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FORMER MTL COORDINATES RECOVERY CARE PROGRAM

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KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss -- During Dan Ransom's 26-year military career, he spent two decades teaching professional military education and serving as a military training leader. Those responsibilities gave him valuable skills for his civilian job as Keesler's coordinator for the Air Force Recovery Care for Wounded, Ill and Injured program.

"These positions allowed me to learn how and who to refer people to," said Mr. Ransom, who served as an MTL in the 81st Training Group for eight years, in addition to assignments at the Air Force Academy for nine years and Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., for nine years. "I became proficient in management, as one key element is the ability to coordinate different functions and lead people.

Mr. Ransom became the first person to serve as recovery care coordinator at Keesler when he assumed the position 15 months ago.

"Originally, there were 18 Air Force RCCs hired, and now there are 33 located throughout the continental U.S., Hawaii and Germany," he stated.

Mr. Ransom's job focuses primarily on the non-clinical needs of wounded warriors in

Mississippi and Alabama, including active duty, Reserve and National Guard members.

"I work closely with Donna Anderson, our wounded warrior nurse case manager, and a multidisciplinary team to ensure that a service member's care is complete, both medically and non-medically," he explained. "The collaborative effort between many Team Keesler agencies in assisting our wounded, injured or ill is phenomenal."

The mental health clinic is instrumental in providing post-traumatic stress and traumatic brain injury screening and counseling. The airman and family readiness center assists with Air Force Aid Society loans and financial counseling. Naomi Kraima, counselor for the Disabled American Veterans transition assistance program, provides disability information for members who are being medically retired or separated.

"A large number of service members are referred to us from their units," Mr. Ransom pointed out. "Keesler's first sergeants and chiefs group are exceptional in using our program. It's truly a collective effort to ensure today's warriors are taken

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Photo By Kemberly Groue

As a cancer survivor, Brian volunteers with the American Cancer Society, providing sound, lighting and DJ services for area Relay for Life events. He also provides these services without charge to some base and community organizations.

Keesler instructor overcomes testicular cancer

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KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. -- Prevention has always been a key focus for women's health, particularly monthly breast self examinations and annual PAP tests to screen for cervical cancer.

But what kind of reminders do men receive to take care of their health -- particularly young men in the prime of their lives?

Staff Sgt. Brian Margavich has asked himself that question countless times since 2008, when he was

diagnosed with testicular cancer at age 28. "I began having discomfort while doing normal activities -- walking, running, even sitting down," said Brian, a network courses administration instructor in the 333rd Training Squadron.

"I waited so long and dealt with it because my parents raised us to 'press through' and go to school. Unless something was seriously wrong, we didn't go to the doctor -- we toughed it out.

"It was also foreign to me that I had a physical prob-

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Belief in self, devotion are keys to success in Ironman competition

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KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. -- Mark Roberts isn't a masochist, but he put his body through an extreme workout Nov. 6 as he joined more than 2,400 other athletes in the Ford Ironman Florida held in Panama City Beach.

Roberts, director of endodontic resident education and training for the 81st Dental Squadron, completed the grueling event with an overall time of 11:35:10. His times for the individual events were 1:07:32 in the 2.4-mile swim, 5:56:15 in the 112-mile bike ride and 4:10:15 for the 26.2-mile marathon run. His time placed him 649th in the field of 2,402 representing all 50 states and 48 countries.

"Ironman Florida is one of six Ironman events held annually in the U.S.," he explained. "Top finishers in each age category qualify for the world championships in Hawaii. I'm not there yet, but would love to compete in Kona someday."

He said this was his fifth Ironman competition, adding he's been doing triathlons for 11 years. His first Ironman was the Florida event in 2002 and this year was the third time he has participated there.

Discussing his preparation for an Ironman, Roberts said, "The hardest part is finding a balance between the three sports. Since I'm a good swimmer, I concentrated on cycling and

running. I typically did three bike rides, five runs and two or three swims each week. I'm always training, but I specifically focus training for the Ironman for about four months."

Roberts noted this event proved a bit more difficult than those in the past.

"This one was harder for me because I had to balance training and time with my two young boys -- James, 2, and Daniel, 6 weeks," he explained. "I was glad when it was over because the training is so time consuming. Actually, this was the first Ironman I've competed in since the boys were born. They were both there cheering for me on race day."

He has encouraging words for anyone who would like to test themselves through an Ironman.

"You need the determination to train and the belief you can do it," he pointed out. "During the event, you see a cross-section of participants from the 'pros' who finish in eight hours to people who have lost 100 pounds and want to test themselves completing it by the midnight deadline. Anyone can do it if they have the commitment."

Originally from Michigan, Roberts has been a member of the Air Force for five years and at Keesler since April. His previous assignment was at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

He and his wife Katy, a three-time Ironman finisher herself, reside with their sons in Ocean Springs.



courtesy photo

Roberts lets the rubber hit the road during the 112-mile cycling leg of the Ironman Florida triathlon Nov. 6. Having finished a 2.4-mile swim, Roberts has a full marathon awaiting him after he dismounts his bike.

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care of completely."

The non-clinical needs of service members are great -- financial, legal and administrative.

One challenge Mr. Ransom faces is breaking through the bureaucratic red tape that's inherent to the Air Force.

"Sometimes when regulations state that something can't be done, it is my job to find someone that can do it," he stressed. "The needs of service members don't go away when they're told we can't do anything for them--they still have house payments, car payments, children to feed.

"All of Keesler has been outstanding in understanding my role and referring people to me to assist," he continued. "We have one of the best first sergeant corps that I have seen in 27 years of service, as well as senior leaders that understand the program and encourage people to seek assistance."

Mr. Ransom knows his job is important for several reasons.

"For as long as I can remember, we've had the best, most comprehensive medical care in the world," he said. "However, someone that's injured often has more problems than medical care, such as personnel and legal issues, and it's my job is to assist them so they can focus on their medical recovery. They want to know that their families are being taken care of while they recover."

The biggest rewards for Mr. Ransom are often small victories, like getting a treadmill for someone who needs to work out for health reasons, but who can't leave home due to post-traumatic stress because they have to have someone with them and their spouse works nights.

Mr. Ransom is passionate about taking care of people who are suffering.

"When you have a 30-yearold reserve senior airman who cries in your office because he was evicted from his apartment, had his car repossessed, exhausted all of his savings and is filing for bankruptcy who can't understand why the military isn't taking care of them, especially when they have deployed three times since graduating from technical school--those types of situations really bother me," he admitted. "When I encounter a situation like that, it makes me mad and determined to find assistance for this individual, either through their unit, local non-profit agencies or other sources."

Mr. Ransom believe he has the most rewarding job in the Air Force.

"I'm honored to be able to assist those warriors who have sacrificed so much, deployment after deployment," he remarked. "All they really want to know is that someone is going to take of them and their families because they took care of ours."

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Doctor recommends monthly self-exams

By Susan Griggs

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KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. -- Only one or two patients are treated each year for testicular cancer at the 81st Medical Group Hospital, according to Lt. Col. Michael Morris, a urologist with the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron.

"The first treatment is typically surgery," Colonel Morris explained. "Then patients either receive close observation, additional surgery, chemotherapy or radiation therapy, depending upon the type of cancer and whether or not it appears to have spread or is at particularly high risk for recurrence.

Colonel Morris thinks many men hesitate to seek treatment because of the

personal nature of the disease.

"Testicular cancer typically presents with a painless nodule on the testicle, so it may not even be noticed unless a man does frequent self-testicular exams," he said. "Since this disease is not typically uncomfortable, I think many men hope that it will go away rather than seeking prompt medical attention."

Colonel Morris recommends that men 15 to 35 years old do monthly self-testicular exams.

"Testicular cancer, while not common, is still the most common malignancy for men in this age group," he pointed out. "When it's diagnosed early, it's almost always curable. The non-curable cases are typically those with a greatly delayed diagnosis."

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lem that wasn't going to heal itself," he added. Brian did an online search of his symptoms and learned that they could either indicate cancer or a simple infection that occurs regularly with some people. He put the thought of cancer out of his mind, assuming it was something that would get better.

"My reaction was sheer numbness -- I was unable to compute what was happening," he recalled about learning the diagnosis. "At that point, I had been in pain for so long, I figured there was nothing they could do to me that would hurt more. They asked me if I wanted to call my wife--it never even occurred to me to call her!"

Brian and his wife, Amanda, met about 10 years ago when they were first-term Airmen living in the dorms at Keesler. She's the assistant noncommissioned officer in charge of installation personnel readiness for the 81st Force Support Squadron.

"I was shocked at first," she recalled. "I just couldn't believe that this was happening to us. Then I started to worry about our future."

That future included their daughter, Haley, who was 2 years old at the time.

"The first step of treatment came the very next day when I was on the table having the testicle on that side removed," Brian remembered. "I had a week of convalescent leave to recover and I was good. They did a few more blood tests and all the tumor indicators went back to normal."

There were several treatment options to follow. "My doctor wanted to remove and test my lymph nodes on that side and make sure that nothing had spread," Brian explained. "One option was to do the surgery laparoscopically -- make small incisions and use cameras to do

what needed to be done. This method had a high chance of missing some-

thing, though.

"The other option was to make a 14-inch vertical incision right up the middle of my abdomen and go in there," he continued. "This was the most invasive, but also had the highest chances of success, so I opted for that. I was on convalescent leave for a month after that and on restricted duty for several more months."

Brian didn't require chemotherapy or radiation. The lymph nodes were tested and came back negative.

"Everything is good," he said of his current health. "This type of cancer has a high cure rate and, if caught early enough, tends to be in the affected region."

Because of the invasive nature of the second surgery, Brian and Amanda don't expect to have other children. "Our family's size is now set by God, but we're extremely happy with our family life," Brian commented.

"I never once thought that I might die from this," he emphasized. "I have too much to live for -- too much going on in life to let this be it."

One positive aspect of Brian's experience is his growing involvement with the American Cancer Society. "As soon as we arrived back at Keesler in March, I volunteered at three different

overnight Relay for Life events," he pointed out. "I provide sound, lighting and DJ services, saving them \$1,500 per event that can go toward cancer research. When I attend these events, I get to wear a purple survivor's shirt and walk the survivor's lap. I've never been so proud to wear purple!"

"Here's the thing -- you know when something isn't right with your body," he emphasized. "Get checked -- don't ignore it! It could literally save your life."

Here's what you need to know

By National Cancer Institute and American Cancer Society

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. -- Testicular cancer forms in tissues of the testis, one of two egg-shaped glands inside the scrotum that produce sperm and male hormones.

It accounts for only 1 percent of all cancers in men.

It's estimated that this year, 8,480 new cases will be diagnosed and 350 deaths will occur.

It's one of the most treatable and curable cancers. The survival rate for men with early-stage seminoma, the least aggressive type of testicular cancer, is more than 95 percent. The disease-free survival rate for Stage II and III cancers is slightly lower, depending on the size of the tumor and when treatment is begun.

Symptoms may include discomfort or pain in the testicle or a feeling of heaviness in the scrotum; dull ache in the back or lower abdomen; lump, swelling or enlargement of a testicle or a change in the way it feels; or excess development of breast tissue (however, this can occur normally in adolescent boys who don't have cancer).

A physical examination typically reveals a firm lump in one of the testicles. When the doctor holds a flashlight up to the scrotum, the light doesn't pass through the lump. Other diagnostic tests may include abdominal and pelvic CT scans, blood tests for tumor markers, X-rays and ultrasounds.

Dietitian selected to attend medical school

By Steve Pivnick

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KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. -- First Lt. Justin Hyde, a dietitian with the 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron nutritional medicine flight, has been selected to attend the University of Mississippi's School of Medicine in Jackson starting in August.

He was accepted to the program after applying online in July using the American Medical College Application Service® website. AMCAS is a non-profit, centralized application processing service only available to applicants to the first year entering classes at participating U.S. medical schools.

"I started preparing to apply in 2009 while I was deployed to Balad (Air Base, Iraq from July 2009-January 2010) and took the MCAT (Medical College Admission Test)," he said.

The lieutenant earned a bachelor of science degree with majors in biology, physiology and nutrition from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis-St. Paul, in 2007, while an enlisted member of the Minnesota Air National Guard. He received a direct active-duty commission in May 2007. He arrived at Keesler in June 2008 following completion of a one-year dietetic internship at Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Lieutenant Hyde hopes to specialize in emergency medicine after completing medical school and residency. He plans to join the Air Force Reserves as a dietitian to maintain his association with the Air Force, performing his reserve duties while attending school.

The lieutenant is both excited and relieved with his acceptance.

"I'm excited to start school and



U.S. Air Force photo by Steve Pivnick
FIRST LT. JUSTIN HYDE

relieved the selection process is over," he said. "It was a long and difficult effort to prepare for school. This is a major commitment of time and energy but all part of the process of lifelong learning."

Lieutenant Hyde calls the Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn., area home. He and his wife Mari-Laure, who currently reside in Ocean Springs, plan to eventually return there.

Nurse finds calling serving wounded warriors

By Susan Griggs

81st Training Wing Public Affairs

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. — Donna Anderson has been a nurse since 1989. When she became Keesler's wounded warrior program manager two years ago, she found her true calling.

"It's so rewarding to be able to serve," said Ms. Anderson, who came to Keesler 19 years ago. "That's what I became a nurse for -- that's what it's all about."

Before assuming her current position, she served as a nurse in oncology, radiology nursing, internal medicine clinic and same-day surgery. As nurse consultant, Ms. Anderson assists with care coordination and case management of active-duty wounded warriors from all branches of service to help manage their treatment plan.

"I empower members to take ownership of their care, discuss their treatment plan with the interdisciplinary team and provide the appropriate resources that can guide them through their transition process if they're unable to stay in the military," she explained. "My role is to get the member to the right place at the right time and aligned with the right care and the right person."

Ms. Anderson is a firm believer in good communication with her counterparts. "Without all the wonderful champions within our medical treatment facility, I wouldn't have been able to do what I do -- it takes all of us," she insisted.

One of her inspirations is Dr. James Gasque, a retired colonel who's the chief medical doctor for the program.

"I remember his words, 'It's like peel-



U.S. Air Force photo by Steve Pivnick

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ing an orange one rind at a time," she said. "He is so right -- I want things to happen for our members right away. Dr. Gasque has been a good mentor for me -- he loves what he does and it shows with the care and time he gives our wounded service members."

Ms. Anderson is clear about the needs of the wounded warriors she serves. "They need to become knowledgeable about their benefits and entitlements and gain an understanding of their disease processes, whether physical or behavioral," she stated. "They need understanding from our medical com-

munity."

One of the biggest challenges for Ms. Anderson has been learning how each service functions, since she works with Air Force, Army, and Navy entities. She realizes there's no way she can read every regulation, so she employs a team approach.

"I find my champions -- Dan Ransom, recovery care coordinator; Capt. Tara Southward in mental health; Chief Petty Officer Kenneth Jordan, the Navy liaison; Ms. Cheri Lynne Phillips, the Army National Guard contact person; Naomi Kraima from the Disabled American Veterans; Linda Davis, the health benefits adviser and many more -- we are a team," she emphasized.

She meets personally with the services to know and understand how they operate and develops a good relationship with them, then puts a good contact list in place.

"Sometimes you can speak to three to five different people on the phone before you get to the right person," she said. "I believe it's better to engage and put a name with a face. It's much easier to put processes in place when you can see firsthand how things operate."

It's hard for her to put her job aside when she goes home at the end of the day.

"What keeps me awake at night is worrying about what I forgot to do," Ms. Anderson admitted. "I'll wake up sometimes to jot my note for the next day -- there's a lot to do and not enough time to do it."

As much as she loves her job, her heart breaks with some of the cases she's handled.

"I've cried with a member who suffers from post traumatic stress disorder and other medical conditions," she recalled. "He began to tell me about his

experience while he was in Baghdad how he witnessed his buddies being blown up. He describes jumping off the tank, running to them. He tried to carry both, but he wasn't able to because one of his buddy's flesh was falling off his body and the other was blown to pieces. He said he was determined to bring them back.

"He started crying, and all I could see was that this man was my child's age -- he was around 30 years old," she continued. "I got up from my chair and just hugged him. I told him he did all he could do -- he is so brave. Now whenever he comes to his appointments, he stops in and hugs me."

Ms. Anderson said one of the biggest rewards of her job is being able to see the fruits of her labors.

"It's wonderful when a member calls me and tells me he finally got his rating and it was enough for him to take care of his family," she remarked. "That's a huge fear with our service members who go through a medical evaluation board process and can no longer serve in the military."

Ms. Anderson is clear about the importance of her job. "I feel anyone can do this job if their heart is in the right place," she said. "It's important for our men and women who sacrifice their lives, and the sacrifice the families make to have a place to go -- a person that they can connect with. I have an open door policy -- they know if they need to talk or need help, they can call or come by. We'll do what we can to assist and intervene on their behalf to get them headed in the right direction."

Ms. Anderson is grateful for the opportunity she's been given to serve wounded warriors at the grass roots level. "I am so blessed," she said.

Keesler nurse wins education award

By Steve Pivnick

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KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. — Maj. Amber Barker, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron, has received the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses 2010 Award of Excellence in Education "for her commitment to educating patients and fellow health-care providers in an effort to improve patient health and the delivery of health care." The award was presented at the recent AWHONN national convention in Las Vegas.

Major Barker is maternal child flight nurse manager and element leader. Prior to her current assignment, she served as the nurse manager and obstetrics educator at Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, the Air Force's largest and busiest labor and delivery unit.

The news release from AWHONN announcing the major's selection noted, "Seeing a deficit in their training program, Major Barker created an education program for her unit, which raised

educational requirements compliance from 15 to 100 percent

"In addition, she hosted the unit's first skills fair in over five years on a variety of topics ranging from newborn screening to postpartum hemorrhage. Major Barker's training course has become an annual activity."

Following her service in Iraq, Major Barker has been a regular speaker for a course educating nurses about self-care and nursing care in a combat zone.

AWHONN presents its Award of Excellence in Education to a member with an outstanding history of educating colleagues and others. Winners have made contributions to women's health, obstetric and neonatal nursing education, teaching and knowledge.

AWHONN's Chief Executive Officer Karen Peddicord said, "Major Barker's dedication to improving the education of nurses has improved the lives of women and newborns all across the world. Her passion for education has greatly impacted the nursing profession and helps nurses continue to provide the highest quality care."

Nurse cherishes experience of Marine Corps Marathon

By Steve Pivnick

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KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. — Kristin Reed almost met her goal of finishing the Oct. 31 Marine Corps Marathon in four hours, 30 minutes. Reed, one of almost 22,000 runners, finished the Washington, D.C. event in 4:38.

Reflecting on her participation, Reed, a nurse in the 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron, said, "The experience put meaning to the words 'sacrifices of

war.' I ran past a Marine in a wheelchair who was a doubleleg amputee. Four of his buddies ran with him in full uniform -- one on each corner -- carrying rucksacks. Two of them carried the young man's prosthetic legs on top of their rucks. It reminded me why I became a member of the Air Force Nurse Corps

-- to take care of my brothers and sisters out there taking care of me.

"I also ran past three gentlemen carrying flags -- the American flag, the Marine flag and the POW flag," Reed continued. "It made me want to run in support of something or to raise money for a meaningful organization. Up to this point, I've only run for myself, never to represent someone else.

As I ran, I heard one gentleman yell out to another, then I saw them embrace. I'm certain I witnessed the reunion of two long-lost friends. They continued to run side-by-side while chatting as though they had much to catch up on.

"As an added bonus, all of this took place in our nation's capital," she added. "Washington D.C. is beautiful, and the monuments symbolize where we've been as a country and where we continue to progress and grow together."

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A Military Christmas Salute

The embers glowed softly, and in their dim light,
I gazed round the room and I cherished the sight.
My wife was asleep, her head on my chest,
My daughter beside me, angelic in rest.
Outside the snow fell, a blanket of white,
Transforming the yard to a winter delight.
The sparkling lights in the tree I believe,
Completed the magic that was Christmas Eve.
My eyelids were heavy, my breathing was deep,
Secure and surrounded by love I would sleep.
In perfect contentment, or so it would seem,
So I slumbered, perhaps I started to dream.

The sound wasn't loud, and it wasn't too near,
But I opened my eyes when it tickled my ear.
Perhaps just a cough, I didn't quite know,
Then the sure sound of footsteps outside in the snow.
My soul gave a tremble, I struggled to hear,
And I crept to the door just to see who was near.
Standing out in the cold and the dark of the night,
A lone figure stood, his face weary and tight.

A soldier, I puzzled, some twenty years old,
Perhaps a Marine, huddled here in the cold.
Alone in the dark, he looked up and smiled,
Standing watch over me, and my wife and my child.
"What are you doing?" I asked without fear,
"Come in this moment, it's freezing out here!
Put down your pack, brush the snow from your sleeve,
You should be at home on a cold Christmas Eve!"

For barely a moment I saw his eyes shift,
Away from the cold and the snow blown in drifts.
To the window that danced with a warm fire's light
Then he sighed and he said "It's really all right,
I'm out here by choice. I'm here every night."
It's my duty to stand at the front of the line,
That separate you from the darkest of times.
No one had to ask or beg or implore me,
I'm proud to stand here like my fathers before me.
My Gramps died at 'Pearl on a day in December."
Then he sighed, "That's a Christmas 'Gram always remembers."
My dad stood his watch in the jungles of 'Nam",
And now it is my turn and so, here I am.
I've not seen my own son in more than a while,
But my wife sends me pictures, he's sure got her smile.

Then he bent and he carefully pulled from his bag,
The red, white, and blue...An American flag.
I can live through the cold and the being alone,
Away from my family, my house and my home.
I can stand at my post through the rain and the sleet,
I can sleep in a foxhole with little to eat.
I can carry the weight of killing another,
Or lay down my life with my sister and brother..
Who stand at the front against any and all,
To ensure for all time that this flag will not fall."

"So go back inside," he said, "harbor no fight,
Your family is waiting and I'll be all right."
"But isn't there something I can do, at the least,
Give you money," I asked, "or prepare you a feast?
It seems all too little for all that you've done,
For being away from your wife and your son."
Then his eye welled a tear that held no regret,
"Just tell us you love us, and never forget.
To fight for our rights back at home while we're gone,
To stand your own watch, no matter how long.
For when we come home, either standing or dead,
To know you remember we fought and we bled.
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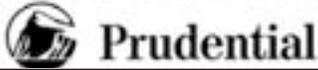
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