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# COMMENTARY

## Drunken driver devastates Airman's family

By Senior Airman Dudley Callahan

81st Medical Operations Squadron

December is a special time in which family and friends come together to celebrate the holidays, but it's also a time when driving under the influence is on the rise. The decision to get behind the wheel of a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or other mood-altering substances can negatively impact the life of a driver, his or her potential victims and their family members.

As Airmen, we aren't immune to the life-changing effects of drunk driving. Here's my story on how a DUI incident impacted my entire family.

The choices we make have a ripple effect that impacts not only our lives, but also the lives of the people around us.

One night last May, a man named Daniel chose to get drunk and then drive his car. After drinking at his house, Daniel drove on his suspended license and to a gas station where he bought more beer. The gas station sold him beer, even though he was clearly intoxicated and had no identification. Then Daniel got back in his car and began speeding down the roads of Dacula, Ga.

The police attempted to pull Daniel over but were unsuccessful as he sped away reaching the speed of 100 mph. Daniel's blood alcohol level was .248 and crossed into oncoming traffic head-on into my mother-in-law's car. She was driving 40 mph

and Daniel was driving 100 mph, so the impact to her car was the equivalent of driving into a wall at 140 mph.

You might read something like this in a newspaper the next day and think, "Well that's a shame," and never think about it again. This is only the beginning of the nightmare my mother-in-law had to endure because Daniel made the choice to drink and drive.

Daniel's car hit my mother-in-law's car with such force that her stomach and intestines slammed up into her chest cavity. She fractured both femurs and shattered her pelvis. She had bones broken in her left arm and a plate had to be put in to stabilize her shoulder. She also had multiple spinal fractures. It took two jaws-of-life an hour and 15 minutes to get her out of the car. She was immediately airlifted to a trauma hospital where she was placed on a ventilator in the intensive care unit for two weeks. The trauma surgeon who attended to her stated he had never seen a person in such horrible shape that lived after an accident like that. My mother-in-law did survive that night and so did Daniel who was also sent to another intensive care unit.

My mother-in-law, who has worked more than 30 years as a nurse, most recently as a hospice nurse, has had her career cut short. My wife, who is due to give birth to our first child in January, has also dealt with the stress due to her mother's condition. My mother-in-law planned to continue work-

ing and helping my wife with the pregnancy, but now has to deal with recuperating from her crash. She ended up spending three months in the hospital recovering and learning to walk again. In order to gain strength in her legs, she has had intensive physical therapy three times a week. She still has to use a walker because of her injuries, but she has improved some over the past six months. She still has a long road to recovery.

Daniel is awaiting trial and is still recuperating from his minor injuries from the crash. Daniel made a choice to drink and drive that night and my mother-in-law is still striving to survive his actions. Drunk driving is a choice an individual makes that can destroy hopes, plans and lives. My mother-in-law is slowly getting stronger and improving her condition, but many victims of drunk driving won't get that chance.

In Mississippi, a blood alcohol content level of 0.08 is considered the legal intoxication limit for DUI. However, you don't need to be legally intoxicated to experience the physical and mental impairments of alcohol. A BAC of 0.01 to 0.06 can impact a person's thought process, judgment, coordination and concentration. In order to safely operate a vehicle, a driver needs proper judgment, coordination, and concentration and to be able think effectively. For some people, one drink can begin

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## Speed mentoring provides benefits of experience



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Pearson, 334th Training Squadron, provides mentoring tips to Senior Airman Kayla Spiel, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, during a speed mentoring program at the Bay Breeze Event Center Nov. 30. The program was organized by the Keesler's career assistance adviser, Senior Master Sgt. Steven Mullens, to provide mentorship to Airman Leadership School students from various senior NCOs.

By Airman 1st Class Heather Heiney

Keesler Public Affairs

I sat down across from a complete stranger in a softly lit room and awkwardly attempted to spark up a meaningful conversation.

No, I wasn't on a date — I was attending a speed mentoring session at the Bay Breeze Event Center Nov. 30.

The event closely resembled speed dating and the idea was to match up senior noncommissioned officers with Airmen for five-minute mentoring sessions. The most recent group of senior airmen attending Keesler's Airmen Leadership School compiled a list of possible questions for the leaders but Airmen could ask anything they'd like to know.

I stepped into the collocated lounge armed with my notebook, a pen and my own list of questions. I had rearranged, reworded and rethought each of my questions obsessively before I pressed the print button. However, as soon as I sat down with my first mentor, the page became blurry. Once I made it through my initial uncertainty and asking ques-

tions, the listening part was easy and it seemed as though the bell rang far too quickly. I could have spent hours picking each mentor's brain.

My general approach wasn't to ask the mentors what they thought I should do in my career, but to ask them about their own experiences in the Air Force. I think this is far more useful and genuine than if I asked them to present me with a formula for success.

I loved watching the way their facial expressions changed as they recalled their greatest accomplishments and how they overcame challenges.

A prevalent message I received from the mentors was to seek mentorship throughout your career and be a mentor to other people by making yourself the example.

I also learned that we're all in charge of our own careers and that it's up to each of us to learn as much as we can and share that with those around us.

The final thing that this event made me realize even more that the answer you receive is only as good as the question you ask.

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### ON THE COVER

Three-year-old Parker Johnson gets a close view of Frosty the Snowman during Keesler's annual Holiday in the Park, Dec. 1 at marina park. Her parents are Airman 1st Class Daniel and Katie Johnson, 403rd Wing. The event included a tree lighting ceremony, hay rides, holiday music by the Keesler Choir, visits with Santa and free food and beverages. More photos, Pages 14-15.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



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to negatively impact these physical and mental faculties.

According to the U.S.

Department of Transportation's 2009 national traffic safety facts for 2009, 45,230 drivers were involved in fatal car crashes. Of these drivers, 27 percent had a BAC of .01 or higher and 22 percent had a

BAC of 0.08 or higher. In Mississippi, there were 700 car crash fatalities in 2009 and 267 were a result of drinking and driving. Please consider how alcohol can destroy your life and the life of innocent victims

before getting behind the wheel this holiday season.

If you or a family member has a problem with alcohol, please call the alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment clinic, 376-3452.

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# TRAINING AND EDUCATION

## Symposium offers networking, technical training idea sharing

AETC Public Affairs  
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RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Keesler will be represented by 130 members at the 2012 Air Education and Training Command Symposium, Jan. 12-13 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio.

Master Sgt. John Long, 81st Training Support Squadron, is the point of contact for the 81st Training Wing.

“This is the sixth year of the AETC Symposium and we would like to continue to grow upon previous years,” said Jim Sturch, director of AETC event planning. “The symposium offers an opportunity to sharpen the current and future state of recruiting, training, education and innovation in the Air Force.”

The symposium gives people a chance to network and discuss topics on the current and future capabilities and technologies of education and technical training with leaders, educators and partners within the Air Force and private industry.

More than 3,800 people attended the last year’s symposium and the event featured more than 100 seminars and discussion panels.

For more information on the symposium, log on to [www.aetcsymposium.com](http://www.aetcsymposium.com).

The symposium is co-sponsored by the Alamo Chapter of the Air Force Association.

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## High school students visit Keesler Hospital

Students from the Gautier High School allied health class watch physical therapist Dr. Amy Kirkland perform trigger point dry needling on simulated patient Tech. Sgt. Rachel Chiartano Nov. 18 in the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron physical therapy clinic during their tour of Keesler Hospital patient care areas. The technique used by physical therapists involves inserting a thin filament needle into a tight, sore and tender portion – trigger point – of a muscle. The needle activates the trigger point and frequently causes a twitch that is believed to relax the trigger point and decrease the sensitivity. In addition to physical therapy, the group of more than 50 students and chaperones visited the intensive care unit, pediatric clinic, cardiac catheterization lab, flight medicine flight, radiology department, emergency department and mental health flight. They also ate lunch in the hospital's "Hungry Dragon" dining facility.

Photo by Steve Pivnick

# The Airman's Creed

I am an  
American Airman.

I am a warrior.

I have answered  
my nation's call.

I am an  
American Airman.

My mission is to  
fly, fight, and win.

I am faithful to a  
proud heritage,

a tradition  
of honor,  
and a legacy  
of valor.

I am an  
American Airman,

guardian of  
freedom

and justice,  
my nation's sword

and shield,  
its sentry

and avenger.

I defend  
my country  
with my life.

I am an  
American Airman.

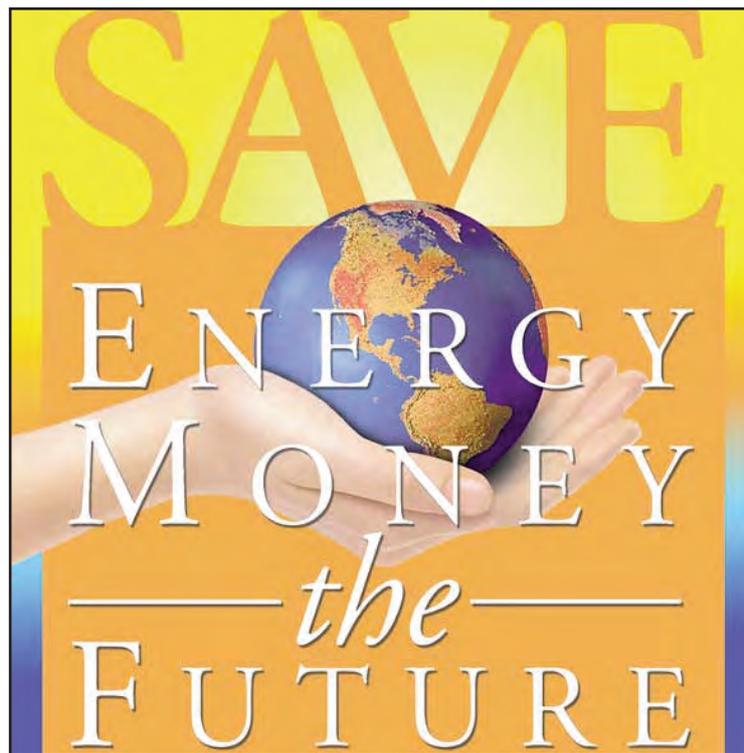
Wingman,

Leader,

Warrior.

I will never leave  
an Airman behind,

I will never falter,  
and I will not fail.



## TRAINING, EDUCATION NOTES

### AECP suspended

Effective immediately, the Airman Education and Commissioning Program is suspending all new student starts.

This suspension directly affects the 2011 AECP selection board. The board results for the April 2011 AECP selection board won't be released.

AECP students currently in the program will continue until graduation and commissioning so long as they continue to meet all program requirements.

For more information, call 376-8472.

### Hap Arnold grants

The Air Force Aid Society provides \$2,000 grants for undergraduate studies through the Gen. Henry H. Arnold educational grant program.

The application deadline is March 9. Visit the AFAS website at [www.afas.org](http://www.afas.org) for information and to access the online application.

Grants are available to selected sons and daughters of active duty, Title 10 active Guard/Reserve members on extended active duty, Title 32 AGR performing full-time active duty, retired, retired Reservists with 20+ qualifying years of service, and deceased Air Force members; spouses (residing stateside) of active duty and Title 10 AGR/Reservists on extended active duty; and surviving spouses of deceased.

### OTS boards

Officer Training School recruiting service board dates:

**Non-rated** — March 1 cut-off for April 16.

### Academy applications

The deadline to submit applications to the Air Force Academy is Jan. 1.

For more information, call 376-8472.

# NEWS AND FEATURES

## 81st MDG wins five individual, three team awards from AETC

By Steve Pivnick

### 81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Members of the 81st Medical Group earned five individual and three team honors in the 2011 Air Education and Training Command Air Force Medical Service Awards announced Nov. 22. The award period covered Oct. 1, 2010 through Sept. 30, 2011.

AETC winners compete at Air Force level against other major command winners.

**Senior Airman Ashley Jordan**, an 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron bioenvironmental engineering journeyman, is the outstanding base bioenvironmental engineering airman of the year. Among the achievements cited in her nomination, she conducted an assessment of a \$2.1 million Air National Guard fully-contained combat arms range — the first of its kind in Air Force — with the data used to re-engineer future projects. Jordan also engineered a just-in-time fit test for 100 81st Medical Group members, preventing exposure to the H1N1 flu virus and resulting in uninterrupted health care for 49,000 people.

**Staff Sgt. Billy Wince**, non-commissioned officer in charge of the 81st AMDS bioenvironmental engineering flight environmental compliance element, was selected for the outstanding base bioenvironmental engineering noncommissioned officer of the year award. His nomination noted, among many actions, he was lead occupational and environmental health advisor for six major 81st Training Wing projects resulting in 2,000 approved base work orders with the cross-functional team, ensuring contracts valued at \$152 million were completed on time. Wince also coordinated the initial response to a water emergency response, leading



Jordan



Wince



Cromer

notification and sampling requirements which protected the health of 49,000 Keesler people.

**Tech. Sgt. Michael Richardson**, former noncommissioned officer of the 81st Medical Support Squadron logistics flight's medical equipment repair center, is the outstanding biomedical equipment repair NCO of the year. He was recognized for leading the second largest Air Force MERC, with 34 members maintaining \$66 million in assets, completing 4,700 work orders all of which helped care for 80,000 beneficiaries. Among his other achievements, Richardson



Childs

directed a \$7.2 million congressional radio frequency identification project at the Keesler Hospital, the Air Force test site. More than 1,500 items were tagged enabling 100 percent equipment tracking. He is currently assigned to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey.

**Maj. (Dr.) Robert Cromer**, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron and director of the hospital's general surgery residency program, is the physician educator of the year. He was cited for leading the largest Air Force general surgery residency with 25 residents, "mastering

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## IN THE NEWS

### AETC family days

#### 81st Force Support Squadron

Air Education and Training Command has designated Dec. 23 and Dec. 30 as "family days" for military members.

If the family day doesn't fall on a civilian employee's non-work day, they're not excused on family days. For civilian employees, commanders and supervisors should follow liberal leave procedures in accordance with civilian leave instructions in Air Force Instruction 36-815. Approved annual leave, previously earned compensatory time off, leave without pay or a previously earned time-off award may be granted if civilian employees choose not to work on the designated family days.

Group time-off awards, specifically for the purpose of giving the day off, are prohibited by Air Force Instruction 36-1004. If civilians don't want to use leave or leave without pay, they're required to report to work as usual.

### Clinics close for warrior training

#### 81st Medical Group Public Affairs

The 81st Medical Group conducts warrior training 1-5 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.

### Death notification

#### Lackland Air Force Base, Texas

Col. Daniel Dant, 460th Space Wing commander, regretfully announces the death of Airman 1st Class Corey Cook, formerly of the 335th Training Squadron at Keesler.

Anyone having claims for or against Cook's estate should contact 2nd Lt Jack Craven, 460th Force Support Squadron, summary court officer, 720-847-6117.

### Keesler News holiday schedule

Thursday's Keesler News is the last issue for 2011. Jan. 5 is the first issue for 2012.

### 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 scheduled events.

Once an official date is set, event planners should send details to the public affairs organizational box, 81trw.pamain@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.

**Dragons deployed — 208**

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.

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(its) reaccreditation.” By obtaining advanced trauma life support course director status, he was able to offer three courses per year, training more than 50 Air Force, Navy, National Guard and Reserve providers, resulting in an annual saving of \$40,000. Cromer also “streamlined the preoperative process, eliminating more than 200 unneeded appointments annually which increased patient satisfaction.”

**Lt. Col. John Childs**, 81st MSGS and director of Keesler’s musculoskeletal research, was selected biomedical clinician field grade officer of the year. Among his accomplishments, he was recognized for his landmark lower back pain prevention study,” resulting in 20,000 fewer Military Health System LBP visits, saving \$93 million and resulting in 15 fewer medical evacuations as part of Operation Iraqi

Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom.

Childs, “a world-renowned researcher,” was appointed National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin safety officer for a \$2 million project that resulted in reducing lower-extremity injuries by 20 percent. Also, the Department of Defense consultant received a \$19.5 million Bader Grant and established rehabilitation guidelines for wounded warriors within a \$100 million+ infrastructure.

**The 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron** has received the best inpatient facility patient safety program team award. Among the squadron’s achievements was testing contingency operations for a pandemic illness with a 39-bed expansion, demonstrating staff redistribution and community readiness. The unit “skillfully cared for 2,900 inpatients, taught 50 registered nurses, 20 technicians and 240 students and ‘grew’ 95 new physicians, saving \$39

million in civilian care.”

The team was also cited for “championing a \$1.4 million AFMS document system and developing an interface with the Biloxi Veterans Affairs Medical Center, enhancing care for 374 DOD/VA patients.” In addition, they focused mock code training, exported patient simulation lab capabilities to units and “solidified TeamSTEPPS communication for 200 personnel.”

**The 81st MDSS logistics flight** received for the outstanding medical logistics large activity account of the year team award. Among the team’s accomplishments, personnel directed a \$7.2 million congressional RFID project as the Air Force test site, tagging 1,600 items and enabling 100 percent tracking of the equipment.

The unit managed 160 contracts valued at \$42 million and employing 269 people. They also removed the obligation of \$3.5 million in excess funds and alleviated shortfalls. In addition, the flight operated

the Air Force’s second largest Air Force MERC with 34 members maintaining \$66 million in assets, completing 4,700 work orders that helped care for 80,000 beneficiaries.

**The 81st MDSS medical information management flight** earned the Surgeon General’s medical information services team award. The flight’s achievements include completing 34,500 work orders, deploying six Military Health System systems and conducting four pilot programs successfully.

In addition, the AETC inspector general identified the flight’s automated data processing equipment data base as a “benchmark” product, cited as a key component of the 81st MDG’s ‘Excellent’ rating received during the 2010 Inspector General Compliance Inspection.” The flight also was recognized as a “hub for modernization as the AFMS lead site for development of telepathology, a congressional special-interest item.”

# PERSONNEL NOTES

## Thunderbirds recruiting

### Air Force Personnel, Services and Manpower Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- America's premier air demonstration team, the Air Force Thunderbirds, is accepting applications for several positions.

The 138-member unit exhibits Air Force professionalism and skill in support of recruiting and retention programs to reinforce public confidence in the Air Force, to strengthen morale, and support community relations and public image programs, said Bob Cronin, AFPC academic and special utilization branch.

"Serving with the Thunderbirds is a great opportunity to help foster strong relationships with other countries, strengthen pride in our country and service and see a piece of the Air Force that most Airmen never see," Cronin said.

Officers serve a two-year assignment on the team, while enlisted members serve three or four, Cronin said.

The squadron performs up to 75 demonstrations per year in the U.S. and overseas. Activated in 1953, the Thunderbirds are an Air Combat Command unit and, if necessary, all members and equipment can be rapidly integrated into a flying unit.

Available positions include demonstration pilot, operations officer, executive officer, maintenance officer and public affairs officer.

For full application preparation and submission instructions, or for information about other personnel opportunities and issues, go to the secure Air Force Personnel Services website, <https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil>.

## Preseparation briefings

### 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.

## Military personnel contacts

Military personnel section phone numbers:

**Customer support** — 376-8738.

**Career development** — 376-8739.

**Force management** — 376-8368.

**Student personnel center** — 377-4332.

**Testing** — 376-4111.

## Mexico travel restrictions

Air Education and Training Command has announced a general order pertaining to Mexico travel restrictions that supercedes the previous order dated July 5, 2011.

Personnel planning cruises that make port calls to any states placed off-limits may continue with their travel plans if approved by their wing commander or equivalents, but are prohibited from leaving the cruise ship while docked for the port call.

Exceptions are documented by completing the Air Forces Northern (1st Air Force) Exception to Travel Approval Form. The required form may be obtained from wing or major command antiterrorism officers.

For more information, call 377-3062.



Courtesy photo by Keri Mueller

One of outdoor recreation's vessels, the Keesler Dolphin, won first place in Biloxi's Christmas on the Water boat parade Saturday.

## Dolphin wins boat parade honor



Master Sgt. Josh Wedin and Lt. Col. Scott Solomon, 81st Training Group, secure a lighted Christmas tree on top of the Dolphin at marina park Dec. 1 in preparation for Christmas on the Water. The event, an annual Biloxi tradition for 26 years, is a nighttime parade of lighted boats along the city's eastern shoreline. Keesler's boat was decorated with 6,000 lights synchronized with a 3,000-watt sound system that blinked to the beat of the Air Force Song.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



Tech. Sgt. Sean Rafferty, 81st Training Support Squadron, secures lights to decorations for the Keesler Dolphin at marina park Dec. 1.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

# 81st CPTS wins two AETC awards

By Steve Hoffmann

Keesler News staff

The 81st Comptroller Squadron won two 2011 Air Education and Training Command awards — financial services office of the year and comptroller organization of the year.

Maj. Philemon Williams is commander of the squadron.

The 81st CPTS took the lead in streamlining AETC's case management system which is

used by and synchronized with 11 other bases. They commissioned a new \$16 million dormitory and two \$5.7 million dormitory renovation projects as well as \$2.9 million base lodging renovations. They executed a \$3.7 million Air Force Reserve Command taxiway program which is the largest in the Air Force.

The 120-slip Keesler marina and supporting structures was restored at a cost of \$2.9 million for its more than 3,000 users. In the ongoing construction of the new \$7.7 million aerial port facility, the 81st CPTS was instrumental in breaking a critical construction log jam which resulted in \$200,000 in savings.

As the new cyberspace training mission was being established, the 81st CPTS was instrumental in working behind the scenes to set up all the financial structures such as defense travel and leave web systems.

During last year's unit compliance inspection, the 81st CPTS earned an "excellent" rating. The financial services offices has received numerous awards that included four wing level awards, eight group level

awards, two AETC awards and two Pentagon-level awards.

When Keesler's water supply became compromised by positive E. Coli bacteria, the 81st CPTS took immediate action and bought \$270,000 worth of bottled water for base consumption.

As a financial management office, AETC lauded the 81st CPTS for managing the 81st Training Wing reimbursable program with billings of \$4 million and matching collections. Their e-tools and call center improved accounting accuracy from 82 percent to 97 percent in eight months.

During the establishment of the 345th Airlift Squadron, the 81st CPTS set up a defense travel and leave web system to support the 112-member unit.

The creation of a 12-computer customer service center, at no cost to the government, has made it easier for service members to walk in and conduct their financial management business.

For deploying service members, the 81st CPTS conducted 200 entitlement briefs with 509 receiving final payments totaling \$1.5 million.



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# Long-time volunteer honored with live oak

By Airman 1st Class  
Heather Heiney

## Keesler Public Affairs

Although the overcast November sky kept the golden shovels from sparking, the 45-degree weather didn't keep an 80-year-old woman's smile from radiating warmth as a live oak tree was planted outside the Keesler Thrift Shop in her honor.

When Cathy Varble turned 80 Oct. 20, she thought that if she simply went to China for her birthday, she could escape the "hoopla" that comes along with such a momentous occasion. However, when she got back, the Keesler Spouses Club had another idea. The tree was the club's birthday present to Varble in honor of her decades of service to Keesler. Her husband, Tom, is an Air Force retiree and also an avid volunteer on base and in the community.

Varble has been involved with the Air Force since 1960 when she commissioned as an Air Force nurse and was stationed at Keesler for six months of training early in her career. Varble spent six years on active duty and separated as a captain when she became pregnant with her son and returned to Keesler



**Devalynn Solomon, Cathy Varble, and Mary Fitzgerald, members of the Keesler Spouses Club, plant a tree next to the thrift shop. The tree planting was in honor of Varble's 80th birthday and 37 years of volunteer service at Keesler. Solomon is the spouse of Lt. Col. Scott Solomon, 81st Training Group. Fitzgerald is the spouse of Col. Jay Fitzgerald, 2nd Air Force. Varble is married to Tom Varble, a volunteer at the Keesler Hospital.**

for good in 1974. That same year she became part of the Keesler Spouses Club and has been active with the club and volunteering on the base ever since.

"Whatever comes up that they need me to do, that's what I do," Varble said.

Currently, some of her Keesler activities include meetings of the Keesler Integrated Resource Team and various other groups, helping with Child Pride Day and using her nursing experience to help out at the 81st Medical Group. However, Var-

ble's longest endeavor is the Keesler Thrift Shop because she's been board member of the KSC for 34 years. She's watched the shop change throughout the years and has held several different positions including manager.

When she walked into the thrift shop after the tree-planting ceremony, she stopped, longingly glanced at a set of Christmas statues and said, "It's dangerous to work in here."

Some of her off-base activities include taking care of her neighbor's two children after school every day and doing outreach for the Air Force Nurses south central region which entails sending cards eight times a year to sick nurses and their families. She also helps with an annual two-week long camp for special needs children and adults.

"She has more energy than someone half her age," said Mary Fitzgerald, KSC president.

"I just enjoy people," Varble said, "If I feel I can do some good, I don't hesitate."

When she's not giving her time to the base and local community, Varble travels the world and bowls several times a week both at Gaudé Lanes and off-base bowling alleys.

"As part of Cathy's birthday celebration, I solicited current and past members of Keesler Spouses Club, as well as folks throughout Cathy's past to write a good wish for her," Fitzgerald said. "My goal was to collect 80 reasons why she 'bowls you over.'"

"Sometimes in life you meet a person who inspires you to work a little harder, live more meaningfully, give more generously. They touch you and all around them with their spirit. Cathy does all that and 80 times more. She is an excellent role model, not just for military spouses, but the entire Keesler community," Fitzgerald said.



**Cathy Varble, longtime volunteer at Keesler, organizes items on a shelf at the thrift shop.**

## Saucier residents win motorcycle



Photo by Kemberly Groue

**Brig. Gen. Andrew Mueller, 81st Training Wing commander, congratulates Sandra and Norbert Gaul, an Army retiree from Saucier, winners of a Harley Davidson motorcycle Dec. 1 at the Keesler Base Exchange. They won the motorcycle in the Army and Air Force Exchange Service's 7-Up Captain America sweepstakes. She is employed at the satellite pharmacy.**

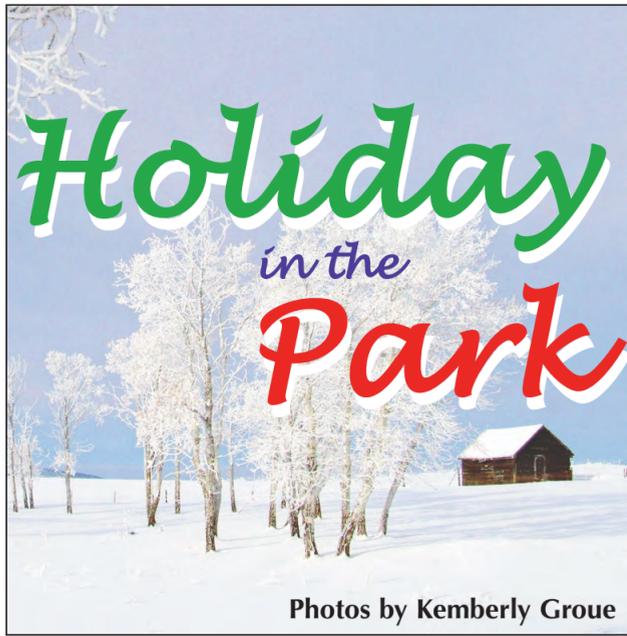
### This week's movies at Welch Auditorium

**Friday** — 6:30 p.m.,  
Paranormal Activity 3 (R).

**Saturday** — 2 p.m.,  
The Three Musketeers 2  
(PG-13); 6:30 p.m., In  
Time (PG-13),

**Sunday** — 1 p.m., Puss  
in Boots (PG).





Photos by Kemberly Groue



Five-year-old Mia Flores, dressed as an angel, participates in the Nativity scene. Her parents are Staff Sgt. Cornelio and Shawna Flores, 336th Training Squadron.



Meredith Thomas, 10, and her dad Chaplain (Maj.) Mark Thomas, 81st Training Wing, admire the Christmas light decorations at Keesler's annual Holiday in the Park at the Marina Dec. 1. The event included a tree lighting ceremony, hay rides, holiday music by the Keesler Choir, visits with Santa and free food and beverages. Thomas' wife is Cynthia Thomas.



Ainsley, 2; Kelsey, 11; Teagan, 3 months; and Aubrey, 5, children of Tech. Sgt. Daniel and Katie Schumann, 335th TRS, take a photo with Santa Claus.



AJ Wright, 9, and Julia Conger, 10, portray Joseph and Mary in the chapel's Nativity Scene. AJ's parents are Lt. Col. Jonathan and Lisa Wright, 81st Mission Support Squadron. Julia's parents are Lt. Col. Nick and Alicia Conger, 81st Medical Operations Squadron.



Representing the Jewish celebration of Hanukkah, a menorah is lit to add to the holiday lights.



Air Force retiree Allan Micksch leads the chapel choir in singing Christmas songs.

## Flags fly high

The Keesler Honor Guard and flag bearers carrying the 50 state flags participate in the pre-game program for Sunday's Mississippi Bowl game between Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and Blinn College of Texas at Biloxi High School stadium. MGCCC won the contest, 46-17. Brig. Gen. Andrew Mueller, 81st Training Wing commander, was honored earlier this year with the Spirit of MGCCC award for his support of the college's athletic and academic programs.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



# Keep season merry with events for entire family

## Through Dec. 18

**Project Cheer**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. This bell-ringer fundraiser by the first sergeants council is used to assist Keesler Airmen and their families with their holiday needs with commissary vouchers.

## Through Dec. 18

**Elf Vandy**. Commanders, first sergeants and supervisors, thank the people working on Christmas Day with a goody bag. Registration, donations and pick-up at Vandenberg Community Center. Bags should be picked up by 6 p.m. Dec. 24. Free to participate.

## Friday

**12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.**, penguin decorating, arts and crafts center. Kids of all ages are invited to transform a bowling pin into their very own tuxedo-clad friend. \$5 per person. Registration required; call 377-2821.

## Saturday

**9 a.m. to noon**, breakfast and bowling with Santa, Gaudé Lanes. Bring the whole for a delicious breakfast and bowl a few games with old Saint Nick. \$10 per person, Free ages 4 and younger.

**6-10 p.m.**, teen holiday party,

youth center. Reindeer skating race, music, crafts, holiday helping projects and more. \$5 admission.

## Wednesday

**10 a.m.**, Christmas in Candy Land, McBride Library. 10-11 a.m., holiday themed story time and crafts, ages 3-5.

**1-5 p.m.**, Everyone is invited to come and see the library's holiday displays and enjoy free refreshments.

**4-6 p.m.**, Enjoy traditional children's holiday stories and create holiday crafts at the library. Free hot chocolate and treats for the whole family.

## Dec. 16

**6:30-9:30 p.m.**, Friday night fun holiday party, youth center. Celebrate the holidays with festive games, refreshments, music and surprises,

ages 6-12. \$10 for first child, \$5 each additional. Registration required. Drop-ins welcome on a space-available basis; call 377-4116.

## Dec. 17

**8:30 a.m.**, Santa scramble golf tournament, Bay Breeze Golf Course. Two-person select shot with handicap by flight. Prices vary. Fee includes greens, cart, food, drinks, prizes and giveaways. Registration required; call 377-3832.

**10 a.m. to 10 p.m.**, 12 hours of "A Christmas Story," Bay Breeze Community Center. Enjoy this holiday favorite as it plays nonstop. Free popcorn. Order from the grill or bring a snack.

## Dec. 18

**11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**, brunch

with Santa, Bay Breeze Event Center ballroom. Get a picture with Santa. Live entertainment provided by Jesse Hill. \$17.95 for Air Force Club members, \$22.95 nonmembers; ages 4-10 half-price, ages 3 and younger free. Reservations required, call 377-2334.

## Dec. 19-23

**Full day holiday camp**, youth center for school-age program and open recreation. Registration required, call 377-4116.

## Dec. 27-30

**Full day holiday camp**, youth center for school-age program only. Registration required, call 377-4116.

## Dec. 31

**8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.**, Free New Year's Eve party, Vanden-

berg Community Center. Ring in 2012 playing video games, pool, ping-pong, cards or board games. Watch the ball drop on the big screen. Nonprior service students only.

**8 p.m. to 1 a.m.**, club New Year's Eve Party, Bay Breeze Event Center ballroom with 80s theme, live entertainment, contests, hors d'oeuvres and late night breakfast. \$35 for Air Force Club members, \$45 nonmembers. Tickets available at the collocated club Dec. 1-22, Bay Breeze Pro Shop Dec. 23-31 or at the door.

**8 p.m. to 1 a.m.**, New Year's Eve Party, Gaudé Lanes. Bowling, dancing, party favors, food and drinks. \$35 for adults, \$25 for ages 6-17, free for ages 5 and younger. Alcoholic beverages sold separately.

## Santa Police round up 'inmates'



Photos by Kemberly Groue  
 From left, Senior Airman Danielle Harty, 81st Force Support Squadron; Maj. Tracy Snyder, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron; Senior Airman Janette Savedra, 81st MDTS; Tech. Sgt. Alberto Trujillo, 81st FSS; and Randy Wilson, 81st FSS, are "incarcerated" as part of Friday's Santa Police fundraiser. The annual fundraiser is sponsored by 81st Security Forces Squadron and raised \$1,516.



Trujillo jokingly pouts as he sits in a holding cell after being arrested. The "arrested" member's bail matched the price paid for an inmate's arrest.

# Fire department issues holiday safety message

## Fire department

Each year, fires occurring during the holiday season claim more than 400 lives, injure 1,650 people and cause \$990 million in damage.

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, there are simple life-saving steps you can take to ensure a safe and happy holiday.

The base fire department recommends the following precautionary tips that will greatly reduce your chances of becoming a holiday fire casualty.

## Selecting a tree

Needles of fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches, and should not break if the tree has been freshly cut. The trunk should be sticky to the touch. Old trees can be identified by bouncing the tree trunk on the ground. If many needles fall off, the tree has dried out and has become a fire hazard. Cut live trees are prohibited in dormitories.

## Tree care

Don't place your tree close to a heat source. The heat dries out the tree and makes it easier to ignite. Be careful not to drop or flick cigarette ashes near the tree. Don't put your live tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water and add one cup of sugar every three days.

## Tree disposal

When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly. The best way to dispose of your tree is by taking it to a recycling center or having it hauled away by a community pick-up service.

## Artificial trees

When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label "fire resistant." Although this label doesn't mean the tree won't catch fire, it indicates the tree is more resistant to catching fire. Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. The tree can become charged with electricity from faulty lights and a person touching a branch could be electrocuted.

## Exits

Don't place Christmas trees or any other decorations in the path of exits in the home, workplace, places of public assembly and dormitories. All exits must be cleared of all



obstructions for exiting the home or facility during an emergency.

## Holiday lights

Before putting up lights, inspect them each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory, such as UL or FM.

When using lights outdoors, check the labels to be sure they have been certified for outdoor use and only plug them into a ground fault circuit interrupter protected receptacles or a portable GFCI. Discard all damaged or unworkable lights.

## Electrical outlets

Don't link more than three light strands together, unless the directions indicate it is safe. Connect strings of lights into a surge protector before plugging the protector into the wall outlet. Use only 15 amps fused six appliance surge protectors with 6-foot maximum cord length. Make sure to periodically check the wires — they shouldn't be warm to the touch. The use of extension cords is highly discouraged by base fire department. If you must use an extension cord, make sure it's rated for the intended use.

## Holiday decorations

All decorations must be nonflammable or flame-retardant and placed

away from heat vents. Unplug all decorations when buildings aren't occupied. Large decorations, such as Christmas trees or artificial fireplaces, can't block exits or paths of egress. Decorations with an open flame are prohibited in base facilities.

## Candle use

The use of candles is highly discouraged. If used in base housing, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they can't be knocked over. Extinguish all candles before you leave the home, go to bed or leave the room. Never put candles on a tree. Don't go near a Christmas tree with an open flame. Keep candles away from items that can catch fire and burn easily, such as other decorations and furniture. The use of lit candles is prohibited in dormitories and base facilities except for religious services in base chapels or tables for food.

Remember only you can prevent a fire in your home, dormitory or base facility this holiday season. The base fire department strongly encourages all residents to know and practice their family escape plan during this time of year. In event a fire occurs, all family members should know primary and alternate escape routes. Smoke will quickly disorient occupants. Stay low and practice where the family will meet outside and away from home.

For any fire or emergency, dial 911. For more information on holiday fire safety in your home, dormitory or base facility, call 377-3330 or 3333.

# 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.

**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.

**Wednesday** — 7-11:30 a.m., newcomers orientation. 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., separate rations briefing. Open to nonprior service students with dependents stationed at Keesler for 20 weeks or more who want to reside outside of the dorms during technical training. To register, call 377-0155. 12:30-4:30 p.m., job fair. Various employers looking to hire veterans.

**Dec. 15** — 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. and 2:30 p.m., penguin decorating class. Kids of all ages are invited to transform a bowling pin into their very own tuxedo clad friend. \$5 per person.

**Wednesday** — 10:30 a.m. to noon, basic strokes. Painting tips and techniques of the flat brush for beginners. \$10 includes materials.

**Through Dec. 30** — 2012 United States Air Force Arts and Crafts Gallery. Submit crafts, fine art, photography and digital art. Entries displayed at the center and online at [www.air-forcegallery.com](http://www.air-forcegallery.com).

## Bay Breeze Collocated Club

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

**Through Dec. 22** — tickets available for purchase at the club for 80s-themed New Year's Eve party. \$35 for Air Force Club members, \$45 nonmembers. Overnight packages available.

**Weekdays** — food and drink specials in the 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 and tailgate buffet Sundays.

## Bay Breeze Golf Course

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

**Friday** — noon, free golf clinic for nonprior service students. Clubs provided. 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.

**Saturday** — 1 p.m., men's varsity basketball game, Keesler Dragons versus Hurlburt Air Commandos at Blake Fitness Center.

## Gaudé Lanes

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

**Friday** — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., free bowling. \$1 shoe rental.

**Saturday** — 9 a.m. to noon, breakfast and bowling with Santa. Bring the whole family for a delicious breakfast and bowl a few games with old Saint Nick. \$10 per person. Free for ages 4 and younger.

**Saturday-Sunday** — 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and noon to 6 p.m., Sunday, pizza and pins special. Two hours of bowling, shoes, large pizza and a pitcher of soda or tea, \$35.

## Inns of Keesler

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 374-0088.

**Through Dec. 17** — accepting holiday reservations for Dec. 17-Jan. 3.

## McBride Library

**Editor's note:** For more information or to register, call 377-2181.

**Wednesday** — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Christmas in Candy Land. 10-11 a.m., free holiday themed children's story time and crafts, ages 3-5. 1-5 p.m., open house. Come and see the holiday displays and enjoy free refreshments. 4-6 p.m., family holiday story time and crafts. Free hot chocolate and treats.

## 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. For more information, call 377-3308 or 5576.

**Wednesdays** — 5-9 p.m., friends and flicks. Free movie night; popcorn provided.

## 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** — 6-10 p.m., teen holiday party. Rock the night away with a reindeer skating race, music, crafts, holiday helping projects and more. \$5 admission.

## Dragon Wagon

**Thursday-Sunday** — all new route and schedule. Air Force Club members ride free; \$1 for nonmembers. For new route and schedule, visit <http://www.keesler81fss.us>.

# KEESLER NOTES

## Housing office hours

The housing office in Sablich Center has limited service today due to training.

The community housing office is closed during this time.

## Noon closure

The Keesler Hospital's outpatient pharmacy closes at noon today as the staff participates in Wingman Day.

All new prescriptions usually filled at the outpatient pharmacy will be filled at the exchange pharmacy, which is open until 5 p.m. with additional staffing to prevent delay in patient care.

The outpatient pharmacy resumes normal operations Friday.

## Amateur radio club

The Keesler Amateur Radio Club meets 7 p.m. Monday in Rooms 5438-5439, Locker House.

For more information, call 228-323-1515.

## Commissary hours

Commissary hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 24, closed Dec.

25, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 31 and closed Jan. 1.

## 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 training 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. Thursday. 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.

## 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 spousesclub.com](http://www.keesler spousesclub.com) for more information and a list of preferred donations. Pickup is available for bulk donations.

For more information, call 377-3217.

## 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 that are clean and in good condition.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 4-6 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the last Saturday of the month.

Airman's Attic is closed on federal holidays.

For more information, call 209-1390 or 377-3814.

## 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.

## Holiday worship

The chapel has announced worship opportunities for the upcoming holiday season.

### Catholic

All services are at Triangle Chapel.

**Today** — 11:15 a.m. and 5 p.m. Masses, Feast of the Immaculate Conception (holy day of obligation); 6-6:30 p.m. Advent confession.

**Dec. 24** — 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass.

**Dec. 25** — 9 a.m. Christmas Day Mass.

**Dec. 31** — 4 p.m. New Year's Eve Mass.

**Jan. 1** — 9 a.m. New Year's Day Mass.

### Jewish

**Dec. 21** — Community Chanukah party at Congregation Beth Israel, 12277 Three Rivers Road, Gulfport. For more information, call 539-1655.

### Latter Day Saints

**Dec. 19** — 6 p.m., students meet at the Triangle Chapel to visit temple.

**Dec. 25** — 10:15 a.m., Christmas Day service; meet at Triangle Chapel for a ride.

**Jan. 1** — 8:15 a.m., New Year's Day service; meet at Triangle Chapel for a ride.

### Orthodox

Services at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. For more information, call 388-6138 or log on to [www.holytrinitybiloxi.org](http://www.holytrinitybiloxi.org).

### Protestant

**Dec. 24** — 6 p.m. Christmas Eve candlelight service, Larcher Chapel.

**Dec. 25** — 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day combined service, Triangle Chapel.

**Dec. 31** — 8 p.m. until midnight, Watchnight service, Triangle Chapel.

**Jan. 1** — 10:30 a.m. New Year's Day combined service, Triangle Chapel.

For more information, call 377-4859.

# SPORTS AND RECREATION

McLemore accepts the Commander's Trophy for intramural sports from Mueller Dec. 1.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



## Gators claim 2011 Commander's Trophy

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The 334th Training Squadron claimed the 2011 Commander's Trophy for intramural sports Dec. 1 at the Bay Breeze Event Center.

Lt. Col. Jeffrey McLemore, 334th TRS commander, accepted the trophy on behalf of the Gators from Brig. Gen. Andrew Mueller, 81st Training Wing commander.

The Gators earned 188 points this year, followed by the 338th TRS Dark Knights

with 126 and the 81st Logistic Readiness Squadron with 111.

To claim annual honors, the 334th TRS placed in five of seven intramural sports offered — first place overall and second place in division for softball, first place in division for soccer, second place overall and in division for flag football, second place in division for volleyball and third place in division for basketball.

The squadron's fitness and sports representative also attended all quarterly meetings.

## Intramural basketball tips off

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Intramural basketball tipped off this week at Blake Fitness Center.

Last year's champs, 81st Medical Group, are in the eight-team Western Conference, along with the 81st Force Support Squadron, 338th Training Squadron B-team, 81st Medical Support Squadron, 81st Training Wing staff agencies, Keesler Marine Corps Detachment, 333rd TRS and 334th TRS.

The Western Conference plays at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

The eight teams in the Eastern Conference are the 81st Security Forces Squadron, 403rd Wing, 345th Airlift Squadron, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron, Gautier Army Recruiting Station, 335th TRS and the 338th TRS A and C teams.

Eastern Conference teams play 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For more information and schedules, call 377-2444.

## Jingle Bell run



Photo by Kemberly Groue  
**Daniel Schumann, 335th Training Squadron runs ahead of Darryl Rink, CSC, in the 5-kilometer Jingle Bell Run Dec. 2. Geoffrey Sasaki, 81st Dianostics and Therapeutics Squadron, was the first male to finish at 18:55. Tiffany Thompson, 334th TRS, was the first female finisher at 22:47.**

## Thursday intramural bowling

Week 11 of 34

Team	Won	Lost
335th TRS-A	70.0	26.0
81st FSS	68.0	28.0
403rd AMXS	58.0	38.0
334th TRS	58.0	38.0
ECS Strikers	54.0	42.0
81st TRSS-PMEL	52.0	44.0
81st CS	52.0	44.0
81st LRS-B	50.0	46.0
336th TRS	48.0	48.0
338th TRS	44.0	52.0
81st LRS-A	46.0	50.0
81st TRSS-A	38.0	58.0
2nd Air Force	36.0	60.0
335th TRS-B	32.0	64.0
81st WSA	30.0	58.0
Seabees	28.0	68.0

### Season high scores

**Team game** — 335th TRS, 997.

**Team series** — 81st FSS, 2,733.

**High handicap game (team)** — 335th TRS-A, 1,132.

**High handicap series (team)** — 335th TRS-A, 3,127.

**Game/men** — Garo Watson, 267.

**Series/men** — Jeff Miracle, 734.

**High handicap game/men** — Robert Dickinson, 279.

**High handicap series/men** — Robert Dickinson, 742.

**Game/women** — Carol Wetzler, 200.

**Series/women** — Sabra Miracle, 529.

**High handicap game/women** — Carol Wetzler, 258.

**High handicap series/women** — Carol Wetzler, 655.

**Average/men** — Garo Watson, 208.63.

**Average/women** — Micki Vandermeer, 156.58.

**Most improved** — Joseph Weaver, 8.48; Carol Wetzler, 4.03.