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ON THE COVER

Airman 1st Class Ivana Robinson, 81st Training Wing protocol office, sets out a parking tent with a magnetic distinguished visitor name plate for a visiting officer in front of the 81st Training Wing headquarters building. The wing's protocol office assists and helps coordinate all official ceremonies on-base, and provides support to distinguished visitors when they visit Keesler.

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Photo illustration by Kemberly Groue



DRAGONS THAT I MEET

Scope Eagle



Photo by Kemberly Groue

By Brig. Gen. Andrew Mueller
81st Training Wing commander

I'd like to use this week's Dragons that I meet as an opportunity to introduce you to the Scope Eagle participants.

It was my privilege to welcome these leaders of our cyber force to Keesler on Monday morning as they kicked off their week-long conference here at Keesler.

Scope Eagle is hosted by the 333rd Training Squadron and is the capstone professional development course for senior cyberspace officers.

Scope Eagle provides an opportunity for the Air Force's senior leaders to discuss current policies, issues and trends affecting the diverse disciplines within the cyberspace profession.

The 333rd is proud to host Scope Eagle classes each year here at Keesler.



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Women's History Month Celebrates 25 years

By Susan Dawson

81st Training Wing historian

March 2012 marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of women's history month. Beginning in 1987, Congress designated March of each year to be women's history month, and this year's theme is "Women's Education - Women's Empowerment." Today, women outnumber men in college, make up almost half the workforce, and approximately twenty percent of the Air Force. Throughout its history, Keesler has played a significant role not just in educating and training active duty women, but also in employing and empowering female civilians, beginning almost as soon as the base was established in 1941.

Keesler was activated in June 1941, and by January 1942, class sizes were so large, topping over 1,000 students, that the airplane and engine mechanics school, was quickly running out of instructors. Initially, the school held back a quarter of its first class to serve

as instructors. By 1942, the school still needed more teachers, so it began hiring women.

The first eight female teachers arrived in October 1942. Female members of the Air Force came to Keesler in 1943, when a contingent of 155 Women's Army Auxiliary Corps members transferred in from Daytona Beach, FL. Their mission was to fill support positions on base and release male soldiers for combat duty. After the war, women soldiers began attending radio school, control tower operator, air control and warning operator, and electronics fundamentals courses, among other classes.

By the early 1950s, there were also a small number of Women in the Air Force (WAF) instructors assigned to the technical training schools. In the mid-1970s, the Air Force started referring to all members of the Air Force as "airmen," and today women serve at Keesler Air Force Base in a range of capacities.



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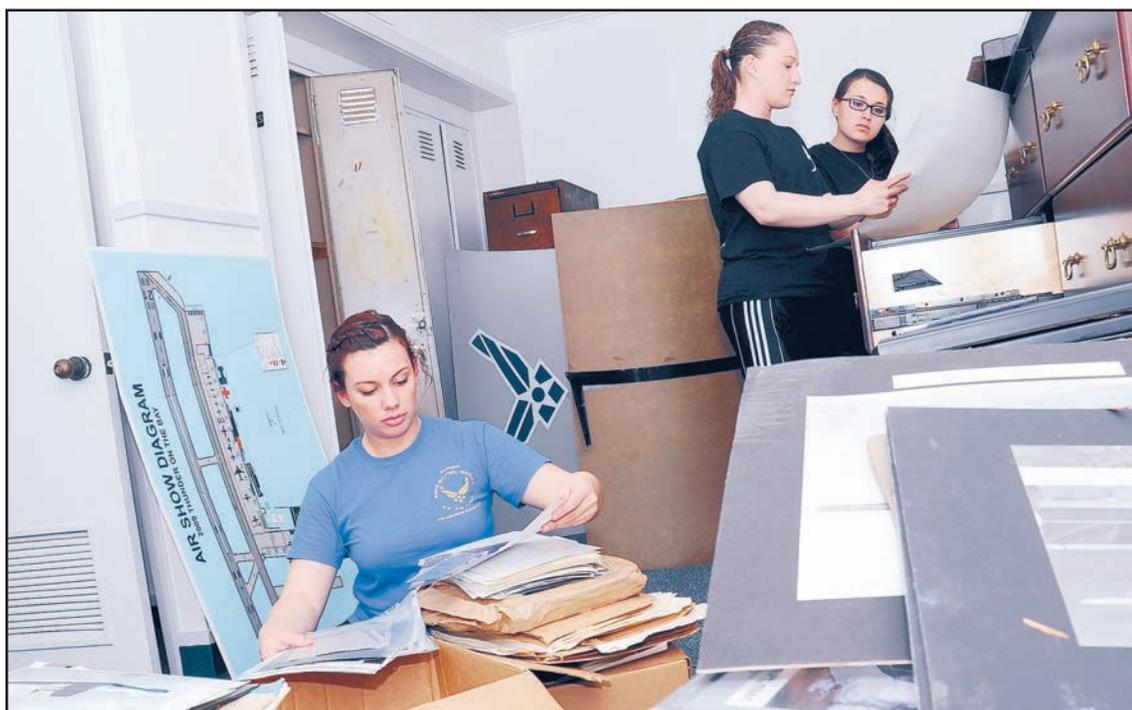
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Student volunteers dust off Keesler history



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Airman Basic Seilant McElwain, 334th Training Squadron, sets up a display case with 2nd Lt. Samuel Keesler artifacts at the Keesler Heritage Center on Meadows Drive Friday. The 334th TRS provided 45 student and staff volunteers to renovate the inside of the building by filing photos, cleaning the rooms, disassembling old shelving, taking out trash, and organizing rooms and putting together displays.



Airman Basic Autumn Bustillo, Staff Sgt. Alexandria Valdez, and Airman 1st Class Alexa Mojarro, 334th TRS, sort through historical images.



Airmen 1st Class Ricardo Solis and Jamie Ogeda; Airman Basic Nichola Moore; and Airman 1st Class Ja'Mario Powell, 334th TRS, hang the Keesler Heritage Center sign on the building on Meadows Drive. The building was built in the 1940s and was originally used as a barracks. Over time it was used as offices and most recently a functioning Heritage Center until Hurricane Katrina damaged the building in 2005. The Keesler Heritage Center was renovated on the outside in 2011.



Airmen 1st Class Allison Cagle and Shaqueelah Rogers, 334th TRS, prepare the baseboards for painting in the Keesler Heritage Center.

EDUCATION NOTES

Embry-Riddle

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is now registering for the new term that begins Monday.

The university offers degrees in aviation/aerospace, management, and business administration with multiple course formats.

Graduate courses are also available to complete Civil Service 1750 qualification requirements (simulation systems this term).

Discounted tuition rates are available for active-duty, reservists and Air National Guard.

For more information, visit Room 217, Sablich Center, or call 376-8478 or 432-5312.

Pitsenbarger Awards

Tomorrow at 4 p.m. is the deadline for members of the Community College of the Air Force spring graduating class to apply for a Pitsenbarger Award sponsored to the Air Force Association.

The awards provide a one-time cash award to selected top Air Force enlisted personnel graduating from CCAF who are pursuing or plan to pursue a baccalaureate degree. Prior winners are not eligible.

Applications are available at the education services office or may be downloaded from the Air Force Association web site, <http://www.afa.org/aef/aid/pit.asp>. Applicants must carefully review and follow the requirements/selection criteria and guidelines for the award.

The Pitsenbarger Awards are presented at the CCAF spring commencement ceremony at 3:30 p.m. April 19 at the Bay Breeze Event Center.

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

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

Lost &
Found



Academic aces

Staff Sgt. Wade Sorensen and Airman Basic Nathaniel Hyser graduated Tuesday from cyber systems operations course in the 336th Training Squadron with perfect scores. Sorensen is from Lindale, Texas, and will be stationed at Hurlburt Field, Fla. Hyser is from Mishawaka, Ind., and will be stationed at Tinker AFB, Okla.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

“Having a Ball” Geocache Adventure & Treasure Hunt!

FREE Family Event!

At **Noon March 24** the first set of coordinates will be posted to Outdoor Recreation’s Facebook page. From there, the adventure begins!

Discover hidden caches located on base using your GPS or Smartphone. The first geocacher to find the final cache will be awarded a prize.

Campout in the Park

5 p.m. March 24 Marina Park

Join us for a campfire, barbecue, games and more!

Sign up by March 21. A limited number of tents and sleeping bags will be available free for use – first come, first served. Don’t forget to pack food, drinks and bug spray.



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- 1 Triangle Mini-Exchange**
 - 2 Welch Theater**
 - The “V”
 - Legends Café
 - 3 Bay Breeze Event Center**
 - Collocated Club
 - Community Center
 - Golf Course
 - ITT/Leisure Travel Office
 - 4 Outdoor Recreation**
 - Marina Park
 - Convenience Store
 - 5 Gaudé Lanes Bowling Center**
 - Shoppette
 - Blake Fitness Center
 - 6 Tyer House**
 - Sablich Center
 - 7 McBride Library/Exchange**
 - Arts & Crafts Center
 - Tennis Courts
 - Auto Hobby Shop
 - Post Office
 - 8 5000 Block**
 - White Avenue Gate
 - Permanent Party Dorms
- Return to Triangle Mini-Exchange**

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Route and times are subject to change.



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Keesler Airman honored for life-saving heroism

By Airman 1st Class
Heather Heiney

Keesler Public Affairs

Recently a member of the Keesler family was presented an award for his heroism.

Tech. Sgt. Tyler Hamilton, 335th Training Squadron instructor, won the AETC Non-commissioned Officers Association Vanguard Award for the 2011 calendar year.

Nominees must be between

the rank of senior airman and chief master sergeant and have performed a heroic act, on or off-duty, that resulted in saving a life or preventing serious injury. To be considered for the award, the act must be voluntary and not a result of directions or orders.

According to the award citation, April 23, 2011 Hamilton was swimming during a family beach trip when his mother-in-law, Karen Ernst,

was overtaken by a large wave. Ernst was quickly swept to the sea floor — injured and incapacitated.

Hamilton immediately reacted.

When he reached his mother-in-law, she had lost feeling in the right side of her body and was unable to keep afloat. Hamilton lifted her above the water so she could breathe and began swimming to shore.

When the two reached the shore, to prevent further injury Hamilton immobilized his mother-in-law until emergency responders could arrive.

Ernst was quickly transported to a local hospital where doctors found three broken vertebrae in her neck and back.

Hamilton's quick actions and clear thinking saved Ernst's life.



Hamilton

'Nutrition Month' promotes healthier living

By 2nd Lt. Trevion Jones

333rd Training Squadron

Close your eyes and take a moment to think of what consumes your fridge, pantry and cabinets at home. Continue that thought to what you had for breakfast this morning or any of your meals yesterday. How nutritious would you rate your options from 1 to 10? Not the perfect score? During the month of March, Keesler is preparing to take that number and convert it to maximum points that'll lead to a new you.

In celebration of National Nutrition Month, Keesler's Health and Wellness Center has taken the initiative to get the Keesler family back on track with fitness and diet goals by showing easier and more cost effective options to living a healthy lifestyle. National Nutrition Month is fully underway with interactive story times, booths, commissary tours and classes.

People who are looking for online resources can refer to My Plate (www.choosemyplate.gov), an initiative from the United States Department of Agriculture that guides healthy eating habits and lifestyle choices. "The 'Get Your Plate in Shape' theme for National Nutrition Month is a perfect way to highlight the new USDA "My Plate" icon, as well as to promote healthier food

choices" said Stephanie McCann, dietician at HAWC.

For the remainder of the month of March, the HAWC is sponsoring several events that will bring nutrition to the eyes of Keesler.

March 21

5:30-7 p.m. — Commissary tour

March 23

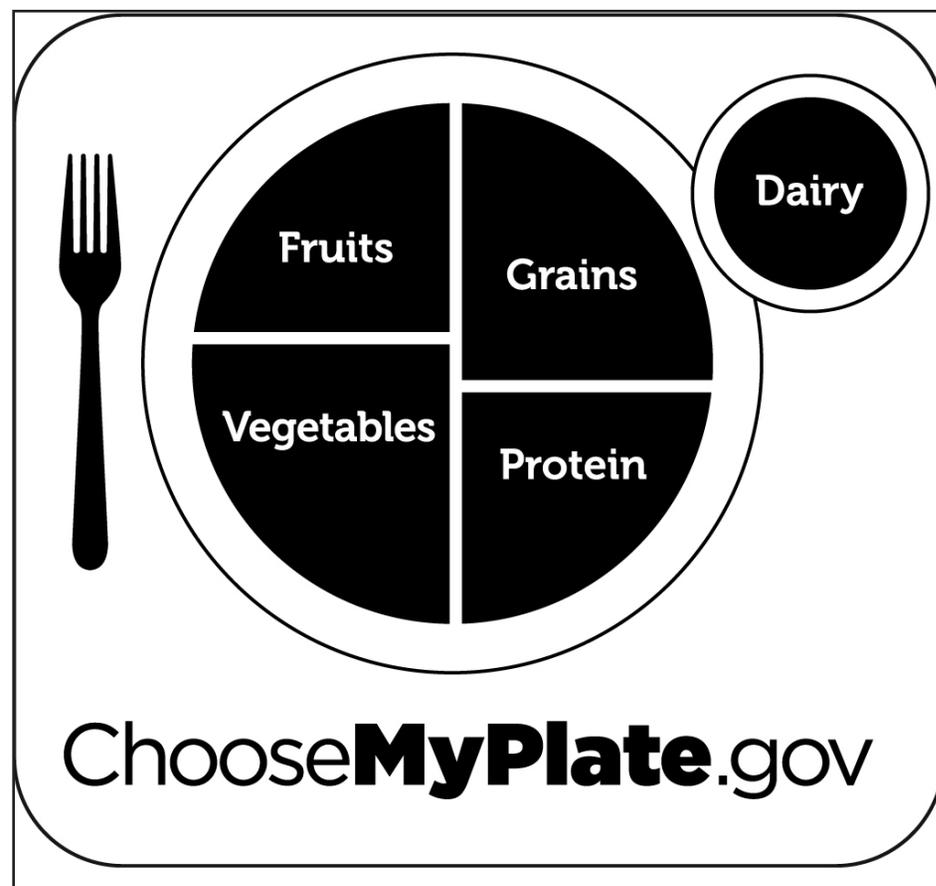
10 a.m.-1 p.m. — Commissary nutrition booth

March 26

3-4:30 p.m. — Healthy weight class at the HAWC

Also, members who eat in the hospital dining facility will find healthy meal menus, recipes and the chance to participate in "Nutrition Madness", a spin-off of March Madness, for the chance to win prizes. McCann states, "Since more than 68% of adult Americans are either overweight or over fat, controlling calorie intake and boosting activity levels have become critical issues. March is also a great month to schedule a bod pod, body composition appointment at the HAWC."

The HAWC's nutrition month goals are to be proactive in physical activity and change personal menus to more nutritious meals. My Plate supports a healthy means to feeling and looking great. This new chart offers a simple way to understand portion control by showing what should be



on your plate during each meal. The site provides tips of eating healthier through its 10 Tips Nutrition Education Series, showcasing sample menus and recipes and introducing Super Tracker, a program that allows you to analyze, plan and track your diet and physical activity.

These events are provided to help

Keesler members become "fit to fight" and get their plates in shape. For more information or to make an appointment, call (228) 376-3170 or visit www.keesler.af.mil/units/keeslerhawc.asp.

Jones is currently serving as an augmentee in the Keesler Public Affairs office

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Notification of death

With great regret, Brig. Gen. Andrew Mueller, 81st Training Wing commander, announces the death of Staff Sgt. Eric Ro Kuster, 148th CS, assigned to Keesler for formal training with the 338th TRS. Any person or persons having claims for or against the estate of Kuster, previously assigned to the 338 TRS should contact the Summary Court Officer, Lt. Tyler Oar at 377-1617.

New Keesler buildings approach completion

By Steve Hoffmann

Keesler News co-editor

Two new buildings will be brought online soon at Keesler — the aerial port facility and an indoor firing range.

Aerial port facility

The aerial port facility is located on the flight line at the corner of Fisher and H Streets. It will be owned and operated by the 403rd Wing's 41st Aerial Port Squadron. The facility will be used to support C-130 operations, training and massive mobilization requirements. The facility features a large drying tower for parachutes used to deploy equipment and cargo. The chutes are hung vertically from a system of pulleys and left to dry using heaters and an HVAC drying system.

The two-story facility will have approximately 30,000 square feet for workspace, classrooms and administration.

Perhaps the facility's most interesting feature is the strength of construction. According to David Horner, construction oversight lead with CSC, the facility is built to withstand Katrina-force winds and then some.

Horner said that before Katrina, the existing code for structures built along the gulf coast was called the Miami-Dade county code after Hurricane Andrew hit in 1992. It called for construction with the ability to withstand 140 mph winds. Now, buildings must be built in excess of that and include a safety factor that would allow them to endure another Katrina.

The facility is anchored by numerous pre-stressed, reinforced concrete pilings pounded deep into the ground, fortified with a steel I-beam frame, concrete block walls that are reinforced both vertically and horizontally and inch-thick safety impact glass for the windows.

According to Horner, the facility is approximately 60 percent complete. It is currently being wrapped with brick and electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems are being installed. When the facility is

70 percent complete, most of the construction will move indoors with interior finishes being implemented.

Indoor firing range

At the end of Chappie James Boulevard next to Larcher Chapel, the 81st Security Forces Squadron's new indoor firing range is 87 percent complete.

"This is a state-of-the-art facility that's pretty unique to the Air Force," said Horner. "Keesler is one of only a few bases that have an indoor firing range."

In the early stages of construction the buildings prefabricated walls were hoisted into place with cranes using a rapid construction method known as 'tilt-up.'

The facility also has steel bullet catchers and bins to collect the bullets which makes firing a gun indoors possible.

Final touches are being implemented which include testing of mechanical and electronic systems and fire alarms on the inside. On the outside, concrete pavers and landscaping are being installed and a series of ponds are being built to catch storm water runoff.

According to Horner, these ponds will help prevent the random formation of ponds on streets and infiltration into adjacent facilities such as Larcher Chapel, the general's cottage and the water tower.

The small arms firing range is a \$5.3 million project that will provide weapons training and qualification at Keesler rather than having to travel 17 miles to the Navy's combat arms training and maintenance facility at Camp Keller, Miss.

The contractor, Northwind Inc., began construction in November of 2010 and is scheduled to complete the structure by the end of March.

Once completed, the facility will be handed over to 81st Security Forces and training will begin.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

The two-story aerial port facility, located on the flight line at the corner of Fisher and H Streets, is about 60 percent complete as of March 15. The aerial port facility will be owned and operated by the 403rd Wing. The facility will be used to support C-130 operations, training and massive mobilization requirements.



The Keesler Indoor Firing Range, located behind the 81st Security Forces Squadron, is one of only a few indoor firing ranges in the Air Force. The 81st SFS will use the facility for weapons training and qualification. A retrieval system inside the firing range can be controlled by the range tower to set conditions such as laminating targets for night time conditions or using strobe lights to give the affect of police cars at night.

Five selected for promotion

Five Keesler members were selected for promotion via the supplemental promotion process March 15.

To senior master sergeant:

Donald Crawford, 81st Contracting Squadron

To staff sergeant:

Tera Burk, 81st Security Forces Squadron;

Michael Coblenz, 81st

Training Group; **Kyle**

Lively, 81st Mission

Support Group; **Jordan**

Nestor, 81st SFS.

Technology provides more ways to deliver important information

By Susan Griggs

Keesler Public Affairs

When a crisis, emergency, natural disaster or key issue affects Keesler, where can you get current, accurate information about what's happening?

The public affairs staff has several ways to keep Team Keesler alerted in the event of a crisis.

"Technological advances have added several ways we can

pass along information to our members and the media," said Jerry Taranto, 81st Training Wing Public Affairs director.

Traditionally, public affairs has maintained a "straight talk center" at 228-377-3901 that people can call to get up-to-date information in the event of a real-world crisis or exercise. Recorded messages vary with each unique situation.

During a crisis, PA normally doesn't have enough

personnel to answer calls directly or immediately, so the recordings provide the latest releasable information. PA personnel are responsible for playing all caller messages and responding at the earliest possible opportunity.

Taranto said two online methods are also used to keep the base informed – Keesler's Facebook page and the base's public web site, www.keesler.af.mil.

For more news, photos, videos and information, log on to www.keesler.af.mil



Pro-to-col, *n.* 1 A code prescribing strict adherence to correct etiquette and precedence — as in diplomatic exchange and in military services.

**By Senior Airman
Eric Summers Jr.**

Keesler Public Affairs

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series about people in special duty positions at Keesler Air Force Base.

They are constantly seen at base events dealing with changes, settling last minute conflicts and the highly unexpected, while maintaining a cool, calm and collected look as if everything is perfect. Members of the 81st Training Wing Protocol office are the ones behind the scene ensuring every wing event runs like clockwork.

Protocol is a special duty whose mission is to oversee and assist with official ceremonies and events on base, as well as provide first-class hospitality and support to distinguished visitors.

According to Michelle Rivera, 81st Training Wing protocol specialist, if it's an official event protocol will have some sort of role. They ensure people know what is expected during different events and also pay attention to the smallest details events run smoothly.

"We assist in wing promotion ceremonies, Airman Leadership School graduations, we present event summaries to key personnel and send invitations for every official function," said 1st Lt Diaundra Davis, 81st Training Wing protocol chief. "We also support the training group drilldown and (Keesler Spouses Club) Heartlink program."

The protocol office provides support for these events in different ways including organizing seating charts, arranging flags, placing parking space tags and setting up a conference room.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

First Lt. Diaundra Davis, 81st Training Wing protocol chief, adjusts the United States flag so that it is facing toward the audience. The protocol office is responsible for assuring customs and courtesies are followed during events to include flag placement and seating organization.

Protocol makes an event go like clockwork

While providing support and guidance for these events, the protocol office is also responsible for distinguished visitors and ensuring that their visit is as pleasant as possible.

“We plan it out from the time that they are out of their transportation to the time that they are back on,” said Davis. “We plan it from every hour to every half hour.

“We plan what transportation they will be using, who would be part of the conference, the type of audience attending, placing parking tents and seating labels,” said Davis. “Depending on the purpose, we coordinate with other agencies.”

A unique aspect of the protocol office here is that they don't just have to know about the Air Force Instructions, customs and courtesies, events and distinguished visitors that govern Air Force ceremonies. They must know

the customs and courtesies of other countries because Keesler hosts students from around the world.

“We have to know rules, regulations and customs of other countries so that we can advise leadership,” said Rivera.

For example, leadership needs to know not to hand a person from the Middle East something with their left hand because it is considered disrespectful in their culture.

Airman 1st Class Ivana Robinson, 81st Training Wing protocol specialist, said the special duty has given her a new perspective that she would not have normally seen with her primary job in Knowledge Operations Management.

“Utilize us, we're here to help,” said Rivera. “We will give them the guidance and tools to make their event successful.”

For more information call 228-377-5566.



Coffee service during business meetings and for distinguished visitors is provided by the 81st TRW protocol office.



Michele Rivera, 81st Training Wing protocol specialist; 1st Lt. Diaundra Davis, 81st TRW protocol chief; and Senior Master Sgt. Valencia Parker-Evans, 81st TRW protocol superintendent, assist each other with setting up the wing conference room for a meeting with refreshments for a meeting.

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.

Saturday services are scheduled at 10 a.m. Feb. 12, March

19 and April 9. Information, call 377-4050, 207-2196, 539-1655 or 1-405-740-9077.

Greek Orthodox

Sunday Divine Liturgy takes place at 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. Information, call 377-2520.

Latter-Day Saints

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

Off limits establishments

The following establishments are off limits to Armed Forces personnel with duty at Keesler:

- Ya-ya's – 2751 Pass Rd., Biloxi.
- Guitars & Cadillac's 4031 Popp's Ferry Rd., D'Iberville.
- Pugs, 6213 Washington Ave., Ocean Springs.
- Herbal Alternatives, 1909 E. Pass Road and 11530 U.S. Highway 49, Gulfport.
- Bunksmall Apartments, 708 S. Pascagoula St., Pascagoula.

ID improvements to save money, boost security

By Maj. Rosaire Bushey

Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Security forces throughout Air Education and Training Command are using technology improvements to make base access more secure while at the same time saving money and resources.

In 2010, the command began using a system called DBIDS, or Defense Biometric Identification System, to check IDs at base entry control points. According to Maj. Russell Waight, Chief of Integrated Defense Program and Technology, the initial system was worth the effort.

“Since we started with DBIDS we’ve registered more than 300,000 people and we average about half a million scans per month,” Waight said. “We are finding about 25,000 people every month who have expired ID cards, who aren’t registered or who are barred from base - from a security standpoint,

that’s significant.”

In 2012, DBIDS will get a command-wide upgrade which will significantly reduce security forces workload at visitor control centers and eliminate multiple satellite registration sites throughout AETC bases.

“Currently, when someone comes to a new base from a different region, or when visitors or contractors come onto base, we have to run a check through state and federal databases when we register them into the system,” Waight explained. “This takes about five to 10 minutes per person, which doesn’t seem like a lot until you figure we’ve registered 300,000 people in 2011 alone. That’s a lot of man-hours and a lot of money.”

When the new version of DBIDS comes online, it will eliminate the need for DOD-issued card holders to go to the visitor’s center, by automatically registering the card into the DBIDS database when it’s first scanned. The card will also be recognized CONUS-

wide as opposed to the current system which breaks the country into four separate regions.

“By the end of the year, DBIDS will be fully connected to the National Crime Information Center database which will significantly reduce the number of manual queries performed by security forces daily,” said Derrick Austin, AETC’s DBIDS program manager. “We are moving toward total automation for proofing and vetting all personnel requesting access to our installations which will increase our probability of stopping potential threats at the perimeter,” he said.

As part of the upgrade, DBIDS workstations will also be consolidated from six different stations, down to two. “We’re becoming a cost-conscious culture in how we field solutions,” Austin said. “The bottom line is that we’re going to protect the force - and we’re going to do it more efficiently - to the tune of a projected savings of \$130,000 annually in sustainment cost across the command.”

Air Force week in photos: King of the wild



Photo by Master Sgt. Sean Mitchell

An Alaska Air National Guard HC-130P/N King flies over Alaska with its aerial refueling hoses extended. The HC-130P/N is an extended-range version of the C-130 Hercules transport.

Reducing sexual violence takes wingmen mentality

By Tech. Sgt. Jess Harvey

Air Force Public Affairs Agency

WASHINGTON — The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Wing Commanders’ Guide was sent out to wing commanders recently and contains statistics, facts and talking points to help leaders encourage healthy conversations among their Airmen, which senior leaders say is paramount to eliminating sexual crimes in the Air Force.

“Inspiring our Airmen to be good Wingmen is not just a worthy undertaking, it is a critical mission enabling task that has hope of one day creating an Air Force without sexual assault,” said Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley.

The guide gives leaders the tools necessary to enhance their leadership styles, change the force’s climate and environment, inspire community leadership, empower effective victim response efforts and enforce offender accountability standards.

“America’s Airmen deserve nothing less than our full devo-

tion to eradicating the threatening behavior to their well being,” said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz. “This crime threatens our people and for that reason alone, it is intolerable and incompatible with who and what we are.”

The Air Force’s SAPR program also includes Sexual Assault Response Coordinator training and the bystander-intervention training programs.

Air Force leaders are focusing on community empowerment to enable Airmen to take care of fellow Airmen in eliminating sexual assault.

“Empowering Airmen to intervene when their peers are in trouble is a key component of our training,” explained Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James Roy. “We want our Airmen to understand they can make a difference by recognizing when their Wingman is at risk for making a poor decision.”

Bystander intervention training was introduced in 2008 and the Air Force expects completion of this training for all Airmen by the end of June.

TMO offers tips to make summer move smooth

By Carol Emling

81st Logistics Readiness Squadron
personal property element chief

Summer is the peak season for shipment of personal property and is fast approaching. May through August is typically the busiest time of year for commercial carriers because of the number of personnel receiving orders to new duty locations and wanting to move after their children complete the school year. Carriers can quickly become saturated and unable to accept addition-



al shipments.

Go to www.move.mil for information on self-counseling through the Defense Personal

Property System, shipment entitlements, service policies on personally procured moves and non-temporary storage

shipments, estimating weight, and completing claims.

After self-counseling and submitting your shipment application in DPS, print a copy of all forms and with a complete copy of your orders and any amendments bring them to the transportation management office personal property section located in the Sablich Center, room 114, for validation in the system and document upload to Joint Personal Property Shipping Office-South Central.

Currently JPPSO-South

Central requires a minimum of three-week's notice for scheduling shipment pack and pickup dates with carriers. Be prepared to be flexible with requested dates. Alternate dates may be required.

Exceptions to the use of DPS for self-counseling are for first-time movers, joint spouse, and personnel under separation or retirement orders. These personnel must contact the TMO personal property section to schedule a counselor briefing. For more information call 228-376-8530.

Keesler Events Calendar

Today

Last day to sign up for the Muscle Mania competition at the Triangle Fitness Center.

Letters of intent for intramural softball due.

1 p.m. — Airman and Family Readiness Center post deployment briefing at the Sablich Center room 108.

5 p.m. — Blender Animation Software class at the McBride Library for ages 13 and older. Call 228-377-2181 to register.

Friday

Keesler health and wellness center National Nutrition Month booth at the commissary.

Noon — Budgeting "Lunch and Learn" at the McBride.

5:30 p.m. — Single Airman Initiative cooking class. Transportation provided from Bay Breeze to Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center in Ocean Springs. Registration limited to first 10, call 228-377-2503.

Saturday

10:30 a.m. — Bunny Decorating at the Arts and Crafts Center. Cost is \$5 per bunny.

11 a.m. — Muscle Mania

at the Triangle Fitness Center.

Noon — Chess tournament at the Bay Breeze Community Center.

Monday

3 p.m. — Healthy Weight class at the Health and Wellness Center.

Tuesday

9 a.m. — Airman and Family Readiness Center post deployment briefing at the Sablich Center room 108.

— Separatees preseparation counseling at the Sablich Center room 110. Call 228-376-8728 to register.

1 p.m. — Retiree Preseparation Counseling every Tuesday at the Airman and Family Readiness Center conference room. Call 228-376-8728 to register.

— Fit Mom exercise and nutrition class for pregnant mothers. Call 228-376-3170.

3 p.m. — Civilian format resume writing class (1 of 3) at the Sablich Center room 108B.

6 p.m. — Airman Leadership School graduation at the Bay Breeze Event Center.

Thursday, March 29

1 p.m. — Airman and Family Readiness Center post deployment briefing at

the Sablich Center room 108.

3:30 p.m. — Public education common core standards initiative brief for parents with school-aged children at the Bay Breeze Event Center.

4:30 p.m. — Snip and save couponing class at the McBride Library.

5:30 p.m. — Single Airman Initiative cooking class. Transportation provided from Bay Breeze to Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center in Ocean Springs. Registration limited to first 10, call 228-377-2503.

Friday, March 30

Noon — "Lunch & Learn" about identity theft at the McBride Library.

4 p.m. — Cooking, baking and communication skill building group at the Sablich Center Airman and Family Readiness Center kitchen. Call 228-224-3625 to register.

6 p.m. — Ladies Night at the Arts and Crafts Center.

7 p.m. — Jade Sanders concert at the Bay Breeze Event Center.

Monday, April 2

3:30 p.m. — Wing Enlisted Promotion Ceremony at the Bay Breeze Event Center.

5 p.m. — Creative Couponing Class at the Bay Breeze Community Center function rooms

Tuesday, April 3

9 a.m. — Airman and Family Readiness Center post deployment briefing at the Sablich Center room 108.

— Separatees preseparation counseling at the Sablich Center room 110. Call 228-376-8728 to register.

Noon — Creating compassion, confidence and courage "Lunch n; Learn" at the Bay Breeze Event Center. Cost is \$10, call 228-377-8635 to register.

1 p.m. — Retiree Preseparation Counseling every Tuesday at the Airman and Family Readiness Center conference room. Call 228-376-8728 to register.

Wednesday, April 4

7 a.m. — Newcomer's Orientation at the Sablich Center room 108B.

9:30 a.m. — Non-prior service Airmen separate rations briefing at the Levitow Airman and Family Readiness Center annex room 134 (also at 3:30 p.m.).

3 p.m. — Keesler Integrated Resource Team meeting at the Sablich Center

room 108A.

Thursday, April 5

1 p.m. — Airman and Family Readiness Center post deployment briefing at the Sablich Center room 108.

Upcoming events

• The TRICARE Service Center, currently located on Pass Rd., moves to 284 DeBuys Rd. effective April 2. The TRICARE Service Center telephone number is 1-800-444-5445. Its hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

• Central Selection Boards for officer promotion will convene July 16 at Air Force Pacific Command headquarters. Officers must have an extended active duty date of Jan. 18, 2012 or earlier and a date of separation of Oct. 14, 2012 or later. For more information call 228-376-8356.

• Bulk trash can be picked up on Tuesdays and Thursdays upon request. Please call 855-452-3499 in advance to schedule a pick-up. Bulk trash includes couches, tables, chairs, box springs and other items too large for regular trash pick-up. If you have excessive regular trash, you can drop it off at the dumpster on 409 M St.

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St. Patrick's 5K run/walk



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Runners begin the 5K St. Patrick's Day run/walk Friday, at the Bay Breeze Event Center. Prizes were awarded for first, second and third place in both the male and female category.



Capt. Jeff Van Horn, 2nd Air Force, finished first place in 21:58 minutes in the male category.

Intramural softball registration ends today

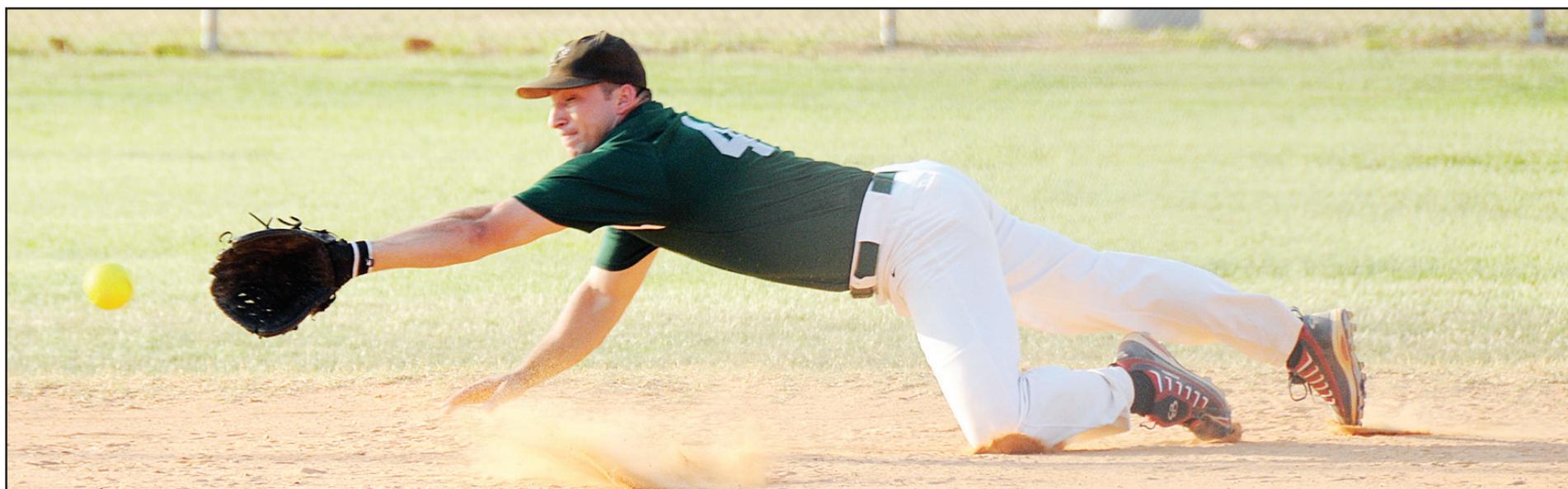


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Shortstop Joseph Regan, 335th TRS, throws the ball to first base for an out during a 2011 season game. Registration for the 2012 season ends today and the season begins April 30. For more information call 228-377-2444.



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Airmen, supervisors asked to check

'Development Guide' for errors

Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas – Air Force officials announced today that some copies of the printed versions of the 2011 Professional Development Guide (PDG) will need to be returned to unit Weighted Airman Promotion System (WAPS) monitors, as the documents may have a number of errors.

"Airmen and Supervisors of Airmen using this version of the Professional Development Guide need to be involved in this process to ensure everyone has proper study materials," said Chief Master Sgt. Jim Cody, Air Education and Training Command command chief.

Chief Cody added that the electronic copy of the document does not have errors; however some printed version may have the following problems:

- **Missing pages 222-255 with duplicate sections starting on page 191**
- **Missing pages 255-286**
- **Missing pages from 350 to 382 with duplicate pages 319 to 350.**

The errors listed above are only found in select copies of the printed versions and people who have one of these versions should return it to their unit WAPS monitor to request a replacement.

At least 750 PDGs contain errors so Airmen should review their copy of the PDG to make sure it does not contain any of the errors.

Air Force promotion testing policy does not require Airmen to have a printed PDG prior to promotion testing as long as examinees have access to the reference material. The electronic version of the PDG is immediately available and ensures everyone has access to the correct information.

The PDG can be downloaded via <http://www.e-publishing.af.mil/> (e-publishing); however, printed PDGs cannot be ordered through the e-publishing web site, but must be obtained through unit orderly rooms. Electronic reference materials are also available (including mp3 audio files, interactive exercises, and e-Reader files) to assist Airmen with preparing for promotion testing at <http://pdg.af.edu>.