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Airman 1st Class Travis McAdams, 81st Diagnostic and Therapeutics Squadron, performs a demonstration on the rowing exercise equipment during the grand opening ceremony for the Warfighter Fitness Court, Nov. 14 at the Dragon Fitness Center. The Warfighter Fitness Court provides fitness enthusiasts with a new alternative to traditional fitness training that is fully customizable for any experience level and designed to enhance strength and conditioning.

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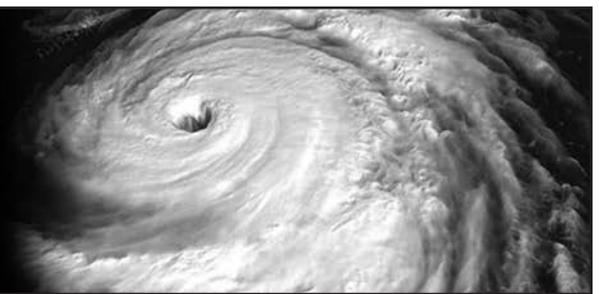


Photo by Adam Bond

Airmen 1st Class James Meyers and Joshua Walsh, 336th Training Squadron, replace damaged bulbs in the Holiday in the Park light display, Nov. 15 at the marina park. Holiday in the Park is an annual event hosted by outdoor recreation. This year the event is 4:30p.m. Dec. 6 and includes a visit from Santa Claus, a tree lighting, holiday music and refreshments.

HURRICANE SEASON

runs from June 1 - Nov. 30. For more information and preparations tips,
visit www.keesler.af.mil/hurricaneinfo.asp



Top Air Force leaders issue 'Letter to Airmen'

By Michael Donley

Secretary of the Air Force;

Gen. Mark Welsh III and

Chief of Staff of the Air Force

Chief Master Sgt. of the

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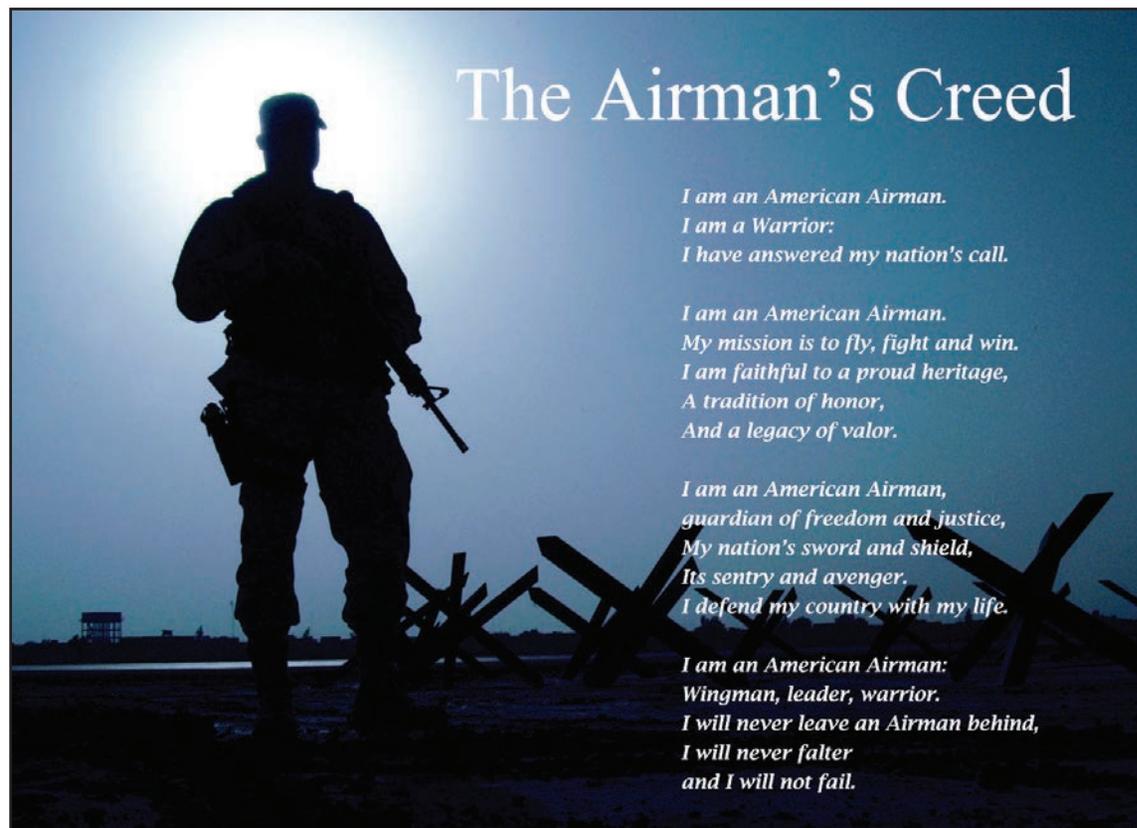
There is only one way to say this ... there is no place for sexual assault in our Air Force. When it comes to combating this challenge, every Airman is either part of the solution, or part of the problem. We must be united in our commitment to intervene when we see the potential for harm, to act affirmatively when we observe tolerance of sexist behavior and attitudes and to provide victim care. The only way to stop sexual assault is for Airmen to take action.

Our total Air Force succeeds because of the professionalism and discipline of our Airmen. When a fellow Airman is sexually harassed or assaulted, it is devastating to the individual and the unit. It harms our friends and diminishes the bond Among Air-

men. It demoralizes families and communities and severely degrades our mission.

Sexual assault is a crime. Failure to act when any of us has the opportunity to prevent a potential assault or stop a cycle of unprofessional behavior is incompatible with our core values. Last year, more than 600 Airmen reported being sexually assaulted. This year, we anticipate more than 700 cases; but the actual number may be much higher because many victims do not report sexual assaults. A 2012 Gallup poll of our Airmen found that 19 percent of female Airmen and two percent of male Airmen were victims of sexual assault since joining the Air Force. More alarming is that most of these crimes were committed by fellow Airmen — blue on blue. This is unacceptable.

We must drive sexual assault from our ranks. You are a big part of the solution. Become personally involved. Recommit yourself to our core values. Be an advocate for professionalism and discipline. Let your fellow Airmen know



The Airman's Creed

*I am an American Airman.
I am a Warrior:
I have answered my nation's call.*

*I am an American Airman.
My mission is to fly, fight and win.
I am faithful to a proud heritage,
A tradition of honor,
And a legacy of valor.*

*I am an American Airman,
guardian of freedom and justice,
My nation's sword and shield,
Its sentry and avenger.
I defend my country with my life.*

*I am an American Airman:
Wingman, leader, warrior.
I will never leave an Airman behind,
I will never falter
and I will not fail.*

you will not tolerate or support others who believe sexual assault is somehow acceptable — because it is not. Most importantly, if you are aware of sexual assault in your unit, report it.

Sexual assault has no place in our Air Force, yet it continues to degrade our mission and harm our Airmen. We need your help to firmly reestablish our culture of respect. We cherish our core values of In-

tegrity, Service and Excellence. To ensure that all Airmen experience and benefit from those values, we must work together to eliminate sexual assault from our ranks. You must be part of the solution!

Preparation for 'Excellent' is continual process

By Col. Mark Vivians

81st Missions Support Group
commander

Two weeks ago, Team Keesler proved to the Air Education and Training Command Inspector General and the Air Force that it is a well-oiled machine. Congratulations to everyone for helping the wing achieve an overall "excellent" in the 2012 Consolidated Unit Inspection! From the Airman who tirelessly ensured the program was perfect, to the customer who patiently waited as the exercise unfolded — everyone played a part in our success. We should be very proud we worked together as a

team and achieved excellence.

Many people say the hardest part of any inspection is the months prior to the IG team's arrival. Painstaking reviews of every program across Keesler made our programs the best. Our self inspection tracking tool, Inspector Gadget, tracked 12,746 compliance checklist items across the base. We combed over every conceivable instruction, manual and guide to find the correct way to document and accomplish the mission. It is a very hard undertaking, but in order to keep our mission execution sharp, it is necessary. However, this should be done all of the time, not just in prepara-

tion for the CUI. Compliance should be a part of our every day working life.

So, why is inspection prep so painful and cumbersome? Why do we need to spend an inordinate amount of effort getting ready for an inspection?

The reality is the Air Force's manpower is the smallest since its founding and getting smaller. Our responsibilities and additional duties are more complex than ever, and getting more complex. We have to change the way we do business to ensure we accomplish the things that must be done.

In today's military, we need to change our thought process — we are too busy to rely on

memory to get things done. If there is an appointment letter needed for a position, don't simply trust that someone will remember to draft and sign the letter. We need a process to ensure it is done. For example, a continuity notebook can be created with a checklist that includes creating a continuity letter when a new person is appointed.

Each member, supervisor and commander must "own" each and every one of the checklist items and develop a process to ensure compliance. That way, compliance becomes a regular part of doing business. It is a simple answer to a complicated problem. The ques-

tions are endless. How do you ensure a meeting happens every quarter? How do you store, catalog and account for all hazardous materials? How do you ensure every purchased tool is etched and accounted for?

If we take the time now that the inspection is over to continue with our processes, it will be far easier to be in constant compliance. It is up to all of us to make the next compliance inspection preparation period less painful than what we just experienced. The next inspection is less than 700 days away. Let's get ready now.

81st MDG adds new physical therapy internship

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

The 81st Medical Group has added to its training platform with a program for physical therapy interns. The current class of six interns completes their training in December.

Physical therapists Kevin Wait and Brett Beuning, both members of the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron Physical Therapy Clinic staff, serve as the faculty.

Wait explained, “We are doing something brand new for PT education — it’s currently taking place at only five other clinics around the country. Our interns are working in a collaborative model of five interns and two clinical faculty using a standardized curriculum. Traditional PT education calls for a single intern trained by a single provider. As a result, we not only are improving the way PTs are trained, we are having a significant impact on the quality and volume of care at Keesler Air Force Base. The number of patients our clinic is capturing instead of being sent off-base for treatment is staggering.”

He noted, “The collaborative model has allowed our clinic to absorb significant numbers of the physical therapy referral base that otherwise would be lost to the (TRICARE) network. As a result of the internship, patient ‘leakage’ has decreased the monthly funding from about \$150,000 to approximately \$50,000 in a matter of months. This obviously results in significant savings for the Air Force. Even greater savings are possible if implemented on a larger scale.”

Wait continued, “In physical therapy education, the traditional model is highly variable and calls for a non-standardized series of two 12-week clinical experiences without a curriculum, com-



Photo by Steve Pivnick

From left, PT interns Matthew Mitchell, Will Sykes, Jimmy Pajuheshfar, Vance Shurtliff, Stewart Smith and 2nd Lt. Bridgette Griffiths watch as clinical research coordinator Nate Hoover simulates a patient on an antigravity treadmill in the new Back Bay Tower Physical Therapy Clinic Nov. 14.

pleted at a variety of locations and clinical settings. The Keesler Hospital’s internship is 45 weeks, using a standardized clinical education curriculum to systematically progress an intern through essential evidence-based training while treating patients in the clinic.

“Our collaborative model allows for more peer-to-peer interaction and learning. The interns feel more comfortable working and learning with other interns in a similar academic position.”

The current interns are

here for 45 weeks from Rocky Mountain University in Provo, Utah. They are Will Sykes, Gilbert, Ariz.; Stewart Smith, Holbrook, Ariz.; Jimmy Pajuheshfar, Las Vegas; Vance Shurtliff, Idaho Falls, Idaho; and Matthew Mitchell, Akron, Ohio. A sixth intern from the Army-Baylor University program, Air Force 2nd Lt. Bridgette Griffiths from Perry, Mich., joined the class for eight weeks. She returns to Army-Baylor for the final two years of her doctoral training while the five RMU interns

return to school for their Dec. 14 graduation when they receive their doctor of physical therapy degrees.

“Next year, we expect six interns here in this same model,” Wait said. “Five from RMU will be here for 45 weeks and one from the University of Colorado for 24 weeks.”

Surgical services flight commander Maj. Brian Katen remarked, “It was a pleasure having our PT interns at Keesler over the past year. Not only have they significantly increased our clinic productivity,

but their ongoing evidence-based training program has elevated our entire PT staff training program. Over the past year, the increased productivity has helped decrease our network leakage by 78 percent, saving the Air Force \$1.1 million. Our current interns have integrated well with our flight and the base community — they have become a significant part of our Keesler team. We wish them well in their future careers and look forward to having our new interns here in January.”

81st Training Wing announces quarterly award winners

By Senior Airman Heather Heiney

Keesler News co-editor

The 81st Training Wing announced its quarterly award winners at a luncheon Nov. 6 at the Bay Breeze Event Center.

They are:

Volunteer — Tech. Sgt. Sean Garrette and Ricky Crawford, 81st Training Group.

Honor Guard Airman — Senior Airman Lluvia Cabonilas, 81st Medical Operations Squadron.

Honor Guard NCO — Staff Sgt. Lester Lane, 334th Training Squadron.

Airman — Airman 1st Class Abror Samatov, 81st Force Support Squadron.

NCO — Tech. Sgt. Terrance Boyd, 81st TRG.

Senior NCO — Master Sgt. Michael Asdel, 81st Training Wing safety office.

Company grade officer — 1st Lt. Daniel Wright, 81st FSS.

Civilian Category 1 — Donald Durand, 81st Communications Squadron

Civilian Category 2 — Michael Haney, 81st CS.

Civilian supervisor Category 1 — Franklin Bradley, 81st Security Forces Squadron

Civilian supervisor Category 2 — James Taylor, 81st MSG.

Five promoted to staff sergeant

By Senior Airman Heather Heiney

Keesler News co-editor

Five Keesler Airmen were selected for promotion to staff sergeant during the supplemental promotion release Nov. 15.

They are:

Jonathon Chida, 81st Medical Operations Squadron.

Sheila Jones, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron.



Al Nicholson, 81st Security Forces Squadron.

Steven Payne, 81st MDOS.

Samantha Teelman, 81st SFS.

Keesler observes America Recycles Day



Photo by Adam Bond

Kelly Sullivan-Barrette, wife of Staff Sgt. Brandon Barrette, 335th Training Squadron, receives recycling educational materials for her son, Keldon, 2, from Aaron Carter, CSC environmental office, and Douglas Smith, Zero Waste Solutions project manager for the Recycling Center, Nov. 15 at an America Recycles Day booth at the base exchange.

Top 10 questions about Samslist answered

By Lt. Col. Jonathan Wright

81st Mission Support Group
deputy commander

Samslist is a new initiative to provide an electronic billboard for people at Keesler to reuse supplies. As the old saying goes, "someone's junk may be someone else's treasure." Yet in this case, the items are not necessarily "junk." Ultimately, this initiative is a way to avoid incurring new appropriated-fund expenses. Samslist was launched in July and has been populated with worthy items since then. To date, 25 items have been reused by other units, thereby saving nearly \$2,000. Additionally, over 330 items are still available for reuse and a potential savings of \$12,620. Base-wide participation included 18 people from 12 units so far.

Now that Samslist has built momentum, here are some frequently-asked questions:

1. Is Samslist "mandatory"? Samslist should be the first order of precedence before buying new items. The question is not, "Should we use Samslist?"

but, "Why wouldn't we be using Samslist?"

2. How do things get posted on Samslist? Posting on Samslist is as easy as clicking on the "new" button and a "new item form" pops up. The key is taking 15 minutes to walk around the office and identify the items that are just sitting around, waiting for someone to say "Hey, we should post this on Samslist!"

3. Someone has contacted me about my item on Samslist. What do I need to do next? Go back into Samslist and adjust the quantity in the "locally reused" section to associate how many of these items are being re-used by someone else. This will not only automatically adjust the display for everyone else (as the original POC you won't receive unnecessary phone calls for items that have been given away), but it will also add to the savings that are scored in Keesler's favor.

4. Why do we have dollar values associated with the supplies on Samslist, and does that mean someone needs to "pay" for the item? The dollar

values are associated with each item only to help provide an estimated value of savings. In other words, no one exchanges money. Or, in Air Force jargon, there isn't a need for an Air Force Form 9 or 4009. Actually, every installation has a similar website and therefore each major command will view the savings realized and potential savings from each installation. At the end of 2012, the vice chief of staff of the Air Force will receive a report across the Air Force from every installation's electronic billboard initiative.

5. Is it okay to just swap stuff without using Samslist? While one can do just that, Keesler will not get the credit for the savings. From each installation's electronic billboards, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command has an overall goal of saving \$6.8 million in fiscal year 2013 and the Air Force overall goal is \$57.5 million. Therefore, use Samslist to get credit for contributing to these goals.

6. If I want one of the items on Samslist, can I obtain it for

personal use? No! The items posted on Samslist are government property and may only be used for official purposes.

7. Is Samslist only for people who want to "take" someone else's stuff? Samslist is useful for both givers and takers. Want to get rid of items? Post them on Samslist! Want to get new items and not spend any of the unit's budget? Find it on Samslist! Savings was also generated by posting a "wanted" announcement for everything that was required for the Air Education and Training Command Inspector General work center. This helped identify all requirements and the associated point of contact. Because of Master Sgt. Artist Pate's efforts in collecting donations, \$1,500 was saved.

8. Is the stuff on Samslist mostly "junk"? Check out Samslist and see otherwise. People have posted a wide range of items including furniture, workstations, chairs, couches, office supplies such as ink cartridges, fluorescent light bulbs, and even oddities

such as a television, recumbent bicycle and a ping pong table. As an added feature, Samslist offers the capability for someone to post a picture of the item. Of the 25 items that have been reused through Samslist, some of the items included dry-erase boards, book-cases, conference room chairs, and L-shaped workstations.

9. How long will Samslist keep an item on display? The default expiration time is 90 days, which is generally long enough to post an item before a unit determines that no one else wanted it. However, one can easily change the default to an earlier or later expiration date.

10. Is Samslist really being used by people? To date, 18 people from 12 different units have posted items and 25 people have already reused someone else's "treasure." In short, Samslist is up and already in use. It's worth checking out, and it's worth posting items for other people to reuse.

To visit Samslist, go to <https://keesler.eis.aetc.af.mil/samslist/default.aspx>



Soaring C-130

A C-130 Hercules soars during takeoff, Nov. 14 at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. Team Little Rock is the home of C-130 Combat Airlift and home to the world's largest C-130 fleet.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Rusty Frank

Patient shows appreciation with 'victory bell'

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Roger Salois had undergone chemotherapy at the Keesler Hospital Hematology/Oncology Clinic for six weeks and wanted to show his appreciation to the staff.

Salois, a retired Navy Seabee senior chief petty officer, decided to donate a special "Chemotherapy Victory Bell" to the 81st Medical Operations Squadron team that he and other patients can ring upon completing their regimen. A smiling Salois did just that Nov. 7 as his wife Holly and the "Hem/Onc" staff looked on.

He explained, "I had seen the bells at other cancer-treatment hospitals I've been at. I asked the staff here if they had one. When they told me they didn't, I ordered two — one for

them and another for the radiation oncology clinic." He and Holly donated the bell Oct. 17.

Along with the bell, the Gulfport resident gave the staff a certificate that stated, "This victory bell is presented to (the department) for their relentless dedication in providing lifesaving therapies while simultaneously improving the quality of life of their patients. The victory bell is to be rung by the patients that have so bravely completed their prescribed treatments and in honor of overcoming the emotional rollercoaster of fighting to obtain a life free of cancer. The victory bell is to be rung three times in celebration upon completion of their final chemotherapy treatment."

In addition to the bell for the clinic, Salois gave each staff member a special bronze coin.



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Roger Salois receives a round of applause from members of the hematology/oncology clinic staff and his wife Holly, second from left, after he rang the "Chemotherapy Victory Bell" he had donated to the clinic. From left, staff members are medical technician Airman 1st Class Staci Simpson, Maj. (Dr.) Louis Varner, nurse Jeannie Edge, NCO-in-charge Staff Sgt. Kristopher Iovieno and Maj. (Dr.) Owen Roberts.

AETC continues to refine directory assistance

By Robert Goetz

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — Two months after Air Education and Training Command ended telephone operator support for its bases, the command's Communications Systems Squadron continues to refine a call tree at each location and improve a new online conference call scheduling system.

At Keesler, the long-used directory assistance number, 228-377-1110, remains intact, but as a call tree, while frequently called numbers are posted on several websites.

Lt. Col. Robert Bonner, AETC CSS commander, said many callers — especially those from outside Randolph — are frustrated using a call tree, but it can direct them to the right office.

"When people call, it's usually a result of some issue or incident," he said.

"As such, it's incumbent on them to determine whom or what organization they need to speak to, rather than rely on someone else to help them. If they can't find the exact desk or work center, they should be aware of the organization or service they need and work their way up. It is also on the organization to ensure they advertise their key services to their patrons."

The call tree lists frequently called numbers, including those for billeting, finance, security forces and vehicle registration, the 902nd Force Support Squadron, the military personnel flight, the Air Force Personnel Center and a variety of other services, which range from the commissary, main exchange and service station.

The list of frequently called numbers posted on the public AETC and JBSA websites expands on the call tree. For Randolph, the main numbers for the 359th Medical Group and 902nd Com-

munications Squadron, which have their own call trees, and a host of other numbers, from the arts and crafts center to the veterinary clinic, are also listed.

Rebecca Meares-Jones, AETC CSS Systems Support Flight, said people who work on Randolph and have access to a computer should use the Air Force Portal or the Global Address List in Outlook to find numbers.

"The portal has improved by leaps and bounds," she said. "All you need to do is go to the portal and click on the link for frequently called numbers on the AETC main page."

Booking conference calls, formerly done through the local operator, is now done through the Air Force Portal and the AETC page, where clicking on a link directs users to the conference call and scheduling page. A link for step-by-step instructions is provided on that page.

Meares-Jones said computer program glitches hindered the conference

call system initially, resulting in double bookings and other problems, but she said it's "definitely getting better."

Bonner said the online site should only be used if a conference call is for six or more locations.

"Conferences involving five or fewer people can be set up using capabilities on the existing work phone, also known to many as three-way calling," he said.

Bonner, who said there are few operators at the base level anywhere, said the implementation of new processes for directory assistance and conference calls represents "a different way of doing business that will take some time to adapt to."

He said comments can be directed to the consolidated telephone operations workflow inbox at cto.workflow@us.af.mil. Also, the link can be found on the AETC Portal page under "Unique to Us."

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Master Sgt. Ed Scherzer, 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, performs a demonstration on the dip bar during the grand opening ceremony for the Warfighter Fitness Court, Nov. 14 at the Dragon Fitness Center. The court provides fitness enthusiasts with a new alternative to traditional fitness training that is fully customizable for any experience level and designed to enhance strength and conditioning.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Airman 1st Class Travis McAdams, 81st Diagnostic and Therapeutics Squadron, exercises on the monkey bars.

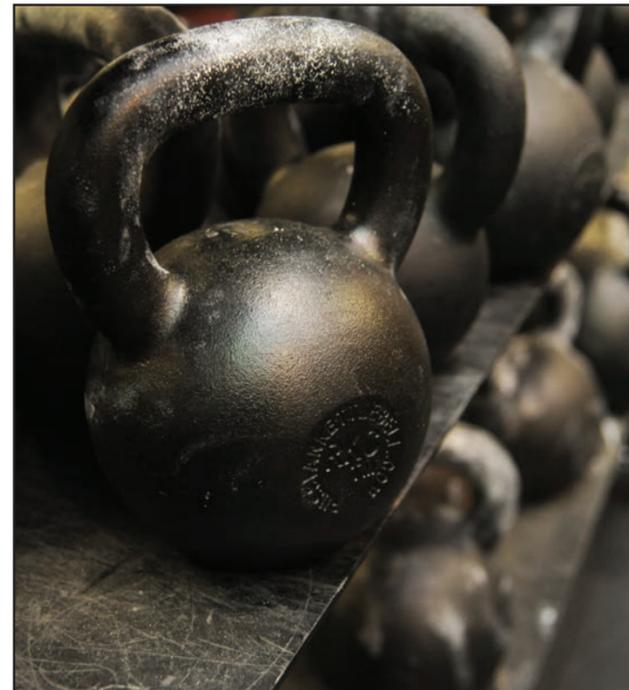


Master Sgt. Jamie Sieloff provides technical support to Tech. Sgt. Joshua Lemoine as he performs box jump exercises. They're from the 403rd Wing.

Warfighter Fitness Court provides alternative training



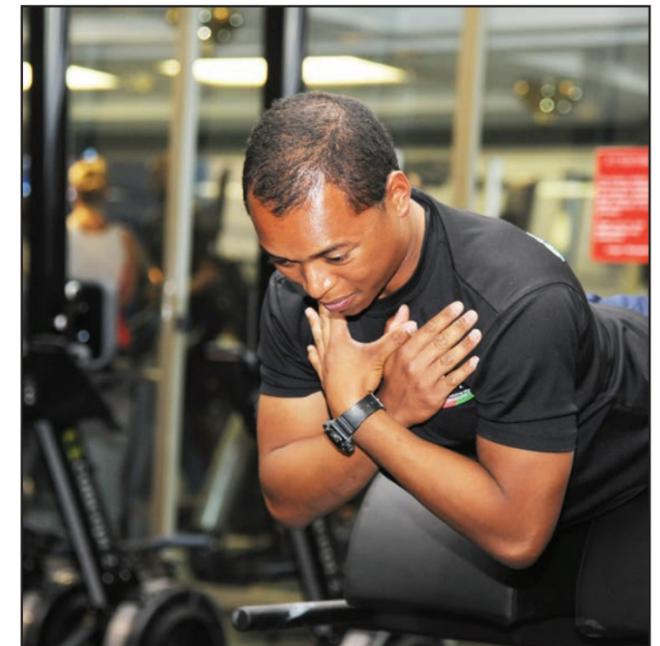
William Jinske, fitness services director; Brig. Gen. Brad Spacy, 81st Training Wing commander; and Al Ciampa, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron exercise physiologist, cut the ribbon during the grand opening ceremony for the Warfighter Fitness Court.



Kettle bells, along with other fitness equipment, are used for high intensity training at the court.



Janel Ward, CSC fitness specialist, assists Tech. Sgt. Michael Wright, 333rd Training Squadron, as he works out on a pull-up bar.



Senior Airman Thaddeus Faxon, 81st Contracting Squadron does a back extension exercise.

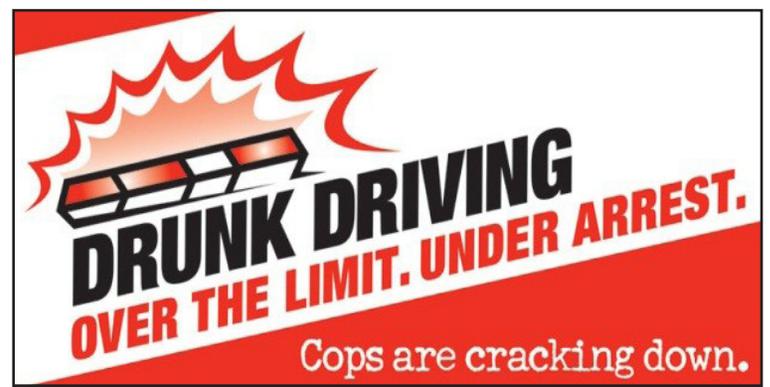
**Be considerate. Keep your car radios
at a reasonable volume.**

Gators win Commander's Trophy



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Staff Sgt. Matthew Hooke, 334th Training Squadron athletic director, and Lt. Col. Jeffrey McLemore, 334th TRS commander, stand behind the Commander's Award after its presentation to the squadron for the third consecutive year, Nov. 14 at Cody Hall. The Commander's Award is presented annually to the squadron that garners the most points from intramural league placement, special event participation and fitness and sports council meeting attendance. This year's award encompassed seven intramural sports and one special event from December 2011-November 2012.



19 stories of Heroism highlighted

in 'Veterans in Blue' volume

Air Force News Agency

WASHINGTON — “Let me not mourn for the men who have died fighting, but rather let me be glad that such heroes have lived,” said Gen. George S. Patton.

For decades, Airmen have answered the call to serve and protect the nation's interests, its people and the cherished freedoms that underpin it all, risking their lives for others, and thus, becoming heroes in the eyes of those they protected.

From World War II to Korea to Vietnam to Iraq, 19 stories of service and heroism at war are captured in the third volume of “Veterans in Blue,” formerly known as “Pioneers in Blue.”

Launching Veteran's Day, the new displays join those presently hanging in the Pentagon's A ring on the fifth floor between the eighth and ninth corridors.

The stories, photos and video interviews are available at <http://www.af.mil/specials/veterans/index.html>.

The veterans honored in this volume include:

Retired Capt. Roscoe Brown Jr. commanded the 100th Fighter Squadron of the 332nd Fighter Group, the famed “Tuskegee Airmen.” Brown flew his first mission in August 1944, escorting B-24 bombers over Romania, and he was the first pilot in 15th Air Force to shoot down a Me-262 jet fighter.

Retired Gen. Robert Cardenas made his mark on history as one of America's premier test pilots, a combat leader in both bombers and fighters and as the first commander of the Air Force Special Operations Force.

Former Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Arthur T. Cobert is an Army Air Corps veteran who served as a flight engineer, gunner and backup pilot on the B-25 bomber during World War II. A member of the 11th Bomb Squadron, which was one of two replacement crews for the legendary Flying Tigers, he was wounded twice during his service.

Retired Maj. Gen. Alfred Flowers enlisted in August 1965 and was stationed at Da Nang Air Base, Vietnam, during the Tet Offensives of 1968, and retired in January. He served for 13 years before

being commissioned, moving through the ranks until he retired after 46 years.

Retired Col. Henry P. Fowler served in the Air Force for 27 years as a pilot, judge advocate, and was a prisoner of war at the Hanoi Hilton in Vietnam. He spent six years as P.O.W. after being shot down on March 26, 1967 by a surface-to-air missile.

Retired Master Sgt. Carl Hackworth served for 22 years as a mechanic and crew chief for aircraft including the B-25 Mitchell and F-100 Super Sabre and completed two tours in Vietnam and another in Thailand.

Retired Lt. Col. James Harvey III was an original member of the famed Tuskegee Airmen and during the Korean War was the military's first black (jet) fighter pilot to fly in Korean airspace.

Retired Col. George Hays served for more than 40 years and served in Vietnam and Thailand as an enlisted communications specialist and later was commissioned. He retired in July as the longest serving colonel in the Air Force.

Gloria Heath was one of only 1,074 women selected to be part of the Women's Air Force Service Pilots, or WASPs. She flew B-26 bombers, towing targets for P-47 pilots for aerial gunning training and went on to shape the development of today's worldwide search and rescue system.

Retired Col. Howard Johnson was a fighter pilot who flew more than 7,000 hours in 15 different airframes and flew 87 combat missions in the P-51, 60 as the flight lead of “The Ferocious Four.”

Retired Lt. Gen. Leroy Manor flew over Normandy during D-Day and was commander of the U.S. Air Force Special Operations Force. In 1970, he was tasked to command the contingency task force for Operation Ivory Coast, the Son Toy Raid. He logged more than 6,700 flying hours, including 347 combat missions in two wars.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James McCoy was the sixth chief master sergeant of the Air Force. During the Taiwan crisis of August 1958, he was key to establishing the operating the wing command post that coordinated all Composite Strike

Force aircraft.

Retired Lt. Col. John Mulzac was one of the original Tuskegee Airmen, joining the service at age 19. He served in World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam. He retired in 1983, and three years later became a New York City firefighter, retiring after 20 years.

Retired Col. Ralph Parr is the only American pilot to receive both the Distinguished Service Cross and the Air Force Cross. In May 1953, he achieved ace status with five kills in 11 days. He achieved double ace status in July 1953 when he made 10 kills in a seven-week period during the Korean War.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Louis Roffman enlisted in 1936 and served for more than 31 years. He's a Pearl Harbor survivor and later fought in the Battle of Midway.

Retired Lt. Col. Edward Saylor joined the Army Air Corps in 1936 and served as a flight engineer for the Doolittle Raiders. Following bombing Tokyo, Japan, his crew ditched their bomber in the waters near a small Chinese island. He later received a battlefield commission and received many other decorations during his 28 years of service.

Retired Capt. Gwen Sheppard is a two-time Warrior Games athlete, competing in archery, sitting volleyball and shooting. Her 27-year career began at the Air Force Academy and later included stints with the Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and Navy Seabees.

Retired Col. Leo Thorsness flew 92 Republic F-105F Wild Weasel missions and was awarded America's highest military decoration before he was shot down and taken prisoner in North Vietnam. For nearly six years, was a P.O.W. in camps such as the Hanoi Hilton and Heartbreak Hotel.

Retired Lt. Col. Richard Waring was a B-17 navigator who flew more than 35 successful bombing missions over Germany in World War II. Enlisting at age 20, he attended preflight, gunner and navigator school and later commissioned as an aerial navigator. He remains in retired reserve status today.

KEESLER NOTES

2012 Supply Classes

Quarterly supply classes are held in the CSC Supply Conference Room, Room 121B, Taylor Logistics Building.

Block I -supply indoctrination is 9-10 a.m. Dec. 20. All newly-assigned supply custodians and resource managers are required to attend. For more information or to sign-up for any block-training class, call 228-377-5998.

Precious metals recovery program is 10-11 a.m. Dec. 20. All newly-assigned PMRP monitors are required to attend, and refresher training is required annually. For more information or to sign-up, call 228-377-5998.

Block III equipment custodian refresher training is 1-2 p.m. Dec. 20. Supply equipment custodians are required to have block III custodian training annually. For more information about the block III training or to sign-up, call 228-377-2270/7800.

Block IIA-bench stock training is 2-3 p.m., Dec. 20.

For more information or to sign-up, call 228-377-4180.

Block IIB-repair cycle training is 10-11 a.m., Dec. 21. For more information or to sign-up, call 228-377-4491.

Reserve recruiter

Capt. Jonathan Pellum, Air Force Reserve recruiting officer, will be at Keesler 10 a.m. Nov. 27 in the Sablich Center's education services office, Room 224. Pellum will host an information session on commissioning opportunities available through the Air Force ROTC program. For more information call 228-376-8472.

Handel's Messiah

The 2012 fall performances of Handel's Oratorio, Messiah, take place 7 p.m. Nov. 29 at the Keesler Triangle Chapel, 7 p.m. Dec. 1 at the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Park Campus Fleming Auditorium and 3 p.m. Dec. 2 at the Saint Joseph Catholic Church. Admission is free for all three performances.

Central selection board

The CY113A Col (LAF-J), and Lt. Col. (LAF/LAF-J) central selection board will convene March 18, 2013 at Air Force Personnel Command headquarters. To be eligible for the P0613A (LAF-J) and P0513A (LAF/LAF-J) CSBs the officer must have an extended active duty date of Sept. 19 or earlier with a date of separation of June 16, 2013 or later. Also, officers on active duty under the Voluntary Recall Program or any other Reserve Recall Program must have at least one year on active duty as of the board convening date, starting from their new EAD date. Listed below are the junior and senior eligible officer in each category.

For more information call 228-376-8356.

HAWC Holiday Walkathon

The Health and Wellness Center is sponsoring a Holiday Walkathon Nov. 26 to Jan. 1, 2013. Registration is from

Nov. 15-23 at the HAWC.

"We will give those who register free pedometers with log books so you can start counting those steps on Nov. 26," said Terri Jordan, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron and HAWC health promotion manager. "Start an office challenge or just challenge yourself to walk more steps daily."

Jordan offered some "helpful tips" to help add up steps: Take the stairs, park farther away from the office or take walk breaks during the day.

"We will celebrate your accomplishments Jan. 7 with a final 1-mile walk at the Crotwell track with awards and free T-shirts presented to all participants completing the program," Jordan added.

For more information call 228-376-3170.

Finance "mini" shop

Starting Nov. 19, Keesler's Student Finance "mini" shop in the Triangle training area will now open on non-training Fridays. By being open five days a week, students can

now take care of their financial needs without missing class.

For more information call 228-376-8213.

Tuition assistance

Active-duty members requesting tuition assistance may do so no earlier than 30 days prior to their class start date.

81st MDG holiday services minimal

The 81st Medical Group will have minimal services Nov. 22-23; Dec. 13, 24-25 and 31; and Jan. 1. The emergency room, however, is always available.

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.

Keesler Events Calendar

Today

Thanksgiving Day

Free golf all day at the Bay Breeze Golf Course.

10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Thanksgiving Brunch at the Bay Breeze Event Center.

Friday:

Air Education and Training Command family day.

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. 29

8 a.m. — Veterans' benefit briefing at the Sablich Center Room 108A.

1 p.m. — Retirement benefits briefing at the Sablich Center Room 108A.

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

Dec. 1

3 p.m. — Christmas on the Water in Biloxi. watch

the Keesler Dolphin in the parade of boats or ride along for \$50 with outdoor recreation.

Dec. 3

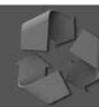
3:30 p.m. — 81st Training Wing enlisted promotion ceremony at the Bay Breeze Event Center.

Dec. 4

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.

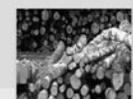


Recycling Guide

Keesler AFB Recycling Center



Shredded paper



Wood Based Items



Yard Waste



Electronic Waste



Mattresses



Mixed Plastics



Concrete and Dirt



Pens



Mixed Paper



Cardboard



Mixed Metal

NO

- Light Bulbs
- Batteries
- Wet Paint
- Motor Oil
- Chemicals

Please recycle these items through the base environmental office.

(228) 377-5802



Used Furniture



Aluminum Cans



Toner Cartridges

Questions?

Call

Douglas Smith,
Project Manager

Zero Waste Solutions

(228) 377-4546



Welsh urges Airmen to 'Take care of each other'

By Gen. Mark Welsh III
Chief of Staff of the Air Force

November is a proud month! Betty and I stood at the Tomb of the Unknown on Veterans Day as President Obama laid a wreath honoring not just our fallen, but all our Nation's veterans, for everything they (and you) have done to defend American citizens and interests for the past 236 years.

During the week before that ceremony, the spirit of the citizen-Airman was on display in grand scale as your Air Force carried hope and comfort to thousands of citizens affected by Hurricane Sandy. C-5s and C-17s carried utility trucks, cherry-pickers and thousands

of blankets from places like California and Arizona to New York and New Jersey. Air Force civil engineers, personnel recovery specialists, medical professionals, firefighters and many others from active duty, the Air National Guard and Air Reserve bases converged on the affected area to rescue more than 250 storm victims.

Working beside many other great organizations, the Air Force family answered our nation's call during a time of need. Seeing President Obama holding a picture of an Air Mobility Command C-5 downloading a utility truck and thanking Defense Secretary Leon Panetta is great stuff! We're all part of some-

thing bigger. I hope you're as proud of who you are and what you do, as I am of you.

It's been a humbling experience to serve as your Chief these first three months. But I've been surprised by some of the issues that have required the most attention. First and foremost, dealing with the intolerable number of sexual assaults and unprofessional relationships has been both time-consuming and heart-breaking. The Air Force succeeds because of the professionalism and discipline of our Airmen. Sexual assault undermines that professionalism and discipline, harming not only the individuals involved, but also their unit, their mission, and our service. When

a fellow Airmen is sexually assaulted, it is devastating. It destroys trust. It demoralizes families. And we're doing it to ourselves. We must do more to protect one another from this crime by reporting unprofessional relationships, strengthening our support of victims, and making a culture of trust and respect a reality for everyone in our Air Force. I need your help — please take care of each other.

Betty and I hit the road later today to visit some of the 36,000 Airmen who do the nation's nuclear deterrent mission each and every day. We can't wait to meet them! F.E. Warren, Malmstrom and Minot are just the beginning—we'll get to all of you as soon

as we can. I just wish we could visit every base every week — although you might think that's not such a great idea!

These first three months have been a whirlwind. Thank you for the overwhelming expressions of support you've given to me and Betty. Everywhere we travel, you welcome us as one of your own. This is just an incredible Air Force family! During this month of Thanksgiving, I want to thank you and your family for your service, your sacrifice and your incredible dedication to the profession of arms. I'm incredibly proud to be an American Airman, not because of the cool toys, but because I have the honor of standing next to you.

Lighthouse lesson



Tech. Sgt. Brian Margavich, 333rd Training Squadron, gives a presentation on lighthouses Friday at the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport. Margavich is the volunteer lighthouse keeper for the City of Biloxi and conducts tours for visitors and newcomers to the city.

Photo by Adam Bond

Messiah Choir to hold concert at Keesler

Members of the Gulf Coast Messiah Choir hold a special military tribute and 60th Anniversary concert, 7 p.m. Nov. 29 at the Triangle Chapel. While the choir is a civilian organization, it began as the Keesler Men's Chorus 60 years ago.

Courtesy photo



Fisher House Thanksgiving

Jimmy Bonnette and Diana Marini, background, smile as Fisher House guests Tyrone Priest and Patricia Herring help themselves to the Thanksgiving meal Bonnette and Marini prepared Nov. 14 for those staying at the facility. The couple has been providing, alternately, Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for the past four years. Bonnette began the tradition to show his appreciation for the Keesler Fisher House after a six-month stay in 2007 while undergoing rehabilitation at the VA Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System in Biloxi. A Vietnam-era veteran, the Lake Charles, La., resident moved permanently to Biloxi afterward. This year, the couple decided to prepare a Cajun-style Thanksgiving meal with fried turkey, dirty rice, stuffing, mashed potatoes, yams, green bean casserole, rolls and blueberry and pumpkin pies. Fisher House manager Larry Vetter also provided a ham.

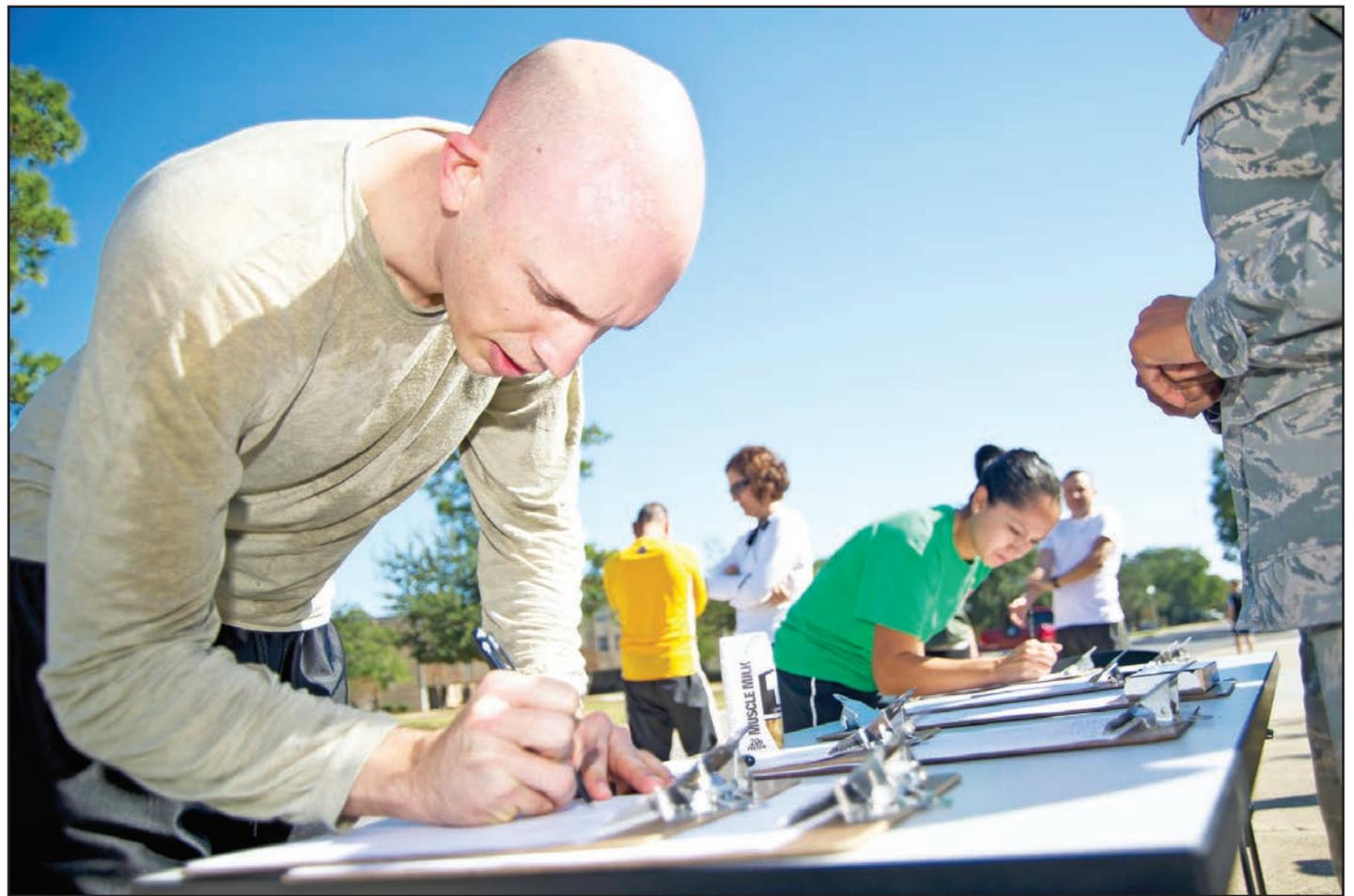
Photo by Steve Pivnick

Great American Smokeout



Photos by Adam Bond

Runners break from the starting line at the Great American Smokeout 5-kilometer run, Nov. 15 at the health and wellness center.



Brian Collins, Keesler Marine Corps Detachment, signs up for the run in front of the HAWC. Participants also received materials to help them or someone they know quit smoking.