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COMMENTARY

Symposium provides inspiration, challenges

By Airman 1st Class Heather Heiney

Keesler Public Affairs

Although the ghost of basic training past haunts me every time I go to San Antonio, I left the 2012 Air Education and Training Command Symposium inspired.

Over the two-day event, Jan. 12-13, I had the opportunity to explore innovative products, listen to inspirational people, hear new ideas and see a couple of really cool cars.

The symposium is an annual event that offered attendees a multitude of venues to learn about the current and future environments of recruiting, training, and educating Airmen, along with operational and emerging topics. In his introduction, retired Lt. Gen. John Hopper Jr. said, "While the passage of time is constant, the pace of change is increasing."

I believe this was aligned with the symposium's theme, "Develop America's Airmen today... for tomorrow," because learning will never end. As technology develops, we have to keep pace with the changes or be left behind. At the same time, we

must also be connected with our past.

The first day of the symposium ended with a prerelease screening of the film "Red Tails," a movie that provides a snapshot of the Tuskegee Airmen's story.

In the film, just before the historic fighter pilots board their aircraft to fly their most dangerous mission yet, they huddle together like a football team just before a game and chant a promise to protect their fellow Airmen and accomplish the mission at any cost.

After the lights came up, the star of the film, Nate Parker, stepped onto the stage and invited everyone, including several members of the original Tuskegee Airmen, to link arms with one another and repeat that same chant, "From the last plane, to the last bullet, to the last minute, to the last man — we fight."

The sound of more than 1,000 Airmen snapped back, "We fight, we fight, we fight."

It was a sound that pierced through me and seared into my memory. Those words connected me to my history as an Airman, they connected me to everyone in our country who puts on a uniform to serve, and most importantly, it reconnected me to

why we're in the Air Force.

At the deepest root, we are here to fight — fight for the freedom of our country, the security of our people and the protection of our values. That is why events like the AETC Symposium are worth the money even in these tough economic times — people need to understand why they do what they do.

"It's not just a good thing to do — it's the right thing to do," said Gen. Edward A. Rice Jr., AETC commander.

At the first keynote speaker luncheon of the symposium, Gen. Raymond Johns, Air Mobility Command commander, also asked why we do what we do. The answer he provided was, "We answer the call of others so they can prevail."

These words resonated through the silent room of nearly 3,500 attendees.

Johns' speech focused on how the people of AETC transform civilians into Airmen and instill the core values necessary to answer those calls.

"If you're not investing in the future, you're not growing ... the runway behind us is irrelevant," Rice said.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving are lifesavers

By Tech. Sgt. Bobbie J. Longe

334th Training Squadron

When your phone rings in the middle of the night, it's probably not good news. But the opposite is true when your phone rings in the middle of the night when you are a volunteer with Keesler's Airmen Against Drunk Driving program. It's good news because someone who had too much to drink had the knowledge and courage to call and ask for a safe ride home. It's good news because there will be one less drunk driver on the roads that night. It's good news because lives and careers have been saved — all because of one little phone call.

A2D2 is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization with a dual purpose — to reduce alcohol-related incidents and to save the Air Force the cost of disciplining, retraining, and replacing military personnel by reducing the loss of lives. For calendar year 2011, Keesler's A2D2 program ensured 300 "saves" — that's 300 potential driving under the influence cases, or even more sobering, at least 300 deaths avoided.

According to the 2009 State of Drunk Driving Fatalities in America Report compiled by The Century

Council, an independent, national not-for-profit organization funded by America's leading distillers, 10,839 people were killed that year in motor vehicle crashes involving a driver with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or higher — an average of one fatality every 50 minutes. Of those fatalities, 234 occurred in Mississippi. The average BAC level recorded among drinking drivers in fatal crashes was .16, twice the legal limit. All in all, alcohol-impaired driving fatalities accounted for 32 percent of all fatal crashes in 2009.

A2D2 plays a vital role in ensuring that no one from the Keesler community ends up a statistic. This anonymous and free program operates from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. every Friday and Saturday night, on Thursday nights before a non-training Friday and on Sunday nights if Monday is a holiday. The boundaries for pick-ups and drop-offs are U.S. Highway 49 in Gulfport to U.S. Highway 57 in Gautier and two miles north of Interstate 10. Personnel authorized to use A2D2 are active-duty personnel, their dependents, or anyone with a valid military identification card that must be shown at pick up.

To request a ride, call 377-SAVE (7283), provide your name, location and number of passengers and wait patiently. Once the dispatcher receives the call and records all pertinent information, a driver is dispatched within minutes.

With such an important mission, A2D2 is actively seeking new volunteers. Volunteer opportunities are available to all enlisted personnel, commissioned officers, retirees, civilians, dependents and all other Department of Defense identification card holders (except for nonprior service students) who are at least 18 years of age.

There are two volunteer positions within the program: dispatcher and driver. The dispatcher on duty is responsible for receiving calls from individuals who need a ride, notifying a driver and closing out the response once the pick-up and drop-off are complete. Drivers are responsible for picking up and dropping off passengers.

Personnel who are interested in volunteering should contact 333trs.aadd.keesler@us.af.mil. They'll be sent a "hold harmless agreement" that must be filled out and submitted before anyone can volun-

teer with the program. Once the agreement has been filed, volunteers are added to the AADD volunteer database and are given access to the program's scheduling site. Volunteers are then free to volunteer for as few or as many days as they'd like; their level of involvement is completely up to them. More information about volunteer policies and procedures can be found on the A2D2 website: <https://www.my.af.mil/gcss-af/USAF/ep/globalTab.do?channelPageId=s6925EC1342980FB5E044080020E329A9>.

A2D2 volunteers are also eligible to sit on the organization's executive council, which consists of a president, vice president, recorder, public affairs representative, treasurer, scheduler and webmaster. Elections are tentatively scheduled for later this month; call 377-6917 if you'd like to get involved.

Please consider A2D2 if you are looking for a way to get involved or help spread the word to your family, co-worker, and friends about the opportunities available to be part of an organization that is committed to saving lives and keeping the Keesler community safe.

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ON THE COVER

Master Sgt. Michael Etensen, 81st Training Support Squadron project manager of software development, shows the 81st Training Wing booth to Master Sgt. John Long, 81st TRSS non-commissioned officer in charge of computer systems operations, at the Air Education and Training Command Symposium Expo in San Antonio, Jan. 13. The booth detailed the missions and capabilities of the 81st TRW to more than 3,500 symposium attendees, more than 130 of them from Keesler. Commentary, Page 2. More photos, Page 4.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Heather Heiney



Photo by Kemberly Groue

DRAGONS THAT I MEET

By Brig. Gen. Andrew Mueller

81st Training Wing commander

A rewarding part of my job is the privilege of meeting many amazing people, including retirees who continue to serve Keesler and the surrounding community.

Chris Moore retired as a chief master sergeant nearly 27 years ago and continues to lend his powerful voice to many special occasions on base, most recently the Rev. (Dr.) Martin Luther King Jr. luncheon at the Bay Breeze Event Center.

A native Mississippian, this highly-decorated Airman spent 30 years serving in the air traffic control and instructor train-

ing assignments at Keesler and in Illinois, Arizona, England, California, Korea, the Philippines and Oklahoma.

He's received community awards from the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, the Air Force Chief of Chaplains, Biloxi Lions Club and was recognized as WLOX-TV's Person of the Week. His past civic involvement included terms on the Biloxi Planning Commission, Biloxi Housing Authority and Mississippi Coast Coliseum Commission.

Our people are our most valuable resource. I'm proud that Chris Moore is a part of Team Keesler.

For information on opportunities with the Keesler Speakers Bureau, call 81st Training Wing Public Affairs, 377-1179.

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Annual symposium inspires, informs AETC members

Eight surviving Tuskegee Airmen attended the premiere of the movie "Red Tails" Jan. 12 at the Air Education and Training Command Symposium in San Antonio. The movie's star, Nate Parker, introduced the film to 1,950 AETC Airmen and guests.

Photo by Senior Airman Marleah Miller



Photo by Airman 1st Class Heather Heiney
Maj. Phlemon Williams, 81st Training Wing Staff Agencies commander, admires one of the Air Force supercars at the symposium's expo.



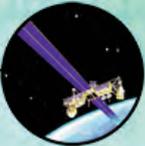
Photo by Airman 1st Class Heather Heiney
Senior Airman Reney Samson, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron, and Airman 1st Class Jake Denslow, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron, look at a jet display at the symposium. The symposium took place Jan. 12-13 and featured speakers, breakout seminars and vendors who enhanced knowledge about AETC's mission.



Gen. Edward Rice Jr., Air Education and Training Command commander; Army Maj. Gen. Richard Longo, deputy commanding general for initial military training, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command; Jeffery Bearor, executive deputy of the Marine Corps Training and Education Command; Navy Capt. Lee Steele, development, planning and analysis division director, Naval Education and Training Command; and Coast Guard Cmdr. Matthew Smith, training officer for the Coast Guard Training Center, answer questions during the training panel session at the AETC Symposium Jan. 12. The panel discussed joint training and what innovations and challenges the future might hold for military training in general.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Heather Heiney

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2nd Air Force has new command chief

By Staff Sgt. Kimberly Moore

Keesler Public Affairs

Chief Master Sgt. Oscar "Deno" Mackin is 2nd Air Force's new command chief.

Mackin comes to Keesler via the 51st Fighter Wing at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea.

He grew up in Springfield, Mo., and entered the Air Force in August 1985. Throughout his career the chief has served in various security forces positions and as a career assistance adviser.

Mackin has deployed in support of Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Southern Watch, Allied Force, Joint Forge, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.



Mackin

Some of the chief's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf

clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with seven oak leaf clusters and Air Force Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters.

While serving as the 2nd Air Force command chief, Mackin is the senior enlisted leader responsible to the commander, Maj. Gen. Leonard Patrick, on matters concerning the welfare, effective utilization, professional development and readiness of the enlisted members of Second Air Force.

Second Air Force provides training in 277 specialties through 2,794 courses and graduates 180,000 Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and foreign students annually.

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Red Wolves win two honor awards

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The Red Wolves from the 336th Training Squadron claimed two trophies for 81st Training Group annual honors for 2011.

The Red Wolves were honored as drill team of the year, as well as military training flight of the year during a ceremony Jan. 11 on the drill pad.

The 336th TRS claimed the overall drill down titles in three of the training group's five drill downs of the season.

The 336th MTF earned annual honors for its overall accomplishments in marching, physical training, room inspections, open ranks, Airman's Manual, charge of quarters and retreat.

The MTF for the month of December is the 338th MTF. The flight received a roving sign to put in front of its squadron to recognize the achievement.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

The 336th Training Squadron freestyle drill team performs during the Oct. 28 drill down competition. The Red Wolves placed second in open ranks and regulation and third in freestyle.

The MTF for the fourth quarter of the year is the 334th MTF. The Gators receive \$1,500 for its building for sports equipment, pool tables, air hockey tables and other moral and welfare enhancements.

Dec. Airman of Month hails from 335th TRS

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Airman Jonathan Teer, 335th Training Squadron, is the 81st Training Group's Airman of the Month for December.

His award was presented during a ceremony July 11 on the drill pad.

Teer, from Covington, Tenn., plans to graduate in July from the precision measurement equipment laboratory course.

The four squadrons that train nonprior service students select one Airman to compete at a monthly group board. Airmen are graded on personal appearance, communication skills and military bearing. They also respond to questions about customs and courtesies, dress and appearance,



Teer

selected entries in the Airman's Manual and current events from that week's issue of the Keesler News.

When information is classified,
it's your job to protect it.

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

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Technology expo

The 81st Training Support Squadron hosts its 17th annual training technology and information systems expo, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 9 in the multipurpose room of the Roberts Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Facility.

Larry Monroe is the 81st TRSS project officer.

The free expo features more than 40 exhibitors and is open to all Defense Department, government and contractor personnel with base access.

For more information, call 377-7799 or 1-877-332-3976.

Tuition assistance

Effective April 1, students who want to use Air Force tuition assistance must ensure their school has signed the Department of Defense mem-

**Don't drink
and drive.**

Call
Airmen Against
Drunk Driving,
377-SAVE,
for a
safe ride home.

81st Training Group announces drill downs, parades, exodus

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The 81st Training Group announced its 2012 schedule for nonprior service drill downs, parades and holiday exodus Jan. 11.

Drill downs — 8 a.m. Feb. 17, April 13, June 22 and Aug. 31; 5 p.m. Oct. 31 (tentative).

Parades — 6 p.m. March 29 and July 19.

Exodus — Dec. 22 through Jan. 3, 2013.

orandum of understanding.

Tuition assistance submitted for non-participating schools won't be approved and is currently unwaiverable.

For more information or to check on participating schools, visit www.dodmou.com.

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 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.

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.

OTS boards

Officer Training School recruiting service board dates:

Non-rated — March 1 cut-off 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.

NEWS AND FEATURES

Air Force officials announce enlisted constrained jobs list

By Eric Gill

Air Force Personnel, Services and Manpower Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Air Force officials announced Jan. 10, the fiscal 2012 career job reservation program with 16 Air Force Specialty Codes placed on the constrained list.

Career job reservations allows the Air Force to control the number of first-term Airmen re-enlisting in career fields where projected manning levels exceed the needs of the Air Force. This is the first time since 2007 the Air Force is using a constrained listing.

The AFSCs and career fields on the constrained list are the following:

- 2A6X1, Aerospace Propulsion
- 2A6X4, Aircraft Fuel Systems
- 2A7X3, Aircraft Structural Maintenance
- 2T0X1, Traffic Management
- 2T1X1, Vehicle Operations
- 3D1X1, Client Systems Technician
- 3D1X3, Radio Frequency Transmission Systems
- 3E7X1, Fire Protection
- 3E9X1, Emergency Management
- 3M0X1, Services
- 3N0X4, Still Photography
- 3P0X1, Security Forces
- 4A1X1, Medical Materiel
- 4A2X1, Biomedical Equipment
- 4Y0X1, Dental
- 8M000, Postal

First-term Airmen in these AFSCs who

entered their CJR window as of Jan. 1 are affected, said Chief Master Sgt. Shannon Parker, the Air Force Personnel Center chief of Air Force skills management branch.

“All first-term Airmen must have an approved CJR to re-enlist,” she said.

The Selective Reenlistment Program automatically requests a CJR for first-term Airmen when they enter their first month of eligibility. Airmen serving in a constrained AFSC will be added to a waiting list and compete for monthly quotas based on a rank-order process.

Airmen and their supervisors will receive CJR notification reflecting their status monthly starting in February. The virtual Military Personnel Flight will also be updated to reflect the Airman’s CJR status.

First-term Airmen in constrained AFSCs are prohibited from extending for any reason while pending a CJR or while on the CJR wait-list. The exception is for Airmen overseas who are required to obtain additional retainability to become eligible for their continental United States return assignment.

All first-term Airmen, including those on the CJR waiting list may apply for retraining or a special duty.

Airmen not approved for a CJR and not selected for retraining may reapply for retraining or special duty, provided they are not within 120 days of their date of separation.

Quotas for constrained AFSCs will be posted on the Air Force Personnel Services website when available.

Officers eligible for finance program

By Debbie Gildea

Air Force Personnel, Services and Manpower Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Non-finance officers interested in financial management leadership opportunities have until Jan. 31 to apply for the financial management leadership program.

“FMLP helps develop strategic leaders by providing non-finance officers with the skills, leadership and management exposure that will enable them to command a comptroller squadron,” said Capt. Samuel Shimp, Air Force Personnel Center comptroller assignments officer.

Nominees selected participate in a two-phase four-year

program. Phase I is a two-year internship with a major command FM staff, during which officers rotate through different finance functions including financial services, budget analysis and planning and programming. Participants will attend the financial management staff officer course at Keesler and the Defense Financial Management and Comptroller School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

“After the internship, officers will take command of a comptroller squadron,” Shimp explained. “A participant could command up to 75 people, serve as the wing commander’s chief financial advisor, and manage a multi-million dollar annual operating budget. It’s a weighty responsibility, but candidates

selected for the program will benefit immeasurably from the hands-on opportunity.”

After the command phase, officers are released back to their original career field.

All Air Force line officer career fields — except the 65F financial management — are eligible to apply for the program, with their career field assignment team’s approval. In addition, nominees must have a history of superior performance and potential for promotion to senior level positions.

Nominees must have both their undergraduate and graduate degrees, preferably in business, accounting, economics or financial management.

For more information, visit <https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil>.

IN THE NEWS

Members selected for promotion

Six Keesler enlisted members have been selected for promotion:

To technical sergeant — Staff Sgts. Lake Boudier and Benjamin Rowley, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron, and Aaron Gaddis, 81st Security Forces Squadron.

To staff sergeant — Senior Airmen Keasha Johnson, 81st Mission Support Group; Anna Lee, 85th EIS; and Jonathan Loera, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron.

School board member sought

Brig. Gen. Andrew Mueller, 81st Training Wing commander, is seeking a Keesler volunteer, preferable a Biloxi School District parent, to represent the base as an honorary non-voting member of the district’s board of trustees.

Meetings are at 5 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the DuKate Building Annex, 1445 Father Ryan Ave., Biloxi.

For more information, call 376-8505.

Storm water plan

Keesler is reviewing and updating its Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan and the Storm Water Management Plan as required by environmental regulation and public law.

For more information, comments or to participate in either program, call 377-1262.

Customer survey

CSC is soliciting customer response from Keesler members who have used any of the base operating support services since Aug. 1, 2011.

Services include the library, fitness centers, supply, civil engineering or weather. Responses are confidential.

The customer service survey is available online Wednesday through Jan. 31 at www.keeslerbossurvey.com

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 — 195

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

Services take place at 8 p.m. Fridays at 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

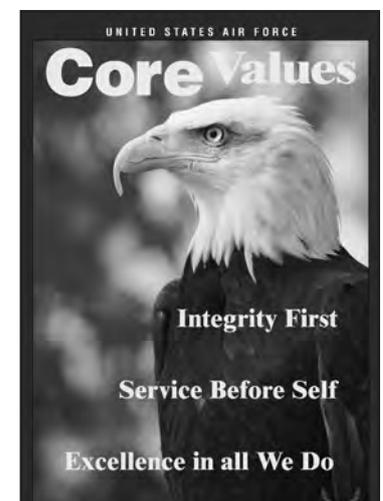
Sunday Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m. at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 255 Beauvoir Road, Biloxi. For more information, call 388-6138:

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.



Krewe of Medics holds 24th annual Mardi Gras ball

The Krewe of Medics held its 24th annual Mardi Gras ball Saturday at the IP Casino Resort and Spa with "Under the Sea" as its theme. This year's court included Airman 1st Class Michael Velez-Grieco, 81st Medical Support Squadron; Staff Sgt. Brittney Velez, 81st Medical Group; Maj. (Dr.) Kraig Kristof, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron; Queen Amphitrite, Denise Landry, 81st MDG; King Poseidon, Lt. Col. Craig Lambert, 81st Medical Support Squadron commander; Col. Martha Stokes, 81st MDG; Brad Jones, chief operating officer for Humana Veterans Healthcare Services, and 1st Lt. Kelly Miller, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron. More than 200 guests attended the event.

Photo by Steve Pivnick



This week's movies at Welch Theater

Friday — 6:30 p.m.,
The Twilight Saga: Break-
ing Dawn Part 1 (PG-13).

Saturday — 2 p.m.,
The Muppets (PG); 6:30
p.m., New Year's Eve.

Sunday — 1 p.m.,
Arthur Christmas (PG).

**Volunteer —
get connected.
For more
information,
call 377-5346.**

PERSONNEL NOTES

Promotion board, file freeze

Military personnel section

The 12E8 senior master sergeant board convenes Jan. 30 through Feb. 17.

The Air Force Personnel Center will freeze files effective Jan. 23. Any data updated in the Military Personnel Data System after Monday for the 12E8 promotion cycle won't be reflected on the member's data verification report.

If an individual's eligibility status changes or an update is required to member's DVR after Monday, the military personnel section will contact AFPC via email.

For more information, call 376-8356.

WAPS testing cycle

81st Force Support Squadron

The 12E6 and E7 Weighted Airman Promotion System testing cycle is Feb. 1-March 31.

Contact your unit WAPS monitor if you have not received a test date for this current cycle or haven't received your WAPS specialty knowledge test study materials.

The online 2011 Professional Development Guide is currently an approved official reference for WAPS testing and can be found at the Airman Advancement Division website on its professional development page at <https://www.omsq.af.mil/index.htm>.

Transition assistance

Airman and family readiness center

Transition assistance program workshops have been scheduled for 2012 in Room 108A, Sablich Center, according to Steve McDaniel, transition assistance program specialist at the airman and family readiness center.

Workshops are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Jan. 26, Feb. 13-16, March 12-15, April 9-12, May 14-17, June 11-14, July 16-19, Aug. 12-16, Sept. 17-20, Oct. 15-17, Nov. 26-29 and Dec. 13.

The final day of the workshop includes Veterans Affairs briefings and retirement briefings.

Dress is business casual — no jeans, T-shirts or uniforms.

For more information or to register, call 376-8728.

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.

Use-or-lose leave guidance

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

Keesler medics get decontamination training

81st Medical Group

While most people prepared for the holidays, a contingent of “Dragon Medics” from the 81st Medical Group and nurses from the Biloxi Department of Veterans Affairs medical campus prepared for the worst during a training session Dec. 19-21.

DECON LLC Corporation instructors from Mississippi, Florida, Texas and Michigan conducted the Air Force Medical In-Place Patient Decontamination course at the Keesler Hospital at no cost to 15 Keesler medics and three VA nurses.

According to Tom Bocek, DECON LLC Corp. instructor and owner, “This was a volunteer preparedness effort for the Biloxi community. Bob Tash of the 81st Medical Support Squadron readiness flight and I coordinated the program.” Bocek noted the Biloxi VA staff and Keesler medics hadn’t had any “formal” IPPD training since he conducted sessions for them in 2006 and 2007, respectively.

Bocek added his instructors — Brent Fenton from Florida, Theresa Casey from Texas, Charlie Jansen from Michigan — and he regularly train medical decontamination at Air Force, Navy, Army and Marine Corps bases, and occasionally at VA and civilian hospitals.



Photos by Adam Bond
First Lt. Sharon Eleby, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, and Capt. (Dr.) Capt John Dusenbury and Senior Airman Sagan Barber, 81st Dental Squadron, triage a “patient” and determine the type of agent they’re dealing with. The students had to adequately decontaminate the patient or they failed.

“Somehow, Keesler inadvertently was excluded in this fiscal year’s funding for decon training,” Bocek explained. “Since Bob and I

have worked medical readiness programs as far back as the mid-1980s when we served together at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, we

decided to arrange a mutually-beneficial program to help the Keesler medics, the VA nurses and ultimately the Biloxi community as well as the instructors.”

The training course covered three full days. The first day was spent with Keesler medical patient decon assistant team chief Tech. Sgt. William Kiddy and other members of the team from the 81st MDG. Participants reviewed plans, removed the IPPD equipment from storage and conducted a thorough inventory. They also checked functions, repaired damaged equipment, prepared students’ personal protective equipment bags and set up a classroom.

On the second day, the 18 students attended classroom instruction where they learned how a medical “warm zone” (contamination not expected, but possible) response interac-

tion with other base agencies, medical considerations of different contaminants, antidote therapy, how to inspect and properly wear PPE, how to assess or triage casualties while in PPE and how to best organize the decon equipment to effectively decontaminate casualties.

The third day was entirely “hands-on” training during which students put into practice what they learned in the classroom.

Because the training was so intense, students wore physical-training garb. They first were taught how to select a site for a medical warm-zone, set up each piece of equipment and learned the equipments’ capabilities, limitations, care and maintenance. They erected the complete warm-zone and discussed

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Capt. (Dr.) John Dusenbury, 81st Dental Squadron; Staff Sgt. Malerie Auld, 81st Medical Operations Squadron; Staff Sgt. Oscar Rodriguez, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron; and 1st Lt. Sharon Eleby, 81st MDOS, open the wastewater bladder as they prepare the primary and secondary run-off control area for the IPPD equipment.

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each step down to the last sponge and pair of scissors. Then the class tore it all down, donned their PPE and set it up again wearing PPE. Bocek explained that in many cases contaminated patients arrive before the equipment is in place and the only option then is to set-up in suits.

Students next faced “patients,” both ambulatory and on litters. They assessed each patient, determined the potential contaminant, triaged, performed life-saving measures including antidote therapy and subsequently efficiently decontaminated each patient.

Bocek explained that in this class, ‘simulate’ is a dirty word. “We simulate nothing,” he explained. “Everything is as real as possible. We even use a training agent that is roughly the same consistency and persistency as a G-series nerve agent. The students must adequately decontaminate the patient or they fail.”

The entire training session was re-enforced by a timed exercise prior to which the

equipment had been completely repacked. The students were given a contamination scenario and then had to quickly and efficiently set up the entire medical warm-zone equipment package, triage and decontaminate victims.

Bocek said, “The standards in the USAF Quality Program Plan for IPPD training is ‘mission capable’ in less than 15 minutes, and ‘set-up complete’ in less than 20 minutes. ‘Mission capable’ means the decontent is up, warm water flowing and at least four team members have donned their protective suits. At that point Headquarters Air Combat Command (the major air command assigned and responsible for patient decontamination oversight) believes the first patients who had arrived can be helped. ‘Set-up complete’ indicates all 20 team members are completely suited up and everything is entirely ready for full-scale operations.

He continued, “The combined Keesler and Biloxi VA medical team absolutely smoked the standard by reaching mission-capable in just five minutes, 20 seconds and completed set-up in just 10:48. In addition, the combined Keesler/Biloxi VA team

sent all patients through decon clean the first time.”

“It was a thing of beauty to watch; they really took this training to heart,” Tash remarked.

Bocek said upon completing training each trainee received certification in the Occupational Safety & Health Administration’s hazardous waste operations up to the “operator’s level.” They also earned Air Force IPPD training certification and, if they were nationally-registered emergency medical technicians, they also were awarded 12 continuing education units towards recertification.

He commented, “The Biloxi VA nurses are trying to re-establish a decon team originally created after 9-11. They were very appreciative of this timely training and eager to return to the Biloxi VA with their new skills, get their equipment out of the closet and re-energize their team.

“The DECON Instructors meet annually to recertify their own hazardous waste operations instructor certifications, refresh on equipment repair and standardize future curriculum,” Bocek stressed. “The Keesler training session provided so much to so many.”



Civilian wins local service award

By Airman 1st Class
Heather Heiney

Keesler Public Affairs

Usa Jones, the 81st Medical Group's volunteer services coordinator, was awarded the John Caranna Community Service Award by the Harrison County Triad in Gulfport Jan. 10.

The triad consists of the Harrison County Sheriff's Department, county police departments and area seniors working together to address criminal issues that affect older citizens.

Jones was nominated for the award by Linda Brundidge, 81st Medical Support Squadron medical logistics administrative assistant.

"For the past 30 years Mrs. Jones has been a powerhouse at Keesler Hospital and in the community," Brundidge said. "It was an easy task to nominate her, because you can see



Jones

her accomplishments around the hospital every day. Her devotion has been tireless and phenomenal. Mrs. Jones fully understands the quality of compassion and what it means to serve others."

Jones coordinates the work of the hospital's 62 volunteers

and works three to four times a week herself. She works the main information desk and assists in the women's health clinic. She trained 15 volunteers on dispensing and filing procedures for the pharmacy.

She coordinates two fundraisers annually to support the hospital's annual volunteer services awards luncheon, and Christmas party and purchase plaques, certificates and gifts for the volunteers.

During the holiday season, Jones invites active-duty military and retired personnel who are unable to be with their families into her home to share a holiday meal.

She also volunteers with the Kiwanis Club of Gulfport, the Krewe of Gemini of Gulfport, the Mississippi City United Methodist Church and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

Help available for absentee voters

Installation voting office

State primary elections have begun and the Federal Voting Assistance Program has geared up to help military and U.S. citizens residing overseas to register to vote and request their ballots for absentee voting in the primaries over the next few months and the general election on Nov. 6.

"It's a freedom that you defend - vote!" is the 2012-13 voting cycle motto. A recent public service announcement by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz can be viewed at <http://www.af.mil/news/video/index.asp>.

"Military members do register to vote at a higher rate than the general population, but we run into trouble when we wait too long to request or return our ballots to our local election officials," said William D'Avanzo, Air Force installation voting assistance officer. "It's important for voters to send in their Federal Post Card Application well in advance of an election, preferably a minimum of 90 days beforehand."

Second Lt. Nick Correa is headed up Keesler's installation voter assistance office, Room 113D, Sablich Center.

"We're set up to assist voters register to vote, request their ballots and even send in a back-up Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot in case their state doesn't get their ballot back to them in time," Lieutenant Correa said. "Squadron members don't even have to leave their units. We have unit voting assistance officers who can walk voters in their squadrons



through the process to exercise their right to vote."

The FVAP website is now set up for automated FPCA and FWAB creation for voters unable to get to their local IVAO or UVAO for help. Go to <http://www.fvap.gov> and click on the appropriate link in the "Quick Links" area at the bottom of the page. Voters looking for their local installation voter assistance office can also use the "Quick Links" area by clicking on "locate a voting office near you."

For information on the Federal Voting Assistance Program, visit <http://www.fvap.gov>, call Keesler's voting office at 376-5836 or email vote@keesler.af.mil.

Air Force chief of staff releases 2012 professional reading list

WASHINGTON — The Air Force chief of staff announced his latest professional reading list Jan. 6.

In a letter to all Air Force personnel, Gen. Norton Schwartz said today's Airmen are among the military's best educated and most inquisitive.

"We Airmen are innovators because we embrace the word 'why' and mine it for better, smarter ways to operate," Schwartz said.

The Air Force's history is full of examples of Airmen who have embodied this attitude, facing daunting challenges with little more than their minds and fortitude, the general said.

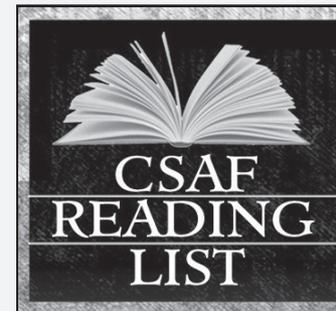
"Their experiences are one of the cornerstones of the 2012 Reading List," Schwartz said.

The list contains 13 books and, for the first time, supplementary films, treatises and Internet-based resources. Schwartz will highlight these throughout the year, and for the first quarter recommends these three:

"Airpower for Strategic Effect," by Colin Gray, provides a critical, strategic history of airpower as well as a new general theory.

"Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption," by Laura Hillenbrand, is the inspiring true story of a man who lived through a series of almost too incredible catastrophes.

Finally, "Start with Why," by Simon Sinek, looks at the leaders who have had the



greatest influence in the world and describes how they all think, act and communicate in the exact same way, something the author calls "The Golden Circle."

The other books in this year's reading list are:

"The Forever War," by Dexter Filkins

"Paradise Beneath Her Feet," by Isobel Coleman

"The Words We Live By: Your Annotated Guide to the Constitution," by Linda Monk

"The Party: The Secret World of China's Communist Rulers," by Richard McGregor

"Adapt: Why Success Always Starts with Failure," by Tim Harford

"Catch-22," by Joseph Heller

"Freedom Flyers: The Tuskegee Airmen of World War II," by J. Todd Moyer

"Physics of the Future,"

by Michio Kaku

"A Country of Vast Designs: James K. Polk, the Mexican War, and the Conquest of the American Continent," by Robert Merry

"The Hunters," by James Salter

More information on the reading list can be found at <http://www.af.mil/information/csafreading/index.asp>

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.

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

Wednesday — 7-11:30 a.m., newcomers orientation. 8-11 a.m., Veterans Affairs benefits briefing. 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. 1-4 p.m., retirement benefits briefing. 2-4:30 p.m., interview skills and salary negotiation.

Arts and crafts center

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

Friday — 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., ceramic mold pouring. Learn to pour slip into ceramic molds. \$25 includes materials.

Saturday — 9-11 a.m., basic woodworking. Class certifies you to use shop equipment. \$25 includes materials.

Tuesday — 1-3:30 p.m., pastel chalk painting. Learn the technique of applying pastels with a paintbrush to a figurine of your choice. \$20 includes materials.

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

Bay Breeze Collocated Club

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

Friday — 5-8 p.m., Mongolian barbecue in the ballroom. 75 cents per ounce for Air Force Club members, 95 cents per ounce for non-members; 4-10 half-price, ages 3 and younger free. 8 p.m., Latin night in the lounge. Dance the salsa, merengue and bachcata. Free dance lessons, 7-8 p.m.

Bay Breeze Golf Course

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

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.

Friday — 1 p.m., wall of fame incentive

program, Triangle Fitness Center. Compete in squat, bench press and dead lift events to take the title as the wall of fame record holder. Free to enter, prizes awarded.

Gaudé Lanes

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

Friday-Saturday — 9 p.m. Friday and 7 p.m. Saturday, glow bowling.

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.

Through Jan. 31 — World Wide Bowling program for ages 5-18. Log bowling score on www.usafbowltowin.com for chance to win a custom bowling ball and bag. Three winners awarded weekly.

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

McBride Library

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

Monday and Jan. 26 — free e-reader class, 6 p.m., Monday and noon Jan. 26. Learn how to download free e-books and resources. Space limited.

Outdoor recreation

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

Friday and Sunday — Gulf barrier island fishing trips aboard the Dolphin II. \$100 per person, fishing gear included; 14-22 people. No fishing license required.

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.

Saturday — 4-7 p.m., Texas Hold'em tournament. \$5 entry fee.

Wednesday — 4-7 p.m., free pool tournament. Prize awarded.

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.

A 3-5 minute steady tone on the base siren is a tornado warning — take cover.

KEESLER NOTES

Immigration assistance

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

Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins are seen as time allows.

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

Supply classes

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

Block I supply indoctrination class is 9-10 a.m. March 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. March 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. March 29. For more information or to sign up, call 377-4180.

Block IIB repair cycle training is 10-11 a.m. March 29. For more information or to sign up, call 377-4191.

Block III equipment custodian refresher training is 1-2 p.m. March 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.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held 7-8 p.m. every Friday upstairs in the Triangle Chapel Annex.

All active-duty and retired members and their dependents are welcome to attend.

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



Karon Evans, 345th Airlift Squadron, protects the ball from Terna Riley, 403rd Wing, as he turns towards the goal during an intramural basketball game Jan. 12 at the Blake Fitness Center. The 403rd Wing beat the 345th AS, 41-30.

Photos by Kemberly Groue

Intramural basketball action keeps Blake Fitness Center courts humming

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Blake Fitness Center hosted four days of intramural basketball contests last week.

Jan. 9 Western Conference games included the 81st Training Wing Staff Agencies defeating the 333rd Training Squadron, 41-34, and the 81st Force Support Squadron trouncing the 338th TRS-B, 51-38. The game between the 81st Medical Support Squadron and 81st Medical Group was cancelled and will be played later.

Jan. 11 Western Conference matchups included MARDET topping the 81st WSA, 41-36; 333rd TRS slipping past the 334th TRS, 50-49; and the 81st MDSS winning against the 338th TRS-B, 39-31.

As of Friday, the 81st MDG remained at the top of the Western Conference standings at 4-0, but the 81st FSS is only a half game back at 4-1. The 81st Training Wing staff agencies and MARDET are tied at 3-2; 81st MDSS, 334th TRS and 333rd TRS all have 2-3 records and 338th TRS-B is still looking for its first win at 0-6.

Jan. 10 in the Eastern Conference, the 81st Security Forces Squadron handed the undefeated 335th TRS its first loss, 38-34, and the 345th Airlift Squadron beat the 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron, 37-34. The Gautier Army Recruiting Station forfeited to the 338th TRS-C.

In Jan. 12 action, the 403rd Wing outpaced the 345th AS, 41-30; the 338th TRS-A beat the 81st LRS, 40-39, and the 335th TRS came back strong against the 338th TRS-C, 39-27.

At week's end, the 335th TRS continued to top the Eastern Conference standings at 4-1. The 403rd Wing has a 3-2 record, followed by the 345th AS, 2-3; the 81st LRS and GARS, 1-4, and 338th TRS-C, 1-5.

For more information and schedules, call 377-2444.



Brian Skedgell, 345th AS, tips the ball as Patrick Green, 403rd Wing, attempts a pass to a teammate in a Jan. 12 Eastern Conference game.

Thursday intramural bowling

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Team	Won	Lost
335th TRS-A	90.0	38.0
403rd AMXS	84.0	44.0
334th TRS	82.0	46.0
81st FSS	80.0	48.0
81st CS	78.0	50.0
338th TRS	72.0	56.0
81st TRSS-PMEL	70.0	58.0
336th TRS	62.0	66.0
ECS Strikers	62.0	66.0
81st LRS-A	60.0	68.0
81st LRS-B	60.0	68.0
81st TRSS-A	48.0	80.0
2nd Air Force	46.0	82.0
335th TRS-B	42.0	86.0
Seabees	40.0	72.0
81st WSA	40.0	64.0

Season high scores

Team game — 335th TRS, 1043.

Team series — 335th TRS, 2,990.

High handicap game (team) — 335th TRS-A, 1,144.

High handicap series (team) — 81st CS, 3,300.

Game/men — Garo Watson, 267.

Series/men — Jeff Miracle, 734.

High handicap game/men — Robert Dickinson, 279.

High handicap series/men — Joseph Weaver, 749.

Game/women — Sabra Miracler, 208.

Series/women — Sabra Miracle, 531.

High handicap game/women — Carol Wetzler, 258.

High handicap series/women — Carol Wetzler, 655.

Average/men — Garo Watson, 206.25.

Average/women — Sabra Miracle, 158.11.

Most improved — Robert Dickinson, 12.58; Carol Wetzler, 3.71.