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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Aircraft maintenance

Staff Sgt. Kyle Nesbitt and Airman 1st Class John Kane, 345th Airlift Squadron aircraft structural maintainers, use a hydraulic life to repair the tail fin of the F-101 static display on Larcher Blvd. for painting.

Photo by Herb Welch

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Safety office issues Fall safety awareness tips

By Staff Sgt. Thomas Northcutt

81st Training Wing Safety Office

The leaves are changing colors, the weather is cooling down and football season is in its prime — it's finally fall. With the changing of the season, we need to take certain precautions to ensure we stay safe while doing the things we love. So let's look into fall and see what we can do to be safe. October is Fire Prevention Month, many hunters are gearing up for turkey and deer seasons, and Halloween will be here very soon.

Fall Fire Safety

As we enter into the fall months, we kick off with October being Fire Prevention Month. As the temperatures begin to cool down, there are some precautions you should take to ensure the safety of yourself and your family.

- Ensure all of your smoke alarms are in working condition.
- Be careful when using alternate heaters. Before using, make sure there is a three-foot clearance around the heater.

• Clean the vents in your dryer. This is another item that is often overlooked. It's good practice to clean the exhaust duct and check for lint buildup twice a year.

• Beware of decorations that can become fire hazards. Ensure combustible decorations are far enough from heat producing devices that they don't pose a threat. Also be careful of not blocking an exit path with large decorations.

• Finally make sure you have an escape plan. Have your family learn it, and conduct fire drills so everyone knows what to do in the event of a fire.

Hunting Safety

If you're anything like me, you've been looking forward to this time of year for quite some time. We are entering into turkey and deer hunting season. With the season comes safety



precautions with which we must be proactive.

• Wear Florescent Orange when required. Every year we hear of reports of fellow hunters being mistaken for deer and being shot all because they failed to wear the proper colors.

• Wear a harness if hunting in tree stands.

• Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.

• Never climb a tree stand or fence with a loaded weapon.

• Be certain of your target and what's around it.

Halloween Safety

As a little kid, Halloween was my favorite holiday of the year. It meant dressing up and being someone/ something else for a day. It meant fun parties and games at school. Most of all, it meant going from house to

house collecting a stash of candy that would last for the next few weeks or months. I still remember the three principle rules my mother would tell me before going out for my trick-or-treat adventures. They were: never enter a stranger's house, always watch where you are going and never walk into the street alone. These tips still ring true today. However there are still many other precautions to take for your trick-or-treaters. Use the SAFE acronym as a checklist for your little trick-or-treaters:

• Swords, knives and similar costume accessories should be short, soft and flexible.

• Avoid trick-or-treating alone.

• Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.

• Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.

• Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them.

Halloween Drunk Driving

We are all aware that Halloween fun isn't just for the kids. Many of us will be attending Halloween festivities to let loose a bit. While there are many options to consider such as what to be, where to go and how late to stay out, drunk driving is something that should never be considered an option — just don't do it. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 41 percent of all highway fatalities throughout the nation during the Halloween period in 2010 (6 p.m. Oct. 29 to 5:59 a.m. Nov. 1) involved a driver or a motorcycle rider with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 grams per deciliter or higher. To keep safe this Halloween, the 81st Training Wing Safety Office staff recommend you follow these simple tips:

- Plan a safe way home before the festivities begin.
- Before drinking, designate a sober driver and all others leave their car keys at home.
- If you're impaired and your plan falls through, take a taxi, call a sober friend or family member or use public transportation to get home safely.
- If all else fails, call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 228-377-SAVE (7283).

• If you see a drunk driver on the road, contact your local law enforcement.

Whatever your favorite activity may be this fall, please take the time to consider any and all safety precautions that may apply. The health and well-being of your family and yourself are the 81st Training Wing Safety Office's top priorities. So take this time to be safe, enjoy yourself and have a happy Halloween.

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Academic ace

Staff Sgt. Terence Washington, 336th Training Squadron, reviews study guides during class Oct. 10, at Thompson Hall. Washington graduated with a perfect score from cyber systems operations course. He is a native of Bamberg, S.C., now assigned to the 710th Combat Operations Squadron, Langley Air Force Base, Va.

Colorado native becomes cadet for a day



Photo by Sarah Chambers

By Staff Sgt. Heather Stanton
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — An 11-year-old boy became the U.S. Air Force Academy newest cadet when he arrived for “duty” Sept. 28 here.

Wyatt, from nearby Parker, Colo., was welcomed into the Cadet Wing through the Make-a-Wish Foundation and the Academy’s Cadet for a Day program.

For Wyatt, the whole day was a surprise waiting to happen for Wyatt.

“All they told me was that I would eat and walk,” he said.

However, Wyatt and his family did more than eat and walk. The day began with Wyatt getting his official flight suit and cap and breakfast, Cadet Squadron 32, followed by a tour and special service at the Cadet Chapel. Then, they attended a chemistry magic show where Wyatt, his mother Patty, father Joe and brother Justin assisted in many chemical reactions.

“The elephant toothpaste (experiment) was cool,” Wyatt said. “I like all of them, but my favorite was the liquid nitrogen with the balloon that looked like an acorn.”

After the magic show, the whole family received pilot training in the Academy’s flight simulators and lunch in the cadet’s dining facility. After lunch, Wyatt and his family toured the library, met with the falconry and basketball teams, and then received a weapons demonstration and an airfield tour.

But Wyatt’s cadet experience did not end with one day. The whole family tailgated with Cadet Squadron 32 before the weekend’s football game. Wyatt was also brought onto the sidelines to watch up close as the Falcons beat Colorado State 42-21.

“Make-a-Wish is amazing,” Patty said. “This whole experience is incredible. I didn’t expect this much. (The cadets) pulled out all the stops. We are so grateful for all the Air Force is doing for us.”

Wyatt is the 44th Cadet for a Day in conjunction with the Make-a-Wish Foundation. The Academy hosts Cadet for a Day approximately four times a year.

“I think the program is an incredible opportunity both for the children that visit as well as the cadets who get involved,” said Cadet 3rd Class Savannah Peterson, the Cadet Squadron 32 Cadet for a Day planner. “When you come into it with a great attitude and a willingness to participate, it can change your outlook on life. I am very glad that the Academy gives us this opportunity to make a very deserving child’s day. I had so much fun spending time with Wyatt and his family.

“I was constantly humbled by Wyatt’s love for life no matter what the circumstances. There were several times throughout the weekend I found myself tearing up just from seeing how much the family appreciated what we were doing,” Peterson added.

Wyatt Denton listens to a briefing during his visit to the Air Force Academy Sept. 28. Wyatt, a native of Parker, Colo., was made a cadet for a day through the Academy’s partnership with the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

Keesler wins AETC Installation Excellence Award



“Keesler AFB represents the ‘Best of the Best’ in Air Education and Training Command and is truly deserving of this recognition.”

— General Rice

Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — One Air Education and Training Command installation won the highest command-level honor they can possibly receive — two years in a row.

AETC Commander Gen. Edward A. Rice Jr. announced the 81st Training Wing at Keesler as the AETC winner of the Commander-In-Chief’s Annual Award for Installation Excellence Monday.

“Keesler represents the ‘Best of the Best’ in Air Education and Training Command and is truly deserving of this recognition,” said Rice in a nomination letter to Headquarters Air Force. “Keesler’s leaders and personnel have created an environment promoting innovation and pride in ownership to enhance base-level services, facilities, and quality-of-life.”

A few examples of Keesler’s efforts include expanding the recycling program, renovating dormitories, improving the medical evaluation board case completion time, and reducing errors in deployment out-processing by 20 percent, among a plethora of other achievements.

The Commander-in-Chief’s Installation Excellence Award is a presidential award for exemplary support of De-

fense Department missions, and is the highest award a military installation can receive. The CINC’s IEA was created in 1984.

“I am so proud of all our people here at Keesler for being nominated by AETC for the CINC Installation Excellence Award!” said Brig. Gen. Brad Spacy, 81st Training Wing commander. “And getting it two years in a row is really amazing! What a great testament to the excellence we’ve seen here at Keesler throughout our 71-year heritage. Congratulations to everyone!”

The AETC winner was selected by a board of command senior leaders from many different career fields.

“Competition was tough this year with 10 (AETC) bases competing for this prestigious title and bragging rights,” said Félix Colón, AETC’s award program manager for CINC IEA and Civil Engineer Annual Awards. “Keesler placed third last year at the Air Force-level competition with only two points separating them from the second place winner.”

Luke and Sheppard AFBs came in second and third, respectively. Colón said the two bases actually tied for second so a tiebreaker had to be used to separate them. Luke AFB won the tiebreaker with more perfect scores than Keesler.

Declassified document shows 'real' flying saucer

By Airman 1st Class
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633rd Air Base Wing Public Affairs

JOINT BASE LANGLEY-EUSTIS, Va. — The grainy film showed a round ship floating out of a hangar. Its silver, aluminum exterior glistened in the sun as it hovered a few feet off the ground. As it glided over a pool of water, it kicked debris into the air and the glass canopies of the two cockpits were showered with grass and gravel as the saucer flew forward.

It may seem like a scene out of a classic Hollywood blockbuster, but the footage is documentation of testing held by the U.S. government on an experimental aircraft. This prototype, and fascinating piece of American history, sits on display at the National U.S. Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, and another resides at U.S. Army Transportation Museum at Fort Eustis, Va., where plans are underway for its restoration.

With its round design standing at nearly five feet tall and 18 feet wide, the Avro Canada VZ-9AV Avrocar looks like something out of a 1950s science-fiction film. While it may look like something a martian would fly, the Avrocar is anything but science fiction.

Newly declassified documents concerning the Avrocar project were released Oct. 8, when they were published by the U.S. National Archives. Information about the aircraft has been available for years, but the documents now include diagrams that clearly demonstrate the scope of the project.

"The Avrocar was a good start, and the first step on a long road to discovering technology we use today," said Jeff Underwood, National Museum of the U.S. Air Force historian. "Although the project was never implemented, it serves a successful teaching tool."

The Avrocar was the result of a Canadian effort to develop a supersonic fighter-bomber, capable of vertical takeoff and landing, in the early 1950s.

The idea of what was to become the Avrocar was originally envisioned by British Aircraft designer, Jack Carver Meadows Frost.

A.V. Roe, a Canadian aircraft manufacturing company, along with Frost, based its design concept for the Avrocar on using the exhaust from turbojet engines to drive a circular rotor to produce thrust. By directing this thrust downward, it was believed the turbo-rotor could create a cushion of air under the aircraft, allowing it to float a few feet off the ground, as well as accelerate to high speeds at higher altitudes.

The Canadian government provided initial funding for the prototype, but dropped the project when it became too expensive. Avro offered the project to the U.S. government, and the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force took over testing in 1955. Although the project primarily remained in Canada, it was owned and controlled by the U.S. government.

While testing was a combined effort, both services were interested in the project for different reasons. The Army was interested in a durable and adaptable, all-terrain transport and reconnaissance aircraft. The Army intended the Avrocar to replace their light observation craft and helicopters.

The Air Force was interested in the Avrocar's vertical take-off and landing capabilities, which could potentially hover below enemy radar and accelerate to supersonic speed.

Research data originally indicated that a circular design may have satisfied both service's requirements. A.V. Roe built two, small test models to prove the concept.

"Engineers predicted the Avrocar would be able to reach heights of nearly 10,000 feet," said Marc Sammis, U.S. Army Transportation Museum curator. "Unfortunately, it was soon discovered that the aircraft wouldn't be able to perform as well as predicted."

Tests with scale models at Wright-Patterson AFB indicated the cushion of air under the Avrocar would become unstable when the aircraft



Air Force photo

Volunteers Ed Keinle and Lou Thole remove rivets from the Avrocar in the restoration hangar at the National Museum of the United States Air Force.

passed roughly three feet off the ground. It was determined the aircraft was not incapable of reaching supersonic speeds, nor would the circular shape of the craft allow the Avrocar to have stealth capabilities. Although the aircraft did not meet the expectations of the Air Force, testing was continued to examine if a suitable model could be developed to fit the Army's needs.

The first prototype was sent to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Ames Research Center at Moffett Field, Calif. Wind-tunnel tests proved the aircraft had insufficient control for high speed flight and was aerodynamically unstable. Although engineers attempted to perfect the design, the project was marred with problems.

"Once engineers would fix a problem, another would arise because of the modification," said Sammis.

The second Avrocar prototype underwent flight tests. Project engineers discovered

once the craft rose beyond three feet above the ground, it displayed uncontrollable pitch and roll motions. The lack of computer technology and design flaws required pilots to control each engine separately, making it very difficult even for two pilots to properly control.

In December 1961, project leaders discovered the Avrocar could not reach a maximum speed higher than 35 mph. This, along with the crafts other shortcomings, led them to cancel testing permanently.

"This project was far ahead of its time," said Underwood. "It was a perfect concept, but the technology of the time wasn't advanced enough."

Although the testing was deemed a failure by the engineers and pilots who spearheaded the experimentation, the implications of the Avrocar's technology had far reaching results.

"Just because the tests weren't successful, doesn't mean it was a failure," said

Underwood. "This experiment started engineers down a path to more innovative concepts based on what was learned."

Technology used by many aircraft, like the AV-8B Harrier II, V-22 Osprey and the F-22 Raptor, can trace its history back to the Avrocar.

Concepts gleaned from the Avrocar testing are still being implemented today with the development of the U.S. Marine's variant of the F-35 Lightning II. The F-35B will offer the capability to land vertically, making it the first aircraft in history to combine both stealth and vertical landing capabilities.

"Aircraft with capabilities to take-off and land vertically have their roots in this experiment," said Sammis. "These capabilities come from a long line of experimentation which started with the Avrocar."

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Medic awarded research grant



Lt. Col. John Childs, director of musculoskeletal research with the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron here, was notified by the Air Force Surgeon General's office Oct. 11 that his study has been selected for a \$136,000 research grant. The study is entitled "Validation of the STarT Back Tool in the Military Health System comparing stratified primary care management for low back pain with current best practice: A randomized controlled trial." The award is contingent on the approval of the defense budget, lifting of Continuing Resolution Authority and final allocation of funds to the Air Force Clinical Investigations Program which could be as late as April 2013. Childs also was recently named the 2012 recipient of the AMSUS (Association of Military Surgeons of the United States) Research & Development Award. It will be presented at the organization's annual dinner and awards banquet held during the 118th AMSUS annual continuing education meeting Nov. 14 in Phoenix.

Photo by Steve Pivnick

JA office works to maintain order, fair judgement

By Staff Sgt. Eric Summers Jr.

Keesler Public Affairs

Editor's note: This is the second in a two-part series on the 81st Training Wing Judge Advocate office.

The Air Force holds its people to the highest standards, accountable to the core values of integrity, service and excellence, but nobody is perfect and sometimes Airmen make mistakes or poor decisions that bring serious consequences.

The 81st Training Wing Judge Advocate office military justice section reviews and processes each case then goes to court to determine what those consequences will be for the accused.

"Military justice is our system to make sure good order and discipline is maintained," said Capt. Sara Rathgeber, 81st TRW Judge Advocate office chief of military justice.

"My role in the office as chief of military justice is more to coordinate the military justice system," she continued. "It's not necessarily being the lead attorney on every prosecution team that goes into the courtroom, it's making sure all the courts martial, all the Articles 15 and all the things associated with the justice system are flowing smoothly and in a timely manner within the office. So I am kind of the go-between for our trial counsel, the (first sergeants) and commanders for Articles 15, (letters of reprimand) or discharges and the staff judge advocate."

An Article 15 is a tool commanders can use to rehabilitate Airmen and restore order and discipline.

"When an Airman commits a violation against the (Uniform Code of Military Justice) the commander has the option to use this to show that those actions will not be tolerated," said Tech. Sgt. Tina Hall, 81st TRW Judge Advocate office noncommissioned officer in charge of paralegal.

When service members are presented with an Article 15 they have the option to accept and have their commander go forward with the article for punishment, or they can elect

to go to a court martial.

"A court-martial is no different than what you would see in a civilian court room," Rathgeber said. "We just have different grades of courts martial."

The three types of courts-martial are summary, special and general. The type of court, as well as charges pressed against an individual, is based on the evidence collected by the attorneys and law enforcement officials.

"There is a summary court, which is equivalent to a misdemeanor court on the civilian side," Rathgeber explained.

"A summary court is one step up from an Article 15," Hall said. "With a summary court there is no federal conviction, but if you're convicted in a special or general court there is a federal conviction."

The process for special or general courts martial begins when the accused member's squadron commander prefers charges, saying that he has looked at the evidence and that the person committed the crime.

For a special court-martial the evidence is then presented to the special court martial convening authority, the base commander, to decide if there is enough to present a trial.

"If it's a general court-martial it's going to go through the special court martial convening authority and he is going to give a recommendation to the general court martial convening authority, which is a numbered Air Force," Rathgeber said.

Before the general court-martial, the case first appears in an Article 32 hearing.

"The Article 32 is basically a chance to have an officer look over all the evidence the government has in the case and say 'yes we think there is enough evidence to find that this person committed a crime' and then in our case, pass the information to the 2nd Air Force commander, Maj. Gen. Leonard Patrick," Rathgeber said.

"It's like a civilian grand jury, we present all the evidence and say 'this is all we



Photo by Staff Sgt. Eric Summers Jr.

Captain Sara Rathgeber, 81st Training Wing Judge Advocate chief of military justice, presents closing remarks in the court room located in the Sablich Center, Oct. 22. Closing remarks are presented to the jury or judge of a court martial from the trial and defense councils as a summary of events of why a person is guilty or not guilty.

have, do we have enough to go to court," Hall said. "It's not deciding whether they're guilty or innocent or anything like that but instead deciding there is enough information that a jury could decide the case."

The convening authority then either decides that there is not enough evidence to go to court or if there is, he or she sends a referral back to the JA office.

"After you have the referral, the attorney schedules the trial and starts looking at all the evidence," said Rathgeber. "During this time, that attorney will be calling witnesses to interview them, finding out what they know, collecting documents and making sure that they have all the documents they use to prove the case."

"Once the court date arrives, that's when you go in and pick the members of the jury," Rathgeber continued. "We ask the members questions to select who should be on the jury to ensure there is no bias."

When the trial begins, the

trial counsel opens, followed by remarks from the defense, then the counsel's opportunity for rebuttal and witnesses before the closing remarks.

"(Closing remarks) are when we get up and talk specifically to the jury or judge and basically put together the entire case and say 'this is why this person is guilty and let me go over the important facts that you need to consider when deliberating,'" the captain said. "Closing arguments can make or break the case a lot of times, but it's the opportunity to show exactly what you've been living and breathing since you've started preparing this trial."

If the jury finds the accused member not guilty, he is acquitted and the trial is over, Rathgeber said. But if he is found guilty, they move into the sentencing portion.

If a person is found guilty in a general court martial, depending on the charge, the max sentence can be total forfeiture of pay, confinement or a dishonorable discharge. If

a person is found guilty in a special court martial, depending on the charges, the max sentence can be up to a year confinement, bad conduct discharge or two-thirds forfeiture of pay for up to one year.

"After all the paperwork is done it gets sent up to the NAF for review to make sure that that trial is legally sufficient and that we took all the right steps in the trial to make sure everything is completed and up to par," Hall said.

Just like the Air Force holds each Airman to the highest standards, the military justice section works to ensure its legal processes meet the highest standards.

"If something wasn't done properly they make sure the Airman gets a new, fair trial, even if that results in giving him a lesser sentence, or finding him not guilty," Rathgeber added. "We are more concerned that that Airman got a fair and just hearing."



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy welcomes inprocessing Airmen to Keesler during his tour of the Levitow Training Support Facility Oct. 16. Roy toured the unique support facility available to non-prior service students and their families to see Keesler's new initiatives to improve the environment for students. Roy visited to meet with Airmen and further his understanding of Keesler's various missions, including the 81st Training Wing, 403rd Wing, and 2nd Air Force.

Roy to Keesler — “Motivation is contagious”

By Senior Airman Heather Heiney

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Memories burn themselves into the places they were made. For Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy, Keesler Air Force Base holds several fond memories including the birth of his sons and earning the honor to be called “chief.”

Roy spent Oct. 16 reacquainting himself with the base at which he was stationed from 1997 to 2000. During the chief's visit he was refreshed on the missions and accomplishments of several Keesler organizations including 2nd Air Force, the 81st Training Group and the 81st Medical Group.

“It's such a great honor to be back here at Keesler Air Force Base,” Roy said. “What's always a treasure to me is to come back here and see the spirit of Keesler Air

Force Base.”

While stationed at Keesler, he was the facility maintenance chief with the 81st Civil Engineering squadron, superintendent of the 81st Mission Support Squadron Military Personnel Flight and then superintendent of the 81st Mission Support Group.

Chief Master Sgt. Lisa Boothe now holds Roy's last position at Keesler and had the opportunity to escort the CMSAF around the base.

“It was wonderful having Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Roy here with us on Keesler. We feel like he is one of our very own family so it was a homecoming,” Boothe said. “Having the opportunity to showcase our wing and our folks gave me great pride. He was also excited to see how much the wing has changed and grown over the years.”

During his tour, Roy

also had an opportunity to meet non-prior service Airmen in the 81st TRG and interact with the Air Force's newest assets.

“Those young students are so motivated and if we could keep that motivation through a 20- or thirty-year career just think where we would be,” he said. “Motivation is contagious.”

The CMSAF said that Keesler's people understand that the mission they do here is important to the continued success of the United States Air Force.

Keesler's mission, “Train Airmen across the spectrum of warfighting skills and deliver overwhelming combat power for the Air Force,” also fits snugly within what the CMSAF said are three of his areas of focus.

“Certainly as the chief master sergeant of the Air Force there's always plenty

to do but we've focused on three areas — our joint and coalition operations and what we're doing to win today's fight and prepare for the next natural disaster; deliberately developing our Airmen through the three pillars of experience, training and education; and continuing to focus on the resilience of our Airmen and their families,” Roy said. “I will continue to focus on those three areas throughout my tenure.”

The chief had an opportunity to see these three focus areas in action throughout Keesler including the joint training environment, Airman Leadership School, Mathies NCO Academy and the newly-created teal rope program initiated by the 81st Training Wing Sexual Assault and Prevention Response Office.

“We have a resiliency culture in our force called

‘comprehensive Airman fitness’ and it's about taking care of yourself, it's about knowing your limits, it's about growing through very difficult situations and it's about taking care of people,” the chief said. “I want to reach out to the Keesler community and say a special thanks to them. When we can deploy an Airman and their family staying behind feels comfortable in that community that's a great thing.”

The CMSAF also expressed his excitement after seeing the development of future leaders at Keesler.

Roy said, “Thank you for the opportunity to come back to Keesler and see your professional Airmen. It's an honor for Ms. Paula and me to be back here and to see many of the people whom we served with and also to see the next generation of Airmen who will carry on our Air Force's legacy.”



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Chief Master Sgt. Robert Nolen, Mathies NCO Academy commandant, shows Roy a MNCOA student legacy 9-11 project during Roy's tour at the MNCOA Oct. 16.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Roy speaks to staff and students at Mathies NCO Academy and Airman Leadership School. He discussed the importance of enlisted professional military education to career development and progression, and how PME supports the deliberate development of Airmen.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Roy takes a photo with Tech. Sgt. Julie Hammond, 81st Training Group military training leader, while holding a teal rope during Roy's tour of the Levitow. Keesler's unique teal rope program addresses issues surrounding sexual assault through student involvement, and is managed by the sexual assault prevention and response office in coordination with the 81st TRG.



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Kory Cornum, 81st Medical Group commander, left, describes operating room equipment to Roy and his family during the Roys' visit to the Keesler Hospital's new Back Bay Tower Oct. 16. Roy's wife Paula and twin 12-year-old sons Colby and Caleb also toured other areas of the hospital. Mrs. Roy was secretary to several 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron commanders during the chief's tour at Keesler in the late 90s and Colby and Caleb were born in the hospital.



Biloxi to conduct cemetery tour

The 6th annual Old Biloxi Cemetery Tour is scheduled for Tuesday from 4 – 7 p.m. The event is a self-guided, continuously-performed event, so attendees may arrive anytime and witness all eight re-enactments. There will be an opening ceremony at 4 p.m. This year's theme, Schooners, Shrimpers and Sailors, features the lives of Biloxians who made their living from the Gulf of Mexico.

In keeping with tradition, this is a free public event but

donations are welcome. The tour will showcase history-based reenactments at graveside delivered by descendants, local personalities and actors from Biloxi Little Theater and area high schools.

Those to be portrayed during the 2011 self-guided tour are: Captain George Dugan and his wife, Mary Ella; John Helm; Thomas Esposito; Anson Holly; Martin Fountain; Ulysse Desporte; Valerie Eleuterius; Luke Dubaz, Jean Guilhot and his wife, Pauline

Lemein Guilhot.

This year the tour will honor veterans and will be portraying Julius J. Sablich III, who is the namesake of the Sablich Center. Wars beginning with the War of 1812 through Vietnam War will also be represented.

Entrance to the tour can be accessed from either the Highway 90 gate or from Irish Hill. Parking at the adjacent Elks Lodge is highly encouraged.

For more information, please contact the Biloxi Main Street office at (228) 435-6339.

Airman and family readiness center

500 Fisher St., Bldg. 701 (228) 376-8728

Levitow Annex: 140 Phantom St. Room 134 (228) 377-0155

Family Advocacy Program offers Fall classes

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler's Family Advocacy Program offers a variety of classes during the months of October-December.

"1,2,3 Magic!" held Nov. 14, 21, and Dec. 5 in the Arnold Annex classroom, provides "a humorous look at parenting and a serious look at discipline," Spooner commented. Participants will learn how to discipline without arguing, yelling or spanking; control obnoxious behavior; and handle the six kinds of testing and manipulation as well as the five tactics for encouraging good behavior, what to do about bedtime, messy rooms, lying, chores, homework and more.

"Strengthen your relationship with your child," Spooner said. Sessions will be conducted 8:30-10 a.m. Nov. 14, 21, and 28 and Dec. 5 in the Arnold Annex classroom. Everyone is encouraged to attend all four sessions.

"Dads' 101" will be held 8-11 a.m. Nov. 16, in the Arnold Annex classroom and will prepare the expecting or brand new dad for everything he has to look forward to, including

basic baby care, bonding and stress management.

"Babies don't arrive with a maintenance manual, though sometimes we wish they did," Spooner observed. "Humor-filled and discussion based, it's relaxed, fun and facilitated by a fellow dad who has been through it and lived to tell about it' — and you get free stuff!"

"PREP for Strong Bonds" is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 17 (the location will be announced) and is for couples who want to make their relationship the best it can be.

Spooner explained it identifies communication danger signs, hidden issues and expectations for your relationship. "Then work with your partner to improve problem-solving skills just by becoming a better listener. Challenge yourself, have fun and see your relationship in a whole new light. PREP is one of the most respected relationship-strengthening programs in the world."

"Active Parenting of Teens/Tweens" is set for 8:30-10 a.m. Dec. 4, 11 and 18 in the Arnold Annex classroom.

Spooner said, "It seems as if one day they admire you and the next they don't even want

to be in the same room! What has happened to this kid? Join this three-session, interactive, video-based learning experience that will provide insight on teen brain development, tools for becoming an authoritative parent and new ideas on discipline, communication, problem solving, family enrichment and prevention of those societal risks all parents worry about."

Anger management classes are held from 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the Arnold Annex classroom.

"No one enjoys being captive to out-of-control emotion," said family advocacy outreach manager Paula Spooner. "Unrestrained anger can hurt others as well as us. Join us to learn some tools for identifying and cooling your own 'hot thoughts,' recognizing distorted beliefs and triggers, relaxing the body and regaining self-control. Anticipate about four weeks to complete the workbook content."

Classes are open to all Keesler personnel and their family members. For more information or to register, call the Family Advocacy Office at 228-376-3459/7.

Walk-in mammograms Friday

By Steve Pivnick

81st MDG Public Affairs

Keesler's mammography clinic will be offering a walk-in day — their first "Mammo-thon" — Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Mammography technologist Kerry Hudson, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron, said the program

is for active duty, retirees and their dependents. "If you are 40 years old or older and due for your annual mammogram, just walk in. All beneficiaries are welcome and no appointment is necessary."

She stated, "If a patient sees an off-base doctor they can bring an order from the provider and we'll honor it. Patients over age 65 believe they can't receive a mammogram here. That's not true; we

just need an order from their provider."

Hudson said patients who stop by but are not due for their annual mammogram will be accommodated on a case-by-case basis.

The clinic staff plans to offer the "Mammo-thon" every October.

The Mammography Clinic is located on the 81st Medical Group Room 1A219, near the A tower entrance.

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Keesler Airman's Attic

The Keesler Airman's Attic provides free donated items to enlisted members of any branch, E-5 and below. The facility is located at the corner of Meadows Drive and First Street and is open Mondays, Wednesdays and every non-training Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The last Saturday of the month is an "all ranks" day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call (228) 377-3814.

Postal center new hours

The Keesler Postal Center's new hours of operation effective Oct. 1 are:

Official mail center — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and training Fridays.

Postal service center one — 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

Postal service center two — noon to 6:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 10 a.m. to

1 p.m. Saturdays.

United States Postal Service: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays (Closed for lunch 1:15-2:15 p.m.)

Home Away From Home

The Base Chapel is sponsoring the 16th annual "Home Away From Home" Thanksgiving dinner program for our non-prior Service Airmen. This base tradition brings together families from the Keesler community (active duty, retired and civil service) and NPS Airmen on Thanksgiving.

Host families volunteer to provide a "Home Away From Home" experience for two or more airmen by inviting them to their homes and providing a Thanksgiving meal. Host families can be anyone who has access to base services.

Host sign-up forms are available now and must be turned in at the Fishbowl in the Levitow Training Support Facility or Triangle Chapel by Nov. 19.

You may also register via

the Keesler website www.keesler.af.mil and email completed form to: 81trw.hc@us.af.mil or by phone at (228) 377-4105. Student sign-up forms are available only in the Fishbowl.

OSI tip line

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations recently created a tip line to provide people with a safe, discreet and anonymous option to report criminal information, counter-intelligence indicators or force protection concerns.

Tips may be submitted via text message, online or through a smart phone application.

Smart phone:

1. Download the smart phone application, TipSubmit Mobile, from your mobile provider's marketplace.

2. Choose "manually select an agency"

3. Choose "federal/military" then select Air Force Office of Special Investigations

4. Create a password

5. Select "new tip"

6. Fill out form with as much information as possible

7. Select "submit tip"

Text message:

1. Text "AFOSI" plus your tip information to 274637 (crimes)

Online:

1. Go to the following website: <https://www.tipsubmit.com/WebTips.aspx?AgencyID=1111>.

Tips submitted through the web are encrypted, confidential, anonymous and immediately and securely transferred directly to AFOSI. After submitting your tip, you will be provided with your own unique tip number and will be afforded an opportunity to create a password that you will use when checking on the status of your tip.

USM counselor

A University of Southern Mississippi admissions counselor and MBA Academic Advisor will be in the Blake Fitness Center 2-4 p.m. Oct. 31. Stop

by and check out what USM has to offer for spring 2013.

Voting

With the election only a few weeks away the voting season is in full swing. Oct 1-3 was Absentee Voting Week for the DOD and Keesler was in on the action. Voting information booths were set-up around the base with about 20 volunteers to hand out forms, answer questions and disperse as much voting information as possible. More than 100 individuals were helped from the booths as a result.

If you missed out on Absentee Voting Week there is still time to have your voice heard. Visit fvap.gov to learn how to register and print out your absentee ballot. You can also stop by the voting office noon to 4 p.m. weekdays in the Sablich Center Room 113D or call (228) 376-5836 for more information.

Keesler Events Calendar

Today

1 p.m. — Airman and family readiness center post deployment briefing at the Sablich Center Room 108.

5 p.m. — Family dinner and karaoke night at the Bay Breeze casual dining area.

— Auto maintenance 101 at the hobby shop.

6 p.m. — Karaoke at the Bay Breeze collocated club lounge.

Friday

3 p.m. — Japanese cross earrings class at the arts and crafts center.

5 p.m. — Scalloped edge Byzantine earring class at the arts and crafts center.

6 p.m. — Ghouls in the Park at Marina Park.

— Ladies night at the arts and crafts center.

6:30 p.m. — Halloween

party at the youth center for ages 5-12

Saturday

8 a.m. — Bay Breeze Club golf championship.

10:30 a.m. — Pottery wheel class at the arts and crafts center.

6 p.m. — Teen boo bash at the youth center for ages 13-19.

Sunday

8 a.m. — Bay Breeze Club golf championship.

10:30 a.m. — Halloween brunch at the Bay Breeze Event Center.

Tuesday

9 a.m. — Pre-separation counseling at the Sablich Center Room 110.

— Airman and family readiness center post deployment briefing at the Sablich

Center Room 108.

1 p.m. — Retirees pre-separation counseling at the Sablich Center Room 110.

Wednesday

8 a.m. — Newcomers' Orientation at the Sablich Center Room 108B.

Nov. 1

3:30 p.m. — 81st Training Wing enlisted promotion ceremony at the Welch Theater.

Nov. 6

9 a.m. — Pre-separation counseling at the Sablich Center Room 110.

— Airman and family readiness center post deployment briefing at the Sablich Center Room 108.

1 p.m. — Retirees pre-separation counseling at the Sablich Center Room 110.

Keesler Spouses' Club

It's 5 O'clock Somewhere
Auction and
Gala!!!

Thursday, November 8th, 2012
Bay Breeze Event Center

6:00pm

Join us for our annual auction to support scholarships and our charitable endeavors. There will be silent and live auctions with amazing items.

Tickets are available at the Thrift Store and from KSC members. Tickets will be available in advance* for \$13 and sold at the door for \$18 dollars. Heavy Hors d'oeuvre, cash bar, and dessert auction will be present.

*Advance purchases (by 11/7) are eligible for a door prize valued at \$50.

Airman's quick action saves motorcyclist's life

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

A routine trip to pick up their son from daycare Oct. 11 turned into a life-saving event for a Keesler Airman and her husband.

Senior Airman Heather Holley, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, and her husband Eric were crossing the Pops Ferry Bridge that evening when a truck ahead of them suddenly came to a complete stop. The operator of a motorcycle that was right behind the truck swerved to avoid hitting the stopped vehicle, lost control and wound up with his motorcycle on top of his legs.

Holley recalled his legs appeared to be "almost cut off."

"We were directly be-

hind the accident scene. We stopped and jumped out of our car. My husband (who had served in the Navy as a medical corpsman) rushed over to the accident victim while I called 9-1-1. Incredibly, people were just standing around watching.

"We tried to keep him as calm as possible. He was starting to fade in and out of consciousness so we tried to keep him awake. An ambulance arrived about 15 minutes after the accident.

Heather said the victim, a retired Air Force member, had given Eric his wife's phone number and Heather called her to inform her of the accident. The Holleys visited the victim at the hospital that evening; his wife hugged and thanked them for what they had done for her husband.

Heather said the victim, who had surgery the night of the accident and again Sunday, was transported to Jackson, Miss., for additional treatment.

Holley learned Oct. 22 that the victim would lose his leg. "The doctors tried to save it but there was too much damage. He will also have to undergo rehabilitation."

Reflecting on the event, Heather said, "It brought back some bad memories — we almost lost my dad in a car wreck last year. It was scary at first but we realized we were able to help. It was a matter of being in the right place at the right time." She added, "All the exercises we've participated in really came in handy. You never think it's valuable until it's needed."



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Senior Airman Heather Holley, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, assists a patient in the Family Health Clinic. She and her husband Eric, a former Navy corpsman, were able to use their medical training to assist a motorcycle accident victim until first responders arrived.

Keesler spouses tour new hospital tower

Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Kory Cornum, 81st Medical Group commander, explains equipment in the new Physical Therapy Department located on the Back Bay Tower's ground floor to Lisa Spacy, wife of 81st Training Wing Commander, Brig. Gen. Brad Spacy; Sharmin Romero, wife of 81st TRW vice commander, Col. Rene Romero; and William Johnson, husband of 81st TRW Command Chief, Chief Master Sgt. Angelica Johnson. The wing leaderships' spouses toured the new tower Oct. 11 to familiarize themselves with the capabilities of the facility and enhanced care it will offer beneficiaries.

Photo by Steve Pivnick





Keesler members help clean up coast

Kameron Bebin, 11, child of Tech Sgts. Maryanne, 335th Training Squadron, and Thomas Bebin, Mathies NCO Academy, shows Jordyn Foster, 13, child of Jennifer Foster, Keesler Child Development Center, the hermit crab he found while the two members of the Keesler Air Force Base Youth Center clean the shoreline near Porter Avenue in Biloxi during the 2012 Mississippi Coastal Cleanup Oct. 20. Several Keesler members contributed to the removal of 2,053 bags of trash from Mississippi beaches and waterways.

Photo courtesy of Lauren Thompson, Mississippi Department of Marine Resources

Keesler holds Street Survival School for drivers

By Master Sgt. Samuel Fronteraocasio

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Just in time for holiday-season travel, the Gulf Coast Region of the Sports Car Club of America is conducting its 5th Street Survival Course on Keesler. The class is scheduled from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 17 with a classroom portion at the professional development building (2902) and a hands-on portion on ramp 3 of the flight line.

Master Sgt. Richie Frias, 81st Medical Support Squadron, who's spearheading the event explained that the aim of the school is to reduce deadly car crashes involving teenagers, new drivers and experienced drivers by providing them a controlled setting where they can gain valuable hands-on experience in car control in real-world situations.

All students, whether be-



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Rusty Noonan, instructor from the Gulf Coast Region of the Sports Car Club of America, escorts Kirby Gentry, driver, through the course set up for the two-day street survival and defensive driving class on the flight line June 23, 2012. The students spent the first few hours receiving briefings and the rest of the course was dedicated to hands-on practice on the flight line.

ginner or experienced, will have a knowledgeable coach at their side throughout the class to help them understand how important experience is when

something unexpected happens on the road that could kill them, their passengers or others sharing the road. This training goes beyond the typi-

cal driver's education.

The driving is done in the student's own car so drivers can learn about their vehicle's handling limits and how to control them.

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

It's not a course for learning how to drive at high speeds — safety and car control are the objectives. Some insurance companies even offer discounts for participants who take courses like this.

Spaces is limited to 30 people. Those with driver's permits are allowed based on space availability and with parental consent.

There is a \$35 fee for participation, and registration

must be received and paid for by Nov. 13.

To reserve a spot or for more information, call 228-376-3202, or email keeslerautox@gmail.com. To see the class in action, search for "Keesler Street Survival" on YouTube.

Additionally, Nov. 18, the Gulf Coast Region's Sports Car Club will be hosting their 11th Autocross of the season. Autocross is a sport in which you are timed while driving through a maze of cones in your vehicle. You compete with similar vehicles, and at the end, the fastest time with the least knocked over cones wins. This type of sport improves your reaction time and allows for a more vigilant driver out on the roads.

If you would like to sign up for the Autocross portion of the event, or would like more information email serendib@bellsouth.net.



Keesler students join breast cancer walk

Students from the 81st Training Group join the hundreds of walkers and runners participating in Oct. 20 "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" 5K Walk in Biloxi. The annual fundraising event, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, started at the Biloxi Town Green at 9 a.m. Participants walked or ran to the IP Casino Resort and Spa and returned to the Town Green. Before the actual walk, the students distributed water to those attending the event as well as assisted in other areas where needed. Many other members of the Keesler community joined in the walk to demonstrate their support for the fight against breast cancer.

Photo by Steve Pivnick

Intramural flag football schedule

Please note all games take place on the multi-purpose field.

Monday

6 p.m. — 81st MDSS vs. 81st LRS.

7 p.m. — MOAF vs. 338th TRS.

8 p.m. — 81st MSGS vs. GCAMS.

Wednesday

6 p.m. — 81st CONS vs. 81st AMDS.

7 p.m. 81st LRS vs. MOAF.

8 p.m. — GCAMS vs. 334th TRS

Nov. 5

6 p.m. — 338th TRS vs. 81st CONS.

7 p.m. — 81st AMDS vs. 81st MSGS.

8 p.m. — 81st MDSS vs. 334th TRS.

Intramural football



Sherman Ragland, 334th Training Squadron, runs for a play as Ken Molt, Keesler Marine Detachment, advances toward Casey Milikan, 334th TRS quarterback, to get his flag during an intramural flag football game Oct. 17, at Keesler. The Gators defeated the Marines, 12-7.