

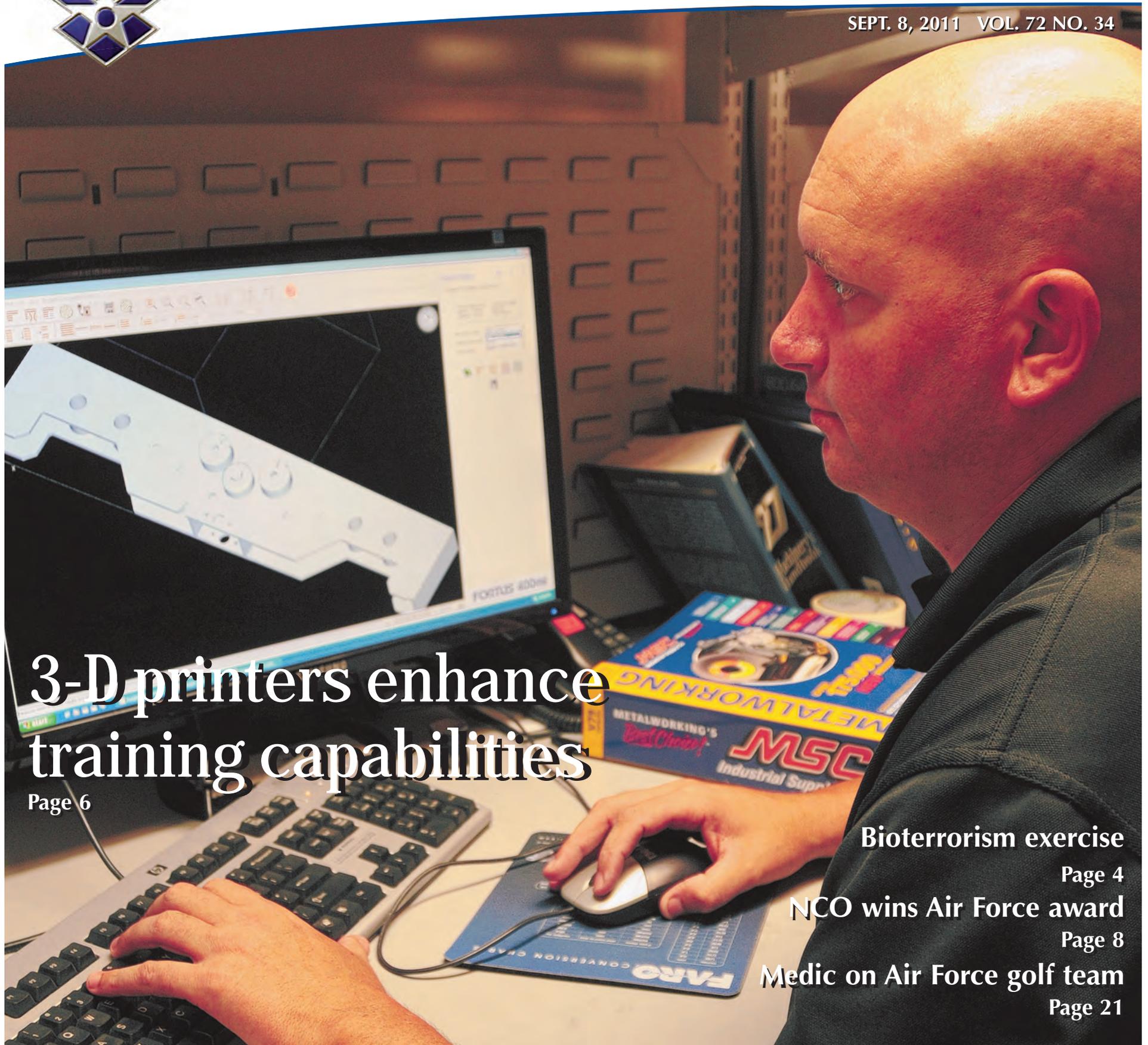


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## Air Force leaders share memories, gratitude

By Michael Donley

Secretary of the Air Force  
Gen. Norton Schwartz

Air Force Chief of Staff  
and Chief Master Sgt. James Roy

Chief master sergeant of the Air Force

Sept. 11, 2011, marks the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks that claimed the lives of nearly 3,000 innocent people — at the World Trade Center; at Shanksville, Pa.; and at the Pentagon — and affected the lives of countless others across our great country and beyond. In all, 90 countries lost

citizens, and people the world over would condemn these acts of terrorism.

This tragic event altered our view of the world and sparked a global effort to combat terrorism and the conditions that give rise to extremism. We are proud of the international efforts that have led to the capture or killing of many of the terrorist leaders, but our success has not come without significant cost. As we reflect on the horrific day that marked the beginning of our struggle to better secure the world from these threats, we honor the tremendous selfless service that today still distinguishes American Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen, comprising the

most dedicated, professional and powerful military force in the world. We also recognize that the need for sacrifice is not over.

We sincerely thank you and your families for what you have done for your country to date, and thank you in advance for bravely facing our future challenges. Please take a moment this day to reflect on the tragic losses of September 11, 2001, as well as the losses and wounds that we have suffered in our campaign to maintain security for our Nation since that fateful day. Today, we also remember the families and friends of the lost and wounded, who bear the heaviest burden, whose loneliness we seek to ease, and whose sacrifice we hold in the highest regard.

## 9/11 — different perspective for deployed NCO

By Master Sgt. Sonya Couture

438th Air Expeditionary Wing

As Sept. 11 approaches, I find myself once again in Afghanistan, this time for a year. This mission is different from the last. Instead of supporting missions to “seek out and destroy the enemy,” I am here to train members of the Afghan Air Force on how to do my job, aircrew flight equipment. I am also trying to teach them how to manage their people and resources as well as how to solve problems on their own. I assure you, it is not an easy task with their lack of education and cultural differences.

Thinking back of where I was and what I was doing on 9/11, I am reminded of the pain and anger I felt at such a senseless act. On 9/11, I saw every one of “them” as the enemy. My anger was boiling over and I wanted all of them eradicated from this earth. I’m sure many others felt the same way as they watched the horrors unfold on the news, replayed repeatedly. What came to mind later as I calmed down were the millions of innocent men, women and children who had nothing to do with these acts of terrorism. I slowly began to realize that

9/11 was not the work of all the people who are Muslims or from the Middle East, but the work of small extremist groups. I reserved my anger for the ones responsible, the factions and groups of extremist Muslims who hate Americans and wish to see us die. I consciously decided it was not right to judge them all on the actions of a few.

However, on April 27, nine of my friends and coworkers were killed by one of the Afghans we were training. It was by far the single, most horrifying experience of my life. My reaction of rage and disbelief was very similar to my feelings on 9/11. I felt an overwhelming anger that sickened me. Why did my friends have to die so senselessly? I felt myself looking at every Afghan I saw with pure hatred.

After the shootings, I struggled to regain my enthusiasm for what I was doing here. How could I help these people, not knowing if their secret agenda was to kill me? On my first day back to work it was clear that “my” Afghans had no such intentions towards me. The sadness and pain in their eyes told me what I needed to know. They feared I would hate them for their fellow comrade’s actions and decide to no longer



**Formal Retreat  
Ceremony  
4:30 p.m.  
Friday  
in front of  
81st  
Training Wing  
headquarters**

help them. As much as I wanted to, I couldn’t hold it against them. These men didn’t kill my friends. They were trying their best to do what any of us would want, to make a better life for them, their family and their country.

Weeks later during a con-

versation with my Afghan interpreter, I asked him if he thought his country would ever be able to get rid of the Taliban, Al-Qaeda and the war lords who ravage the country. Were we here for nothing wasting our time and money? He asked me if the U.S. has ever been able to get rid of all its “bad guys” — those who rob, rape and murder? I said, “No, of course not, but we will always keep trying to make it better.” He responded, “That’s all we are trying to do as well.” His simple statement stuck with me. They should have the chance to try and make a better world for themselves, for the good men who are weak to become strong and capable of fighting the evil men.

I see the innocent children smiling and waving excitedly giving us the “thumbs up” as we convoy down the dirty streets of Kabul. We are hope to them and their future. I visit injured children in the hospital and absorb some of their positive radiant energy they each have despite their injuries and constant struggles. These kids deserve to have a better life. The men I am training are trying to make this a better place for their family, the same thing we strive for every day and I

am proud to be a part of it.

On Sept. 11, on an Afghan air force base, we will be reading the names of the 3,000-plus victims who died on that day and raising our flag in their honor. Who would have ever thought we would get to this point? As we pay tribute and honor to those who lost their lives on that day, let us not forget how blessed we are to be citizens of the United States. It is by the grace of God that we did not find ourselves born into a country such as Afghanistan where life is harder and more uncertain than we could ever imagine.

In February next year I will be on my way home to my family. I will leave this country behind and wish them well on their endeavors to become a better, stronger country.

Nothing can change what happened on Sept. 11 or bring back the loved ones, family and friends that were lost then or during the war that followed. All we can do is continue to honor their memory, to never forget and to keep fighting for something more — a better world so this never happens again. We will never be able to wipe out all of the “bad guys” in this world but that doesn’t mean we should ever stop trying.

## ON THE COVER

Heath Harris, a fabricator in the 81st Training Support Squadron trainer development flight, manipulates an object using the 3-D modeling software Insight. Any adjustments or corrections can be made here before sending the object to print. Trainer development has two 3-D printers used in the production of parts, prototypes and replicas of real items. These valuable assets are used in creating training simulators to help Keesler and other bases perform their training missions more effectively and economically. Story, Page 6.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



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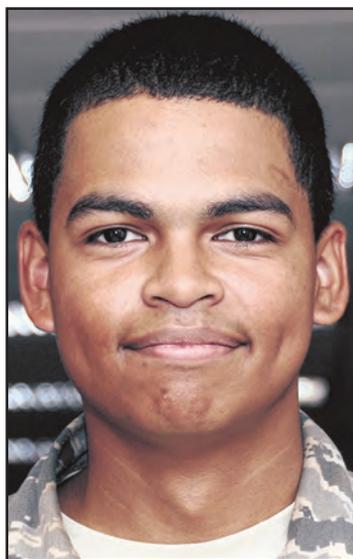
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## DRAGONS ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

Keesler News photojournalist



What's your favorite personal electronic device?

"My cell phone."  
Airman Basic Michael Butts-Renteria, 335th Training Squadron student



"My Blackberry — what did I do before texting?"  
Capt. Kelly Carter, 81st Training Wing



"My Blackberry."  
Janice McGary, 81st Training Support Squadron

# Keep hands on wheel, eyes on road

By Ronald Warr II

81st Training Support Squadron

My childhood best friend and his wife have two beautiful children and live in a small Alabama town where he serves as a probation officer and deputy sheriff.

Aug. 28, he received the call that is every parent's worst nightmare — to come to the scene of a traffic accident involving two vehicles. There were injuries and emergency medical personnel were responding. One vehicle belonged to his 17-year-old daughter, Spenser. When he arrived on the scene, Spenser's car was completely engulfed in flames.

Spenser was on her way home from a friend's house on a route that she had driven hundreds of times. She was in a hurry and had pushed her cruise control up to 62 miles per hour. I mean, hey, her dad is a sheriff — even if she gets pulled over, who is going to write her a ticket? That's about the time one of her friends sent her the first text. I'm sure she thought it was no big deal. It's just a text. How long can it take to read a text?



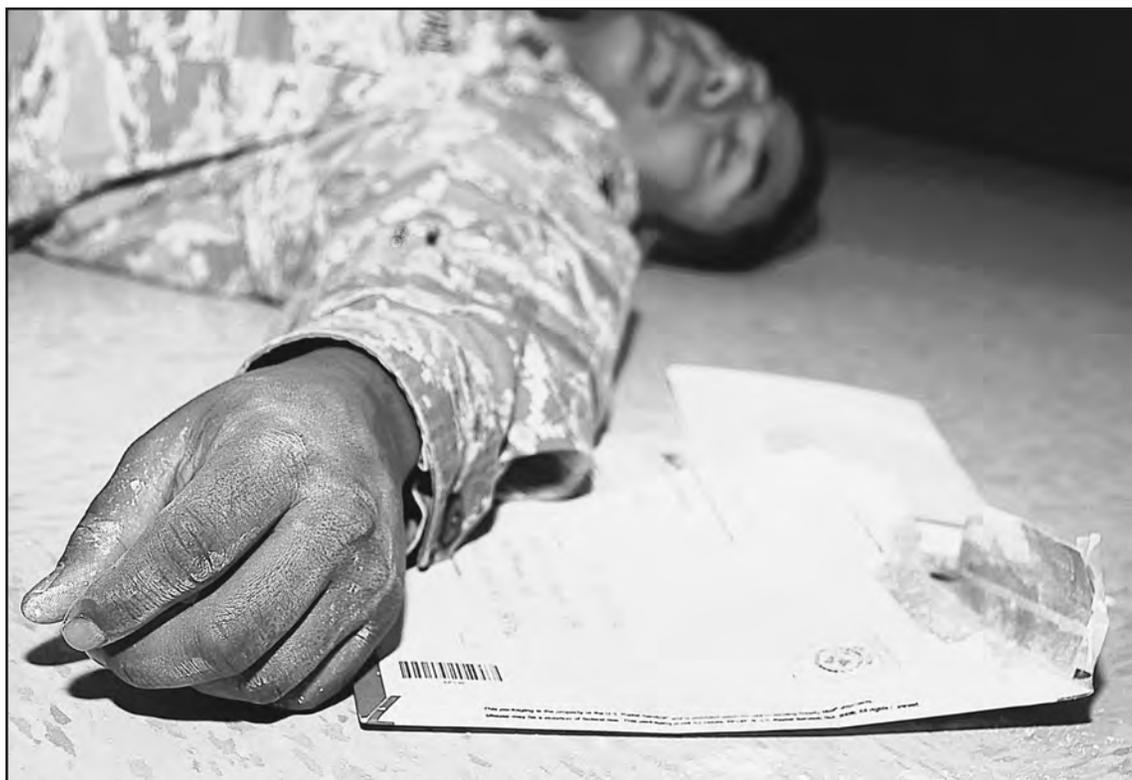
Spenser never saw the pickup truck stopped at the intersection directly ahead of her. She never even had time to hit the brakes before the impact.

The fact that she's alive today is nothing short of a miracle. No one knows for certain exactly how she even got out of the car. The next morning she could hardly move and she'll have a handful of scars. The only salvageable pieces left of the car were a single wheel, slightly scorched without a tire, and one side marker light that was completely popped free from the bumper. Her daddy said that it's the worst "car-b-que" that he'd ever seen.

Spenser and her parents want others to learn from her experience. The bottom line here is that taking your eyes off the road to read or answer a text is dangerous and could cost you your life or the life of someone else. It's already illegal in certain areas and that list grows longer each day. Even in areas where it is tolerated, it's not worth your life or anyone else's.

# TRAINING AND EDUCATION

## 'White powder' prompts bioterrorism exercise



Photos by Kemberly Groue  
Master Sgt. Carlos Hurtado, 81st Training Support Squadron, portrays a "victim" who fell unconscious after opening a package which contained a white powdery substance believed to be anthrax during a force protection exercise Aug. 31. The scenario involved an anonymous envelope being mailed to Matero Hall. Sergeant Hurtado and one other person received medical treatment and 60 occupants of the building were evacuated and underwent decontamination as a precaution.



As a member of the exercise evaluation team, James Palmer, left, assistant fire chief observes as the exercise unfolds. Dave Tenace, right, assistant fire chief, performs duties as the hazardous materials operations officer during the exercise. He is implementing tactical objectives with emergency responders in an effort to rescue the victims and accomplish the incident action plan.

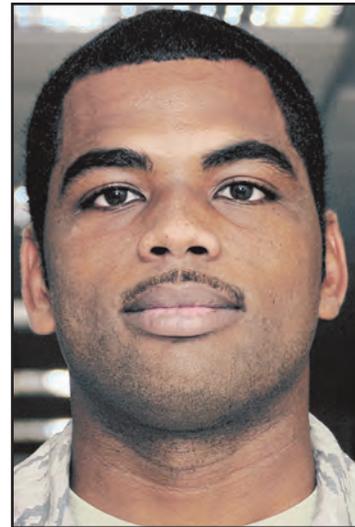


Senior Airman Andrew Dai-ley, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron bioenvironmental engineering flight, collects samples of the white powder to be tested for the presence of biological agents.



Staff Sgts. Nicholas Young, left, and Jeremiah Ramos, right, Keesler firefighters, simulate scrubbing down Dale Riggins in the decontamination area set up outside Matero Hall. Riggins, 81st Training Support Squadron, was one of the people who had contact with the contaminated package.

### 3 graduates attain perfect scores



Airman Basic Tyler Pontius, left, and Staff Sgt. Quintin Smalls, 335th Training Squadron, and Airman 1st Class Rachel Mayner, 336th TRS, graduated from technical training with perfect scores. Pontius, from New Castle, Pa., graduated from the electronic principles course and is headed to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, for the avionic instrument and flight control systems apprentice course. Smalls, from Warner Robins, Ga., graduated from the enlisted financial management course as a cross-trainee to the finance career field and is assigned to the 20th Comptroller Squadron at Shaw AFB, SC. Mayner, an Air National Guard member from Macon, Ga., graduated from the knowledge operations management course and returns to her full-time job with the 116th Operations Group, Robins AFB, Ga.

Heath Harris, a fabricator in the 81st Training Support Squadron trainer development flight, removes an object from the printing chamber and inspects it for blemishes. This object was printed using fused deposition modeling in the Stratasys 3-D printer. Trainer development has two 3-D printers used in the production of parts, prototypes and replicas of real items. These valuable assets are used in creating training simulators to help Keesler and other bases perform their training missions more effectively and economically.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



# Trainer development prints in third dimension

By Steve Hoffmann

Keesler News staff

Ever wanted to print yourself? Not merely a copy of your hand, face or, if so inclined, your bottom on a sheet of paper, but a life-sized three-dimensional print of the entire you — with moving parts, too.

The 81st Training Support Squadron's trainer development flight has two printers that can print objects, 3-D objects like you. Currently, these printers primary function is to replicate things like fire extinguisher valves on C-17's in order to train students.

So, unfortunately, unless a plastic version of you adds some value to the training mission, chances are you won't be printed anytime soon. Trainer development builds trainers and these printers have proved to be a valuable asset in performing that mission.

Trainer development has had these machines for two years and it uses them in the production of parts, prototypes and replicas of real things. One recent example of its capability was in the production of a near full-scale model of a GBU-32 guided bomb unit. The model consisted of the MK-83 bomb with its joint directed attack munitions tail section and a bomb release unit. It is being used to train student pilots at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. on how to do pre-flight

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— Capers

inspections on a JDAM.

According to Tom Capers, one of the fabricators at trainer development, the bomb fuselage was printed in 21-inch sections and glued together to form the bomb. Printing at two inches per hour, that can take a while.

“We had one of the printers working non-stop for hours at a time over many days,” said Capers. “However, we can produce these replicas at a fraction of the time and cost it takes to build the real thing.”

The process for the two printers is essentially the same — laying down successive layers of material, one on top of the other, over and over and over, building from bottom up. However, the build process is slightly different in the two.

One printer developed by Z Corporation uses successive layers of powdered gypsum, spraying a binding agent through an ink jet printer head in just the right places. Then another layer of gypsum is spread and binding agent is sprayed. This gets repeated over and

over until the object is complete. The printer has a prep station where excess powder can be vacuumed and the object can be brushed and polished. Objects made with this printer are fragile but able to achieve greater detail and can be printed in color.

The other printer developed by Stratasys Inc. uses a process known as fused deposition modeling. In this process, successive layers of molten polymer are sprayed through a printer head. Each layer is approximately one tenth of a millimeter thick and, after a few seconds of cooling time, another layer is sprayed. This gets repeated until the object is complete. Objects formed using this printer are less detailed but much more durable.

But let's get back to the printing of you. How would these printers know what to print? What frame of reference would they need? Before you or any other object can be replicated, you would need to be scanned from top to bottom using a hand held scanner that emits a diffused laser beam to record

your precise measurements, recording every contour, nook and cranny.

Modeling software will use these measurements to create a three-dimensional file of yourself. Any voids created in the scanning process can be corrected with this software. You might even wish to trim a little around your waist, make yourself taller, shorter — whatever cosmetic enhancement you desire. Negative spaces or areas where moving parts are located will be identified so that a special dissolvable material can be printed and later dissolved. Then, it's pretty much a matter of hitting the print button.

Aside from its use here at Keesler, other common applications for this technology are in the areas of industrial design, architectural modeling, and dental and medical applications. Doctors and surgeons can use a 3-D printer to print a patient's specific body part in order to plan their approach before the actual procedure is performed on the patient. Even personalized body parts such as jaws, joints, hip and knees can be printed to replace a body part that might need replacing.

Envision a group of students gathered around a life-sized replica of you. You're training them on something. What is that? Is the plastic or gypsum version of you mission essential? If so, you could be just a click away.

# TRAINING, EDUCATION NOTES

## ASE certification

The deadline to register for Automotive Service Excellence certification is Sept. 23.

About 400,000 professionals hold ASE certifications after passing one or more of ASE's 40-plus exams and providing proof of two or more years of relevant full-time hands-on work experience. Tests cover specialties such as automobile, medium/heavy truck, truck equipment, school bus, collision repair technicians, engine machinists, alternate fuels technicians, parts specialists, auto service consultants and collision damage estimators.

For more information on test dates and registration, call the education office, 376-8708 or 8475; visit the office in Room 224, Sablich Center or log on to [www.dantes.doded.mil](http://www.dantes.doded.mil).

## OTS recruiting boards

Officer Training School recruiting service board dates:

**Rated** — Dec. 1 application cutoff for Jan. 23; June 21, 2012, cutoff for Aug. 13, 2012.

**Non-rated** — March 1 cutoff for April 16.

## CALT program

The Civilian Acculturation and Leadership Program is a two-week in-residence course patterned after the Officer Training School curriculum.

CALT is open to Air Force civilians in permanent General Service 7-13 with a bachelor's degree and two to five years experience.

Applications are open on a continuing basis.

Nominees can apply by completing the Air Force Civilian Competitive Development Nomination Form.

Seven classes are offered between October and September 2012. Classes are open until all seats are filled.

For more information, call 376-8161 or log on to Air Force Personnel Services.



Photo by Lt. Col. (Dr.) Joseph Pocreva

“Dragon Medics” dismantle the field hospital tents Aug. 23 at the conclusion of the exercise. Each curved piece formed the skeleton of the Alaskan Shelter tents. The team formed a “bucket brigade” to return the pieces to the shipping containers.

# Keesler medics complete exercise

By Steve Pivnick

## 81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Ninety-two Keesler medics returned Aug. 24 from a week-long exercise at Camp Atterbury, Ind. They, along with three medics from Sheppard AFB, Texas, provided hospital care for Vibrant Force 12, a defense chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and enhanced conventional weapons response force exercise, referred to as a DCRF exercise for short.

Col. (Dr.) Nicholas Miniotis, 81st Dental Squadron commander, who led the Keesler contingent, said, “The team integrated with an Army forward surgical team, area support medical company, mobile blood company and preventive medicine company at a forward operating base on Camp Atterbury. The 81st EMEDS (expeditionary medical support) was part of Task-Force Med which was

comprised of multiple units operating over the southern half of the state of Indiana with more than 700 medics.

He continued, “The task force coordinated relief efforts with Task Force Aviation and Task Force Ops under Joint Task Force Civil Support. Within three hours of entering the joint operating area, the Keesler advanced echelon/mobile forward surgical team, using mobile surgical packs, provided surgical support from a building of opportunity.

“EMEDS personnel were responsible for erecting a 10-tent field hospital, shipped from Port San Antonio (formerly Kelly AFB, Texas), to provide real-world and exercise services. The emergency room and operating room were operational within six hours and the complete hospital was operational at 30 hours. Services provided were the same as you would find in a small community hospital

to include an intensive care unit and 25 hospital beds. Ancillary services included radiology, pharmacy and laboratory. The EMEDS also provided flight medicine, public health, bioenvironmental engineering and dental services. Keesler medics treated more than 180 patients, both real and exercise.”

Dr. Miniotis added, “A landing zone capable of handling Blackhawk and Chinook helicopters was established close to the EMEDS. Army medics were responsible for ground transportation using field ambulances.”

The colonel noted the JTF-CS and Army North Command commanders as well as the Air Force surgeon general recognized the team for its efforts. In addition, by completing the exercise, the 81st Medical Group team is certified for the DCRF mission and is on call until October.

More news, videos, information and photos on the Web at <http://www.keesler.af.mil>

## Air Force surgeon general visits Keesler Hospital



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Maj. (Dr.) Marie Han, left, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron flight medicine flight commander, shows Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Charles Green, Air Force surgeon general, a recent Keesler News article that described how Keesler flight surgeons have been assisting Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., as part of a unique physician exchange program. General Green visited the Keesler Hospital Aug. 29 while attending the Society of Air Force Clinical Surgeons Symposium at Biloxi's IP Casino Resort and Spa. Airman 1st Class Ashley Figueroa, a flight medicine flight medical technician, looks on.

## Whitworth wins Air Force award

By Airman 1st Class  
Heather Heiney

Keesler Public Affairs

This year, Master Sgt. Steven Whitworth not only attained the rank of master sergeant, moved to Keesler and became the 81st Training Wing staff agency first sergeant, but he also earned an Air Force-level award.

Last year, Whitworth was stationed at Shriever Air force Base, Colo., as the operations support flight chief for the 4th Space Operations Squadron. That is where he earned the Air Force Space Operator of the Year award in the noncommissioned officer category.

Whitworth contributed to the organizational mission and management goals in several ways. He led more than 120 members through Shriever's



Whitworth

2010 Operational Readiness Inspection, a \$1.2 billion command and control system upgrade and a \$580 million satellite vehicle launch. He diagnosed four on-orbit emer-

gencies which expedited secure communications restoration by an hour and fostered an \$800 million asset recovery. He also led contingency and real-world operations by identifying and clearing 10 combat mission ready members for backup satellite communications operations center-Vandenberg deployment.

Whitworth's accomplishments were not confined to his primary duties. He completed a Community College of the Air Force degree in air and space operations within only five months while also attaining a bachelor's degree in criminal justice magna cum laude. He applied those classes to his squadron leadership. He also mentored three Airmen on their career development courses leading to scores over 90 percent.

## IN THE NEWS

### Clinics close for warrior training

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

The 81st Medical Group conducts warrior training noon to 5 p.m. today.

Staffing is reduced in family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics general surgery, pharmacy, radiology and laboratory services. For urgent situations, call central appointments at 1-800-700-8603 or report to the emergency room.

For emergency situations such as shortness of breath, chest or abdominal pain or bleeding with pregnancy, go to the nearest emergency room. If it's an emergency, contact 911 for an ambulance.

### Gate work affects base access

Sunshades are being installed at base gates this weekend.

**Meadows Drive Gate** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday; gate is closed.

**Pass Road Gate** — 4-9 p.m. Saturday. Traffic routed to one lane in and one lane out of the gate on the north side.

**White Avenue Gate** — noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Traffic is routed to one lane in and one lane out on the west side of the gate.

### Immigration counseling

Legal office

From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 15, a representative from the U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services is in the legal office to meet with military members, their families, retirees and their dependents to answer questions about the immigration application process and how being a military member helps the immigration process.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the legal office, 376-8601.

### Dental residency program review

The Commission on Dental Accreditation is reviewing the general practice and endodontics residency programs of the 81st Medical Group Nov. 15-16.

Third-party comments from students and patients are solicited by CODA until Sept. 15, 60 days prior to the scheduled review. Such comments must pertain only to the standards for the particular program or policies and procedures used in the commission's accreditation process.

A copy of the appropriate accreditation standards and/or the commission's policy on third-party comments may be obtained by contacting the commission at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611, or by calling 1-800-621-8099, extension 4653.

Many of the CODA standards and policies also are available at the American Dental Association's website at [www.ada.org/100.aspx](http://www.ada.org/100.aspx). Comments are screened by commission staff for relevancy. For comments not relevant to these issues, the individual is notified that the comment is not related to accreditation and, where appropriate, referred to the appropriate agency.

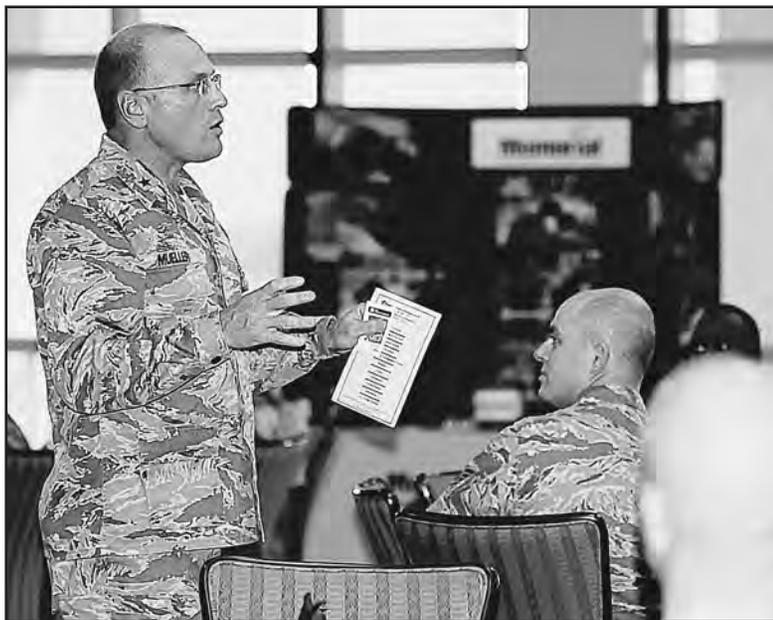
For local questions, consult the program directors or the 81st Dental Squadron Residency Flight Commander, 606 Fisher Street, Keesler AFB, MS 39535, or call 376-5190.

**Dragons deployed — 280**

# Keesler hosts regional CFC kickoff for 2011

Brig. Gen. Andrew Mueller, 81st Training Wing commander, welcomes representatives of south Mississippi's federal agencies and organizations to the Sept. 1 kickoff breakfast for the regional Combined Federal Campaign. The general is chairing the regional CFC coordinating committee this year. The event was held at the Bay Breeze Event Center.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Staff Sgt. Makela Hutchins, left, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, talks to Shelly Ferguson, a volunteer with Court Appointed Special Advocates in Jackson County. CASA volunteers are child advocates in court cases.



Julie Bocek, 2nd Air Force, gives personal testimony about receiving assistance and supporting the CFC.



Capt. Chris Casler, left, 345th Airlift Squadron, learns about the Humane Society of South Mississippi from its marketing specialist, Krystyna Czczechowki.

# PERSONNEL NOTES

## Military training instructor change

Effective immediately, time-on-station waivers are available for members to make a permanent change of station move after two years to serve as a military training instructor.

For more information, call DSN 473-1016 or 1018 or send an email to 737trg.mtir@us.af.mil.

## Leadership training opportunities

### Equal opportunity office

Several equal opportunity leadership training opportunities are offered in during September.

All classes are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the equal opportunity classroom, Building 2902, the Airman Leadership School building.

**Sept. 15** — Managing emotions under pressure; John Pye, instructor.

**Sept. 22** — How to deal with unacceptable employee behavior; James Laubach, instructor.

For more information or to sign up, call 377-2975 or email 81trw/eo@us.af.mil.

## Unit citation

The Presidential Unit Citation has been awarded to Joint Task Force Neptune, March 17-May 2.

If you were assigned to Joint Task Force Neptune during this time, call 376-8155 or visit Room 224, Sablich Center, Room 224, to see if you are eligible.

## CSA not for personal use

### 81st Comptroller Squadron

Effective immediately the Controlled Spend Account is no longer for personal use.

Based on feedback from Air Force leadership, general counsel, Defense Travel Management Office and the General Services Administration, the CSA can be used for official government travel only.

In addition, the CSA program in its original implementation had no requirement for delinquency management and therefore no real performance indicators. Soon, area program coordinators will be expected to monitor account listings for suspended and past due accounts.

For more information, call 376-8189.

## Military personnel contacts

Military personnel section phone numbers:

**Customer support** — 376-8738.

**Career development** — 376-8739.

**Force management** — 376-8740.

**Student personnel center** — 377-4111.

**Testing** — 376-4111.

## Online job fairs

### Airman and family readiness center

Veterans and military spouses looking for work can participate in online job fairs if they have an Internet connection.

The free service has more than 15,000 jobs available from more than 80 industry leading employers. Quarterly large events and regional fairs. Veterans can register and visit the environment at any time day or night, regardless of location.

For more information, log on to [www.veteranscareerfair.com](http://www.veteranscareerfair.com) or call 202-558-2899, extension 101.

## Use-or-lose leave guidance

For guidance on special leave accrual for members in use-or-lose leave status, call the military personnel section's customer service element, 376-8347 or 8348.

## Worship schedule

### Roman Catholic

**Daily Mass**, 11:15 a.m., Monday through Friday, Triangle Chapel.

**Sunday Mass**, 9 a.m., Triangle Chapel.

### Protestant

**Traditional service**, 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Larcher Chapel.

**Contemporary service**, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Triangle Chapel.

**Gospel service**, noon Sunday, Triangle Chapel.

### Jewish

Regular services are 8 p.m. Fridays, Congregation Beth Israel, 12277 Three Rivers Road, Gulfport.

High holidays:

**Sept 28** — 8 p.m., Erev Rosh Hashanah.

**Sept. 29** — 9:30 a.m., first day Rosh Hashanah/Shacharit; 6:30 p.m., Minchah/Ma-ariv.

**Sept. 30** — 9:30 a.m., second day Rosh Hashanah; 8 p.m., Shabbat Shuvah/Ma-ariv.

**Oct. 1** — 10 a.m., Shabbat Shuvah/Torah study.

**Oct. 7** — 6 p.m., Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre.

**Oct. 8** — 9:30 a.m., Yom Kippur/Shacharit; 5 p.m., Yom Kippur/Minchah/Ne-ilah.

For more information, call 377-4050, 207-2196, 539-1655 or 1-405-740-9077.

### Greek Orthodox

Sunday Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m., Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 255 Beauvoir Road, Biloxi. For more information, call 388-6138.

### Islamic

Prayer is five times daily; Salaat ul-Jummah congregational prayer, noon on Friday, Building 2003. For more information, call 377-2520.

### Latter-Day Saints

Student group service, 2 p.m. Sunday, Triangle Chapel. For more information, call 396-5274 or 1-616-881-1994.

## This week's movies at Welch Theater

**Friday** — 6:30 p.m., Crazy Stupid Love (PG-13).

**Saturday** — 2 p.m., Friends with Benefits (R); 6:30 p.m., Captain America: The First Avenger (PG-13).

**Sunday** — 1 p.m., Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2 (PG-13).

# Heading out

## Military personnel section implements new PCS briefings, outprocessing

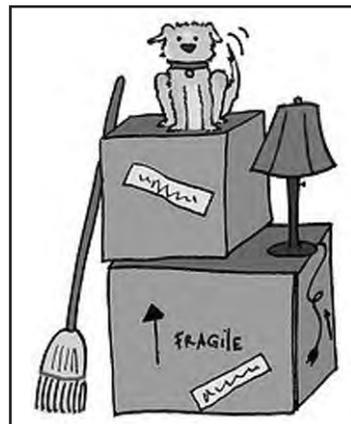
### 81st Force Support Squadron

Starting Monday, the military personnel section is implementing two new initiatives for members that receive permanent change of station assignments from Keesler — mass initial assignment and outprocessing briefings.

MPS officials said the changes are a result of ongoing efforts to conduct business more efficiently without sacrificing the quality of service provided to assigned personnel.

Initial assignment briefings are being conducted at 9:45 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at in the military personnel conference room, Room 121D, Sablich Center.

Airmen are required to bring their acknowledgement of assignment from the vMPF and the email from his or her assignment counselor stating they've selected for reassignment.



After the briefing, the counselor schedules the individual's final outprocessing appointment based on the projected departure date on the assignment acknowledgement letter.

Once an outprocessing appointment is scheduled by the assignment counselor, members receive a calendar invitation reminding them of their appointment and a list of

required documents to bring for appointment.

Outprocessing will be conducted at 8:30 a.m. daily in the military personnel conference room.

In order to outprocess, Airmen must have completed all assignment requirements and provide verification to the assignment counselor. Failure to do so may delay outprocessing and Airmen may be required to return the next day to outprocess.

The initial assignment and final outprocessing briefings are mandatory. A "no show" letter is sent to commanders and first sergeants if individuals fail to meet their appointment.

For career development assistance, call 376-8739 to schedule an appointment.

For more information, call 376-8356.



# Program helps Airmen transition from military to civilian lifestyle

By Joel Van Nice

## Keesler Public Affairs

When it's time to move on from a military career to civilian life, the transition assistance program offered by the airman and family readiness center is there to help.

TAP is a total force program governed by the Department of Defense, Department of Labor and the Department of Veteran Affairs.

The DOD's primary responsibility is pre-separation counseling. The DOL's primary role is to provide the employment-focused TAP workshop. The VA delivers veterans benefits briefings and the TAP for disabled members.

Pre-separation counseling, the most critical facet of transition assistance, should be the first step in the transition process. Counseling should be completed prior to attending a TAP workshop.

Pre-separation counseling is congressionally mandated and must be accomplished 90 days prior to the actual separation or retirement date. The purpose of the counseling is to ensure all active duty separating service members have the opportunity to be made aware of the transition services and benefits available to assist them and their spouses in adjusting to civilian life.

Currently, pre-separation counseling is offered every Tuesday at 1 p.m. for people who are separating and 2:30 p.m. for retirees in Room 110, Sablich Center. Starting Oct. 1, pre-separation counseling times change based on new DOD guidelines. The mandatory briefings will still be held on Tuesdays, but at 9 a.m. for members who are separating and 1 p.m. for retirees. To schedule appointments and counseling sessions, call 377-8728.

Air Force regular and reserve members and DOD civilians are eligible for TAP, along with members of other

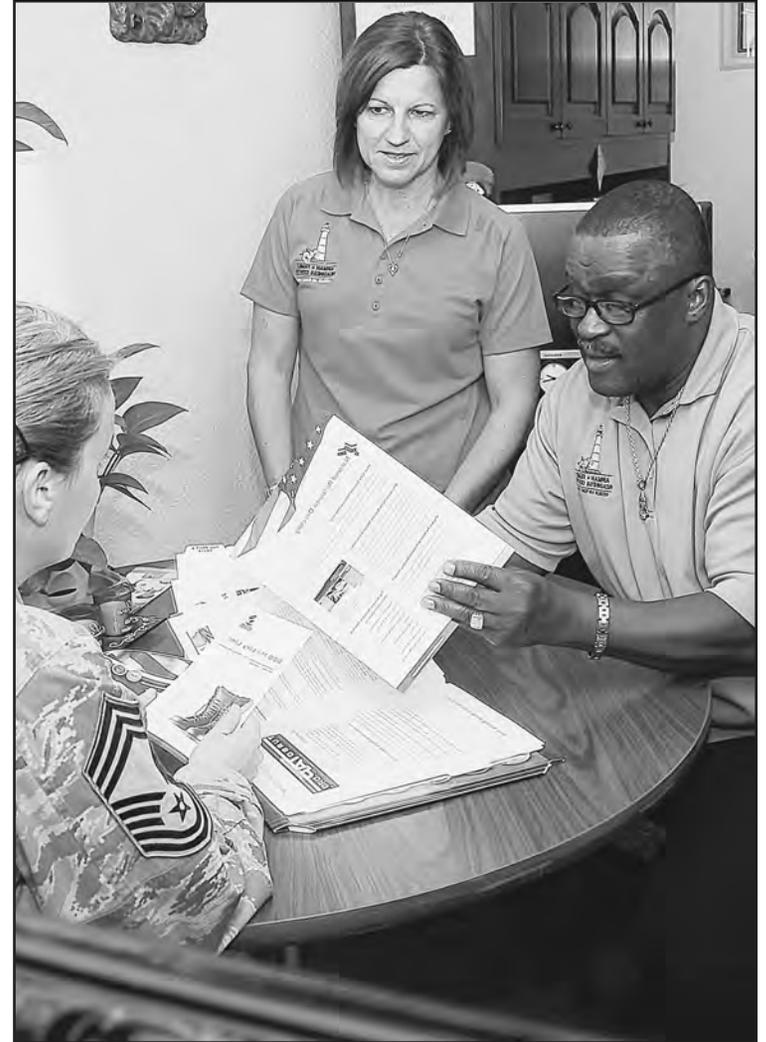


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**From left, Chief Master Sgt. Roxann Santos, 81st Force Support Squadron, listens as Lisa Lyons, community readiness specialist, and Steve McDaniel, transition assistance program specialist, brief Santos as she prepares to retire. Lyons provides pre-separation counseling for those that are separating or retiring from military life. McDaniel provides information on the transition assistance program.**

services and their civilian employees. Spouses of all service members are highly encouraged to participate in transition planning and take advantage of services offered, since these employment changes affect the entire family.

The TAP workshop isn't mandatory, but it's highly encouraged. It's designed to help members to be more competitive in the civilian job market. Topics include basic career skills such as self assessment, resume preparation, market research and net-

working, interviewing skills and negotiating job offers.

TAP workshops for the remainder of the year are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sept. 12-14, Oct. 17-19, Nov. 14-16 and Dec. 12-14. Dress is business casual; no jeans, T-shirts or uniforms. Veterans benefits briefings are 8-11 a.m. Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15. Retirement briefings for members with less than a year to retirement are 1-3:30 p.m. Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15. These briefings are all in Room 108A, Sablich Center.

## Tuesday is Diversity Day

Tech. Sgt. Iya Foster, 334th Training Squadron, decorates the Hawaiian table at last year's inaugural Diversity Day. This year's event, 12:20-4 p.m. Tuesday at the Bay Breeze Event Center, includes music, literature, dance, poetry, face painting, games and food for children and adults. Staff Sgt. Adrienne Russell-George, Airman Leadership School instructor and organizer of the event for the second year, said the event is a celebration of many nations to promote inclusiveness and to bring Keesler closer as a community.

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Apheresis technician Stephanie Stringfield, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron, monitors the intravenous insertion on Jim Parker's arm as he begins his platelet donation at the Keesler Blood Donor Center a year ago. His wife, Linda, looks on in the background. The Parkers visited Keesler as part of a cross-country quest to donate platelets at all 20 Armed Services Blood Program centers. Keesler was their 14th, and as of July, they'd made it to 16 centers. As of ASBP's July report, Jim has donated 287 times and Linda has donated 200 times.

## Are you my type? Blood type, that is

By Lisa Lynn

### Keesler Blood Donor Center

Did you know that there are four different blood groups? Those types are A, B, AB, and O.

A person's blood group is distinguished by tiny markers known as antigens which cover the blood cell surface. Group A blood has A antigens, Group B blood has B antigens, Group AB blood has both A and B antigens and Group O blood has neither A nor B antigens.

People with blood type AB- and AB+ are potential universal plasma donors. This means plasma can be transfused to people having all blood types.

People with blood type AB+ comprise 3 percent of the population. People with

TYPES	RATIOS
O+	38 percent
O-	7 percent
A+	34 percent
A-	6 percent
B+	9 percent
B-	2 percent
AB+	3 percent
AB-	1 percent

this type of blood are universal recipients. This means that they can be transfused with any type of blood in emergency situations.

O+ donors are needed more frequently than any other donor. Because O+ is the most common blood type, 38 percent of the population, it's needed more often by people requiring blood in hospitals.

Seven percent of the population has O- blood. People with O- blood are potential universal red blood cell donors. This means that their red blood cells can be transfused to patients with all types of blood.

It's important to remember that one unit of blood can save up to three lives. Blood and blood products are used for patients of all ages for both military members and their families. Blood must be available for routine military medical treatment facility operations, as well as contingency operations. Donations help ensure that blood is available when it's needed the most. Your donation could save a life – today.

For more information, call 376-6100 or log on to [www.militaryblood.dod.mil](http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil).

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# Airmen test positive for 'Spice'

**Editor's note:** This story is reprinted with permission from the Aug. 28 issue of the Air Force Times.

More than half of the Airmen tested for spice have had positive results, according to the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System.

Military tests for the synthetic form of cannabis began in March, the same month the Drug Enforcement Administration issued a one-year ban on five chemicals used to make spice.

The Air Force banned the possession and use of spice and all mood-altering substances except alcohol and tobacco in June 2010. Some bases have barred Airmen from entering nearby smoke shops known to sell spice and other man-made chemical compounds.

AFMES, a joint agency that performs medical investigations, conducts individual

spice urinalyses for each of the services at the request of their individual criminal investigation agencies.

Forty-five of 86 Airmen tested positive for spice since March. In the other services, 164 of 242 Soldiers tested positive, and 113 of 183 Sailors and Marines tested positive.

These positive rates emerged from a population already under investigation, said Col. Timothy Lyons, top forensic toxicology expert at AFMES. The numbers are not indicative of rates among service members, he said.

Dozens of manmade chemical compounds can be described as synthetic cannabinoids, so their effects on users are unpredictable, said Buddy Horne, deputy chief of the Army's drug testing branch.

"When you have something with no quality control, no inspection processes, the major-

ity of one batch can be sprayed with more concentration than another part," Horne said.

Spice is not going to join cocaine, heroin, marijuana and methamphetamines in the standard, twice-annual drug tests many service members take, Lyons said. Because spice emerged only in recent years, too little is known about it to add it to the standard battery of drug tests for service members, he said.

Scientists cannot tell from a urinalysis, for example, whether a person was exposed to secondhand smoke or intentionally smoked the drug, Lyons said.

AFMES began to develop tests for spice after the drug first appeared in Europe in 2008, and it is periodically "tweaking" its tests as it finds new compounds on the market, Lyons said. It has developed tests for five spice metabolites.

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## Green fleece available for purchase

By Brad Jessmer

Air Force Uniform Office

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Current inventory of the green fleece has caught up with demand, officials announced Sept. 2.

The sources for purchase of the fleece are Army and Air Force Exchange Service military clothing stores in person and online.

Airmen have raised issues concerning availability, where to buy the green fleece authorized for wear as an outer garment and how to avoid buying unauthorized versions.

"With ample stock in 15 sizes and production continuing, there should be no reason for Airmen to purchase a knock-off," said Capt. Micah Porter, the project manager for the Air Force Uniform Office.

According to a message issued by the Office of Manpower, Personnel and Services at Headquarters Air Force, Washington, D.C.: "The sage green fleece jacket, commonly known as Generation III or Gen III, was the original version authorized for wear. Due to limited availability at AAFES military clothing stores and through the Defense Supply Center Philadelphia, some units purchased and issued other versions."

Previously issued green fleece jackets and those that are currently available for purchase, if worn as an outer garment, must meet the following configuration requirements:

- A fabric fastener ABU print name tape with dark blue block lettering, centered between the

zipper and sleeve seam on the wearer's right chest.

- A fabric fastener ABU print U.S. Air Force tape with dark blue block lettering, centered between the zipper and sleeve seam on the wearers left chest

- A fabric fastener subdued cloth rank with a solid sage-green background, flushed with and centered above the last name tape on the wearer's right chest.

- Fleece must remain zipped no lower than halfway between the name tape and the collar

- The collar must be folded over and resting on the shoulder, chest and back when the zipper is not completely zipped

- The bottom length of the fleece must be as close to the length of an ABU top as possible

- Sleeves must be worn down at all times

- Fleece must be kept in a neat, serviceable condition and present a professional appearance at all times

- When worn as an outer garment, the sage green fleece may only be worn over the ABU top and is not authorized to be worn solely over a T-shirt or thermal underwear.

Commanders also have the authority to allow wear of the fleece indoors if mission needs require it.

Airmen who have policy questions regarding this article should address them through their chain of command or by calling the Air Force Personnel Center at 800-525-0102 or DSN 665-5000.

# Little impact here from Tropical Storm Lee

## Keesler Public Affairs

Keesler had few problems from Tropical Storm Lee over the Labor Day weekend.

“Keesler had 10.77 inches of rain Sept. 1-5 — our average rainfall for September is 6.36 inches,” said James Tart, lead forecaster in the Keesler weather office. “We had maximum winds of 46 mph on Monday and 45 mph on Saturday.

“We had one tree down in Oak Park and we’ll probably have some roof leaks,” said Don Kinman, CSC civil engineering manager.

Maj. Matthew Pignataro, 81st Security Forces Squadron commander, said, “My entry controllers got really wet, but other than that, nothing.”

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Airman 1st Class Heather Heiney and Susan Griggs contributed to this report.

## Sept. 11 — President urges spirit of service

### By Cheryl Pellerin

#### American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama called on the American people Aug. 29 to come together in the spirit of service and remembrance

as the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks approaches.

“We’ll remember the innocent lives we lost,” Obama said. “We’ll stand with the families who loved them. We’ll honor the heroic first responders who rushed to the

scene and saved so many. And we’ll pay tribute to our troops and military families, and all those who have served over the past 10 years to keep us safe and strong.”

The worst terrorist attack in American history brought out the best in the American people, he said. Americans lined up to give blood; volunteers drove across the country to lend a hand; schoolchildren donated their savings; and communities, faith groups and businesses collected food and clothing.

Sept. 11, Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama will join the commemorations at Ground Zero, Shanksville, Pa., and the Pentagon.

All Americans can be part of the commemoration by participating in the Sept. 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance, he said.

On this 10th anniversary, the president said the nation faces great challenges.

“We’re emerging from the worst economic crisis in our lifetimes,” Obama said. “We’re taking the fight to al-Qaida, ending the war in Iraq and starting to bring our troops home from Afghanistan. And we’re working to rebuild the foundation of our national strength here at home. As we saw after 9/11, the strength of America has always been the character and compassion of our people.”

The president called on Americans to mark this solemn anniversary by summoning the same spirit shown 10 years ago on Sept. 11.

“And let’s show that the sense of common purpose that we need in America doesn’t have to be a fleeting moment,” Obama said. “It can be a lasting virtue — not just on one day, but every day.”

# eight days a week

## Airman and family readiness center

**Editor's note:** Registration is required. All briefings take place in Room 108, Sablich Center, unless otherwise noted.

**Today** — 9-11:30 a.m., interview skills and salary negotiation.

**Monday** — 9-11:30 a.m., career skills and work personality assessment.

**Monday-Sept. 15** — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., transition assistance workshop. Open to those 12 months or less from separation or 24 months from retirement. Spouses invited to attend.

**Tuesday** — 2-4 p.m., own your own business seminar.

**Wednesday** — 9 a.m. to noon, federal resume writing. Bring current job announcement.

**Sept. 15** — 8-11 a.m., Veterans Administration benefits briefing. 1-4 p.m., retirement benefits briefing.

## Bay Breeze Collocated Club

**Editor's note:** Must be age 18 or older to enter collocated lounge. For more information or reservations, call 377-2334. Federal endorsement of sponsors not intended.

**Friday** — 6-11 p.m., Texas hold 'em tournament. First 100 people guaranteed a seat. Prizes awarded. Free for Air Force Club members, \$5 nonmembers. Sponsored by Budweiser-Responsibility Matters and Fores City.

**Saturday** — 8 p.m., dance night in the lounge. Music provided by DJ Dynamite.

**Saturdays and Sundays** — 11 a.m., lounge opens; noon, grill opens. ESPN College GameDay Saturdays; NFL Sunday Ticket Sundays.

## Bay Breeze Community Center

**Editor's note:** For more information call 377-2509 or 2503.

**Saturday** — noon to 1:30 p.m., free father/son gamer day. Challenge each other on one of our gaming systems.

## Bay Breeze Golf Course

**Editor's note:** For more information or to register, call 377-3832.

**Saturdays** — noon to 1:30 p.m., free non-prior service student golf clinic. Space limited.

**Wednesdays** — 4:30-6 p.m., free beginners' golf clinic. Space limited.

## Family child care

**Editor's note:** For more information or to register, call 377-3189.

**Tuesday-Sept. 15** — 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., new provider orientation at Locker House. Recruiting military spouses on and off base to care for children in their homes. Preregistration required.

## Gaudé Lanes

**Today** — 9 a.m., senior league begins. Prizes awarded. League runs every Thursday for 32 weeks. 6 p.m., intramural league begins. \$11 per person, per week. League runs for 34 weeks.

**Friday** — 6:30 p.m., mixers league begins; every Friday for 32 weeks. Prizes awarded.

**Saturday** — 10 a.m., youth leagues begin; Leagues run every Saturday for 26 weeks.. \$8 per youth, per week; ages 8-18. \$5 per youth, per week; ages 7 and younger. Prizes awarded.

## McBride Library

**Editor's note:** For more information or to register, call 377-3948 or 3568.

**Tuesdays** — 4-5:30 p.m., free skill building groups, ages 5 and older. Build resiliency skills through fun activities.

**Wednesday** — 10-11 a.m., free children's story and craft time, ages 3-5.

## Outdoor recreation

**Editor's note:** For more information or to register, call 377-3948 or 3568.

**Saturday and Sunday** — overnight Cat/Horn Island excursion. Camping and island fishing, \$150 per person, camping gear provided; 14-22 people. Mississippi fishing license required. Must preregister.

## Swimming pools

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-3948 or 3568. Identification and entry fee required for admission; \$1.50 daily.

**Daily except Monday** — 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., main base pool. Adult lap swim 11 a.m. to noon.

## Vandenberg Community Center

**Editor's note:** Friday and Saturday night activities are part of the late night dances, \$3 admission; non-prior service students only.

**Friday** — 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., dance-a-thon. Contestants dance nonstop for two hours.

**Saturday** — noon to 3 p.m., free skate park challenge. Proper safety equipment required.

## Youth center

**Editor's note:** For more information or to register, call 377-4116. Drop-ins accepted on space-available basis.

**Friday** — 6:30-9:30 p.m., free Friday night fun, ages 6-12. Hosted by the Keesler Spouses' Club. Food, skating, movies and more.

**Monday-Sept. 16** — 5:30-7 p.m., youth baseball clinic, ages 5-12. \$25 for first child, \$15 each additional. Preregistration required.

**Through Sept. 16** — youth flag football registration. \$50 for first child, \$25 each additional. Season begins in October. Air Force Club members receive 10 percent off first child's fee.

## Dragon Wagon

**Thursday-Sunday** — catch a ride to base "hot spots" for 50 cents, \$10 monthly passes available at Gaudé Lanes and Legends Café; Air Force Club members ride free. For route and schedule, visit <http://www.keesler81fss.us>.



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# KEESLER NOTES

## 81st CS closed

The 81st Communications Squadron is closed from 1-5 p.m. today for an official function.

For a mission critical or priority outage, call 376-8127.

## PWOC kickoff

The Protestant Women of the Chapel's fall kickoff is 3-5 p.m. Saturday at the Triangle Chapel Annex.

## Free Friday fun

The Keesler Spouses Club sponsors a free fun night at the youth center, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday for children ages 6-12.

Admission charges, snacks and drinks are covered by donations from club members.

## Spouses club welcome

The Keesler Spouses Club plans a birthday bunco night in honor of the Air Force's 64th birthday, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in function rooms 1 and 2 on the first floor of the Bay Beeze Event Center.

The free event features light snacks, door prizes and information on the club's thrift shop, volunteer activities, scholarships, bunco, play group, book club and discovery club.

For more information, email [membership@keeslerspousesclub.com](mailto:membership@keeslerspousesclub.com), visit [www.keeslerspousesclub.com](http://www.keeslerspousesclub.com) or call 207-1523.

## Cancer screenings

**Skin cancer screening** — 8-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Wednesday and Sept. 21 and 28 in the dermatology clinic. Patients need a referral and no other dermatology issues will be addressed.

For more information, call 376-3501.

**Prostate cancer screening** — 8-11 a.m. Sept. 23 in the urology clinic.

Any male eligible for military health care ages 40 and older, may walk in for a quick prostate cancer screening. The process includes a short questionnaire, a blood test at the lab and a digital rectal exam. Patient education materials are also available.

## Periodontal patients

The 81st Dental Squadron periodontics department is seeking people with gum problems for the general dental resi-

dency teaching program.

Limited numbers of patients, including retirees and eligible military dependents, accepted as teaching cases receive free periodontal care at Keesler.

Patients will be treated by Air Force general dentistry residents under specialty supervision. Patients must be readily available for lengthy recurring appointments, generally Monday afternoons and Tuesday mornings.

For more information, call 376-5225.

## Keesler Thrift Shop

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

Profits benefit base and area charities and provide scholarships.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Consignments are accepted 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays.

Log on to [www.keeslerspousesclub.com](http://www.keeslerspousesclub.com) for a list of preferred donations. Pickup is available for bulk donations.

For more information, call 377-3217 or log on to [www.keesler.af.mil](http://www.keesler.af.mil).

## Airman's Attic

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

Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and non-training Fridays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the last Saturday of the month.

For more information, call

209-1390 or 377-3814.

## Air Force Aid assistance

Air Force Aid Society assistance, including Falcon Loans, is provided by appointment only. Emergency travel aid are still provided on a walk-in basis.

For an appointment, call 376-8728.

## Air Force Aid

Air Force active duty members and spouses, retirees and surviving spouses of deceased active duty members can apply for Air Force Aid Society assistance online.

Log on to <https://my.afas.org/memberportal/Login/Login.aspx>. The client completes and submits the application to the airman and family readiness center at the selected base. The applicant receives an e-mail and is instructed to call the center, 376-8728, to schedule an appointment.

## Hemodialysis care

The Keesler Hospital offers chronic hemodialysis to patients requiring the care.

Hemodialysis removes waste products such as creatinine and urea as well as free water from the blood when the kidneys are in renal failure.

The staff currently cares for Department of Defense beneficiaries only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The eight dialysis machines, located in three treatment rooms, allow them to care for up to 12 patients a week.

For more information, call 376-5537.

## Repair parts

For maintenance activities wanting to order bit/piece repair parts, call the wing awaiting parts monitors, 377-4180 or 5590.

## Keesler golfer selected to compete in Air Force Golf Championship

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

A Keesler golfer is among 30 Air Force members selected to compete in the 2011 All-Air Force Golf Championship hosted by Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., Sept. 18-25.

Brian Mace, a biomedical equipment technician with the 81st Medical Support Squadron, learned Aug. 12 that he was chosen to compete. The top six men and top three women in this matchup represent the Air Force at the 2011 Armed Forces Golf Championship hosted at Fort Jackson, S.C., Sept. 26 to Oct. 2.

Mace mentioned that while he doesn't have an official handicap, he "claims to be around a 4."

Mace, who arrived at Keesler in July from a three-year assignment at Andrews AFB, Md., said he's been playing golf "off and on since I was 5. I played in middle school and high school tournaments, but this is my first big tournament."

He admitted he's very excited and a bit nervous to be involved in the competition. In fact, he said it actually came about a bit randomly.

"I had just arrived and was playing in my first intramural match with Ken Gestring (81st Surgical Operations Squadron). He suggested I enter the tournament and helped me complete the application. In all honesty, I had never heard of it before. If it hadn't been for him, I wouldn't have been chosen; he was the first person I told when I learned I had been selected."

He said the Luke tournament involves singles play, but once the top six men and three women are named to the Air Force group, they'll play as a team in the armed forces match.

Mace, a member of the Air Force since November 2007, hails from Pensacola, Fla.



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Mace, who is a member of the 81st MDSS intramural golf team, takes a practice swing before an Aug. 23 match.

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# Dark Knights claim intramural soccer crown

## Intramural sports office

The 338th Training Squadron Dark Knights rode the wave of their undefeated regular season to claim Keesler's intramural soccer championship Aug. 31 over the 333rd TRS Spartans, 6-3.

The Spartans scored in the first minute of the game, but the Dark Knights evened the score two minutes later.

The 338th TRS scored another minute later on a one-on-one play in which a Dark Knight got by the defender and scored.

The Spartans' goalie took a player out in the box, leading to a goal on a penalty kick for the Dark Knights. Then the Dark Knights scored again on a cross ball.

The Dark Knights scored again right after the kickoff and added another point on a throw ball, bringing the score to 6-1.

The Spartans didn't give up, scoring again when a player crossed the ball in the middle of the goalie box so a teammate had a successful shot. The Spartans followed up with a final goal from another cross ball in to the middle.

Jake Smeraglio, left, 333rd TRS, gets his knee moving to keep the ball away from Dark Knight Zac Crula. The 338th TRS won the base championship with a 6-3 victory.



Photos by Kemberly Groue  
Derek Zimmer, left, takes control of the ball for the Dark Knights as Jake Smeraglio leaps past him to get to the ball during the championship game, Aug. 31.



## Final regular season standings

### West Division

1st — 334th TRS-A, 8-2, 42 points

2nd — 336th TRS-A, 8-2, 40 points

\* 3rd — 333rd TRS-A, 6-4, 35 points

\* 335th TRS, 6-4, 35 points

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338th TRS-A, 0-10 (withdrew from league)

\* Aug. 22 tie-breaker — 333rd TRS-A, 4; 335th TRS, 3

### East Division

1st — 338th TRS-B, 10-0

2nd — 81st MDOS, 5-5, 21 points

3rd — 334th TRS-B, 5-5, 21 points

333rd TRS-B, 4-6

336th TRS-B, 0-10

\* Aug. 25 tie-breaker — 81st MDOS, 5; 334th TRS-B, 4



Travis Lyon, left, 333rd TRS, and Calvin Robertson, 338th TRS, battle for the ball during the championship game.

# Individuals, teams compete in Saturday's mini-triathlon

Keesler's 7th annual mini-triathlon is 8 a.m. Sept. 10 at the Triangle Pool.

Patty McGruder, health promotion educator at the health and wellness center, said that three events are planned — a 200-yard swim, 9 miles cycling and 2 miles running.

For relay teams, one of the three members must be female. Each person does a different event. The top three teams earn Commander's Cup points. All teammates must be from the same squadron.

Individual categories are individual male and female (ages 18-29, 30-39, 40-49 and over 50), elite male (less than 45 minutes), elite female (less than 50 minutes), Clydesdale (men more than 200 pounds) and Athena (women more than 150 pounds).

Registration closed Wednesday and no sign-ups are accepted Saturday. Check-in time is from 6:30-7 a.m.

For more information, call the health and wellness center, 376-3170.

## ENERGY AWARENESS

The Air Force is committed to energy efficiency. Everyone -- servicemembers, civilians and family members -- can help save energy and work toward a cleaner future. Here are some "Energy Facts" to think about:

- Each winter, the equivalent of all the oil in the Alaskan oil pipeline is lost as heat through American windows
- "Energy Star" makes a difference. Energy Star tagged appliances typically use 50 percent less energy than their older counterparts
- Every time an oven door is opened, 25-50 degrees of temperature is lost
- Each ton of recycled paper saves the energy equivalent of 380 barrels of oil
- Ceiling fans cost about \$2.40 a month to run 10 hours a day; they can reduce energy bills by \$10
- Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a television for three hours

Make energy awareness  
a part of your day

# Intramural football kicks off

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Twenty teams began the intramural flag football season this week.

The 10 teams in the American Conference set to play at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays are a combined team from the 345th Airlift Squadron and 81st Dental Squadron, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron, 81st Medical Group, the Marine Corps Detachment weather flight, 81st Security Forces Squadron, 334th Training Squadron and the A teams from the 81st Medical Support Squadron, 333rd TRS and 338th TRS.

In the National Conference, which plays at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, the 10 teams are the 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron, 81st Training Support Squadron, MARDET, 336th TRS, 403rd Wing, the B teams from the 333rd TRS and 338th TRS and the C team from the 338th TRS.

For more information and schedules, call the intramural sports office, 377-2444.

## Core Values



**Integrity First**

**Service Before Self**

**Excellence in all We Do**

# Safety office offers reminders on hunting safety

## Safety office

All persons born on or after Jan. 1, 1972, must satisfactorily complete a hunter education course approved by the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks before purchasing a Mississippi hunting license. For more information, call 1-800-546-4868 or [www.mdwfp.com](http://www.mdwfp.com).

The Mississippi Wildlife Management Area system is expansive and diverse. It includes 50 areas encompassing more than 665,000 acres, more than 1,000 square miles.

WMAs occur across the eight major physiographic regions of the state from the upper edge of the coastal marshes in Jackson County to the lower reaches of the Appalachians in Tishomingo County. They range from the rolling hardwood hills of southwestern Mississippi to the deep, rich soils of the Delta.

Some WMAs are owned by the MDWFP, but many are managed under memoranda of understanding with the U. S Forest Service or private corporations. Others are operated

through long-term license agreements with the Corps of Engineers.

It's unlawful to hunt or shoot in, on or across any street, public road, public highway, railroad or the rights-of-way. It is considered factual evidence that a person is hunting if he possesses a firearm with a cartridge or shell in the barrel, magazine, or clip attached to the firearm, or if all ammunition is not located in an enclosed compartment, container, box or garment, whether or not the firearm is in or out of a motorized vehicle, while he is on any street, public road or highway, or any railroad, or right-of-way thereof any time during the open season on deer and turkey.

An unloaded muzzle-loading cap lock firearm is one with the cap removed. An unloaded muzzle loading flintlock firearm is one with no powder in the flashpan.

It's illegal to hunt or kill any game animal, furbearing animal or game bird from any motorized vehicle or boat.



However, squirrels and game birds may be hunted from a boat if the motor is off and the progress of the boat has ceased.

Here are safety guidelines for hunting season:

- Ensure your weapons function properly; fire them at an approved location to ensure accuracy.
- Dress properly and be prepared for the worst possible conditions. Protect against hypothermia
- Check the weather forecast before going into the woods.
- Check hunting equipment before and after each outing and maintain it properly.

Familiarize yourself with its operation before using it in the field.

● Be wary of permanent tree stands made from plywood and pine boards. It's unwise to trust these types of tree stands without checking their structural integrity ahead of time. Falling limbs, wind and moisture weaken permanent tree stands over time and make them unsafe.

● Always wear a safety harness when hunting from a tree stand. Each season, hunters are injured and some die when they fall asleep and take a dive off their tree stands or slip and fall when climbing in or out of the tree.

● Wear hunter orange. A hat and vest or coat that covers the chest and back area in solid orange is required by law. Orange camouflage is not legal. Hunter orange must also be worn by anyone accompanying a firearms deer hunter.

● Be sure of your target before you put your finger on the trigger. Most fatalities are the result of mistaken-for-game accidents.

● Never wave to get another hunter's attention — speak loudly in a clear voice.

● Never cross a fence, ride a four-wheeler or climb a tree with a loaded rifle. Use a tow rope to pull your rifle up and down from your tree stand.

● Tell someone where you're hunting and when you expect to be home. Avoid outings alone. If you go alone, be extra careful and hunt in familiar areas. Carrying a cell phone is a good safety precaution if you are hunting alone.

● Never carry a loaded rifle in your truck or car, and be sure to unload your rifle when you get back to camp or when you stop hunting for the day. Assume that every rifle in camp is loaded unless the action is open and you can see that it's safe to handle.

● Be careful when dragging out your deer. Each year, hunters die from heart attacks as a result of overexertion. Get help if you can't handle the chore by yourself. Go slow and take your time.

## 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.