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COMMENTARY

Developing our Airmen remains a priority

By **Todd Fore**

Air Force Personnel, Services and Manpower executive director

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — An Air Force leader's most important job is to care for and develop Airmen through a combination of education and experience, but every Airman must also actively seek opportunities to learn and grow. This agreement between leaders and leaders-to-be is the foundation of the most powerful air force in the world.

Rapidly changing technologies and increasingly complex global conditions have changed the way we approach national security, and tomorrow's leaders must be technologically proficient, highly educated, strategic thinkers able to smoothly adapt to their changing world. Education is critical to developing that type of leader.

My job is to make sure you are aware of your educational opportunities and to knock down systemic barriers that prevent you from pursuing them. Your job is to chase your educational opportunities with the same determination that you devote to other aspects of your life.

Opportunities abound for all Airmen, from junior enlisted to command eligible officers, and from student interns to flag officer equivalent civilians. The Air Force is the only service with a fully-accredited,

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associate degree-granting college — the Community College of the Air Force. That illustrates how seriously the Air Force takes education and training.

In addition to comprehensive enlisted education and training programs, we deliberately, progressively develop our civilian and commissioned members through a series of programs ranging from new employee orientation to Air War College and the gamut between. You can pursue advanced academic degrees, leadership and development seminars, education with industry and more. And the Air Force not only encourages Airmen to pursue such developmental endeavors, we'll pay for most, or all of it.

Education is only part of the development continuum.

Increasingly challenging assignments and mission opportunities also help Airmen develop their decision-making and other leadership skills, so we vector civilians, officers and some senior enlisted members toward opportunities that will make them better leaders.

Some opportunities — like deployment to a combat zone — may seem unendurably onerous, but they will help you develop greater strategic awareness and leadership ability. Other less hazardous opportunities — such as academic or technical training instructor — are no less critical than combat duties, and the impact you have on Airmen will be evident for generations.

You should not wait to be vectored, though. You should shop for your next growth opportunity to make sure it stretches you and allows you to use your skills and talents in support of our critical missions. If you wait for things to happen to you, you may be waiting a long time.

The sky is NOT the limit for those of you who choose to push past the barriers. But where your career goes is ultimately up to you. I will knock down barriers and point you toward opportunities, but you must do your part. You must passionately pursue education and experiences that will make you the kind of leader our Air Force needs.

Air Force facilitates passionate pursuit of learning

By **Airman 1st Class Heather Heiney**

Keesler Public Affairs

Editor's note: This commentary, published in January 2011, won first place in the Air Education and Training Command Media Contest for 2011.

The faint smell of sawdust from a pencil being sharpened, the kiss of air from flipping the pages of new book and the hum of my teacher's voice as she explained the world all contributed to my passion for learning.

My insatiable curiosity and desire to learn significantly influenced my decision to join the Air Force. I knew before I raised my right hand that this would be the greatest opportunity in my life to discover something new every day. I knew I'd have the chance to learn how to be a good Airman in basic training, learn my career in tech school and at my first duty station, learn about different people and different cultures not only on deployment but within my own country and continue my formal education after duty hours.

In today's Air Force, deciding to forgo a higher level of education is no longer an option. At a minimum, a

Community College of the Air Force degree is required to advance into the senior noncommissioned officer ranks.

If planned carefully, that requirement can be easily completed in conjunction with at least a bachelor's degree within one enlistment. This is because in most cases it's possible to use the same credits for multiple degrees.

For example, I completed my associate's degree at a civilian community college before I joined the Air Force and I've been able to apply those classes to both my CCAF degree and my bachelor's degree.

The best part is — all it costs is time because the Air Force allows each of its active-duty members \$4,500 a year of tuition assistance in addition to their G.I. Bill benefits. This is free money and you can use it at nearly any accredited educational institution to learn about almost anything that interests you.

Now, because of my duty requirements, I've relinquished my notebooks, pens and classroom atmosphere for discussion boards, e-books and the glow of a computer screen.

While it's definitely a different experience, I'm still moving towards my educational goals and feeding my sense of wonder.

Some advice that I have for active-duty members who want to pursue their education is:

Go to the education office. The staff is there to help you with every step of the tuition assistance process and answer any questions you may have about schools in the local area, G.I. bill benefits, testing for college credit, how to earn a CCAF degree and much more.

Use every penny of your tuition assistance. It's free money, and if you don't use it, you may as well set fire to \$4,500 dollars every year.

Make sure the school you wish to attend is accredited and that you get a degree plan for the major you want to pursue. Both are required for tuition assistance approval, so drop by the education office and ask them to check the institution's accreditation.

Look for a school that is "military friendly." Many schools will actually cover the cost of books, fees

and even tuition if it exceeds the \$750 per course tuition assistance limit.

Don't take on more than you can handle. Being in the military and attending college both have a tendency to increase stress on their own, so be realistic about how many classes you can take on at once without burning out.

Make time for the things that are important to you. College is time consuming, so use effective time management skills so you can still spend time with friends and family and take time for yourself.

Don't get discouraged. If you become overwhelmed, take a step back and evaluate your options. Most schools offer help for those struggling with classes, and don't forget the wingman concept.

No matter how you obtain it, an education is one of the most important things you can take away from your Air Force career because it will set you up for success even after you turn in your combat boots.

For more information, visit the education office in the Sablich Center or call 376-8708 or 8710.

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ON THE COVER

Tech. Sgt. Alisha Baxter, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, gives medical attention to Airman Basic Daniel Rangel, 338th Training Squadron student, a “victim” of a chemical spill during Keesler’s hazardous materials exercise, Jan. 26. In the scenario, a pickup truck exploded and black powder and 200 gallons of anhydrous ammonia were found at the site near Meadows Drive and G Street. More photos, Page 4.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



Photo by Kemberly Groue

DRAGONS THAT I MEET

By Brig. Gen. Andrew Mueller

81st Training Wing commander

JD Donnett, Keesler’s fire chief for five years, has devoted his career to fire fighting and prevention.

For more than 23 years, 20 years on active duty with the Air Force, he’s made the safety of military installations his top priority. He commands nearly 50 civilian and military personnel. He is proud of training civilian and military fire fighters, and his 24 Airmen are deployment-capable 24/7. His team has garnered three back-to-back “excellent” ratings in Air Education and Training Command inspector general inspections.

Our people are our most valuable resource. I’m proud that Chief Donnett is a part of Team Keesler.

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Keesler tests response to chemical threat

Keesler firefighter John McIntyre deploys equipment from a fire truck to be used at the site of a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high-yield explosive exercise Jan. 26. Members of the 81st Security Forces Squadron and 81st Medical Group also responded.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Keesler firefighters Bryant Morenzoni and Rusty Bell secure Airman Basic Daniel Rangel, 338th Training Squadron student, one of 10 "victims" exposed to toxic fumes when four barrels of anhydrous ammonia exploded. In the scenario, two other "victims" were injured by flying debris.



Airman 1st Class Nicholas Durkin, and Senior Airman John Hood, Keesler firefighters, deploy and assemble hazardous material decontamination equipment.



Keesler Assistant Fire Chief David Tenace directs firefighters at the scene of an explosion near the soccer field, while members of the exercise evaluation team observe their efforts.

CNATTU wins two 2011 Navy service awards

By Airman 1st Class
Heather Heiney

Keesler Public Affairs

Keesler's Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit recently won two Navy community service awards for 2011 in the medium shore category.

The awards included the health, safety and fitness flagship award and the campaign drug-free flagship award. Last year, CNATTU Keesler won the personal excellence partnership flagship award in the medium shore category.

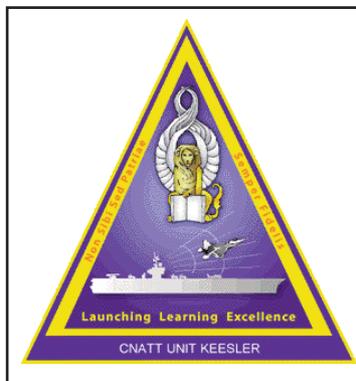
Every year the Navy recognizes sea, shore and overseas commands for their community service efforts by presenting awards in five categories that include personal excellence partnership, project good neighbor and environ-

mental stewardship in addition to the categories CNATTU Keesler won this year.

The health, safety and fitness flagship recognizes the best project that teaches and encourages individuals to lead healthy, active lifestyles.

The campaign drug-free flagship recognizes the best program that reaches out to teach children about the dangers of drug abuse using the Navy Reserve Force specially-prepared videos and presentations or other anti-drug programs such as Drug Education for Youth or Red Ribbon Campaign.

The unit's community service efforts were managed and coordinated by Petty Officer 1st Class Cynthia Burton, with the help of Petty Officer 1st Class Michael McBee. Burton was the 2011 winner of the



Thomas V. Fredian Community Leadership Award from the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce.

For the health, safety and fitness flagship award, 205 volunteers gave more than 1,100 hours of their time to the local community to promote the ideals for which the award is named.

According to the award package, whether the volun-

teers were coaching local youth with autism, cerebral palsy, or Down's syndrome in soccer; rigging catamarans for Special Olympics' sailing events; hosting awards ceremonies for athletic events or supporting charities by raising money through our own Relay for Life team, the program links health, safety, and fitness initiatives through the U.S. Navy and the local community.

"Our command's volunteers served as role models to educate the children and teens that physical fitness is a lifetime commitment by stressing the importance of staying healthy and fit," the package states.

For the drug-free flagship award, 102 volunteers gave nearly 700 hours to mentor and council students at local schools and organizations on

the importance of being drug-free.

According to the award package, the goals of the program include: providing educational information on drug abuse and prevention to the local Boys and Girls Club and elementary schools, developing alternative extracurricular activities, mentoring troubled teens at Biloxi Alternative High School and leading and educating local Sea Cadets and Boys Scouts and assisting Keesler's Airmen Against Drunk Driving program.

The nomination also reads, "CNATTU Keesler's volunteers developed unique ways of leadership through these events by mentoring, educating, and leading vulnerable youths ultimately to a drug-free lifestyle."

For lost and found items, call 377-4500.

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.

MGCCC-Keesler term

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's Keesler Center's spring term is Feb. 27 through-May 11.

Registration is underway for current students on the web, as well as by appointment in the MGCCC-Keesler office, Room 221, Sablich Center for active-duty military.

Students taking English composition I, oral communication or mathematics class for the first time must have an assessment of skills.

The spring term schedule is posted at www.mgccc.edu. Printed copies are available at the office.

For more information, call 376-8477 or 897-3822.

Student family dinner

A family dinner for non-prior service students is 5:30 p.m. Feb. 15 at the Fishbowl Student Center.

For more information, call 377-0155.

Drill downs, parades

The 81st Training Group's drill down and parade schedule for 2012 is:

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.

CCAF graduation

Feb. 24 is the deadline to apply for the Community College of the Air Force's spring graduating class.

By that date, all supporting documentation must be on file at CCAF at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., including your nom-

ination action request.

For more information, visit the education services office, Room 224, Sablich Center, or call 376-8708 or 8710.

KSC scholarships

Applications are now being accepted for 2012 Keesler Spouses' Club Scholarships.

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

For applications and more eligibility information, visit www.keeslerspousesclub.com or call 228-273-2489 or 228-243-7133.

The application deadline is April 2.

OTS boards

Officer Training School recruiting service board dates:

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

Hap Arnold grants

March 9 is the application deadline for Air Force Aid Society \$2,000 grants for undergraduate studies through

the Gen. Henry H. Arnold educational grant program.

Visit 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 or more qualifying years of service, and deceased Air Force members; spouses (residing state-side) of active duty and Title 10 AGR/ Reservists on extended active duty; and surviving spouses of deceased.

Tuition assistance

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

Culture course satisfies CCAF requirement

Education services office

Introduction To Culture (CLTR201) is a general education course which fulfills three resident hours of either social science or Program Elective credit required for the Community College of the Air Force associate of applied science degree.

The course offers a survey of domains, skills and attitudes that enhance crosscultural competency, laying the cultural foundation for Airmen in today's complex operational environment.

The course, including all instructional material, is provided at no cost. It's delivered via Air University's web-based Blackboard Learning Management System. Access to the Internet for occasional research assignments is required.

Activities consist of readings, multimedia clips, short quizzes and simulations. The course consists of 12 modules. Students will be tested via lesson quizzes, a midterm and a final exam.

Enrollment is conducted today through Feb. 29, with the course conducted March 1 through June 6. The course is limited to 800 students.

For more information and application instructions, log on to http://culture.af.mil/culture_introcultureclass.html

Don't drink and drive.

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

2nd Air Force's command chief gets acquainted with Keesler

Chief Master Sgt. Oscar "Deno" Mackin, 2nd Air Force's new command chief, and Lt. Col. Scott Solomon, 81st Training Group deputy commander, listen as Brig. Gen. Andrew Mueller, 81st Training Wing commander, speaks during a cyber campus training network briefing Monday at Stennis Hall. Mackin assumed his duties as 2nd Air Force's senior enlisted leader in January.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Capt. Jason Taylor, Keesler Marine Corps Detachment, gives Mackin a tour of the Global Call Alarm Management System instructors' office in Wolfe Hall Monday. Keesler is home to 2nd Air Force headquarters and is the first of six bases the chief is expected to visit through June.

Drug diversion training for law enforcers



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Ed Cartridge, Purdue Pharma corporate security law enforcement liaison and education director, gives a briefing Jan. 25 during two days of pharmaceutical drug diversion training at the Bay Breeze Event Center for members of the 81st Security Forces Squadron and Biloxi Police Department.

NEWS AND FEATURES

81st SFS wins two individual Air Force-level awards for 2011

By Steve Hoffmann

Keesler News staff

Members of the 81st Security Forces Squadron won two Air Force-level awards for fiscal year 2011.

Senior Airman Angelo Banks won Air Force Security Forces support staff Airman of the year. While deployed at the transit center at Manas in Kyrgyzstan, he secured \$451 million in assets, 90 combat sorties and 296 tons of cargo. He led 19 fly-away security missions to 39 hostile forward operating bases delivering 1,300 passengers and three detainees.

Banks played an instrumental role during the implementation of the Defense Biometric Identification System, processing more than 39,000 base users. Additionally, he positively identified and arrested a suspect with a \$215,000 warrant who was attempting access to a high-profile event on base.

Officer Mike Hodek won Air Force Security Forces



Banks

flight level civilian of the year. He was the lead patrol in a sexual assault case coordinating the response in removing the predator, preventing further violence. Hodek also identified a gang activity presence in military housing and collected critical intelligence for the investigation.

Hodek apprehended 11 individuals driving under the influ-



Hodek

ence of alcohol, seeing the process through to conviction. He was the first responder for 10 medical emergencies, administering life-saving care.

During seven traffic stops, Hodek uncovered illegal narcotics. Traffic stops like these are a key deterrent for the base. In all, there were 32 narcotics cases in 2011, down 40 percent from 2010.

Reaching out to future leaders



Photo by Kemberly Groue

The Biloxi Chamber of Commerce Gulf Coast Junior Youth Leadership tour is welcomed by Brig. Gen. Andrew Mueller, 81st Training Wing commander, Jan. 26. Students visited the 81st Training Support Squadron trainer development facility, 334th Training Squadron air traffic control tower simulator and ate dinner at the Live Oak dining facility.

IN THE NEWS

Clinics close for warrior training

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

The 81st Medical Group conducts warrior training 1-5 p.m. Feb 9.

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.

Wing annual awards Feb. 23

The 81st Training Wing annual awards ceremony on Feb. 23 begins with a social hour at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 at the Bay Breeze Event Center.

Attire is mess dress or semi-formal for military and semi-formal for civilians, said Senior Master Sgt. Derek Fromenthal, project officer for the event.

Tickets are available until Feb. 16 for \$17 for club members and \$20 for nonmembers. Group representatives are Senior Master Sgt. Jason Hanley, 376-0449, 81st Medical Group; Master Sgt. Shawn Robertson, 377-3456; Senior Master Sgt. Valencia Parker-Evans, 377-9011, 81st Training Wing staff agencies; and Master Sgt. John Bowden, 377-3034.

National Prayer Breakfast

Keesler observes the National Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m. March 6 at Bay Breeze Event Center.

Team Impact returns again this year for the program. Team Impact's unique method of ministry uses the physical talents of elite athletes to demonstrate a message of Christian faith.

For tickets, see your first sergeant or visit Larcher Chapel. For more information, call 377-2520 or 4859.

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.

Early Keesler News deadline

The deadline for the Feb. 23 issue of the Keesler News is noon Feb. 16 because of the Presidents Day federal holiday on Feb. 20 and the Mardi Gras holiday on Feb. 21 observed by the newspaper's commercial publisher.

Dragons deployed — 186

Heart attack symptoms

Men and women may experience some common symptoms, but there are differences.



- Nausea/vomiting
- Jaw pain
- Back pain



- Chest discomfort
- Arm pain
- Shortness of breath

PERSONNEL NOTES

Veterans job fair at Superdome

A free veterans job fair is 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans.

RecruitMilitary, a military-to-civilian recruiting firm, is sponsoring the event in partnership with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the American Legion.

More than 25 employers, franchisors, educational institutions and government agencies will be available to meet with veterans who already have civilian work experience, men and women who are transitioning from active duty to civilian life, members of the National Guard and reserve, military spouses and other military family members.

For more information, visit www.recruitmilitary.com.

Humanitarian Service Medal

Military personnel section

The Secretary of the Air Force approved the Humanitarian Service Medal for relief operations in Taiwan, Indonesia and the Republic of Philippines for the period of Aug. 7-Oct. 17, 2009.

If you were assigned in support of these humanitarian missions during this period, call 376-8155 or visit Room 224, Sablich Center.

WAPS testing cycle

81st Force Support Squadron

The 12E6 and E7 Weighted Airman Promotion System testing cycle continues through 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. 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.

Online job fairs

Airman and family readiness center

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

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

For more information, log on to www.veteranscareerfair.com or call 202-558-2899, extension 101.

Gospel concert heralds Black History Month



Photo by Kemberly Groue

The Keesler Choir gives the opening performance during the Keesler African-American Heritage Committee gospel concert Saturday at the Triangle Chapel. The concert was a prelude to the base's Black History Month observance during February.



Keesler's African-American Heritage Committee has planned a variety of activities for Black History Month.

Today — 11 a.m., Bay Breeze Event Center, Black History Month luncheon. The guest speaker is Lucimarian Roberts. The cost is \$15. For more information, call 377-9386.

Feb. 10 — noon, Gaudé Lanes, 8th annual AAHC bowling tournament. \$10. For more information, call 377-5250.

Feb. 24 — 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., youth center, soul food sampling. Donations accepted. For more information, call 376-8682.

Child care requires licensing

81st Force Support Squadron

People living in base housing who care for children in their homes could be breaking the rules.

Air Force Instruction 34-276, which governs day care in on-base quarters, states

“any individuals caring for children more than 10 hours a week on a regular basis must get approval.”

It states that the “installation commander may revoke the housing privileges of individuals who provide child care but

refuse to become licensed or who continue to provide care after their license has been suspended or revoked.”

The rule applies whether or not caregivers are compensated for their services.

“We feel people living in base housing, who regularly care for children without being licensed, may be unaware of the regulation,” said Mary Pleasant, family childcare program coordinator. “We want not only to bring the information to their attention, but to educate them on the alternative — to become a licensed family childcare provider.”

Licenses are granted by the 81st Mission Support Group commander, usually within 30 days upon completion of the initial FCC provider training, background screenings and home inspections.

The training includes child guidance, play environments, nutrition, ages and stages of development, child abuse and neglect, recordkeeping, business management, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid.

“FCC providers are professionals trained to give the best possible care to the children left in their charge,” said Ms. Pleasant.

Once licensed, providers may care for children from 2 weeks through 12 years old assistance from the FCC staff in setting up their home and have access to an extensive library for toys, equipment and materials which help keep costs down. They may set up their own hours of operation and fee structure.

For more information, call 377-3189, 5934 or 5935, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.



Lord says communication, information shifting

By Robert Goetz

Joint Base San Antonio
Randolph Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — The Air Force's leader in cyberspace operations and support told communications and information career field members here how emerging technology and the information superhighway are changing their roles and providing them with challenges and opportunities.

Lt. Gen. William T. Lord, the Air Force chief of warfighting integration and chief information officer, presented CyberVision 2020, an initiative to transform the communications and information community, during a town hall meeting here Jan. 11 sponsored by Headquarters Air Education and Training Command A6.

Lord called the transition to cyberspace operations and support a "culture shift" from traditional information assurance to mission assurance. He compared the journey of communications and information

service members and civilians to a roller coaster ride.

"I used to say that the roller coaster ride was on the incline," he said. "I think the roller coaster ride you are on, whether you want to be on it or not, is at the top and it's begun to free fall. What we want to do is shape where we're going in cyber so that, one, we get there safely; two, that maybe you can enjoy the ride while we're at it; but three, that the important things we have always done don't get lost on the ride and at the same time we arrive in a new place."

A video that preceded Lord's address and slide show presentation traced the communications and information career field's evolution from its role in the U.S. Army Signal Corps before World War I to cyberspace today. Now effects can be achieved "on the battlefield with nonkinetic tools" through five core competencies: cyberspace operation, knowledge, cyberspace operation support, warfight-



Lord

ing integration and cyberspace governance.

Lord said the Air Force is "at that aspect of cyber between World War I and World War II."

"We figured out that we can use it for other things," he said, just as airplanes were later used "for other things than just moving information."

Lord said the technology that is embraced by young people plays an important role in the Air Force's cyber mission.

"Great new capability comes from some of those new devices," he said. "We have to be able to figure out how to deliver that capability. You've got to deliver it fast, and we also have to deliver it securely, and sometimes those are in direct confrontation

with one another."

Lord said the tools used in the communications and information career field are already at play in the operational realm — on the flightline, where fiber optics can be found in maintenance bays, and in the aerial battle ground, where sophisticated devices such as the Battlefield Airborne Communications Node employed on airplanes are important to Army ground combat maneuver units.

"We're going to be at wars that have maybe more capable platforms, but not as many of them," he said. "You all are part of the community that ties that stuff together, that requires you to know some other skills that perhaps we haven't paid as much attention to in the past as we go forward in the future."

Lord said Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta's recent remarks on the future of the military in an age of budget cuts and manpower reductions underscored the importance of technology and the need to excel in cyberspace.

Cyberspace operations and support are such a priority, he noted, that the field now has its own four-star advocate, Gen. William L. Shelton, Air Force Space Command commander, at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

"How cool is it that for the first time ever, we have a four-

star operator who is the champion of this business?" he said.

Lord said the cyber mission faces challenges as the Air Force "gets a little smaller in the future."

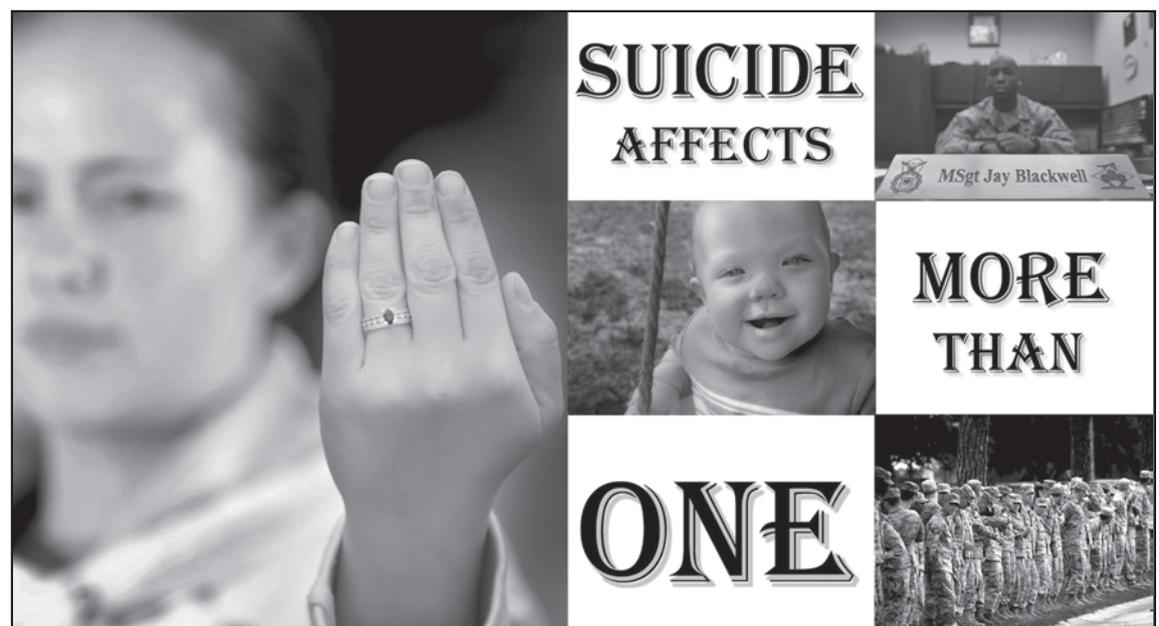
"You have an environment where we have to tie innovation together that we never thought about how to do in the past or modernize that which hasn't been modernized for 30 or 40 years," he said.

The initial steps in the transformation are being taken by the air staff and the Air Force Space Command, Lord said.

"There's a couple of hundred action items that are being assigned, and that work is being staffed now to get after how we get from where we were to where we're going," he said.

Lord, who also answered questions from the audience, said communications and information professionals will need the "three C's: courage, competence and creativity." He urged them to innovate, a "wonderful mantra" from Air Education and Training Command.

"You are figuring out the mechanism by which we train all our replacements," he said. "And it's one of the strengths of our Air Force. There are no dumb ideas. The only dumb idea is the one that wasn't expressed."



Mardi Gras 2012

Merrymaking, masking mark annual Gulf Coast festivities

Language of Mardi Gras



Tech. Sgt. Douglas Dredde, 336th Training Squadron, dances at his unit's Mardi Gras parade last year. The Red Wolves have invited the rest of the 81st Training Group to participate in this year's parade, 1:30 p.m. Feb. 10 in the courtyard between Thomson, Cody and Matero Halls.

Beads — necklace thrown at parades.
Carnival — festival season which runs from the Feast of the Epiphany, Jan. 6, to Mardi Gras.

Colors — purple for justice, green for faith and gold for power.

Court — royalty for a carnival krewe or club.

Doubloons — commemorative coins.

King cake — crown-shaped pastry embellished with decorations in the Mardi Gras colors of purple, green and gold. King cakes resulted from European celebrations for Twelfth Night, or Epiphany, which commemorates the visit of the Wise Men to the Christ Child. To choose the king and queen for the festivities, a bean was tucked into the cake, and the person who found it received a year of good luck and the opportunity to pick a person to serve with him or her as royalty. Today's king cakes have a tiny plastic baby instead of a bean, so be careful when you bite into your slice of the treat. Many are filled with fruit, nuts or cream cheese. The finder of the baby traditionally has luck for a year, rules for the day — and has to supply the king cake for the next party.

Krewe — Mardi Gras organization.

Laissez les bon temps rouler — French phrase which means "let the good times roll."

Lent — a 40-day period of reflection and repentance observed by Christians preparing for Easter.

Mardi Gras — French for "Fat Tuesday," signifying celebration or overindulgence before Lent begins. The date varies depending on when Easter falls during a particular year (first Sunday after the first full moon after March 21, the spring equinox).

Throw me something, Mister — traditional cry of parade-goers to catch the attention of someone riding on a float to toss them a trinket.

Throws — necklaces, plastic cups, stuffed animals, candy, toys, coupons, pens, pencils, doubloons, paper flowers and other items tossed to parade spectators.

Gulf Coast Carnival Association

The celebration of Mardi Gras goes back to pagan rites of spring taken over by the early Catholic Church for a day of feasting before the beginning of Lent and weeks of fasting preceding Easter.

As the years passed, in addition to feasting, many added mummery with its masking and merrymaking — a sort of letting go of all inhibitions before taking on the somber penitence of Lent.

Some countries in Europe celebrated this day of feasting on different dates, but the French restricted it to the day preceding Lent, and this custom was adopted by the French colonies in the New World. In French, "Mardi" means "Tuesday" and Gras means "fat," or "to eat meat," thus Fat Tuesday or Shrove Tuesday.

Biloxi claims the first Mardi Gras celebrated in this area was at the newly-established Fort Maurepas, for wherever there was a Frenchman, a holiday and a bottle of wine, there was a celebration.

New Orleanians claim some of D'Iberville's men were exploring the mouth of the Mississippi River, and on the morning of Mardi Gras in 1699, formally took possession of the area and named a small stream near the mouth of the river — Bayou Mardi Gras — a name still printed on maps of that region.

The boisterous buffooneries of the garrison at Mobile, Ala. generally made Ash Wednesday a day for military as well as priestly discipline. It was a completely American innovation to organize the carnival, to substitute regular parades for the old impromptu mummers in the streets and to unite into many social groups for the masked balls scattered throughout the season.

The first recorded carnival celebration other than private parties or balls was New Year's Eve in Mobile in 1831 when a group of young men, following an evening of wining and dining, saw an intriguing array of rakes, hoes, tubs, buckets and cowbells in a hardware store window. They unceremoniously borrowed the implements and with cowbells clanging and tubs booming, paraded through the sleeping town serenading their friends.

Mobile's mayor graciously invited them in for refreshments, thereby giving official sanction to what turned out to be the organization of the Cowbellion de Rakin Society, forerunner of Coast Carnival Krewes and the fabulous parades themselves.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Leaders from 2nd Air Force and the 81st Training Wing enjoy the Gulf Coast Carnival Association's 2011 parade from the reviewing stand at Biloxi City Hall.

In New Orleans, the French colonists had their casual carnival balls and the Spanish found the custom well established when they took over the city in 1766.

But they noticed with alarm that many residents were devoting the day to boisterous violence, so the Spanish put a stop to the custom of masking. Orleanians, masked or unmasked, continued to enjoy gallivanting around in costume.

In 1820, a group of young Creoles educated in Paris decided to liven things up with a masked procession of substantial size. But it soon got out of hand, and the celebration was suppressed until 1857, when a new organization was formed to present a parade with floats and torch lights. The group was the Mystick Krewe of Comus, and there were two main floats, one carrying the king and the other showing Satan in a blazing hell. A new Mardi Gras was born with strong American overtones.

The older carnival traditions are carefully preserved. Rules of the "krewes," the men's organizations, dominate the lives of the city's social circles.

In New Orleans, Mardi Gras has become two celebrations — the first a

genial free-for-everyone affair, and the other the revelry of exclusive societies.

The oldest krewes dominate, with membership ranging from one to 200. The man who really dictates is the krewe captain, not the king. No sooner is one season ended than work begins on another. For many workmen, Mardi Gras is a year-round job.

A king is chosen, a man who can afford the expense of providing his own costume, jeweled train and accessories. The king gives suppers and parties and buys gifts for the queen and her maids. In smaller towns, the king also pays for the cost of his float.

The queen is usually chosen from among the current season's debutantes. The expense is great, but so is the honor.

In this area, Mardi Gras is a school holiday, instead of Presidents Day that is celebrated in other parts of the country.

Biloxi was the first Mississippi Gulf Coast city to celebrate with a formal parade of floats in 1908. Now other towns celebrate with parades, but they space them at different times during the carnival season so all may come and enjoy each celebration. Biloxi still has its traditional carnival on Mardi Gras Day.

Parades take center stage

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

This year, Mardi Gras Day is Feb. 21. Keesler units marching in specific parades are listed. Area code for phone numbers is 228.

Feb. 4

Ocean Springs Elks, 1 p.m.; 872-2501; honor guard and 50-flag team. Maj. Gen. Leonard Patrick, 2nd Air Force commander, has been invited to ride in the parade with Ocean Springs Mayor Connie Moran.

Orange Grove Carnival Association, 2 p.m.; 239-6822.

Krewe of Little Rascals children's parade, Pascagoula, 1 p.m.; 938-6604.

Feb. 5

Lizana Mardi Gras parade, 1 p.m.; 234-7992.

Feb. 11

Krewe of Kids, Bay St. Louis, 11 a.m.; 216-0506.

Second Liners Mardi Gras Club, Biloxi, 1 p.m.; 209-8113 or 324-5194; honor guard and 50-flag team.

Mystic Krewe of Pine Island, 1:30 p.m., Vancleave; 990-0270.

Timber Ridge Women's Club, Pass Christian, 2 p.m.; 452-5629.

Long Beach Carnival Association, 6 p.m.; honor guard; 547-5890.

Gautier Men's Club, 7 p.m.; 327-1817.

Feb. 12

Krewe of Nereids, Waveland, 1 p.m.; 216-9911.

Feb. 17

Jeff Davis Elementary School Parade, Biloxi, 2 p.m.; Brig. Gen. Andrew Mueller, 81st Training Wing commander, and his wife, Keri, are grand marshals; honor guard and 50-flag team.

Ocean Springs Carnival Association, 7 p.m.; info@OSMardiGras.com

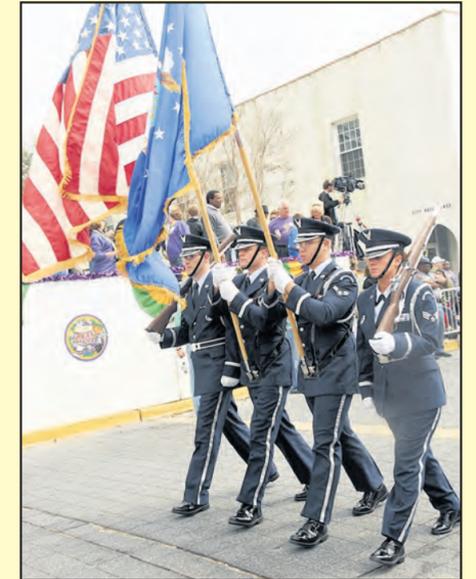
Feb. 18

Krewe of Diamondhead, noon; 255-6922.

Krewe of Legacy, Pass Christian, 1 p.m.; 216-2097.

Jackson County Carnival Association, Pascagoula, 1 p.m.; 497-3269.

Krewe of Gemini, Gulfport, 2 p.m.; 539-9692.



The Keesler Honor Guard marches in the 2011 Gulf Coast Carnival Association parade in Biloxi.

Feb. 19

Pass Christian Mardi Gras parade, noon; 547-4873.

North Bay Area Mardi Gras Association, D'Iberville, 1:30 p.m.; 396-1869; honor guard, 50-flag team and drum and bugle corps. Brig. Gen. Andrew Mueller, 81st Training Wing commander, and Col. Glen Downing, vice commander, and their families will ride on the D'Iberville City Council float.

Feb. 20

City of Biloxi children's walking parade, 11 a.m., 435-6339.

Feb. 21

Gulf Coast Carnival Association, 1 p.m., Biloxi; 432-8806; honor guard. Krewe of Neptune follows at 3 p.m.; 669-4917.

Krewe of Diamonds, Bay St. Louis, 1 p.m.; 671-1471 or 342-0883.

Krewe of Gemini night parade, 5:30 p.m., Gulfport; 539-9692.

Pediatric clinic adopts patient-centered model

81st Medical Group

The 81st Medical Operations Squadron Pediatric Clinic began transitioning to the Air Force's patient-centered medical home concept Jan. 1.

PCMH is a 1960s model currently making a comeback as the nation struggles to make health care more efficient, cost-effective and a more satisfying experience for both patients and health-care providers. It's been in place at Keesler since Sept. 1, 2010, when it was activated within the squadron's family health clinic.

The patient-centered model consists of a primary-care doctor, nurse and medical technicians who work as a team providing treatment for most conditions and making referrals to specialists as necessary. Under the Air Force program, a pediatric team consists of three pediatricians (either a physician or nurse practitioner), two registered nurses and four medical technicians. The model has the support of the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Family Physicians and other national health-care groups.

Keesler's pediatric clinic, which serves approximately 6,000 patients, is composed of two pediatric teams. Although transition to teams will be virtually transparent to patients, dedicated appointments with the assigned team pediatrician will become more apparent with the initiation of PCMH.

According to Marsha Nelson, 81st Medical Group group practice manager, "PCMH will solidify the Air Force surgeon general's vision of primary care at Air Force medical treatment facilities becoming a medical 'home' providing a satisfying experience for both patients and medical staff." She continued, "Primary goals are improved doctor-patient relationships, better access to treatment and higher quality care. PCMH centers on the personal relationship between patient and provider and building rapport with the medical team — doctor, nurse and technician. It focuses on



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Lt. Col. (Dr.) Robert Gonzalez, 81st MDOS pediatric flight commander, examines 1-year-old Kynton Wilson as his mother, Erica Neely, holds him in the pediatric clinic Dec. 13. Kynton's father is Army Capt. Sidney Wilson, assigned to Fort Sill, Okla.

preventive, proactive care instead of reactive care, leading ultimately to healthier Airmen and their families. Keesler is laying the groundwork to establish continuity among patients and the PCMH team."

Nelson explained, "Patients no longer will be booked with potentially six different clinic providers, but with providers within their assigned medical

team. As continuity is established between the team and patient, trust should grow resulting in a more satisfying health-care encounter.

"As with any new endeavor, there may be a few 'hiccups' along the way," she said. "Patient suggestions will help make this process successful."

However, she added, "as

with any military organization, deployments and staff reassignments are a reality and may result in periodic changes to the medical team. When a team provider is absent for an extended period, the patient can anticipate an interruption in the continuity of care. For longer term absences, the patient temporarily may be seen by another team."

Nelson noted, "The pediatric clinic staff is excited about this opportunity to team up with patients to ensure they receive timely, quality care. They have several exciting events planned to educate our patient population about their respective teams and to better acclimate everyone to the new patient-centered home initiative."

Dental squadron urges early care for baby teeth

By Capt. (Dr.) Jessica Milburn

81st Dental Squadron

It is important to establish what the dental community calls a “dental home.”

When children start practicing good oral hygiene habits at an early age, they will need less expensive dental care and can prevent avoidable emergency situations in the future. A “dental home” starts with routine, comprehensive and family-centered care by a licensed dentist. Because the child’s physical home serves as an extension of the “dental home,” this process can actually begin with increasing a parent’s dental knowledge.

A child’s first dental appointment should be scheduled with the appearance of their first tooth (usually around 6 months) and no later

than 1 year old. At this time, a pediatric or general dentist will help the parent establish and maintain a “dental home.” They will discuss the child’s dental treatment needs and risk factors for cavities. Parents can ask any questions they may have regarding nutrition and oral hygiene.

During infancy, a soft-

bristled tooth brush or wet washcloth may be used to clean an infant’s teeth. As children develop the ability to spit (around age 3), they may start using fluoridated toothpastes in a pea-sized amount. Typically, children 8 years old and younger should be supervised when they brush their own teeth.

A common but avoidable mistake is giving an infant or child a bottle containing something other than water right before bedtime. It is not advisable to put a child to sleep with a bottle filled with juice, soda or milk as this can lead to “baby bottle tooth decay.” As the child nurses through the night with these

drinks, teeth are constantly coated with sugar, leading to an acidic environment which can lead to painful cavities. If infection develops, it can cause further pain, affect the adult teeth and even become life-threatening.

Baby teeth serve a number of functions and are critical to the overall growth process. They’re far too important to be looked at as something that will just fall out. In fact, in some cases, adult teeth don’t replace the baby teeth, and these baby teeth may remain in a person’s mouth throughout their life.

Proper oral hygiene begins at home before the first dental visit even occurs. With increased dental knowledge, help with hygiene and access to care, parents can help their children have a more healthy future and beautiful smile.

**FEBRUARY IS
National Children's
Dental Health Month**

Tips to celebrate Mardi Gras safely

Safety office

The ultimate southern celebration, Mardi Gras season, is here again. Mardi Gras is the coast's largest free outdoor party.

Here are a few tips to make your Mardi Gras a safe and enjoyable event.

- Obey all "no parking" zones — illegally parked vehicles will be towed. Officials suggest that you arrive early to find parking close to the parade route.

- Don't carry open glass or metal containers in public.

- Cooperate with all law enforcement officials.

- Try not to attend alone; there is safety in numbers.

- Don't leave children, elderly or intoxicated friends or family members who may not be totally in control of their actions.

- Watch your children closely. A name tag should be attached to small children in the event they become lost.

- As with any large public event, pickpockets and purse-snatchers may be active. Men shouldn't carry wallets in their back pockets. Don't wear expensive jewelry.

- Don't stand between a tractor and the float.

- Don't press too close to floats.

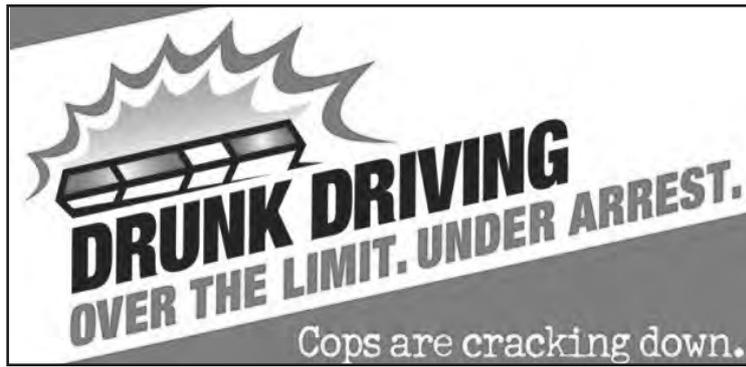
- Don't push others while trying to retrieve beads, coins, and other Mardi Gras paraphernalia.

- Don't throw things at floats or marching units or harass them in any way.

- Take your time when leaving parking areas after the parade. Defensive driving is a must.

- Don't drink and drive.

Be careful and have a safe and happy Mardi Gras!



Give the gift of life — give blood.
Call the Keesler Blood Donor Center, 376-6100.

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.

This week's movies at Welch Auditorium

Friday — 6:30 p.m. Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13).

Saturday — 2 p.m. Alvin and the Chipmunks Chipwrecked (G); 6:30 p.m. We Bought a Zoo (PG).

Sunday — no movie.

eight days a week

Airman and family readiness center

Editor's note: For more information or to register, call 376-8728.

Wednesday — 7-11:30 a.m., newcomers orientation. 9-10 a.m., career skills and work personality assessment. 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., separate rations briefing. Open to non-prior 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.

Arts and crafts center

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

Friday — 12:30 p.m., framing class. Bring a piece of art or photograph no larger than 8x10 inches to frame. Class certifies you to use shop equipment in the future. \$35 includes materials. 1 p.m., family ceramics class. Create a ceramics piece in a one-hour class. \$5 includes one piece of bisque ware. Parents must be present.

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

Sunday — 4 p.m., Super Bowl party. Giveaways, contests, buffet and more. \$10 for Air Force Club members, \$15 nonmembers and \$5 for nonprior service students. Tickets on sale now.

Feb. 9 — 5-8 p.m., Mongolian barbecue in the ballroom. 75 cents per ounce for Air Force Club members, 95 cents per ounce for nonmembers; ages 4-10 half price, ages 3 and younger free.

Bay Breeze Golf Course

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

Friday and Wednesday — noon to 3 p.m., ladies golf development. 30-minute driving range lesson plus four to nine-hole option. \$40 per person includes cart.

Sunday — 8 a.m., Super Bowl golf scramble. Four person, select shot. Prices vary. Fee includes greens, cart, prizes, giveaways, food and beverages. Register in advance.

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.

Today — intramural volleyball letters of intent due. Contact squadron sports representative or call 377-2444.

Gaudé Lanes

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

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.

Sunday — 4 p.m., super bowling party. Bowling, buffet, prizes and watch the game. Advance tickets; \$30 adults, \$20 ages 5-17, free for ages 4 and younger. Tickets available at door for increased price.

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

Leisure travel

Editor's note: For more information or to register, call 377-1658.

Tuesday — last day to book, July 8-15 Western Caribbean cruise aboard the Carnival Conquest. Cruise departs New Orleans, travels to Montego Bay, Jamaica; Grand Cayman Islands and Cozumel, Mexico.

McBride Library

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

Today — 4-5 p.m., free children's story and craft time, ages 3-12.

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.

Friday — 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., Latin night. Dance the salsa, meringue and bachcata.

Saturday — 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., kings of the underground. Live performances from local hip-hop and rap artists.

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 pajama party, ages 6-12. Movie, popcorn, scavenger hunt, games and more. \$10 for first child, \$5 each additional. Air Force Club members get 10 percent off first child's fee.

Through March 9 — youth baseball registration, ages 3-14. \$50 for first child, discounted price for each additional. Season begins in April.

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

KEESLER NOTES

Tax, legal services

Due to limited manning today, the tax office won't provide tax services and the legal office will only provide emergency legal assistance.

Notary service will be available, but will executions won't.

For emergencies, call 376-8601.

KSC luncheon

The Keesler Spouses Club's monthly luncheon on Feb. 14 is hosted by the 403rd Wing.

The group meets at the Bay Breeze Event Center at 10 a.m. for a windshield tour, lunch and briefings, returning to the event center about 1:45 p.m.

Lunch is \$12 and cash-only payments are made at the event.

For more information, visit keeslerspousesclub.com

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

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

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.

Keesler Thrift Shop

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

Profits benefit base and area charities and provide scholarships.

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

Log on to www.keeslerspousesclub.com for more information and a list of preferred donations. Pickup is available for bulk donations.

For more information, call 377-3217.

Wood shop items

A number of items at the wood shop need to be picked up by the end of February.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the last Saturday of the month and closed on federal holidays.

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

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.

Zero overpricing

Submit zero overpricing items on Air Force Form 1046 to CSC supply customer service,

Room 126, Taylor Logistics Center, Building 4002.

For overpricing issues or concerns call CSC customer service, 377-2005 or email 81LRS.CustomerSVC@us.af.mil.

Air Force Aid

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

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

Hemodialysis care

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

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

The staff currently cares for Department of Defense beneficiaries only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The eight dialysis machines, located in three treatment rooms, allow them to care for up to 12 patients per week.

For more information, call 376-5537.

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.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Thursday intramural bowling

Week 18 of 34

Team	Won	Lost
335th TRS-A	106.0	38.0
81st FSS	92.0	52.0
403rd AMXS	86.0	58.0
334th TRS	84.0	60.0
81st CS	80.0	64.0
338th TRS	80.0	64.0
336th TRS	76.0	68.0
81st TRSS-PMEL	74.0	70.0
ECS Strikers	70.0	74.0
81st WSA	66.0	78.0
81st LRS-A	66.0	78.0
81st LRS-B	64.0	80.0
335th TRS-B	58.0	86.0
81st TRSS-A	56.0	88.0
2nd Air Force	50.0	94.0
Seabees	40.0	72.0

Season high scores

Team game — 335th TRS, 1,043.

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 — Taras Butrej, 300.

High handicap series/men — Joseph Weaver, 749.

Game/women — Sabra Miracle, 212.

Series/women — Sabra Miracle, 567.

High handicap game/women — Carol Wetzler, 258.

High handicap series/women — Sabra Miracle, 678.

Average/men — Garo Watson, 206.69.

Average/women — Sabra Miracle, 158.39.

Most improved — Matthew Such, 15.76; Carol Wetzler, 5.63.

Medics, cops intramural basketball leaders

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Regular season play is winding down in both intramural basketball conferences.

Several games are being rescheduled in the Eastern Conference this week because the 403rd Wing and the 345th Airlift Squadron are busy with their Operational Readiness Inspection.

Last week, the 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron clobbered the 338th Training Squadron-C, 52-22; the 335th TRS defeated the 403rd Wing, 56-45; the 81st Security Forces Squadron beat the 338th TRS-A, 42-37; and the 81st SFS beat the 403rd Wing, 32-29.

As of Friday, the 81st SFS, 8-1, is a half game ahead of the 335th TRS, in the Eastern Conference standings.

Last week in the Western Conference, scores were reported only for the Monday night games, with the 81st Force Support Squadron upending the 81st Medical Support Squadron, 67-40; Keesler's Marine Corps Detachment squeaking past the 334th TRS, 34-33; and the 81st Training Wing staff agencies outpacing the 338th TRS-B, 33-23.

As of Friday, the 81st Medical Group was alone atop the Western Conference standings at 5-0, followed by the 81st FSS, 5-2.

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and unpaved surfaces;

10 mph in close proximity
to marching formations

and when waved through base gates;

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and **35 mph** in some sections of perimeter roads.

Rich and Shaw watch as Larson prepares to demonstrate a tight waist arm chop wrestling move on OSHS student Aaron Esters, 17, during a practice session at the athletic department warehouse on Highway 90 in Ocean Springs. Rich and Larson are volunteer coaches for the school's wrestling program.

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Keesler Airmen teach values through wrestling

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For five days a week between November and February, a sweaty blue mat on the floor of a warehouse in Ocean Springs, Miss., becomes a classroom. This wrestling season, two Keesler Airmen have volunteered to be the teachers.

According to Ocean Springs High School coach Bryant Shaw, the OSHS

wrestling team consists of 16 high school students and four middle school students and is the only public school in the entire state with a team. Josh Larson, 333rd Training Squadron, and Tom Rich, 338th TRS, just happen to be stationed here at the closest base to the team.

"We couldn't do it without guys like this who volunteer their time to develop the program," Shaw said.

Larson has been involved

with wrestling since he was in seventh grade and helping coach younger wrestlers since he was in high school. Rich has been coaching for seven years. This is his second year coaching for OSHS.

Shaw said that Larson's approach to coaching is to teach the students how to do the different techniques properly, while Rich brings intensity to the mat.

All three coaches agree

that wrestling teaches discipline. Not only do wrestlers have to maintain their weight, learn the different moves, show up to practice and keep up with school, but they also have the spotlight on them during weekend matches with other schools.

Shaw said that wrestling teaches teenagers accountability for themselves. The individual nature of the sport forces the athletes to take responsibility for their own

training and to do what they have to do to be successful.

"Unlike other sports, there's nowhere to hide," Shaw said.

Rich said in addition to discipline, wrestling teaches athletes how to take care of their body and mind. His goal is to be able to teach the students even half of what his coach taught him.

Larson said wrestling taught him teamwork, perseverance, courage, how to think under pressure and relentless pursuit of his goals. As a technical training student, Larson doesn't have many opportunities to lead others, but coaching provides him with not only that leadership role, and a new challenge.

"I've really gotten to see the sport from a different side," Larson said.