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‘Power the Force — Fuel the Fight’

Air Force must reduce energy consumption

By Michael Donley

Secretary of the Air Force
and Gen. Norton Schwartz

Air Force chief of staff

Global vigilance, reach, and power at home and abroad require vast amounts of energy — whether it is fuel for our aircraft, gas for our vehicles, or electricity for our space and cyberspace efforts. As the largest energy user in the federal government, the Air Force must find ways to reduce our energy consumption, especially given the current economic environment. To ensure Airmen always have reliable, secure access to energy when and where the mission requires, we will pursue an energy posture

that is resilient, robust, and ready to support our global missions.

Improving our energy posture requires us to be smart about how we consume energy in the air and on the ground. October is Energy Awareness Month and the Air Force remains committed to promoting energy awareness through education and action. Our theme for Energy Awareness Month this year is “Power the Force — Fuel the Fight.” This theme seeks to highlight energy as a critical resource to our capabilities and reminds us to focus on the impact our day-to-day energy decisions have on the mission. Energy awareness strengthens our capabilities and reinforces the pillars of the Air Force energy strategy: reduce demand, increase supply and change culture.

Achieving our energy goals is everyone’s responsibility. It requires sustained efforts, firm leadership, and disciplined Airmen who make smart, energy-conscious decisions. We challenge you to consider energy use in everything you do: embrace energy awareness concepts, seek energy efficient alternatives, and exercise a spirit of energy awareness throughout the year. Saving electricity or fuel can be done through simple acts, such as turning off unattended lights and equipment, driving fuel efficient routes and speeds, and walking to close destinations. Together, we can decrease costs, expand operational capabilities, and project more effective combat power. Our success depends on you to “Power the Force — Fuel the Fight!”

RESPECT fosters leadership mindset, actions

By Col. David Coley

60th Maintenance Group

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — Leadership is not given, ordained or a right. It doesn’t come from position or rank. Leadership must be earned every day. Any Airman can be a leader as long as he is disciplined in his positive daily habits.

Andrew Carnegie once said, “The older I get, the less I listen to what people say and the more I look at what they do.”

The acronym **RESPECT** provides the foundation to foster the right mindset and actions to become a leader.

Responsibility — A leader must be an example; someone who takes responsibility for his actions and understands all leaders live in a fish bowl.

“Be an example to your men, in your duty and in private life,” Field Marshall Erwin Rommel said to explain responsibility. “Never spare yourself, and let the troops see that you don’t in your endurance of fatigue and privation. Always be tactful and well-mannered and teach your subordinates to do the same. Avoid excessive sharpness or harshness of voice, which usually indicates the man who has shortcomings of his own to hide.”

Empowerment — The ability to empower is a skill that must be learned to be an effective leader. Empowerment creates a force multi-

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the courage to make tough decisions and
the compassion to listen to the needs of others.

plying effect, as you are able to accomplish so much more than by simply holding the reins yourself.

“A leader takes people where they want to go — a great leader takes people where they don’t necessarily want to go, but ought to be,” Rosalynn Carter said.

Support — Great leaders know how to support someone else’s personal dreams and goals. A leader developing self-confidence through personal growth best accomplishes this. Ultimately, if you help enough people get what they want then you will accomplish what you want.

“Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself,” said Jack Welch, author and former chairman and chief executive officer of General Electric. “When you become a leader, success is all about growing others.”

People — Every leader recognizes that people are our most valuable resource. Understanding what motivates people is essential to good leadership.

“Leadership is solving problems,” said retired Gen. Colin Powell. “The

day Soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them. They have either lost confidence that you can help or concluded you do not care. Either case is a failure of leadership.”

Enthusiasm — Many key traits are identifiable for leaders. Enthusiasm is definitely one of them. More importantly, a good leader has honed his ability to have contagious enthusiasm. As a leader, no matter how challenging the obstacle or task enthusiasm, more often than not, is the equalizer.

“What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog,” Dwight D. Eisenhower said.

Commitment — Any Airman who wants to be a leader must be committed to the Air Force Core values: integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do. Commitment is often the difference between continual success or failure. Leadership in the profession of arms requires selfless commitment.

“War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things,” said English econo-

mist and philosopher John Stuart Mills referring to patriotic commitment. “The decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which thinks that nothing is worth war is much worse. The person who has nothing for which he is willing to fight, nothing which is more important than his own personal safety, is a miserable creature and has no chance of being free unless made and kept so by the exertions of better men than himself.”

Teamwork — The merit of a great leader is their ability to build, develop and foster teamwork. Andrew Carnegie defines this concept in simple terms.

“Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision — the ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives,” he said. “It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.”

Today, more than ever, the Air Force needs Airmen with the ability to lead. A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. Most people don’t set out to be a leader, but become one by the quality of their actions and the integrity of their intent.

Understanding that leadership must be earned every day is important. Using the RESPECT model develops a leader’s ability to succeed.

ON THE COVER

Five-year-old Brianna Rinza, daughter of Norma and Hector Rinza of Gautier, performs a traditional Mexican dance with Vicentenario de Mexico group at Saturday's Hispanic Heritage Month celebration at the main exchange. The Panama Without Borders Folkloric Dance Group from Biloxi headlined the program and performed 12 dances attired in traditional Panamanian costumes. Additional photo, Page 17.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



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and unpaved surfaces;
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in close proximity to
marching formations
and when waved through
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in parking lots; and
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in some sections of
perimeter roads.

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Medical codes no longer prevent some deployments

By Jon Hanson

Air Force Personnel, Services and Manpower Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Air Force officials have approved expanding the deployment opportunities for Airmen who typically had limited opportunities to deploy in support of air and space expeditionary force operations.

Last month, the 602nd Training Group Provisional at Keesler began accepting Airmen with restrictive deployment availability codes to fill openings in its operations center and at training detachments.

“The overarching intent is to support 2nd Air Force without reducing the Air Force’s ability to meet combatant commander requirements,” said Col. Henry Polczer, director of AEF and personnel operations at the Air Force Personnel Center. “We will accomplish this by sourcing to a name those Airmen who would otherwise not be able to deploy.”

The 602nd TRG (P) provides support to Airmen attending Army combat skills training, combat Airman skills training and the basic combat convoy course, officials said. These courses pro-

vide Airmen specific training to prepare them for their deployment and meet the needs of the combatant commander. The AEF and Personnel Operations directorate will use the Military Personnel Data System to source those individuals with deployment availability codes which makes them normally unavailable for worldwide deployments.

“The use of MilPDS to source these individuals is relatively new,” said Wanda Davies, the deputy chief of scheduling division for AEF and personnel operations. “It is usually done by sourcing to the unit type code which requires the commander to select personnel from their unit to fill the AEF requirement.”

The key is for Airmen with medical DAV codes and their supervisors to understand they might be selected for stateside taskings and to be prepared, Davies said. These Airmen will either work in the 602nd TRG (P) operations center or at one of the training detachments. This new selection process currently covers about 100 requirements.

For more information about the AEF process, visit <https://aef.afpc.randolph.af.mil>. To get information about personnel issues, visit the Air Force personnel services website at <https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil>.

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.

ROTC programs return to Ivy League schools

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — With the fall semester busily under way at colleges and universities across the United States, some of the most prestigious among them are charting a new course with the return of ROTC programs to their campuses.

ROTCs are making a comeback at Ivy League schools after being banned from many of them for decades — first in objection to the Vietnam War, and more recently because of the now-repealed “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” law that banned gay men and lesbians from serving openly in the military.

With both objections now history, ROTC programs are returning to more campuses, including the Ivies.

The University of Pennsylvania, Princeton and Cornell universities and Dartmouth College never dissolved their long relationships with ROTC. Cornell hosts Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC detachments. Princeton and Dartmouth sponsor Army ROTC. Penn has a Naval ROTC program.

More of their sister schools are following suit. Harvard, Yale and Columbia universities approved the reintroduction of ROTC programs to their campuses earlier this year.

Harvard President Drew Faust called Naval ROTC’s return to the Cambridge, Mass., campus “an important

new chapter in the long and storied history of military service by members of the Harvard community.”

At Yale, university and military officials agreed to establish Naval and Air Force ROTC programs next year. University President Richard Levin welcomed the return, citing the contributions the graduates will make to the military, and the opportunities the new relationship will offer for those who choose to serve.

Air Force Secretary Michael Donley, who joined Levin on Sept. 12 in signing an agreement to establish an Air Force ROTC detachment at Yale in the fall of 2012, called the decision a “win-win.”

“First, a permanent presence for Air Force ROTC will make it easier for Yale students to access ROTC education and training ceremonies,” he said. “Second, a Yale presence will give the Air Force a way to connect and engage with some of the brightest and most diverse students in America.”

Navy Secretary Ray Mabus signed similar agreements to establish Naval ROTC detachments: in March with Harvard, in April with Columbia, and in May with Yale.

In announcing the Columbia University Naval ROTC program, Mabus called the decision a renewal of a long and rich history between the university and the Navy.

“Columbia’s tremendous

support to our men and women in uniform returning from the recent wars is overwhelming, as are the growing numbers of veterans who are woven into the fabric of this great institution,” he said. “The return of Naval ROTC to campus will only serve to enhance and strengthen our institutions and contribute to the success of this great country.”

Other elite schools appear to agree. For example, the faculty senate at Stanford University voted in April to invite ROTC to return to its Southern California campus. University officials reportedly are in “serious discussions” with the military branches about setting up an on-campus ROTC program, but no agreements have yet been reached.

Meanwhile, Brown University in Providence, R.I., the last Ivy League institution to ban ROTC from its campus, is studying the issue. University President Ruth Simmons invited discussion on inviting ROTC back to the campus before her report to the university corporation this month.

Former Defense Secretary Robert Gates, a longtime educator himself, was a staunch advocate of restoring ROTC to the nation’s elite schools. During his visit in September 2010 to North Carolina’s Duke University, which sponsors three ROTC programs, Gates called for other prestigious universities to follow Duke’s example.

“Over the past generation, many commentators have lamented the absence of ROTC from the Ivy League and other selective universities — institutions that used to send hundreds of graduates into the armed forces, but now struggle to commission a handful of officers every year,” he told the Duke assembly.

Gates applauded efforts to restore military recruiting and officer training programs to these schools, and encouraged some of the country’s most gifted students to consider joining them.

“A return of ROTC back to some of these campuses will not do much good without the willingness of our nation’s most gifted students to step forward — men and women such as you,” he told the Duke students.

For at least one Ivy League graduate, her alma mater’s decision to reinstitute ROTC came just a tad too late.

Last month, Mary McDonald sat alongside dozens of other young men and women at the Baltimore Military Entrance Processing Station doing final preparations before shipping off to Army basic training.

With a Columbia University degree under her belt, along with an internship at the prestigious Center for Strategic and International Studies think tank, McDonald knew she had a lot of career choices. But at age 24, she had no doubt about what she wants —

“I can’t think of anything better than to lead soldiers, period,” she said.

Her goal, she explained, is to complete basic training, get accepted into Officer Candidate School and ultimately, become a military intelligence officer.

Like most of today’s recruits, McDonald said the 9/11 attacks shaped her world view and her decision to join the military.

She was a high school freshman in Hastings-on-Hudson outside New York City when terrorists launched the attacks. McDonald recalled that she was in biology class, hearing loudspeakers call students by name to the principal’s office and TVs being rolled into the classrooms.

Looking back, McDonald expressed regret that her generation was considered too young to be a part of the national response.

“We weren’t asked to do anything,” she said. “So now, I want to make a contribution. My generation is very eager to serve.”

The 9/11 attacks “very directly affected my world view,” McDonald said. And events under way around the world, she said, will shape America’s foreign policy for the foreseeable future.

“I want to be at the center of it,” McDonald said. “I want to deploy 100 percent.”

American Forces Press Service photo editor and research assistant Lisa Stafford contributed to this article.



Air Force Instruction 33-119
expressly forbids sending chain letter emails.

TRAINING, EDUCATION NOTES

CCAF graduation

The Community College of the Air Force fall commencement ceremony has been changed to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 2 at the Bay Breeze Event Center.

A reception follows the ceremony.

For more information, call 376-8708 or 8710.

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.

Manager certification

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

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

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.

Keesler housing privatization latest step in 15-year initiative

Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment and Keesler News staff

Privatization of Keesler's military housing Sept. 30 marked another step in an initiative that was launched 15 years ago to provide quality homes for military personnel at a faster pace than military construction alone.

In 1996, Congress created the Military Housing Privatization Initiative as part of the National Defense Authorization Act.

The Air Force has accomplished in 10 years through housing privatization what would have taken 25 years using traditional military construction, according to Ian Smith, deputy chief of the housing privatization division for the Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

"The Air Force has privatized more than 47,000 homes at 47 bases at a cost to the Air Force of \$469.4 million and brought in \$7 billion in private funding to provide quality homes for our Airmen," said Mr. Smith.

Keesler's housing privatization was part of the Southern Group housing privatization project with Forest

City Military Communities that also includes Arnold AFB, Tenn., and Charleston and Shaw AFBs, S.C.

The Southern Group deal, valued at \$308.1 million in development costs, provides new and renovated housing for 2,185 military families using only \$23.4 million in appropriated funds.

Forest City currently operates and manages 14,100 housing units across the country. In addition to Keesler's 1,188 units, plans also include 22 units at Arnold, 345 units at Charleston and 630 units at Shaw, with features that include two-car garages and at least three bedrooms. Planned amenities at the bases include community centers, pools, tot lots and neighborhood parks.

Under the deal, the U.S. Air Force is leasing approximately 860 acres of land as part of a 50-year transaction. The Air Force conveyed 2,385 existing housing units. Of the existing units, 1,184 inadequate units will be demolished. The project will provide 987 new and renovated homes to be completed in about four years.

As-is units don't require any updating or renovations — nearly all of the 1,198 as-is units for Southern Group are

units at Keesler that were rebuilt after Hurricane Katrina.

At closing, the houses became property of Forest City Military Communities which will own and operate the rental housing development for military families, as well as finance, plan, design and construct improvements in the development and maintain at least 2,185 housing units for the 50-year lease period.

A formal notice to proceed with construction was issued Oct. 3.

"This is the first time in the history of the HP program that a notice to proceed was issued within one business day of closing," said Allen Fennigkoh, AFCEE/HPE project manager. "Usually, they take months."

AFCEE serves as the primary Air Force service agent for worldwide housing privatization efforts including completing feasibility analyses, developing project concepts and solicitations, and providing support to the integrated acquisition teams that execute projects.

For more information, visit <http://www.afcee.af.mil/resources/housingprivatization/index.asp> or email HPinfo@us.af.mil.

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

Base rolls out red carpet for retirees

Keesler Public Affairs

Keesler's Retiree Appreciation Day is Oct. 28 at the Roberts Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Facility on Hangar Road.

Festivities begin at 8:30 a.m. and include door prizes, more than 30 displays with information pertinent to retirees and a free lunch at noon followed by a precision drill demonstration by the student team that wins the 81st Training Group's October drill down competition.

There'll be free coffee and donuts available at the event, but early birds can have breakfast on base at Gaudé Lanes, Bay Breeze Events Center, Bay Breeze Golf Course or the food court at the main exchange.

Maps to the event will be available at all gates. There'll be ample parking, including handicapped spaces, in the area of the event.

For more information, call the retiree activities office, 376-7309.

IN THE NEWS

Keesler surpasses CFC goal

As of Tuesday, the 81st Training Wing has surpassed its Combined Federal Campaign goal for 2011.

"This a huge accomplishment for Team Keesler," said Brig. Gen. Andrew Mueller, 81st Training Wing commander. "We set a realistic goal based on previous donations. The drive ends Friday, so there's still an opportunity for everyone to consider making a pledge."

Keesler has pledged \$137,641, 100.5 percent of its goal of \$136,897, according to 2nd Lt. Semira Moore, 81st Comptroller Squadron, CFC installation project officer.

Pledges may be made through your unit representative or online at www.southernmscfc.org.

Gate closure

81st Security Forces Squadron

The inbound lanes at the White Avenue Gate are closed 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. today. Inbound and outbound traffic are limited to the west side of the gate shack.

Salute to the Military Oct. 25

The Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce 33rd annual Salute to the Military is 6 p.m. Oct. 25 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum Convention Center in Biloxi.

The guest speaker is Adm. Jonathan Greenert, chief of naval operations.

For ticket information, call public affairs, 377-1179; or the chamber, 604-0014; or log on to <http://www.mscoastchamber.com/documents/SalutetotheMilitary2011.pdf>

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@us.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.

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.

Ocean Springs — Pugs, 6213 Washington Avenue.

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.

Dragons deployed — 282

Navy, Marines have new liaison for Keesler Hospital patients

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Sailors and Marines assigned to Keesler have a new “ambassador.” Hospital Corpsman Brian Riordan has served as Navy and Marine Corps liaison at the Keesler Hospital since July.

Attached to the Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport, Riordan explained, “I am the representative for both services for patients needing treatment or who have been admitted to the hospital. I act as the ‘ambassador’ between the Sailors and Marines and the Keesler Hospital. I also assist the Navy and Marine commands on Keesler in maintaining their readiness through the use of a database that tracks this.”

He serves a Keesler population of about 200 Navy and Marine students as well as approximately 150 instructors and staff.

The Houston native, who was a paramedic before enlisting, has been a member of the Navy for 12 years, the past four at the CBC. Before coming to the Coast, Riordan was assigned to Camp Lejeune, N.C. He has served tours with the Marines in Iraq and Seabees in Afghanistan.



Riordan

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

Proper storage required for private munitions

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Munitions can be extremely unstable and dangerous, according to Virgil Mitchell, 81st Training Wing safety chief.

Munitions such as military souvenirs and privately-owned weapons can present serious hazards, Mitchell said.

Jim McClish, munitions accountable systems officer for the 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron, said that unauthorized commercial munition items were recovered recently on base, including shotgun shells, rubber slugs and 22- and 38-caliber rounds.

Bringing these types of munitions onto the base is in violation of Air Force Manual 91-201, paragraphs 7.41.3 and 11.25.

Privately-owned or commercial munitions can't be stored on base unless they're in an approved licensed explosive storage location.

“Since we have no technical data on commercial munitions and aren't authorized to store them, our only approved course of action is to declare them unserviceable and report them for disposition from the Global Ammunition Control Point,” McClish explained. “This process has cost the Air Force a lot of money in man-hours, procuring proper packing material for shipment and transportation costs from Keesler to Crane Army Depot in Indiana.”

Mitchell advises people who need to store privately-owned weapons or ammunition to call the 81st Security Forces Squadron, 377-3040.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Military training instructors needed

Senior airmen through master sergeants are being recruited for positions as military training instructors.

MTIs get a base of preference assignment at the end of their tours and earn an extra \$450 a month in special duty pay. Waivers are also available so members can move after two years time on station.

Interested Airmen are also invited to participate in a five-day permissive temporary duty to experience "life as an MTI" at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

For more information, call (210) 671-1016 or 1018, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays or email 737trg.mtir@us.af.mil.

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, call 376-8728.

Mandatory pre-separation briefings — 9 a.m. Tuesdays for those separating with honorable discharges and 1 p.m. 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. 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. Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15, Room 108A.

Retirement briefings — 1-3:30 p.m. 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.

Training for new supervisors

Three mandatory supervisory training courses for newly-selected supervisors must be completed within six months of assuming a supervisory role.

The Air Force Supervisor's Course provides civilian supervisors with leadership and management skills required in supervisory positions.

The Civilian Personnel Management Course must be taken by all civilian and military supervisors who manage civilians. This course provides background information and an understanding of applicable civilian personnel laws and regulations needed to carry out civilian personnel management responsibilities.

The Military Personnel Management Course provides civilian supervisors of military members the basic skills, knowledge and abilities required to supervise enlisted and officer personnel.

Personnel requiring these courses can register online through the Air Force Human Resource Management School's virtual campus at <https://www.my.af.mil/afknprod/community/views/home.aspx?Filter=AF-ED-00-38>. Periodic reports will be provided by Air Staff and major commands identifying supervisory completion, so supervisors should complete the required courses in a timely manner.

For more information, call 376-8161 or 8154.

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.

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.

Make safety a reality — don't be a fatality.

This week's movies at Welch Theater

Friday — 6:30 p.m., Warrior (PG-13).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Fright Night (R); 6:30 p.m., Apollo 18 (PG-13).

Sunday — 1 p.m., Bucky Larson Born to be a Star (R).

Passion essential for mortuary affairs officers

By Steve Hoffmann

Keesler News staff

The saying “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you” doesn’t end upon death. For James Taylor, Keesler mortuary affairs officer, death is where that principle begins.

“It’s one of those jobs you have to be passionate about,” said Taylor. “For families or individuals who have lost loved ones, I take care of them as I would want to be taken care of myself.”

As a mortuary affairs officer, Taylor is responsible for taking care of deceased active-duty, dependants of active duty, retirees who pass away in a government medical facility and the family members they leave behind. Care for the deceased entails recovery of the body, cleaning, dressing, casketing and transportation. Care for their grieving family can be a bit more tricky.

“It’s harder when you know them,” Taylor said.

Taylor recounted a story of a case in which he was involved where he had to drive to Florida to meet with and brief the wife of a deceased service member.

“I didn’t realize who she was — who he was — until I pulled into the driveway of her house,” said Taylor, holding back tears. “We used to work together and I just hadn’t put the name with the face. But when I saw her face, we both just broke down and cried together. Yes — it’s harder when you know them.”

Taylor tries to get in touch with the families within two hours of notification or the next morning if word is received late the night before. He uses a checklist to detail what the Air Force can do for the families, the associated costs that will be covered and suggestions on how best to navigate the funeral process. He also advises commanders and first sergeants to make his office one of the first points of contact when dealing with a death in their unit or squadron.

“I try to get families to make the right choices and to present an optimal path,” said Taylor. “One of the hardest things for the families is viewing the body because they want to see their loved one one last time. But sometimes the body is not viewable. In those cases I advise they not look. But if they choose to look I always tell them to remember their loved one as they were, not as they are now. What they see is just the shell of a person, not the person.”

Over the years, Taylor has developed good working relationships with some of the local funeral homes, but admits that there are some who are just out to make a buck. However, there are reputable ones that will often work with families to get costs within the allotted amount the Air Force will pay. Taylor also closely monitors the funeral process to make sure the funeral homes are adhering to Air Force standards.

Taylor also oversees and inspects the honor guard detail. When it comes to Air Force standards, the honor guard prides itself on exceeding them. Covering an area of more than 48,000 square miles in 68 counties throughout southern Mississippi and Louisiana, the honor guard is responsible for traveling to provide military honors at funerals for families who have lost Air Force service members.

Those chosen to serve in the honor guard detail go through an initial two-week training period and serve for 90 days. During that time, they train once a week and will sometimes perform two or three details per day.

“You either love it or hate it,” said Taylor. “Some who get selected end up falling in love with it and they’ll stay for a second and third rotation. They see the good it does for the families to know that the Air Force cares about them to provide these honors.”

That’s also why Taylor has been a mortuary affairs officer for 11 years.



At center, Taylor assigns specific duties to the members of his search and recovery team during a major accident response exercise last October.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

“I was an honor guardsman myself when I was active duty,” said Taylor. “And when I had the opportunity to do this job as a civilian I jumped at the chance. When people ask me what it is I love about this job, my answer is simple — helping the families.”

Search and recovery is another aspect of Taylor’s job that he and the Air Force pride themselves in doing well. The role of the mortuary affairs officer in search and recovery operations is to direct the search for and recovery of a deceased Airman or other military service member if it’s a joint operation. It’s a meticulous, thorough process aimed at recovering everything possible as it relates to the body, personal belongings and positive identification of the deceased.

“We don’t want to have to go back out, or worse, a family member go back out and find something,” explained Taylor.

For a crash site, an area will be cordoned off and then scoured north to south, then east to west with a flag being placed on anything Taylor and his search team find. Depending on how the plane hits, this area can cover thousands of yards.

Then, everything must be carefully sorted, catalogued and transported to Dover Air Force Base, Del., for positive identification and storage. If there are two or more bodies involved, positive identification must be made to determine who is who. This can be done through simple facial recognition or through dental and DNA matching.

“The hardest part is when you can hardly find anything,” said Taylor. “I was involved in an operation in Florida where a Navy pilot went in nose first. The only thing we found were some teeth.”

Sometimes search and recovery involves the use of heavy equipment to dig down

deep enough to capture everything. Then all the dirt gets sifted to search for the smallest fragments.

Depending on the nature of the crash and the size of the area that needs to be searched, Taylor could be called on to provide just-in-time training for search parties. Although Keesler was not involved, this happened after the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster where teams searched hundreds of square miles.

“There are some cases that have yet to be closed,” said Taylor. He described a case where a plane crashed more than 40 years ago on a glacier in Alaska in an unreachable location and just now the remnants of that crash are being recovered as the glacier breaks off into the sea.

“Again, the Air Force prides itself on recovering everything,” said Taylor. “There is no stone we will leave unturned.”

Cub Scout pack detained briefly

Tiger Cub Scout Pack 208 of Biloxi had a little run in with the law at about 7 p.m. Oct. 4. As a result, the whole pack of scouts was locked in a holding cell during their tour of the 81st Security Forces Squadron. All smiles, the pack showed no signs of remorse as they were given a tour of the desk, confinement area, a no-touch weapons display and a police car. The rascally crew was also given a briefing by an 81st SFS defender on what it's like to be a police officer.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



Social media carries greater risk with rewards

By Airman 1st Class
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Keesler Public Affairs

Social media has quickly become a primary location for information exchange. It's also an essential tool to maintain contact with family and friends scattered around the world.

In fact, there are several organizations on Keesler that use Facebook to spread important information and establish connections with members of the base community. If you are interested in joining the conversation, go to <http://www.keesler.af.mil/socialmedia.asp>.

At the same time, it's essential to remember that engaging in social media carries with it a certain level of threat. Every time you post information to a public site, it's available for anyone to see, including those that may want to harm you or your family. However, there are many things you can do to protect yourself and your loved ones from financial, physical or cyber attack.

Scott Lucas, 81st Training Wing operation/contingency plans and programs chief, said, "The more information adversaries can obtain, the more opportunities they have to cause



damage at your expense."

The Interagency OPSEC Support Staff, www.ioss.gov, developed the following safety checklist that you can use to protect yourself while using social media.

Personal information

- Keep sensitive, work-related information off your profile.
- Keep your plans, schedules and location data to yourself.
- Protect the names and information of coworkers, friends and family members.
- Tell friends to be careful

when posting photos and information about you and your family.

Posted data

- Check all photos for indicators in the background or reflective surfaces.
- Check file names and file tags for sensitive data including your name, organization or other details.

Passwords

- Social media passwords should be unique from your other online passwords.
- They should be sufficiently hard to guess.

• They should be adequately protected and not shared or given away.

Settings and privacy

- Carefully look and set your privacy and security options.
- Determine both your profile and search visibility.
- Sort "friends" into groups and networks, and set access permissions accordingly.
- Verify through other channels that a "friend" request was actually from your friend.
- Add acquaintances to the group with the lowest permissions and access.

Security

- Keep anti-virus software updated.
- Beware of links, downloads and attachments just as you would in emails.
- Beware of apps or plug-ins from unknown third parties who might use them to access your data and friends.
- Look for HTTPS and the lock icon that indicate active transmission security before logging in or entering sensitive data, especially when using wireless hotspots.

Lucas said that social media also brings with it the danger of being socially engineered because adversaries may exploit the human element of trust. They may pretend to be someone you know or spark up a friendship with the intention of gathering personal information.

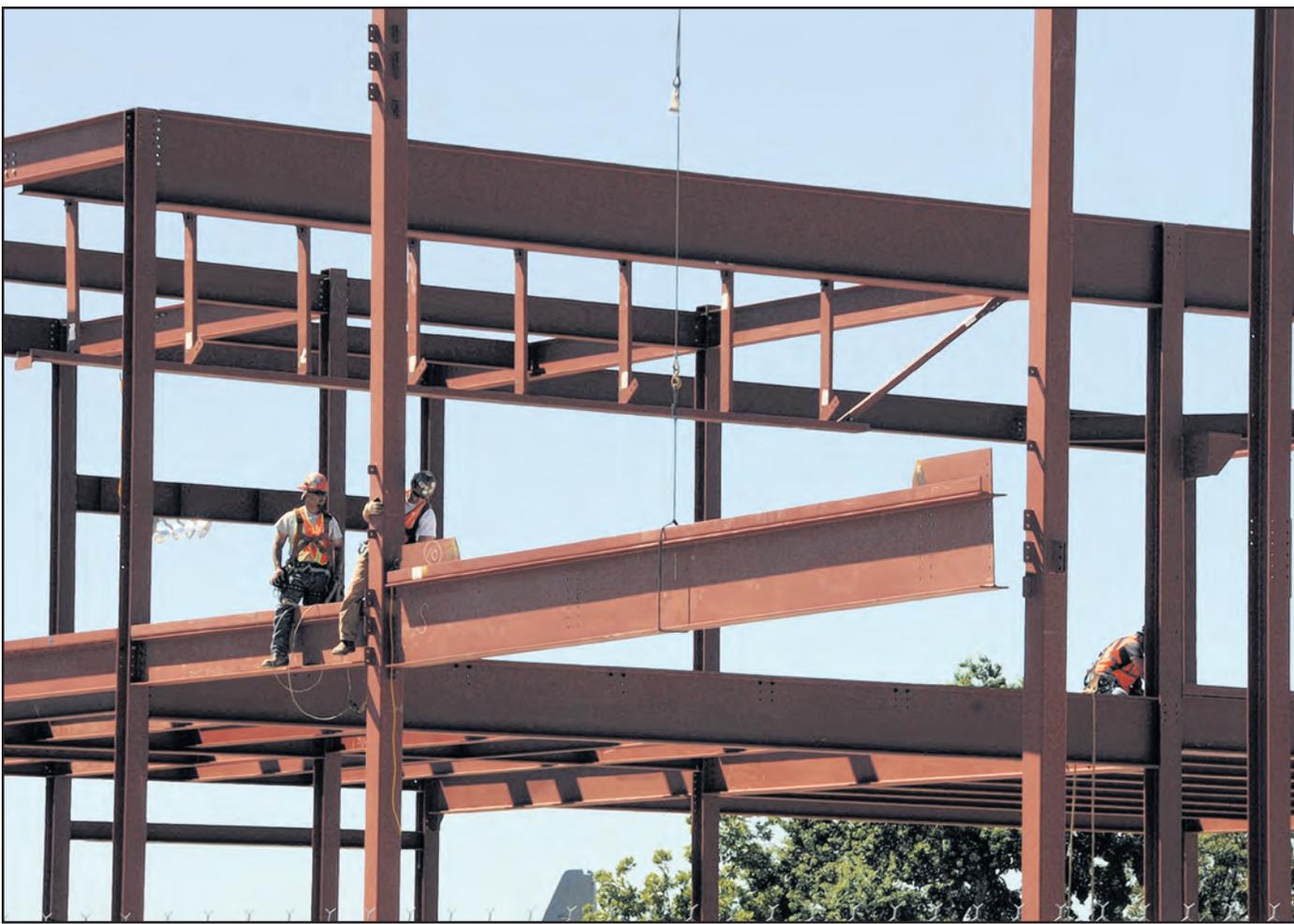
"Only through awareness can individuals make the right decisions to protect themselves, their families and our country," Lucas said.

Also, like Dave Awl, author of "Facebook Me!", said, "An ounce of discretion is worth a ton of privacy settings."

For more information on social media precautions, go to <http://www.stratcom.mil/snstraining>.



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New aerial port heads skyward

Structural steel is moved into place Oct. 3 for the frame of the new aerial port facility adjacent to Wall Studio on the flight line. The work is more than 26 percent completed and should be finished next August. W.G. Yates is the contractor for the \$7.7 million structure. The building's water line tie-in is done and pilings, pile caps, grade beams, stem walls and backfill are completed. Termite treatment has been applied to capillary fill and first floor slab. The exterior fill has started at building walls to provide level ground for access and scaffolding. The rough-in for electrical lines is complete in the electrical and communication room and a transformer has been delivered and set on the pad.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



Food smarts

Senior Airman Andrea Pyszka lunges for the bell to answer a question from Senior Master Sgt. Ronald Hagen, wearing crown in the background, during the Oct. 5 "Are You Smarter than Senior Master Sgt. Hagen?" competition in the nutritional medicine flight dining facility at Keesler Hospital. The event was one of several activities held by the 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron flight as members marked Health Care Food Service Appreciation Week last week. The staff also participated in a "Surprise Game" Oct. 3 and "TatoNut Tuesday" Oct. 4 and wore special T-shirts Oct. 6 noting the week-long event.

Photo by Steve Pivnick

Drivers wanted for base's street survival school

Registration is open until Nov. 4 for the inaugural Keesler Street Survival School, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 12-13.

The aim of the free two-day school is to reduce deadly car crashes involving teenagers and beginner drivers by providing them a controlled setting where they can gain valuable hands-on experience in car control in real-world situations, according to Master Sgt. Richie Frias, 81st Medical Support Squadron medical resource management office chief, who's spearheading the event.

Students ages 17-24 will have a knowledgeable coach at their sides throughout the class to help them to understand how important experience is rather than guessing when something unexpected happens on the road that could kill them, their passengers or others sharing the road.

Driving is done in the student's own car, but no 4x4 or lifted vehicles are allowed, so drivers can learn about their vehicle's handling limits and how to control them.

Challenging driving courses are created in a controlled area to allow the student to experience abnormal car behavior and how to handle the new situation. Part of the driving course is wet down to let students experience "mistakes" at a very slow speed.

It's not a course for learning how to drive at high speeds — safety and car control are the objectives.

Spaces are limited to the first 30 participants. Those with driver's permits are allowed based on space availability.

To reserve a spot or for more information, call 376-4630, e-mail keesler-autox@gmail.com or visit www.streetsurvival.org.

Cooperative program enhances patient care at Biloxi VA hospital

81st Medical Group

For “John V.,” a 67-year-old veteran and patient at the Gulf Coast Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Biloxi, a persistent infection requiring large doses of intravenous antibiotics could have meant an ambulance trip to Keesler Hospital for a special procedure. This recently changed.

Usually, intravenous antibiotics and other medications are given through a simple flexible tube resting in an arm vein which allows quick and efficient administration of the medication. But patients who require long-term intravenous medications or fluids can benefit by the placement of a peripherally-inserted central catheter line inserted into a vein and advanced into the large blood vessel leading to the heart. The PICC procedure is similar to the usual IV insertion but must be performed by specially-trained health care personnel.

In the past, VA patients like John had to travel to Keesler Hospital for the PICC line procedure. But in an effort to improve care for veterans and decrease costs, an Air Force nurse team from Keesler Hospital developed a process to provide PICC line placement at the local VA facility. Since John didn’t want to leave the VA facility to have the PICC line inserted, Keesler nurses 1st Lt. William Moore, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, and Ramona Carroll, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron, along with chief surgery resident Capt. (Dr.) Chad Edwards, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, came to him.

“For the past two years, VA patients were transported to Keesler by van or ambulance to have the line placed,” explained Carroll, the Keesler PICC team coordinator and instructor. “Last year, we began working on changing the sharing agreement

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— Carroll

between the Defense Department and the VA to allow Keesler nurses to go to the VA, thus providing continuity of patient care and patient safety. This enhances nursing experience and training while providing a much-needed service for the Biloxi VA Medical Center.

Keesler nurses will travel to the VA weekly to place central lines for patients needing long-term antibiotic therapy or who have limited venous access.

“Our nurses have worked diligently with the VA staff to improve patient care,” Carroll pointed out. “This is an example of ‘service before self’ in action. The VA will have improved patient care since patients won’t leave the facility and there won’t be travel risk or delay in care.

“Our second VA patient couldn’t travel due to health conditions,” she added. “Bringing the team to the VA where they inserted the PICC line at the bedside allowed the patient to receive the best care in a timely manner.”

Keesler nurses and medical residents also benefit by acquiring additional experience in PICC line placements and interacting with the VA patients and staff. In addition, it gives them the opportunity to train other nurses at both hospitals.

Another benefit of the mobile team is a significant cost savings. It costs between \$400 and \$600 dollars to

bring a VA patient to Keesler in an ambulance or van.

There is also a savings in the consult services expense.

“PICC placement consult was set at an allowable cost of \$3,400. This will change to \$250 for a consult for professional services resulting in a saving of \$3,150 plus the \$400-600 transportation fee,” Carroll explained.

Placements have been limited to difficult IV access patients or those requiring long-term antibiotics, but the Keesler team has still placed four PICC lines for the VA since the program started.

Working with Carroll as part of the mobile PICC team are Capts. Reynel Garcia, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron, and Nichole Ward, 81st MDOS; Moore and 1st Lt. Renee Shaw, 81st MDOS; and Mireya Motz, 81st MDTs. Capt. Shannon Corbin, 81st Medical Group education and training flight, was instrumental in setting up and coordinating the process with the VA.

Following the recent procedure, Margaret Givens, associate director for patient care services at the VA Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System, said, “This will enhance the care provided the veterans and your efforts are greatly appreciated. This is a great joint effort between Keesler and the VA.”



Exchange honors Hispanic heritage

“Grupo Folklórico Panama Sin Fronteras” performed Panamanian folk dances Saturday at the main exchange in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. The group is comprised of military retirees and spouses in traditional attire called “La Pollera.” Audience members were paired up with members of the group to celebrate carnival-style to close out the event.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

'The Forgotten'

Haunted hangar continues annual Keesler tradition

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Hangar 3 is being transformed into a hall of horrors for a Keesler Halloween tradition dating back nearly 25 years.

The vacant hangar across from Thomson Hall is the site for "The Forgotten," a Halloween haunted house sponsored by the 335th Training Squadron and the 81st Security Forces Squadron, Oct. 26-31. Hours vary according to the day. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, but the event isn't recommended for young children.

Staff Sgt. Chris Freimann, haunted house project officer for the past eight years, said his team of spooky volunteers is pulling out all the stops this year. Freimann is a military training leader in the 335th TRS.

"This year, we wanted to outdo anything that's been done here before," Freimann explained. "This is actually the largest haunted house ever provided to Keesler. We have more than 5,000 square feet



to work with, allowing for 19 huge rooms with unlimited possibilities. Last year we only had seven rooms."

The idea for "The Forgotten" grew from the first walk-through of the facility.

"This facility has a lot of history to it since it was built in 1941, the year Keesler came into being," Freimann pointed out. "It's been home to multiple units, aircraft and personnel, all of whom have left their mark on the building.

"With its 70 years of history, there are multiple tales of strange noises, and even Airmen who have continued to 'serve' their country," he said. "Previous workers have described strange events taking

place, and even the haunted house construction crew has had its own experiences with the ghosts of Air Force past."

Freimann said he and his team intend for the haunted hangar to rival well-known Halloween attractions in downtown New Orleans.

"Anyone expecting a garden-variety haunted house with 'scares' that aren't very scary are in for a shock," Freimann warned. "It's not the type of event for young children.

"We'll post all relevant warnings and every member of the team will be in full radio contact the entire time," said Freimann of the safety precautions in place. "We develop our safety and operations plan based on information shared with us from haunted attractions across the country."

Other base agencies are giving the team a hand this year. There's a \$2 discount per ticket admission with a bowling receipt from Gaudé Lanes from Oct. 15-31.

For more information on the haunted hangar, visit www.Facebook.com/KeeslerHH.

Commissary plans contests

The Keesler Commissary is planning two Halloween competitions.

Oct. 22 — 2-3 p.m., fastest pumpkin pie eating contest. The deadline to sign up is Oct. 20 in the produce department.

Oct. 29 — noon to 2 p.m., pumpkin decorating contest for ages 12 and under. The deadline to sign up is Oct. 27.

Prizes are awarded for both contests. Sponsors are Acosta Sales and Marketing, Kellogg's and Elite Food Company.

Base Halloween festivities full of fun for kids, families

81st Force Support Squadron

A variety of fall and Halloween festivities are planned by the 81st Force Support Squadron.

Oct. 22 — 8 p.m. to 8 a.m., Teen Oktoberfest Lock-In for ages 13-18, youth center. Refreshments, games and prizes; costumes highly encouraged. Materials will be provided to create a costume. \$5.

Oct. 28 — 6 p.m., Ghouls in the Park, marina park. Free family-oriented event with children and adult costume contests, pumpkin painting, music, photo booth, games, hay rides, candy and other activities. Bring a bag for goodies.

Oct. 29 — 6-10 p.m., Teen Boo Bash, Bay Breeze Event Center function rooms 1 and 2. This event, for high school students only, includes music, dancing, refreshments, costume contest and prizes. Co-hosted by the community centers and youth center. \$5.

Oct. 31 — 6-9 p.m., trick or treat in family housing with increased patrols by 81st Security Forces Squadron.

Security at risk when accessing Internet with mobile devices

National Security Agency

Many establishments, such as coffee shops, hotels and airports, offer wireless hotspots or kiosks for customers to access the Internet. Since the underlying infrastructure is unknown and security may be lax, these hotspots and kiosks are susceptible to adversarial activity. These options are recommended for those with a need to access the Internet while traveling:

Mobile devices such as laptops and smart phones should use the cellular network — mobile Wi-Fi, 3G or 4G services — to connect to the Internet instead of wireless hotspots. This option often requires a service plan with a cellular provider.

Regardless of the underlying network, users can set up

tunnels to a trusted VPN service provider. This option can protect all traffic between the mobile device and the virtual private network gateway from most malicious activities such as monitoring.

If using a hotspot is the only option for accessing the Internet, then limit activities to web browsing. Avoid accessing services that require user credentials or entering personal information.

Whenever possible, maintain physical control over mobile devices while traveling. All portable devices are subject to physical attack given access and sufficient time. If a laptop must be left behind in a hotel room, the laptop should be powered down and have full disk encryption enabled.

A telephone is an enemy's cheapest agent.

LAN shark!



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Tammy Raines, left, and Christine Roy, 81st Medical Support Squadron Medical information management flight, cross paint brushes in front of the "LAN Shark" logo they created for the flight. They developed the mascot after flight commander Maj. Reginald Sennie suggested the unit could use something that might be incorporated into things like awards to enhance unit morale. They worked on the image over two non-training Fridays, completing it on Sept. 11, inscribing "9/11" within the shark's tail. In addition to the words "LAN SHARK," with LAN standing for "local area network," the logo includes the term "NO LIMITS" — the letters "IMIT" representing "information management information technology."

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 — 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Heartlink. Air Force spouse orientation. Lunch, prizes, tote bags and more. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

Monday — 5:15-7:45 p.m., civilian/private sector jobs resume writing. Bring resume for review.

Monday-Wednesday — 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.

Oct. 20 — 8-11 a.m., Veterans Affairs benefits briefing. 1-4 p.m., retirement benefits briefing

Arts and crafts center

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

Friday — 12:30 p.m., framing class. Bring a piece of art or photograph no larger than 8x10 inches to frame. Class certifies you to use shop equipment in the future. \$30 includes materials.

Saturday — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., acrylic painting. Paint your own masterpiece on canvas with an experienced instructor. \$45 includes materials.

Bay Breeze Collocated Club

Editor's note: For more information or reservations, call 377-2334. Federal endorsement of sponsors not intended.

Today — 5 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 ForestCity.

Friday — 8-11 p.m., Oktoberfest party in the lounge. Sample imported and seasonal beers.

Oct. 20 — 5-8 p.m., Mongolian barbecue in the ballroom. 75 cents per ounce for Air Force Club members, 95 cents per ounce for nonmembers.

Weekdays — food and drink specials in the collocated lounge. Taco Tuesdays, wings and things Wednesdays and ladies night Thursdays.

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

Bay Breeze Community Center

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2503 or 4116.

Friday — 5-8 p.m., free family movie night and story time. Family-friendly, spooky movie and ghost stories. Bring a sleeping bag and pillow.

Bay Breeze Golf Course

Editor's note: For more information or to register, call 377-3832. Federal endorsement of sponsor not intended.

Friday — 6 p.m., nite crawlers golf scramble. Two-person teams; putting and chipping contests and dinner. Prices vary. Fee includes green, cart, glow sticks, glow ball and prizes.

Wednesday — 4:30-5:30 p.m., free ladies golf clinic. Space limited.

Daily — 6-11 a.m., breakfast platters less than \$4 at snack bar.

Fitness centers

Editor's note: For more information or to register, call 377-4385 or 3056.

Through Nov. 3 — intramural basketball registration. Contact squadron sports representative.

Gaudé Lanes

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2817.

Saturdays — 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., pizza and pins special. Two hours of bowling, shoes, large pizza and a pitcher of soda or tea, \$35.

Sundays — noon to 6 p.m., ages 12 and younger bowl free, including shoes. Must be accompanied by an adult.

Through Oct. 22 — base individual bowling championship tournament registration. Single format tournament is Oct. 22; single elimination finals is Oct. 29.

Weekdays — 6:30-9 a.m., fast \$5 breakfast served at 11th Frame Café.

McBride Library

Editor's note: For more information, call 229-4180.

Saturday — 1-3 p.m., animé workshop. Learn techniques of drawing animé/manga characters.

Sunday-Oct. 21 — fall art contest. Submit original drawing or photograph for display. Judging held Oct. 22.

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

Outdoor recreation

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

Saturday-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.

Through Oct. 21 — registration for overnight deep sea fishing trip, Oct. 22-23. \$375 per person; includes license and tackle. Bring sleeping bag and beverages. Eight people required. Preregistration and advanced payment required.

Vandenberg Community Center

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3308 or 5576.

Saturday — 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., comedy night. Take the microphone and make your peers laugh. Prizes awarded to best performance.

Wednesday — 5 p.m., free movie night; popcorn provided.

Oct. 20 — 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., poetry slam. Enjoy a night of spoken word.

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., Friday night fun, ages 6-12. Games, skating, movies and more. \$10 for first child, \$5 each additional. Air Force Club members get 10 percent off first child's fee.

Saturday — 8-11 a.m., Mississippi coastal clean-up. Keesler cleans the Hiller Park and Forrest Avenue Pier locations. Free lunch provided.

Offices close

The **finance customer service office** is closed today for a squadron function.

The **military personnel section**, to include DEERS terminals, closes at 11 a.m. Oct. 20 for an official function.

For emergency assistance, call 228-233-8413 or 228-697-4478. For emergency identification or common access card assistance, the 403rd Wing's personnel section is open 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Room 127, Building 0904.

Customer service

The military personnel section is minimally manned Friday through Monday to support a real-world deployment of 403rd Wing reservists.

Chapel position

The chapel is soliciting bids for a non-personal service contract position as Airmen's ministry center coordinator.

Bids are accepted until Oct. 25 with an anticipated start date of Nov. 1.

The 30-hour a week job is from 5-10 p.m. Sunday through

Friday plus additional hours.

A statement of work is available at the Triangle or Larcher Chapel administration offices.

Operation Hero

Operation Hero, a program to help children ages 5 and older understand deployment operations, is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

To participate or volunteer, call 376-8501.

Coastal cleanup

The Mississippi Coastal Cleanup is 8-11 a.m. Saturday.

Keesler traditionally cleans the Hiller Park and Forrest Avenue Pier locations, said Terry James, who's coordinating Keesler participation.

A free lunch is provided.

For more information and forms, call 377-1262.

Marriage retreat

The chapel hosts a free "invisible marriage retreat," 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 28 at the Bay Breeze Event Center.

The event includes a light breakfast and lunch.

For more information or to register, call 377-2331.

Voting assistance

In addition to unit voting assistance representatives, group representatives are also available to assist you:

81st Training Wing Staff Agencies — 376-8129.

81st Medical Group — 228-365-4965.

81st Mission Support Group — 376-6370.

81st TRW and 81st Training Group — 377-3774.

Supply classes

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

Block I supply indoctrination class is 9-10 a.m. Dec. 15. All newly-assigned supply custodians and resource managers are required to attend. For more information or to sign up, call 377-5998.

Precious Metals Recovery Program is 10-11 a.m. Dec 15. All newly-assigned PMRP monitors are required to attend, and refresher training is required annually. For more information or to sign up, call 377-5998.

Block IIA bench stock train-

ing is 9-10 a.m. Dec. 20. For more information or to sign up, call 377-2005.

Block IIB repair cycle training is 10-11 a.m. Dec. 20. For more information or to sign up, call 377-4191.

Block III equipment custodian refresher training is 1-2 p.m. Dec. 15. All newly-assigned supply equipment custodians are required to attend, as well as all other custodians annually. For more information or to sign up, call 377-2270.

For information on all supply classes, call 377-4480.

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.

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.keesler spouses club.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.

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.

Periodontal patients

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

Supply source

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office is a free source of supplies and equipment.

For more information, visit CSC supply customer service, Room 126, Taylor Logistics Center, Building 4002; call 377-2005 or e-mail 81LRS.CustomerSVC@us.af.mil.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Proper safety gear saves lives, required on Keesler streets

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Back in the “good old days,” kids whizzed around on bikes and skates without a care in the world, never bothering to strap on a helmet.

It’s a different world now — more congested and dangerous. Helmets have become a requirement for children and adults who enjoy bicycles, skateboards, non-motorized scooters, roller blades and roller skates.

In 2009, the most recent year for which statistics are available, 630 bicyclists died on U.S. roads and 91 percent of those victims weren’t wearing helmets, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The Insurance Institute for Highway estimates that helmet use could reduce the risk of head injury by 85 percent for bicyclists and skaters.

Bryan Bailey of the 81st Training Wing Safety Office stressed that Air Force Instruction 91-207 requires all persons to wear a properly fastened helmet when using these modes of transportation on base. The rule applies to family members as well.

“The word isn’t getting to our families,” said Chief Master Sgt. Angelica Johnson, 81st TRW command chief. “There’s a noticeable increase in family members not wearing their gear and acting as if they’re not aware of the rules. I stopped seven people in my housing area alone over the weekend.”

In addition to helmets, knee pads, wrist guards and elbow pads are recommended for skaters and scooter riders. Users must also comply with all pedestrian-related traffic laws.



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Monica Hamilton, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron, displays proper biking safety by wearing a helmet while riding her bike on base Monday.

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Bowling

Thursday Intramural

Week 5 of 34

Team	Won	Lost
81st FSS	30.0	10.0
336th TRS	28.0	12.0
335th TRS-A	26.0	14.0
403rd AMXS	24.0	16.0
334th TRS	24.0	16.0
81st CS	22.0	18.0
81st LRS-B	22.0	18.0
81st TRSS-PMEL	18.0	22.0
ECS Strikers	18.0	22.0
Seabees	18.0	22.0
338th TRS	16.0	24.0
2nd Air Force	16.0	24.0
81st TRSS-A	16.0	24.0
81st WSA	14.0	26.0
81st LRS-A	14.0	26.0
335th TRS-B	14.0	26.0

Season high scores

Team game — 338th TRS, 953.

Team series — 81st FSS, 2,733.

Game/men — Garo Watson, 267.

Series/men — Jeff Miracle, 734.

Game/women — Lynetta Jackson, 191.

Series/women — Sabra Miracle, 529.

Average/men — Garo Watson, 208.07.

Average/women — Sabra Miracle, 160.87.



Infighting for Dark Knights



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The B and C teams from the 338th Training Squadron met Oct. 6 in an intramural flag football battle. Top, Sivad Pope, left, B team, is hot on the trail of Zachary Taylor, C team, who runs across the field looking for an opening. Bottom, Samuel Davis, C team, goes on the defense as Aaron Brandon, 338th TRS-B, catches a pass and heads toward the end zone. The C team won, 12-6.



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