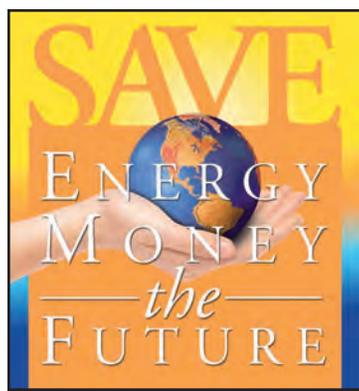
"To date, Airmen and their families are not at risk on our bases," Secretary Donley said, adding that the service will continue to monitor potential health hazards to the 30,000 Air Force members and dependents in Japan.

The Senate panel also asked the service leaders about the current situation in Libya and the U.S. military's ability to establish a no-fly zone over the country.

"It is clear that we could establish a no-fly zone if that was the mission that was assigned," General Schwartz said, adding that the mission would undoubtedly require both United States and Europe-based resources.

Prudent planning by the U.S. military is ongoing, Secretary Donley said.

"We are working to provide the civilian leadership with options and the president will decide what he wants us to do," the secretary said.



PERSONNEL NOTES

Job fair is April 12

The Southern Region Military and Civilian Job Fair is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 12 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center, Biloxi.

A resume writing and job fair preparation class is 2-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Room 108 B, or 9-11:30 a.m. March 31, Room 108A, both in Sablich Center.

Some pointers for the event:

Dress appropriately — military uniform is acceptable. On-the-spot interviews may happen.

Bring a resume or information to complete an application, including at least three references to include phone numbers.

Don't bring children.

For a list of registered employers, log on to <http://www.jobfairs.ms.gov/>

Special duty team visit

Air Education and Training Command's special duty team visits Keesler July 12, according to Senior Master Sgt. Steve Mullens, 81st Training Wing career assistance adviser.

For more information, call 377-3697.

Transition assistance classes

81st Force Support Squadron

The airman and family readiness center plans the following classes for 2011 at the Sablich Center.

For more information or to preregister for classes, call 376-8728.

Mandatory pre-separation briefings — 1 p.m. Tuesdays for those separating with honorable discharges and 2:30 for retirees, Room 110. Bring one copy of separation or retirement orders. This appointment is required by law, and must be accomplished 90 calendar days before the separation or retirement date. For short-notice separations or retirements, the briefing should be done as soon as possible. Medical separation must receive a one-on-one briefing.

Transition assistance program workshops — 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 11-13, May 9-11, June 13-15, July 18-20, Aug. 8-10, Sept. 12-14, Oct. 17-19, Nov. 14-16 and Dec. 12-14, Room 108A. Dress is business casual; no jeans, T-shirts or uniforms.

Veterans benefits briefing — 8-11 a.m. April 14, May 12, June 16, July 21, Aug. 11, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15, Room 108A.

Retirement briefings — 1-3:30 p.m. April 14, May 12, June 16, July 21, Aug. 11, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov 17 and Dec. 15, Room 108A; for members with less than a year until retirement.

Executive transition assistance workshop — Dec. 6-9 for colonels and chief master sergeants with the necessary knowledge and skills to organize their search for a second career in the private, nonprofit and government sector. Air Education and Training Command headquarters facilitates this workshop. For more information, call Robert Bertels, DSN 487-2669 or 6106 or e-mail robert.bertels@randolph.af.mil.

Classes for job hunters

81st Force Support Squadron

The airman and family readiness center plans the following classes for 2011 at the Sablich Center.

For more information or to preregister for classes, call 376-8728.

Resumes for government or federal positions — 9-11:30 a.m. March 30, Room 108B. Pre-registration is required no later than the day prior to the class.

Interviewing and salary negotiation class — 9-11 a.m. today, Room 108A.

Upcoming special classes — in May there'll be special civilian job resume writing, federal job resume writing and interviewing classes for instructors or other personnel with inflexible work schedules. Each topic's class will be 45 minutes each day for three days. Participants are expected to attend all three class days.

After attending a class, call 376-8728 for a resume review.



Updated online tool improves career development planning

By Debbie Gildea

Air Force Personnel, Services and Manpower Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force, Texas — This month, civilian employees will be able to use the updated version of the Airmen Development Plan to create career development plans.

In addition to providing civilians with easier access to career guidance and mentorship, the ADP is an online collaborative tool that enables supervisors, development teams and career-field mentors to work together to grow civilian employees and leaders. The secure web-based tool allows civilians to communicate their experience, training and education goals, which are then visible to people who can help them achieve those goals.

Civilian career-field team members will be able to access career briefs, career-planning diagrams and all other perti-

nent information, help employees develop a plan to achieve their goals, and give them feedback on how their preferences fit with Air Force needs. The information will also enable functional development teams to more effectively manage career fields. Calls for ADP submissions will go out this month to support summer development team meetings. Employees should ensure they are signed up for their career field list server messages in order to get those e-mails. To sign up, go to the AFPC website and enter “list server” in the keyword search box.

Introduced in September 2007 as a replacement for the transitional officer development plan, ADP now replaces the transitional civilian development plan. It integrates numerous force development tools, such as electronic records, duty histories, career planning diagrams,

awards and assignment preferences into one platform, drawing information from the Defense Civilian Personnel Data System. This benefits employees because they won't have to go through the process of inputting all of their career brief data.

To prevent inaccurate information from populating the ADP fields, civilian employees should thoroughly review their career brief information. Those who find errors can go the DCPDS My Biz site to correct them, or contact their local civilian personnel section for help.

ADP is accessible through the Air Force Portal under the “Quick Links” section, officials said. There's also a comprehensive AFPC tutorial website available. Select the “help” button in ADP to access it.

For more information, visit <http://gum.afpc.randolph.af.mil> or call the Total Force Service Center, 1-800-525-0102.

Summer surge shipments

Cyberspace isn't a secure environment.

New process for personal property moves

By Carol Emling

81st Logistics Readiness Squadron

Now's the time for Keesler members making summer moves under permanent change of station, separation or retirement orders.

The joint personal property shipping office has established procedures to assist with the upcoming summer personal property shipment surge and ensure the highest level of customer service for Defense Department customers.

Effective immediately, JPPSO requires a minimum three-week notice for all shipments. This includes stateside and international shipments, local moves and non-temporary storage pickups and releases.

Customers must be flexible with requested pack and pickup dates, and alternate dates may be required. Personnel under short-notice orders who must move within the three-week window are required to provide an emergency impact statement and the personal property processing office will contact the JPPSO booking section to determine if the requested dates are available.

Except for first-time movers, joint spouse and personnel under separation/retirement orders who must attend a counselor briefing at the PPPO, personnel perform self-counseling through the Defense Personal Property System at www.move.mil.

After an application has been submitted through DPS,

movers must bring a complete copy of their orders and any amendments to the PPPO for system validation and submission to JPPSO. To help customers ward off last-minute issues, they should contact the PPPO for assistance if they haven't been contacted by a transportation service provider at least 10 days prior to their first pack date.

All technical training students in the Triangle must use the traffic management office in Room 211, Levitow Training Support Facility. The phone number is 377-3147.

The PPPO in Room 114, Sablich Center, is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays. For more information, call 376-8530, 8532, 8533 or 8534.



Chris Moore is Keesler youth of year

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Chris Moore, an 18-year-old senior at Ocean Springs High School, is being honored as Keesler's Youth of the Year during this week's National Boys and Girls Club of America Week.

Chris, son of Air Force retiree Thomas and Jamie Moore, was recognized for his volunteerism at the youth center, his school and community.

"Our staff, his family and his teachers speak of Chris as respectful, thoughtful, good character and friend, leader, confident, charming, smart, a role

model and mediator," said Ann Smith, Keesler's youth programs director.

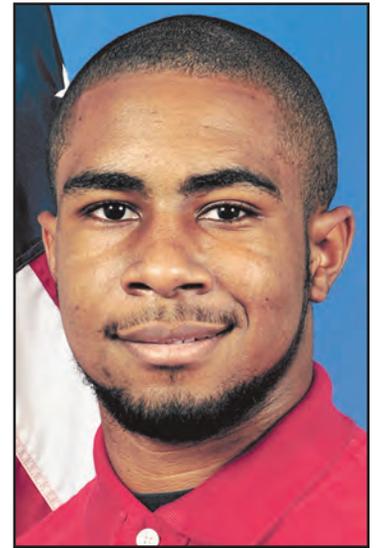
"Christopher spends hours every week contributing back to the youth center," said Cindy Ray, Keesler Keystone Club adviser. "His most valuable contribution to the program over the years has been his demonstration as a role model for other youth."

Ms. Smith explained that Keesler participates in the annual youth of the year program as an affiliated of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Through a rigorous application process, an outstanding teen from the youth center is selected

based on good moral character, leadership, community involvement, academic achievement and service to the club.

Chris, an honor roll student, has participated in high school football, band and track and field. His goals include gaining a college track and field scholarship, studying graphic design, obtaining an internship with a major corporation that designs video games and even aspiring to become a professional athlete.

Chris, his mother and youth center staff member Steven Hinton represented Keesler at Mississippi's Youth of the Year celebration in Jackson.



Chris Moore

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.

Air Force Sergeants Association's new leader is NCO of the Year

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Staff Sgt. Jacqueline Pena, 334th Training Squadron, is the Air Force Sergeants Association Magnolia Chapter 652 noncommissioned officer of the year.

Sergeant Pena, who was honored at the annual AFSA luncheon March 15, will also serve as the organization's president for the coming year.

Other officers are:

Vice president — Staff Sgt. Charmaine Flint, 81st Force Support Squadron.

Senior adviser — Tech. Sgt. Rich Striggow, 333rd TRS.

Secretary — Staff Sgt. Steven Haro, 334th TRS.

Treasurer — Staff Sgt. Charles Poston, 333rd TRS.

Trustees — Master Sgt. Jakelyne Kamarakafego, 335th TRS; Tech. Sgt. Jeremiah Ram-



Sergeant Pena

age, 333rd TRS; and Staff Sgts. Tawny Crutcher, 81st Training Wing chapel; James Hawk, 334th TRS, and James Hawk, 366th TRS Detachment 6, Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport.

Lost & Found

For lost and found items, call the 81st Security Forces Squadron investigations office, 377-4500, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

A telephone is an enemy's cheapest agent.

Disaster exercise plan underway for Keesler

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Planning is well underway for a major disaster exercise to be conducted May 16-20. However, Keesler will “play” for only one day.

“Ultimate Caduceus 2011” was developed to bring together federal, state, local and tribal jurisdictions to improve communication and establish future joint operating procedures.

This is to test response to a weapons of mass destruction and/or mass casualty event requiring field response and evacuation of patients from areas that have been overwhelmed by casualties, according to Robert Tash, National Disaster Medical System Federal Coordinating Center Emergency Management Area coordinator. This exercise tests the ability to immediately move critical patients to areas with available medical care within one to four hours of being injured.”

“This exercise will utilize current operational and medical concepts of operations used by federal entities in emergency medical operations to enhance patient decontamination and emergency medical care functions within local jurisdictions,” said Mr. Tash, who’s assigned to the 81st Medical Support Squadron’s readiness flight.

“Annual exercises are conducted by various entities to meet individual organizational requirements, but a coordinated effort on the scale of this national level exercise is seldom undertaken.”

The exercise scenario calls for a 7.7 magnitude earthquake striking the New Madrid Seismic Zone northwest of Memphis, triggering a magnitude 7.7 event in the Wabash Valley Seismic Zone. Mr. Tash said among the main participants in the major training event are the National Capital Region; Federal Emergency Management Agency Regions IV, V, VI and VII; the eight Central United States Earthquake



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Medics from the 81st Medical Group and civilian agencies care for “patients” on a 403rd Wing C-130 Hercules on the Keesler flightline during the last major national-level exercise in May 2009.

Consortium member states (Arkansas, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana and Missouri); and other potential supporting states.

“The exercise is designed to build on lessons from prior events,” Mr. Tash said.

“Federal, state and local response units will be deployed. Keesler has been designated as an aerial port of debarkation for casualties and patient movement. Keesler’s play will involve activating the NDMS FCC and a patient reception area once the mission assignment has been issued. Our FCC will coordinate patient reception and routing to the South Mississippi NDMS-participating partner hospitals as deemed necessary.”

Mr. Tash noted key ele-

ments in the exercise will include response personnel’s movement and actions, equipment availability and familiarity and determining equipment and supply needs for a patient reception event.

A total of 35 mannequins representing patients will be airlifted by C-130 Hercules aircraft to the Keesler APOD. The aircraft will be parked next to the patient reception area in Hangar 4, where the mannequins will be replaced by live “patients.” Once the patients have been processed, they’ll be transported to area hospitals by ground or “Life Flight” helicopter.

“The exercise’s primary objective is to evaluate whether federal, state and local plans and procedures to execute emergency plans are adequate and feasible in a

patient evacuation scenario,” Mr. Tash said. “In addition, it will provide training and experience for officials who would play key roles in managing and coordinating patient reception operations. It may also identify issues, policies, resource needs and potential problem areas that could negatively impact an actual patient reception event, allowing plans and procedures to be modified or changed.”

He added that the exercise offers participants the opportunity to conduct operations that bring together multiple agencies, each with different goals and objectives, at various levels of complexity and size under a joint concept of operations.

It also tests the use of two mass casualty patient tracking programs (TRAC2ES and

JPATS) from the reception site to the medical care facility. Finally, it gauges the 81st MDG FCC’s ability to establish a patient reception area and coordinate patient evacuation and movement to area NDMS hospitals.

In addition to the 81st MDG, expected participants include elements of the 81st Training Wing, Biloxi Veterans Affairs Medical Center, American Medical Response, Acadian Ambulance and Air Service and The Salvation Army of South Mississippi, Biloxi Regional Medical Center, Singing River Hospital, Ocean Springs Hospital, Memorial Hospital at Gulfport, Garden Park Medical Center and Hancock County Medical Center are also participating. Other agencies will be included as planning continues.

Angels Over the Bay

Open house, air show dazzle record crowds



Three-year-old Easton Hicks, sporting a flight suit, enjoys a sucker during the air show as he watches the aerial performances. He's the son of Kellie and Dean Hicks of Vanleave.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Saturday's crowd edging the flightline was estimated at 100,000 spectators.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



Two members of the Army Golden Knights parachute team perform together in this photo just before separating to land separately. The Golden Knights gave two performances on both days of the air show.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



The Air Force Honor Guard performs for Saturday's air show audience.

Photo by Adam Bond



Top, spectators cheer the Navy Blue Angels during the final fly-by of the air show Sunday.

Left, Navy Lt. Ben Walborn, the Blue Angels lead solo pilot stands at attention with his crew chiefs after Friday's practice flight.

Photos by Kemberly Groue

Sexual assault prevention response focus of comprehensive review

By Lt. Col. Ann Stefanek

Secretary of the Air Force
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Air Force Secretary Michael Donley directed a comprehensive review of the service's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program as a result of information provided by a survey of active-duty members, officials said March 16.

This survey was specifically designed to establish baseline data for addressing this serious issue and to help develop more effective programs aimed at preventing sexual assaults altogether, said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz.

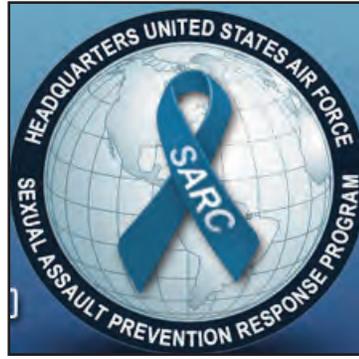
"We wanted the clearest possible understanding of the scope and nature of this problem," General Schwartz said. "This survey gave us a first-of-a-kind look at how sexual assaults have affected our Air Force community and informs us what we must do to better protect our people from this crime."

The ongoing efforts to enhance the Air Force's program include Secretary Donley and General Schwartz directing commanders and leaders at all levels to take advantage of the knowledge gained from the survey and increase focus to improve the Air Force's SAPR program.

"We want all affected Airmen to feel empowered to report this crime," General Schwartz said. "We want them to know that we're committed to holding offenders accountable through effective investigations, knowledgeable judge advocate advice and strong unit support and leadership."

Department of Defense officials recently released its annual report on sexual assault in the military, which indicated the Air Force had 585 sexual assaults reported in 2010.

According to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network, sexual assault is one of the nation's most underreported crimes.



The Air Force contracted Gallup, Inc. to conduct an anonymous survey to better understand the scope and nature of sexual assault in the Air Force and help build a more effective prevention and response program, said Carl Buchanan, Air Force SAPR program manager.

"The survey took place in July and August (of 2010), and the final report was presented to the Air Force in December," Mr. Buchanan said. "Since that time, the Air Force reexamined the entire program."

The Gallup survey used behavior-based questions derived from specific Uniform Code of Military Justice offenses that cover the full range sexual assaults, he said. The survey results showed that within the 12 months preceding the survey, 3.4 percent of women and .5 percent of men experienced sexual assault. Of those experiencing sexual assault in the preceding year, only 16.7 percent of women and 5.8 percent of men reported the assault. The survey also revealed that since joining the Air Force, 18.9 percent of women and 2.1 percent of men had been sexually assaulted.

The survey also discovered that most assaults occur while victims are at home station, as opposed to during deployments or temporary duty assignments, and most offenders are other Airmen.

"The results of the survey will be used as a baseline to measure increases or decreases in incidence (during the previous 12 months) and prevalence (during the mem-

ber's Air Force career) of sexual assault in the Air Force," Mr. Buchanan said. "Having this information will be valuable to senior leadership and commanders so they can make much more informed decisions when implementing programs and policies aimed at preventing sexual assaults and caring for victims."

Survey participants also identified several reasons they didn't officially report their assaults. Reasons included not wanting other Airmen, superiors or family to know, distrust in the reporting process, fear of retaliation or recurrence, or not considering the specific circumstance serious enough to warrant reporting.

"I strongly encourage anyone who is affected by sexual assault to take a courageous stand and help bring perpetrators to justice," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy. "We need to stand together against these crimes."

Air Force officials will start Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April with an education campaign focusing on various aspects of the sexual assault prevention and response program.

This year's Department of Defense theme "Hurts One. Affects All" and an Air Force-specific message of "Real Wingmen Act" will reinforce the idea of acting as a team, demonstrate the value of bystander intervention and stress collective responsibility for prevention. The Air Force message will be delivered through open dialogue in small groups that will help Airmen recognize behaviors and sustain a culture in which sexual assault is not tolerated.

"Sexual assault is a crime that violates our core values, and as an institution, we won't rest until we eliminate this criminal behavior," General Schwartz said. "Leadership is key in creating an environment of trust in which all Airmen are safe."

Cyber warriors go 'phishing' to test response

By Jennifer Thibault

50th Space Wing Public Affairs

SCHRIEVER Air Force Base, Colo. — As part of the Air Force's mission to ward off attacks in cyberspace, members of the 50th Space Communications Squadron went phishing on base last month.

"Phishing is when someone sends messages to a large group of people in an effort to deceive people into revealing their personal information, such as social security numbers, credit card numbers or bank information," said 2nd Lt. James Vanderwende, the 50th Space Wing Information Assurance officer in charge.

In most situations, phishing attempts are made online via e-mail, but phishing attacks using the telephone have also been successful, he added.

In the Schriever exercise, a phisher sent hundreds of randomly selected base members an e-mail asking them to pro-

vide their common access card pin numbers as part of a new security requirement. Unfortunately, many fell for the bait.

In most cases, phishing attempts are successful because the "bait" is so believable.

"Generally, phishers are successful because they have a good story," Lieutenant Vanderwende said. "They typically use current events and people's ignorance to attain their goal."

For this exercise, on-base phishers generated fake e-mail accounts to lure members into providing personal information.

"Phishers will ask for any kind of personal information, SSN or date of birth. And they will use any type of story to try and trick you into submitting personal information," said Staff Sgt. Trenton Morgan, the lead phisher for the exercise.

This is not the first time 50th SCS has gone phishing.



"I sent out two other phishing emails before, where I asked for SSN and date of birth as a fake tax prep company on base," Sergeant Morgan said. "In that exercise, we asked for the information in exchange for free lift tickets and 50-percent-off discounts."

This exercise demonstrated the same tactics that adversarial phishers use.

"You should always be aware of who you're responding to," cautioned Sergeant Morgan. "Do your research

and know exactly who you're sending your information to, and never send out your (common access card) pin; you should always safeguard it."

Most who received the phishing e-mail applied their net defender skills. They did not provide the requested information and called the help desk.

"If members think they have received a phishing e-mail, they need to call the help desk," the lieutenant said. "Don't delete the message, just call the help desk. The same is true if they receive a phishing phone call, call the help desk and provide the number that called them if possible."

During each of the recent phishing exercises some base members did divulge their personal information. Luckily for them, the information went to a well-intentioned Airman who will now help them better respond if they are ever tar-

geted by actual phishers.

"We are working with the unit information assurance appointees to have those who provided their information complete a phishing (computer-based training) and reset their CAC pin since it has been compromised," Sergeant Morgan said.

Increased cyber vigilance is the key to thwarting future phishing excursions.

"When we know there is a phishing attempt we send out a base wide message warning people about it," Lieutenant Vanderwende said. "The problem is by the time we find out many people have already given up their personal information. That's why people need to confirm the legitimacy of the message before giving any pertinent information."

To learn more about phishing, review the phishing computer based training at <http://iase.disa.mil/eta/phishing/Phishing/launchPage.htm>.

AAFES offers patrons chance to win tickets to NCAA Final 4 next season

Army and Air Force Exchange Service

DALLAS —The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is teaming up with Coca-Cola to give shoppers a chance to be a part of the 2012 NCAA Final Four Weekend in New Orleans.

Exchange shoppers are eligible for a chance to win one of five grand prizes consisting of a trip for two to the 2012 NCAA Final Four weekend, a value of \$3,500 per winner.

Military shoppers can enter the contest through March 24, and local commissaries have details on eligibility and deadlines. No purchase is necessary to enter and the drawing will take place on or about May 6.

Policy change triggers remuneration for select exchange associates

Army and Air Force Exchange Service

DALLAS —The Army and Air Force Exchange Service, along with other Department of Defense agencies, will remunerate Sunday premium pay to qualifying associates in accordance with an

Office of Personnel Management compensation policy memorandum.

The memo applies to current and former exchange crafts and trades associates employed anytime between May 26, 2003 and May 26, 2009. To qualify,

associates must have been employed in a part-time or intermittent position with regularly scheduled hours on Sundays and didn't receive premium pay.

For more information, log on to shopmyexchange.com.

Pest office offers tips to fight back when swarming termites appear

Pest management office and Keesler News staff

It all starts on a warm, sunny morning. You're sitting there enjoying your morning paper and a cup of coffee when a small insect lands on the window sill. In a few moments several more bugs alight.

You look around the room and suddenly realize you're not alone. The room is filling up with flying insects. In a few moments more of the room has become dense with flying ant-like pests. This common scenario causes most people to call an exterminator in the same way they'd call 911 if their kitchen was on fire.

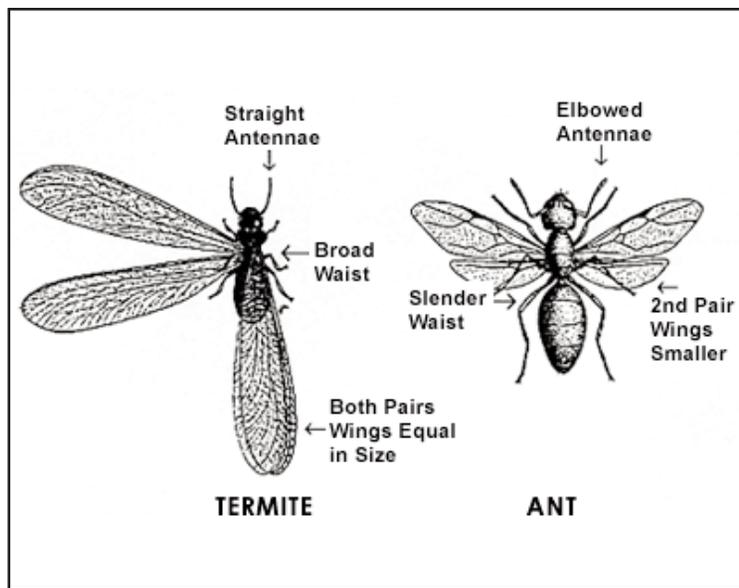
It's a sobering event. So what should you do if this occurs?

First, the flying insects won't damage your belongings or harm you. Trying to stop the emerging insects is a challenge.

This is the reproductive stage of the insect — they're bursting out of the ground programmed to find a mate, get back in the ground and create a new colony.

The termites that swarm inside a structure and can't get out will quickly die from lack of available moisture. A treatment for swarming termites doesn't need to be done since treatment for a swarm is not very effective and the activity stops when all swarmers have been released.

"The termite infestation of structures at Keesler is minimal," said Phillip Remel of the pest management office. "The real problem is the swarming season. We're overloaded with calls from housing occupants wanting our department to perform immediate elimination of the flying insects. We try to educate the occupants over the phone that the swarms will die within a few hours. We don't have a safe insecticide to spray in



Termite swarmers can be easily confused with winged ants. There are three features which can be used to quickly differentiate between the two insects — the antennae, the “waist” or constriction between the thorax and abdomen and the length of the wings. Termite swarmers have relatively straight antenna, while winged ants have bent or “elbowed” antennae. The constriction between an ant’s thorax and abdomen is narrow, while the division between the thorax and abdomen is harder to distinguish on a termite. Termites have two pairs of wings which are equal in length; an ant’s hind legs are noticeably smaller than the first pair.

their house to control the flying termites.”

Here are some facts about the termite swarming process:

- A “swarm” is a dispersal flight of winged termites to start new colonies.
- Subterranean termites typically swarm in the spring on warm, clear, sunny days following rain.
- Subterranean termite swarms usually occur between mid-morning and mid-afternoon and may last several hours.
- Formosan termites swarm during the evening around or just before dusk.
- Termites swarming indoors will attempt to get outside by flying toward light around windows and doors or even toward lights that are on in the room.
- Swarmers shed their wings after flight since they'll never fly again.

If you experience a swarm:

- Close off the room in which the insects are swarming.
- Collect a few to show your inspector.
- Use a vacuum cleaner to remove insects after they've swarmed.
- If possible, note the exact locations from which the swarmers are emerging.
- The termites that swarm inside a structure and cannot get out will quickly die from lack of available moisture.
- Keep all windows and doors closed, turn off outside lights and close garage doors.

To report swarms or for other pest control questions, call the pest management office, 377-3317, or CSC customer service, 377-7771.

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

Become a Keesler fan on Facebook — 81 TRW Keesler AFB, MS

F-15 goes down
over Libya;
crew recovered

**Joint Task Force Odyssey Dawn
Public Affairs**

USS MOUNT WHITNEY, Mediterranean Sea — Monday, two crew members ejected from their Air Force F-15E Strike Eagle when the aircraft experienced equipment malfunction over northeast Libya.

Both crew members ejected and are safe.

The aircraft, based out of Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, was flying out of Aviano Air Base, Italy, in support of Operation Odyssey Dawn at the time of the incident.

The cause of the incident is under investigation.

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.

Air Force drug testing begins screening to detect Spice use

By G.W. Pomeroy

Air Force Surgeon General
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Feb. 22, Air Force officials began drug testing Airmen to determine whether they are using spice – the street term for a range of designer synthetic-cannabinoid products.

With the implementation of testing, officials intend to send a very clear message: use Spice, and you may lose your career, end up in jail or both.

Spice, also commonly referred to as herbal incense, is mistakenly perceived by some Airmen as a safe or legal alternative to marijuana, according to Dr. Aaron Jacobs, Air Force drug testing program manager.

Side effects can include panic attacks, hallucinations, delusions, vomiting, increased agitation and dilated pupils, he said.

“Additional harmful effects are still unknown, so individuals are taking significant risks to their health when they use Spice,” Dr. Jacobs said.

Drug Enforcement Administration officials recently took steps toward listing five chem-



icals used to make Spice are Schedule I controlled substances, meaning they'll be illegal to possess, distribute or manufacture in the U.S.

According to the DEA website, this action was taken as an emergency measure due to an increasing number of reports from poison control centers, hospitals and law enforcement agencies regarding these products.

Use of these substances is strictly prohibited for Airmen, according to Air Force Instruction 44-120, Military Drug Demand Reduction Program, and Air Force Guidance Memorandum to AFI 44-121, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program.

Airmen who use Spice are subject to prosecution under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Air Force officials have taken disciplinary action against Airmen identified as using Spice and continue to aggressively enforce the prohibition through courts-martial and nonjudicial punishment.

In 2010, 177 Airmen received nonjudicial punishment for using Spice and another 83 Airmen faced Spice charges at courts martial.

Air Force drug testing lab technicians will utilize the expertise of the Armed Forces Medical Examiners Systems to conduct the specialized testing.

Dr. Jacobs added that the Air Force is also mounting a robust education and awareness campaign to ensure all Airmen understand the risks of possessing and consuming these dangerous products.

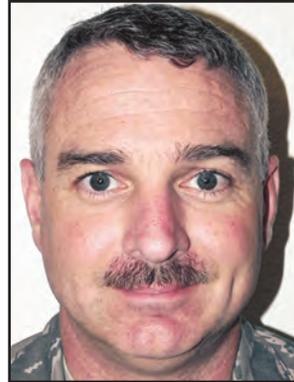




General Cornum



Colonel Downing



Colonel Callender



Colonel Pocreva



Chaplain Covos



Chaplain Robertson

Facial hair in vogue during Mustache March

By Staff Sgt. Andrea Thacker

23rd Wing Public Affairs

MOODY Air Force Base, Ga. — Some guys should never attempt one, while others seem to own them. Magnum P.I. actor Tom Selleck, entertainer Charlie Chaplin, wrestler Hulk Hogan and dictator Adolf Hitler are all known for theirs.

It's the mustache.

Several of Moody's finest are foregoing the razors and sporting a 'stache in observance of Mustache March.

"Everything seems to just go a little crazy in March," said Lt. Col. Robert Russell, 23rd Wing director of staff and Mustache March participant. "As the number of college basketball teams dwindle to the final showdown, mustaches begin to take on a life of their own."

Mustache March is a month-long celebration where participants grow hair on their upper lip. The idea stems from an early Air Force tradition in which Airmen grew mustaches during the month of March in good-natured protest against facial hair regulations.

Colonel Russell has participated in the Mustache March several times in the past and said the purpose of the madness is focused around the three Ms of life: Mustache, Madness and March.

When asked how often he is asked about his newest facial decoration, Colonel Russell said if double-takes, looks of shock and awe or funny-looks count, he gets asked about the 'stache continuously.

"It fits him well," said Col. William DeMaso, 23rd Wing vice commander. "He's already kind of cheesy, so a cheesy mustache works for him. I was going to grow one but it's tough to go to official functions with a cheesy mustache."

Although Colonel DeMaso joked about the cheesy mustaches, he said that Mustache March is a great morale

AT KEESLER

Some of the men of the 81st Training Wing sporting a March mustache are Brig. Gen. Kory Cornum, 81st Medical Group commander; Col. Glen Downing, 81st TRW vice commander; Lt. Cols. Michael Callender, 334th Training Squadron commander, and Lt. Col. (Dr.) Joseph Pocreva, 81st Medical Operations Squadron emergency services flight commander; Chaplains (Cpts.) Ruben Covos, who's currently deployed, and Mark Robertson; Capt. Zackery Kalinauskas, 81st MDOS emergency services flight; Chief Master Sgt. Michael Woods, 81st MDOS superintendent; and Staff Sgt. Joshua Sauer, a student in the 338th TRS.

booster and a fun way to build unit camaraderie.

Fellow Mustache March participant Senior Airman Bradley Dean, 23rd Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels laboratory technician, started growing his mustache March 1 with about 10 members of his flight and is one of the last few who haven't shaved.

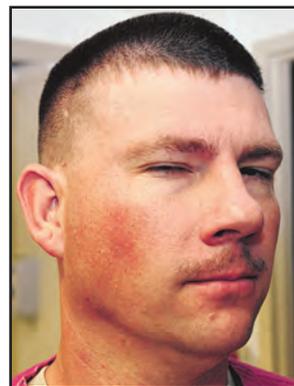
"It's great for morale," said Airman Dean. "We started the month with about 10 (participants) but it's dwindled down to two or three guys and that includes me."

Laughs and stares are not uncommon from co-workers and friends who are not used to seeing participants with hair on their upper lips.

"I always forget I have it," said Airman Dean. "That is until people look at me and laugh but I'm 25 days strong and I love it. The best part is others' reactions."

Not everyone thinks Airmen Dean's facial hair is a laughing matter.

"I can't help but look at his mus-



Captain Kalinauskas



Chief Woods



Sergeant Sauer



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Women in the 81st Medical Group are determined to get in on the fun.

tache — it's impressive," said coworker Senior Airman Matthew Presby, 23rd LRS fuels resource controller. "I wouldn't even call it a mustache. I'd call it a well-maintained facial accouterment. And besides, who can look at a picture of Tom Selleck and not think that's a handsome man — it's because of his 'stache."

According to mustachemarch.com, facial hair of any variety is allowed

until March 15. After that, only a mustache is allowed. April 1, participants may choose to shave.

March is a time of mustache freedom, a time when Airmen can express their fun side and provide co-workers and friends with something to look and laugh at. But no matter what people say, Colonel Russell and Airman Dean said they will sport their 'staches until the end.

eight days a week

Airman and family readiness center

Editor's note: To register for classes, call 376-8728.

Today — 9-11:30 a.m., interview skills and salary negotiation; 1-2:30 p.m., smooth move.

Monday — 10-11 a.m., sponsor training.

Tuesday — 9 a.m., post-deployment briefing; 1 p.m., pre-separation counseling, for separatees; 2:30 p.m., pre-separation counseling, for retirees.

March 31 — 9-11:30 a.m., resume writing and job fair preparation.

Arts and crafts center

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

Saturday — 6 p.m., ladies' night, enjoy games, snacks, drinks (non-alcoholic), minute massages and buy one get one half-off ceramics special. \$5 per person. To sign up, call 377-2821.

Bay Breeze Collocated Club

Editor's note: Must be age 18 or older to enter.

Mondays-nontraining Fridays — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. all-you-can-eat buffet and salad bar in casual dining.

Friday — 7 p.m., dinner theater "Death by Bananas," in the ballroom. Dinner with dessert, show and cash bar.

Social hour at 6 p.m. \$25 per person for club members, \$30 per person nonmembers. Call 377-3160 for ticket information. Sponsored by Alloy Marketing, Budweiser-Responsibility Matters and Courtyard Marriott. Federal endorsement of sponsors not intended.

Bay Breeze Golf Course

Sunday — Noon to 1:30 p.m., free golf clinic for nonprior service student. To sign up, call 377-3832.

Fitness centers

Wednesday — Noon, 10-mile baton relay at the Triangle Fitness Center. Registration begins at 11 a.m. Four-person teams, may be male/female or all male/all female. Each person will run 2.5 miles, a quarter mile at a time. Awards will be presented to the first and second place finishers.

Information, travel and tours

Disney Red Eye Trip — Two days and two nights in the Magic Kingdom®. Bus departs Bay Breeze Event Center at 10 p.m. May 26, arrives at destination May 27 and returns to Keesler May 29. \$375 per person includes roundtrip transportation, hotel (double occupancy/no smoking) accommodations and Disney® tickets. Minimum 30 people, maximum 56.

Call 377-3818 for more information.

Vandenberg Community Center

Editor's note: "indicates activities that are part of the late night dances, \$3 admission; nonprior students only."

***Friday** — 9 p.m., "V" fashion show.

March 31 — 9 p.m., "V" talent competition. Prizes awarded.

Youth center

Teen leadership camp — register by April 1 for the Air Force Services Teen Leadership Camp at the University of Texas at San Antonio, July 11-15. Open to high school students who have completed their freshmen year by the fall of 2011. For more information, call 377-4116 for more information.

Space camp — register by April 1 for the Air Force Space Camp at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala., July 25-30. Open to ages 12-18 years old. Lodging, meals and activities provided. For more information, call 377-4116.

Youth soccer — Register by April 16 for ages 3-14 years old. \$50 for the first child, \$25 each additional child. Fee includes uniform, award and end of the season party. Practice begins in April. For more information, call 377-4116 or visit the youth center.

KEESLER NOTES

DBIDS registration

Registration continues for Defense Biometric Identification System cards.

Active-duty members and Defense Department employees register through March 31 at the pass and registration office in the visitor center across from the White Avenue Gate, the military personnel section in Sablich Center, exchange pharmacy, 81st Medical Group Hospital's information desk and A tower lobby, Hewes Hall, 403rd Maintenance Squadron, and the Levittow Training Support Facility.

Starting April 1, active-duty members and DOD civilians will be directed to the visitor center if they try to enter the base without a DBIDS card.

Reservists, retirees, dependants and contractors may continue to register through June 30 at any of the listed sites. Terminals will set up at the 403rd MXS building during the 403 Wing's unit training assembly, May 13-15 for reservists. Registration continues at the

visitor center through June 31.

Enlisted bash

The airman's council sponsors an enlisted bash, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. April 1 in the Bay Breeze Event Center ballroom.

Admission is \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door. Women are admitted free before 10 p.m. and receive two free beers or one mixed drink. Food and soft drinks are free.

Prizes include a 42-inch flat screen TV, iPod shuffle, a laptop computer, gift cards and gas cards, according to Senior Airman Allen Savedra, airman's council president.

For more information, call 1-214-938-9520.

Sickle cell run

The African-American Heritage Committee sponsors a sickle cell 5-kilometer run/walk April 8 at Blake Fitness Center. Registration is at 6:45 a.m., with 7:30 race time.

The cost is \$10-\$15.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Yolanda Jerry, 377-

1201, or Tech. Sgt. Tyrone Deckard, 376-6603.

Phone requirements

Only voice systems maintenance personnel assigned to the 81st Communications Squadron are authorized to install, relocate, modify, or remove voice instruments and services.

To change your voice services or instruments, submit a request through your unit telephone control officer.

For more information, call 376-8127.

Tax office

The base tax office in Room 229, Sablich Center, is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on training Fridays.

For more information and appointments, call 376-8141.

Supply issues

For supply issues, contact the CSC supply customer service element, Room 126, Taylor Logistics Center, Building 4002; call 377-2005

Raise your voice — honor your country.

If you're interested

in singing the National Anthem

at base or community ceremonies,

call YoLanda Wallace, 377-1179.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

A spring in their step



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Keesler streets were awash with sweaty green shirts during the St. Patrick's Day 5-kilometer run/walk. The race began and ended outside the Blake Fitness Facility as participants meandered through the base enjoying a warm, sunny spring day.



Mark Roberts, left, and Brittany Deichmann were the top finishers in the St. Patrick's Day 5-kilometer run walk March 17. Roberts, 81st Dental Squadron, finished in 20 minutes 32 seconds, followed by Tim Plakas from the Air Force Honor Guard, 21:00, and Geoffrey Sasaki, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron, 21:37. Deichmann, 81st Force Support Squadron, had a time of 25:10, followed by Ashley Desgrange from the 338th Training Squadron, 25:50, and Frances Fromenthal, wife of Derek Fromenthal, 81st Training Support Squadron, 27:24.

Youth basketball ends, soccer begins

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Basketball is winding down and soccer is gearing up at the youth center.

"Our youth basketball season began in late January and concludes April 2," said Ryan Rice, youth sports director. "The league consists of more than 110 players in three age divisions — ages 4-6, 7-9 and 10-13.

"We also have a Start Smart basketball program for the 3-year-olds that meets twice a week where we work with the little ones on developing basic basketball skills that will help them as they progress," Rice added. "The Start Smart program depends heavily on parent involvement and has been a huge success this season."

Registration for youth soccer continues through April 16

for ages 3-14. Practices start next month and the season ends in June.

The cost for soccer is \$50 for the first child and \$25 for each additional child which covers a uniform, participation award and end-of-season gathering. "We're looking for volunteer soccer coaches now," Rice said.

To volunteer as a coach or for more information, call 377-4116.