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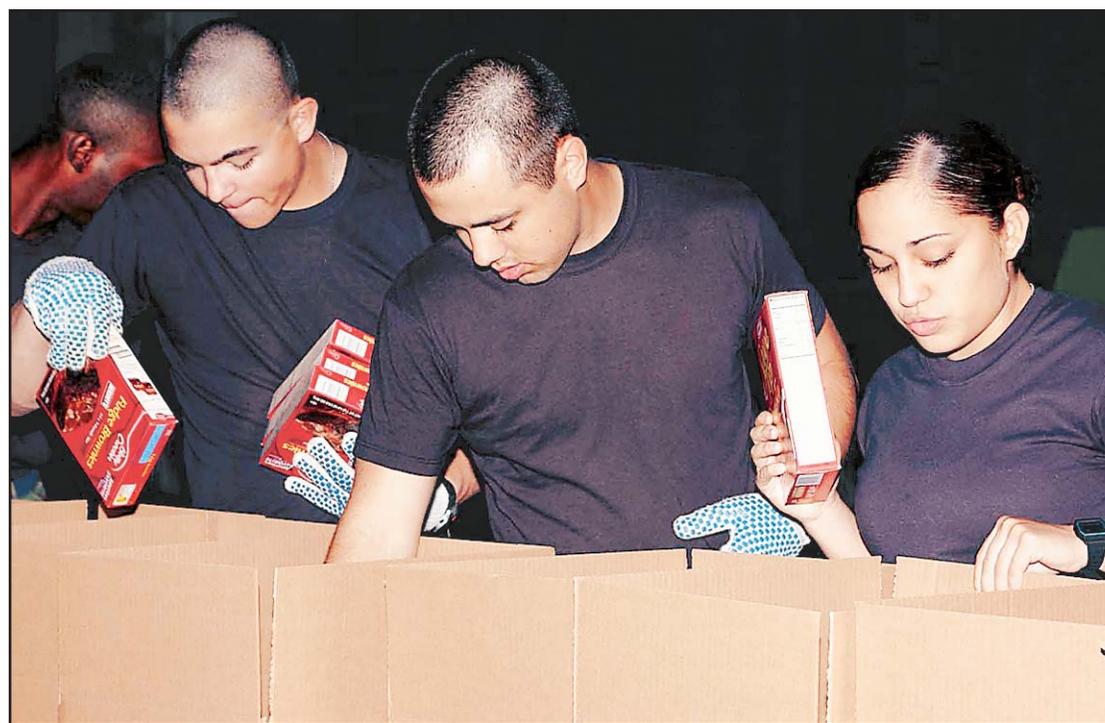
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## Santa receives helping hand from students

From left, Airman Basic Steven Hyden, Airman 1st Class Thomas Hubble and Airman Basic Dianna Gonzalez, 336th Training Squadron students, pack holiday food boxes Monday for the Salvation Army angel tree at the agency's warehouse in Biloxi. Fifteen students from several training squadrons packed nearly 1,500 boxes in about 5 1/2 hours.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

## Leaders: Quality of life still priority

**Air Force Print News and Keesler News staff**  
Airmen can still expect high-caliber quality-of-life programs that take care of them and their families, despite changes within the service, leaders assured recently.

"Quality of life continues to be one of our top three priorities," said Lt. Gen. Roger Brady, Air Force deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel at the Pentagon. "It's an area we look at carefully, and we have a long tradition of pro-

viding for our folks. We are most concerned with what it takes to care for our expeditionary Airmen and their families."

Like many other career fields and Air Force programs, the services organization faces cuts in personnel and funding due to the Program Budget Decision 720 directed by Congress. It's a situation that has forced leaders to re-evaluate the definition of quality of life, said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney McKinley.

"It's very important for us to define

quality of life," he said. "In my opinion, it's making sure Airmen have a quality workplace, (and) adequate housing on and off base and in the dorms. It's providing child care and libraries, and ensuring Airmen have access to nutritional meals.

"But at the same time, we have to look deeper and determine what are benefits and what are perks."

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## This week in the Triangle

Communications-computer systems control, 10 a.m. today, Thomson Hall.  
Computer networking cryptographic system, 10 a.m. today, Bryan Hall.  
Information management, 10 a.m., today Thomson Hall.  
Radio communications, 10 a.m. today, Thomson Hall.  
Aerospace control and warning systems operator, 9:30 a.m. Friday, Bryan Hall.  
Ground radio communications, 10 a.m. Monday, Jones Hall.  
Airborne mission systems specialist, 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dolan Hall.  
Airfield systems, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jones Hall.  
Ground radar systems, 9 a.m. Wednesday, Cody Hall.  
Personnel, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Wolfe Hall.  
Weather forecaster, 10 a.m. Wednesday, weather training complex.



October honor flight

### Student numbers

Total students — 3,018  
Non-prior service — 2,067  
Temporary duty — 836  
Joint service — 95  
Combat controllers — 20  
Non-prior service arrivals — 152  
Guard, Reserve — 524  
International — 32  
Fiscal 2007 graduates — 3,586  
Total since 1942 — 2,237,958

# COMMENTARY

## Team Keesler, thank you for support, encouragement

By Chief Master Sgt. Aliquippa Allen

81st Training Wing command chief

As I close this chapter of my life, I thank each and every one of you for your support and words of encouragement during my tenure at Keesler.

To be given the privilege to serve as the 81st Training Wing's command chief is by far the greatest honor I've received in my Air Force career.

Throughout my 27 years in the Air Force, I've met and worked with some dynamic people. However, I've never worked with a more resilient group of people than the men and women of Team Keesler.

Over the past 27 months, I've personally witnessed many of you face what to some

may seem to be insurmountable obstacles. You've come through as mighty warriors.

Your thoughtfulness, contributions and helping hands continue to heal hearts and assist in the recovery of this wing, as well as the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Hurricane Katrina, the greatest natural disaster in our nation's history, touched all of us, but it didn't stop us from supporting the Air Force's mission of educating, training and developing the future of our Air Force, our Airmen.

Please continue to support each other and remain flexible because there are many changes on the horizon.

I wish each of you God's grace, mercy and certainly his blessings as you continue to defend the freedom of this great nation.

## Improving our customer service

By Col. (Dr.) Michael Johnson

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron commander

The quality of customer service is "in the eye of the beholder."

In looking at our squadron's business through our client's eyes, we discovered three issues I think apply to anyone.

First, we encountered the idea of impression verses reality, then discovered the importance of the idea of competition, and finally, we coined the term "hurdle economics" to describe what was happening in some of our sections.

I've read that first impressions are usually permanent and, at times, unfair. Unfortunately, first impressions of the quality of a service are the reality. This axiom is true for any service business where the product can't be measured or readily compared.

How do we improve the view of our service?

First, listen carefully and non-judgmentally to complaints. If we find that one person complains, we must not be so conceited as to think it's the first or only complaint. Nor should we dismiss the complaint because we feel the person is a chronic complainer, annoying, crazy or wrong. Some opportunity can be found in every complaint.

Second, put ourselves in our clients' place and ask questions. Would I want only one choice of time for this "mandatory" appointment? Would I want to wait six weeks for a response to my application?

My wife recently experienced one of our base services. She was told she had to attend a mandatory briefing prior to advancing in the

program. She asked why it was offered only twice a month and then only at 1 p.m. Time was a problem for her because of her job. The answer was, "Because that's when we have it. It's mostly for active-duty anyway and they can always get out of work."

That kind of service doesn't foster much confidence. If she could've gone somewhere else, she would've.

This brings me to the second point: Competition. Competition hasn't been one of those things we in the military have had to worry about — until now.

Privatization, outsourcing, right-sizing, make-buy, whatever you call it, competition is in. If bluesuiters don't compete well, someone else will and we'll be out of a job.

Prior to coming to Keesler, I had the eye-opening pleasure of moonlighting in a civilian medical practice. The firm contracted with a practice management company. The consultant made several simple, yet significant, changes after assuming the role of a patient. He then eliminated unnecessary steps, and with them, irritations.

We call unnecessary steps "hurdle economics," my third issue. This can be defined as a series of hurdles or no-value-added steps the client must overcome to access the service.

It will be easy for us to allow customer service to suffer in the coming years. Everyone will feel the budget ax.

If we allow our dedication to customer service to wane, we'll begin a death spiral which ultimately leads to poor service, dissatisfied clients and the permanent loss of the military service sector.

## ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso

81st Training Wing commander

First, try to work concerns through the proper chain of command. When you've exhausted this recourse, turn to the commander's action line for assistance.

We welcome any suggestions to help make this a more valuable and useful tool. You may call the commander's action line at 377-4357, write to Commander's Action Line, 81 TRW/PA, Keesler AFB, MS 39534-2603, e-mail 81 TRW Commander's Action Line (on-base) or commanders.line@keesler.af.mil (off-base). For a personal response, include your name, address and phone number.

Items of general interest may appear in this column.

For your convenience, below is a list of key customer service phone numbers at Keesler:

Base locator — 377-2890  
Base operator — 377-1110  
Base taxi (official use) — 377-2430  
Career assistance adviser — 377-3697  
Central medical appointments — 1-800-700-8603  
Child development center — 377-2211  
Civil engineering — 377-5561  
Civilian personnel — 377-2268  
Military personnel flight — 377-2276  
Keesler Federal Credit Union — 385-5500  
Emergencies — 911  
Family campground — 594-0543  
Airmen and family readiness center — 377-2179  
Finance — 377-4212  
81st Communications Squadron help desk — 377-0066  
Housing — 377-9741  
Identification cards — 377-3203  
Inspector general — 377-3010  
Legal assistance — 377-3510

Library — 377-2181  
Lodging (reservations) — 377-9986  
Medical center information — 377-6550  
Military equal opportunity — 377-2759  
Military pay — 377-7272  
Pass and registration — 377-3893  
Pharmacy (refill call-in) — 377-6360  
Satellite pharmacy — 377-9791  
Public affairs — 377-2783  
Red Cross — 377-3030  
Sexual assault prevention and response team — 377-8635  
Law enforcement desk — 377-3040  
Shoppette, Class Six — 432-2367  
Telephone trouble — 377-2130  
Traffic management (outbound) — 377-2446  
Traffic management (inbound) — 377-7813  
Visitor center — 377-2595  
Youth center — 377-4116



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## Keesler's 2006 safety goals

**Make safety ...**  
a core value,  
a best business practice,  
a competitive and asymmetric  
advantage.

**Make every employee ...**  
feel safe at work and home.



If you've had too much to drink,  
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377-7283,  
10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Thursdays  
before dawn Fridays,  
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Keesler News delivery,  
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377-4130.

# TRAINING AND EDUCATION

## Weather warriors get special training at Keesler



Photo by Staff Sgt. Alice Moore  
Staff Sgt. Jason Noel provides current weather conditions for aircrew Oct. 16 at Balad. Sergeant Noel, deployed from Offutt AFB, Neb., is a combat weather forecaster with the 332nd EOSS.

### Air Force Print News and Keesler News staff

When Staff Sgt. James Brown steps out for the first time during his day at Balad Air Base, Iraq, he scans the sky. He already knows what type of day he'll have at work before he steps into his office because weather is his business.

The combat weather forecasters assigned to the 332nd Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron monitor local weather conditions 24/7 to ensure safe flight conditions for the aircraft flying in and out of Balad.

"Weather support here is provided by a team of forward-deployed and rear-echelon weather support agencies," said Master Sgt. Michael Dannelly, noncommissioned officer in charge of the weather flight. He's deployed from Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

"The 332nd EOSS combat weather team, or weather flight, is the lead weather unit here. We collect local observations, provide flight weather briefings and disseminate weather watches, warnings and advisories," Sergeant Dannelly said.

For the past five years, all Airmen and lieutenants in the weather career field have come

to Keesler to take the 335th Training Squadron's combat weather course to prepare for duty in deployed locations.

To accomplish their missions, combat weather teams accomplish their missions using several electronic tools including visual satellite loops and infrared enhancements that detect incoming dust storms and clouds, and radar displays that detect inclement weather such as thunderstorms.

They also use a tool called a meteogram, a computer-based program that allows the forecasters to view a forecasted slice of the atmosphere.

However, their resources don't end with electronics, according to Sergeant Brown, also deployed from Hill. He's a former member of the support staff at Keesler's weather school.

"We also rely on our observation point to collect basic information such as hourly winds, visibility, temperature and cloud heights," he said. "We use (distance) markers to help measure distances."

The distances are used to inform pilots of the visual range of the runway as they approach for landing.

The flight has four forecasters on each shift readily available to provide continuous weather updates to a wide variety of Army, Air Force and Department of Defense civilians at Balad. The flight provides approximately 100 flight weather briefs a day, Sergeant Dannelly said.

He also said one of the toughest challenges of being in a deployed environment comes with bad weather.

"It's not as challenging on nice weather days, but when everybody and their brother starts calling during bad weather, it gets pretty hectic," he said. "Our biggest challenge is definitely the dust and the sand. It's very difficult to predict the intensity and dispersal of the dust storms here."

Although the shop has its challenges, being deployed also comes with its rewards.

"You can definitely see we have a huge mission impact here. It's good because you're able to see it (bad weather) play out and know you had a hand in keeping people safe," Sergeant Brown said.

Susan Griggs, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.

# DeCA launches scholarship program for 2007

By Bonnie Powell

## Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. — Applications for the Scholarships for Military Children Program applications sponsored by the Defense Commissary Agency are available for 2007.

Applications for the \$1,500 scholarships are available at 264 commissaries worldwide, or can be downloaded through links at <http://www.commissaries.com>, <http://www.militaryscholar.org> or <http://www.dodea.edu>.

“Scholarships for Military Children is a wonderful military community program,” said Patrick Nixon, DeCA director and chief executive officer. “Nearly 3,000 scholarships totaling over \$4 million have been awarded

since the first awards were given in 2001.”

The \$1,500 scholarships are available for children of military active-duty, retired, Guard and Reserve service members. Most of the funds are donated by manufacturers, brokers and suppliers selling groceries in commissaries. Every dollar donated to the program by industry or the general public goes to fund the scholarships. The program is administered by the Fisher House Foundation.

“Every cent that community organizations can mobilize to support college-bound students is an investment in the future,” said Joseph Tafoya, director of the Department of Defense Education Activity.

“With college costs soaring, our

DOD students and their parents appreciate every available scholarship to help defray the cost, and the scholarships enable many of our families to better afford the tuition and provide an incentive for students to work hard,” Mr. Tafoya said.

“They also demonstrate that military communities are committed to education and increased opportunities for all students,” he said.

Donations can be made through the link at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>, the official program Web site.

Applications for 2007, which include an essay on “how and why” the applicant would change an historical event, must be turned in at a commissary by close of business Feb. 21, 2007. At least one \$1,500 scholarship

is awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants.

The program is open to unmarried children under the age of 21 (23 if enrolled in school) of military active-duty, Reserve, Guard and retired personnel. Eligibility is determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. Applicants should ensure they, as well as their sponsor, are enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current identification card.

The applicant must be planning to attend, or already attending, an accredited college or university full-time in the fall term of 2007, or enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

# TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

## HAZMAT training

Hazardous waste management training is 8-11 a.m. today in the Wolfe Hall Auditorium.

For more information, call or e-mail Thomas Minton, hazardous waste manager, 377-3004, thomas.minton@keesler.af.mil.

## Student parade

A student parade is 3:30 p.m. today on the parade grounds.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Deanna Attaway, 377-2103.

## CCAF online

Visit the Air Force Virtual Education Center, <https://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod>, to create MyAFVEC accounts to access

online customer service tools.

With the tools, people can request Community College of the Air Force transcripts, track receipt of civilian transcripts, view degree progress reports and check if a course counts toward a CCAF degree.

## Parking lot closure

The parking lot adjacent to the Keesler NCO Academy is scheduled to be closed 7:15-10:45 a.m. Dec. 13 for drill evaluations.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Rosetta Lee, 377-2740.

## Hap Arnold grants

March 9 is the deadline to apply for the Air Force Aid Society's Gen. Henry H. "Hap" Arnold grant program for undergraduate studies.

The \$2,000 grants are provided to selected children of active duty, Title 10 Air National Guard members and reservists on extended active duty, Title 32 guard members performing full-time active duty, retired, retired Reservists with at least 20 qualifying years of service, and deceased Air Force members.

Spouses of active-duty members and Title 10 Guard and Reserve members on extended active duty; and survivors of deceased members are eligible.

For more information, visit the airman and family readiness flight in old Cody Hall, visit the AFAS Web site at <http://www.afas.org> or call 377-2179.

## JROTC openings

Air Force Junior ROTC

positions are available to retired or soon-to-be retired officers and noncommissioned officers.

Call 1-866-235-7682, ext. 35275 or 35300, or DSN 493-5275 or 5300.

## Physical therapy

### Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Air Force officials are taking applications for the physical therapy doctoral program which begins Dec. 18, 2007, at the Health Science Center at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Active-duty Airmen with a bachelor's degree or who are in the final semester before receiving a degree that includes program prerequisites and are medically qualified for worldwide duty may apply.

Qualified applicants, call DSN 665-2775 or 1-210-565-2775 for applications.

## Tuition aid change

Tuition assistance pays only for reimbursable class fees.

Place the fee amount in the appropriate box of the course information screen at the Air Force Virtual Education Center's site when applying.

For more information, call 377-2323 or 2171.

## Civilian tuition aid

College tuition assistance is available for permanent civil service employees at Keesler.

Courses must be related to the Air Force mission.

For more information, call or visit the education office, 377-2323, Room 212, old Cody Hall.

# NEWS AND FEATURES

## Force-shaping Board convenes March 12 for officers

### Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The next force-shaping board convenes March 12 at the Air Force Personnel Center for officers in the 2003 and 2004 year groups.

The board evaluates active-duty line officers in overage career fields in the 2004 accession year group, as well as navigator, air battle manager, space and missile and developmental engineer officers in the 2003 year group. These career fields weren't reviewed in last year's FSB.

Retention recommendation forms must be completed for all board-eligible officers with between two and 15 years total active federal service as of Sept. 29, 2007. The RRF, which includes senior rater recommendations to retain or separate, must be forwarded to AFPC no later than Jan. 15.

Board-eligible officers may elect to apply for voluntary separation until March 1. Separation dates are set no later than Sept. 29, but officers may apply for an earlier separation date.

The board's objective is to shape the future force by retaining officers the Air Force needs to develop as its future leaders. The board makes its determination based on information contained in the officers' central selection record and a retention recommendation form.

The central selection record consists of:

#### Officer selection brief.

Officer performance reports and training reports.

#### Decorations.

**Letter to the board** — board-eligible officers are authorized to submit a letter to the board to provide additional information relevant to the board decision process that isn't included in any other documents in the central selection record.



### Separation — are you vulnerable?

For more information about the force-shaping board and volunteer separation opportunities or to view the career field vulnerability-to-separate chart, visit the Air Force Personnel Center's force-shaping Web site, <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/retsep/forceshaping/shape.htm> or call the AFPC contact center, 1-800-616-3775.

**Retention recommendation form** — the first colonel or GS-15 in the officer's chain of command writes a nine-line narrative and makes a recommendation. The senior rater reviews the form to concur or non-concur with the initial reviewer's recommendation. The senior rater also provides a mandatory ranking on all officers in the unit by accession year group and Air Force Specialty Code.

Eligible permanent-change-of-station students, such as those at intelligence school or attending the Air Force Institute of Technology, have a narrative-only RRF completed by the host wing or AFIT commander outlining the officer's training program and performance.

A voluntary force shaping program is still in place for interested officers with the following separation options that may also include a waiver for recouping education costs:

**Limited active-duty service commitment waivers** which allow individuals to separate before the expiration of certain active-duty service commitments.

**Palace Chase** for Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard.

**The Army's blue-to-green program.**

**Opportunities** also exist for Airmen to continue to serve their country through federal civilian employment.

These voluntary initiatives close to board-eligible officers March 1.

## IN THE NEWS

### CFC final total 211 percent of goal

Keesler's final total for this year's Combined Federal Campaign is \$254,867, according to Lt. Col. George Budz, project officer.

That's 211 percent of the base's goal of \$120,536.

### Recycling champs

Winners of the Nov. 15 America Recycles Day recycling contest are the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, first place with 67.2 pounds, and 81st Medical Operations Squadron, second place, 55.8 pounds.

### NSPS 101 course

Supervisors of covered civilian employees are expected to learn the new National Security Personnel System.

NSPS 101, an online training course, is available at <http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/nsps101/nsps/index.htm>. It takes less than an hour to complete the course, which is a prerequisite to technical training to be conducted on base. When the online course is completed, print and hold a certificate verifying the training.

Keesler is scheduled to convert approximately 500 non-union civilian positions to NSPS in January.

### Family days vs. duty days

Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 are Air Education and Training Command "family days."

Dec. 29, a compressed work schedule day at Keesler, is a duty day for military members. Air Force Instruction 36-3003 limits consecutive non-duty days to four days.

Dec. 29 remains a CWS day for civilian employees.

Customer service organizations such as personnel offices, finance and Keesler Medical Center clinics are closed Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

### Seabees open new pass, ID office

The Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport has relocated its pass and identification office to Building 117-T1 near the Pass Road Gate at the intersection of John Paul Jones Avenue and East 8th Street.

Hours are 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, except federal holidays.

### End-of-year Keesler News

By contract, the Keesler News doesn't publish during the weeks of the Christmas and New Year's federal holidays.

The last issue of the base newspaper for 2006 is Dec. 21. The first issue of 2007 is Jan. 11. The deadline for submissions to the Jan. 11 issue is noon Jan. 8.

The Keesler News office is closed Dec. 25, Christmas Day, and Jan. 1, New Year's Day.

Due to the Martin Luther King birthday federal holiday Jan. 15, the deadline for the Jan. 18 Keesler News is noon Jan. 11, four days earlier than usual.

The newspaper office is closed Jan. 15 in observance of the holiday.

### Off-limits establishments

Off-limits establishments for military members are the Blue Note Lounge, Boulevard Nightclub and Henry Beck Park (except during daylight hours or official events) in Biloxi; Carver Village, Bunksmall Apartments and H&H Hideaway in Pascagoula, and Toni's Lounge in Moss Point.

# Keesler's top enlisted leader retires today

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Chief Master Sergeant Aliquippa Allen, command chief master sergeant for the 81st Training Wing, retires today with 27 years of military service.

As the wing's senior advisor for enlisted matters for the past 27 months, Chief Allen has advised the wing commander on all aspects related to the utilization, training, management and morale of 6,200 enlisted personnel.

She also served as a liaison for civic, base, command and Air Force agencies to enhance support for enlisted programs.

"I've never worked with a more resilient group of people than the men and women of Team Keesler, particularly

in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina," Chief Allen said.

An Alabama native, the chief graduated from Dodge Vocational High School, Bronx, N.Y. with honors in 1978 and enlisted in the Air Force in 1979.

Chief Allen's previous assignments were at Homestead Air Force Base, Fla.; George AFB, Calif.; Ramstein Air Base, Germany; Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.; Kunsan AB, Korea, and the Defense Electronics Supply Center, Kettering, Ohio. Before arriving at Keesler in 2004, she was commandant of the Peterson NCO Academy.

Earlier this year, she was deployed to Iraq for four months as superintendent of the 447th Air Expeditionary Group at Baghdad International Airport.

Chief Allen earned associate degrees in logistics management and aerospace management from the Community College of the Air Force, a bachelor's degree in information systems from the University of Maryland's European Division and a master's degree in procurement and acquisition from Webster University in Colorado Springs.

Her decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters and Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters.

The chief is retiring to her hometown, Demopolis, Ala., where she'll be three hours closer to her son, Darius Allen, a junior at Alabama A&M University.



Chief Allen

## Quality,

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Both leaders said while a top-notch fitness center is probably seen as a quality-of-life benefit to Airmen, a towel handed to them is more of a perk, as are around-the-clock fitness center access and big screen televisions, for example.

In a time when the Air Force must make every dollar count, these perks can be costly, so the Air Force may no longer provide funding for them, according to General Brady and Chief McKinley.

Towel service at Blake and Dragon fitness centers at Keesler was discontinued sometime ago.

On the other hand, Air Education and Training Command Services has provided \$18,700 to fund intramural basketball, football and softball programs at Keesler. This support enables the base's new sports director, Laurence Wilson, to launch an intramural basketball season in January.

The appetite for recreational activity at Keesler is also about to be served by the scheduled re-opening Dec. 11 of Gaude Lanes. The bowling alley has been closed since June for repairs and renovation.

"Nobody likes to be inconvenienced," said General

Brady, "and we may sacrifice some convenience, but I don't think those are the kinds of things we are about. We are more concerned with what will affect families and individuals who serve, and those are the things we have to pay attention to."

The consolidation of some dining facilities and satellite fitness centers were determined through patronage and cost savings. Those locations, however, ensure they still have the capability to provide for their population with eating establishments both on and off base, he added.

Pecan Dining Facility at Keesler has been closed for budgetary reasons. However, food service operations don't seem to have suffered at the three remaining dining facilities — Azalea, Live Oak and Magnolia. Together, they're AETC's nominee for the Hennessy Award as the Air Force's top multiple facility program.

All three fitness centers at Keesler — Blake, Dragon and Triangle — have re-opened in the months since Katrina. The use of Blake is temporarily limited due to a floor replacement project.

"We have to evaluate all facilities and how we spend our money," General Brady said, "but it's important Airmen know that their readiness will always be at the forefront. Winning the war on terror is the Air Force's top

priority. We are committed to maintaining the quality of life for our deployed warfighters, so they can continue their focus on the mission."

General Brady also emphasized services devoted to family members, such as child care, won't be greatly affected and there are no plans to close child care centers.

"I think child care is very important," he said. "We are a family force, and so we have people who serve this nation who need to be able to take care of their families. We're expeditionary, too, so people are gone a lot or work long hours, and there are dual-military and single-parent families. Things like child care are critically important, and so we must maintain that capability to give confidence to those who serve that their families will be taken care of."

Chief McKinley said he doesn't foresee any negative impact on recruiting or retention based upon the changes to quality-of-life programs.

"We'll still maintain a great quality of life for our Airmen and families," he said. "We all have to understand that our Air Force must make difficult decisions today to ensure we have the right capabilities for the future."

Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

# PERSONNEL NOTES

**Editor's note:** This column is a service of the Keesler News. Contributors include the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, and the 81st Mission Support Squadron's military and civilian personnel flights.

## Ensuring selection records current

### Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — With the senior master sergeant board coming up in early 2007, eligible senior NCOs must ensure their selection records are up to date.

The selection record is probably the single most important record in an Air Force member's career, not the brown unit personnel record group folder at the military personnel flight as most people think.

Board members assess an individual's promotion potential based only on information contained in the selection record. It's each individual's responsibility to ensure that record is correct.

All senior NCOs should review their records to ensure their performance reports and decorations are on file with the Selection Board Secretariat. Even if documents are reflected in the virtual military personnel flight and the military personnel data system, individuals should confirm hard copies are in their selection record.

Senior NCOs can request a copy of their board secretariat record on file at AFPC, based on two categories of requests: "As Is" and "As Met." Members may request one "As Is" copy and one "As Met" copy of their selection record within a consecutive 12-month period.

To request a copy, members use the selection record request worksheet on the board secretariat Web site. Members must scan and e-mail the completed worksheet to [Records.Review@randolph.af.mil](mailto:Records.Review@randolph.af.mil), or fax it to DSN 665-2693 or commercial 1-210-565-2693. Selection records are only forwarded to an authorized military e-mail account.

## Special command pay on way out

### Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Command responsibility pay, which has been authorized for payment to selected Air Force commanders since 2002, is being phased out by Sept. 30, 2007.

"Several factors have contributed to the need to eliminate CRP," said Maj. Gen. Tony Przybylski, Air Force Personnel Center commander. "These include constant changes in eligibility based on legal requirements as well as the Air Force's need to free up dollars to reinvest in future capabilities."

CRP terminates for all eligible Sept. 30 with certain exceptions. Commanders rotating between command positions or whose initial date of command is on or after Jan. 1 won't receive CRP. Officers filling colonels' billets that were previously identified for removal from the list due to statutory limitations lose their CRP on Dec. 31 and are notified individually.

While the authority to pay CRP to selected commanders has been on the books for more than 50 years, the Air Force opted out of exercising the authority until 2002. In 2002, the secretary of the Air Force determined CRP should be paid to Air Force commanders. Since then, the Air Force's budget priorities have changed dramatically, officials said.

The law caps the number of members who can draw this pay at 10 percent of those serving in each rank, major through colonel. End strength and grade reductions have forced the Air Force into a position where it can't conform to statutory requirements without annual adjustments to the program, which translates into ever-shifting eligibility for those officers whose positions were identified for payment. Additionally, officials said, the combination of statutory caps and funding limitations has left some officers serving in valid command billets off the list.

This same limitation has also forced the removal of others previously authorized from the list.

# Use, distribution of drugs result in courts-martial

Legal office and Keesler News staff

Two airmen first class at Keesler were court-martialed in October on drug-related charges.

**81st Supply Squadron** — convicted of use and distribution of methamphetamine, he was reduced to airman basic, confined for four months and given a bad conduct discharge.

**81st Medical Operations Squadron** — convicted of cocaine use, he was reduced to airman basic and performed hard labor for 45 days.

Staff Sgt. Courtney Carroll, legal office, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

## DUIs rise in October

81st Security Forces Squadron and Keesler News staff

Incidents of driving under the influence were up and cases of underage drinking down at Keesler in October.

Five DUIs were reported for the month by 81st Security Forces Squadron officials, one more than in September.

Two September DUIs involved permanent party Air Force members. The other three were civilians.

For the year to date, 81st SFS records show 64 DUIs. January, April and August have seen the highest number, nine each, while February is at the other end of the scale with three.

Underage drinking cases dropped from a high for the year of 12 in September to eight last month.

Five October cases involved technical training students, two were permanent party members and one was unidentified.

The 81st SFS has recorded 55 underage drinking incidents through 10 months. May was free of any such incidents.

Tech. Sgt. James Kirk, 81st SFS, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

## MILITARY JUSTICE

### Alcohol-related offenses prove costly for 11 Airmen

Legal office and Keesler News staff

Eleven Airmen at Keesler received Articles 15 for alcohol-related offenses in October.

All are members of training squadrons — three each from the 332nd and 336th TRS, two each from the 335th and 338th TRS and one from the 334th TRS.

**An airman basic** in the 335th TRS forfeited \$500 pay per month for two months and was sent to correctional custody for 30 days for leaving base in civilian clothes while in Phase II status. One month of the forfeitures was suspended for six months.

**An airman first class** in the 338th TRS was reduced to airman and forfeited \$713 pay per month for two months for underage drinking and attending a party in a hotel. One month of the forfeitures was suspended for six months.

**An airman first class** in the 336th TRS was reduced to airman, forfeited \$713 pay per month for two months and given 30 days correctional custody for underage drinking. The correctional custody was suspended for six months. The suspension was later vacated, and the airman was sent to correctional custody for 30 days for sleeping during details.

**An airman first class** in the 338th TRS was reduced to airman, forfeited \$636 pay per month for two months and given 30 days correctional custody for underage drinking and driving and having alcohol in his dormitory room. Reduction to airman basic and correctional custody were suspended for six months.

**An airman** in the 335th TRS forfeited \$500 pay and was sent to correctional cus-

tody for 30 days for underage drinking. Reduction to airman basic was suspended for six months.

**An airman basic** in the 336th TRS forfeited \$636 pay for two months and was sent to correctional custody for 30 days for underage drinking. One month of the forfeitures was suspended for six months.

**An airman** in the 332nd TRS was reduced to airman basic, forfeited \$636 pay per month for two months and was sent to correctional custody for 30 days for underage drinking and having alcohol in his dormitory room. One month of the forfeitures was suspended for six months.

**An airman** in the 332nd TRS was reduced to airman basic, forfeited \$636 pay per month for two months and was sent to correctional custody for 30 days for underage drinking. One month of the forfeitures was suspended for six months.

**An airman first class** in the 332nd TRS was reduced to airman, forfeited \$713 pay per month for two months and was sent to correctional custody for 30 days for providing alcohol to minors.

**An airman basic** in the 332nd TRS forfeited \$636 pay per month for two months and was sent to correctional custody for 30 days for underage drinking.

**An airman first class** in the 334th TRS was reduced to airman, forfeited \$250 pay and reprimanded for underage drinking. Reduction to airman basic was suspended for six months.

Staff Sgt. Courtney Carroll, legal office, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

# Decorating rules stress safety, energy conservation

## 'Tasteful, appropriate' home displays encouraged

By 2nd Lt. Nick Plante

Keesler News staff

As the holidays approach, housing officials want military family housing residents to be aware of the holiday decorating guidelines and restrictions.

When residents sign into base housing, they receive a handout from the office outlining their responsibilities concerning maintenance, housekeeping, pets and other policies and procedures. One section deals with holiday decorations.

Christmas decorations can only be displayed from the day after Thanksgiving until Jan. 6. Exterior decorating lights must be off from midnight to 5 a.m. to conserve energy.

"A date was established to prevent lights and other decorations from staying up all year," said Brett Long, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron housing flight facilities chief.

Although roof-top decorations or displays are prohibited, residents may use plastic hangars to fasten decorations to their unit's roof line.

"We don't want residents on the roofs for safety concerns, and we want to prevent possible damage to the roofs," Mr. Long said.

Holes can't be made in vinyl or metal material such as siding or gutters. Small nails or staples may be used in wood surfaces.

The housing handout also states displays are allowed for national holidays and events, providing they're tasteful and appropriate for the occasion. Permanent displays like wreaths are allowed only on the doors of housing units.

Housing officials understand the words "tasteful" and "appropriate" can lead to judgment calls.

"The rules and limits have been established by senior leadership from the past and present. The rules are sometimes adjusted as new displays appear," said Mr. Long. "We don't want anything that may be offensive."

He pointed out that additional guidance may be provided during specific holiday periods, and residents should consult the Keesler News and Channel 3, the commander's access channel, for details.

For more information, call 377-8741 or 0668.



## HOLIDAY NOTES

### Toys for Tots

Donations are being collected through Dec. 20 to provide gifts for needy children through Toys for Tots.

Boxes are set up across the base for new unwrapped toys for children up to 12 years old.

There's no specific price limit, but groups can join together to purchase more expensive items such as wagons and bicycles.

For more information, call Cheryl Moore, 209-7052.

### Party in the Park

The 81st Training Wing's Holiday Party in the Park is Dec. 7.

At 3:30 p.m. there's a live manger scene and Christmas village, with entertainment provided from 3:45-4:45 and children's activities and an arts and crafts project at 4.

The annual Christmas tree lighting is at 6 p.m., followed by Santa's arrival at 6:15 to visit with Keesler kids.

Free hot dogs, chili, chicken wings, cheese and vegetable trays, cider, hot chocolate and cookies are provided.

### Youth gift camp

A youth gift camp is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 9 at the arts and crafts center.

The \$25 fee covers lunch and supplies for three gifts.

For more information, call 377-2821.

### Christmas story time

Christmas story time for ages 2-5 is 10 a.m. Dec. 13 at McBride Library.

For more information, call 377-2181.

### Day room decorating

A squadron day room decorating contest is planned for permanent party and nonprior service dormitory residents.

Prizes are given for first and second place entries.

To enter, call 377-3308 by Dec. 14.

### Youth center party

The youth center's free holiday celebration is 2-5 p.m. Dec. 16 for ages 6 and older.

For more information, call 377-4116.

### Santa calling

To have your child receive a personal call from Santa Dec. 20-23, call the youth center, 377-4116, by Dec. 16.

### Gift wrapping

Free gift wrapping for nonprior service students is noon to 5 p.m. Dec. 17 at Vandenberg Community Center.

There's a four-gift limit per person.

For more information, call 377-5576 or 4355.

### Holiday camp

The youth center's holiday camp is 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 18-22 for ages 6-12.



### Santa Police lock 'em up Wednesday

The 81st Security Forces Squadron's Santa Police fundraiser is 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday in Avery Manor.

It's \$10 to jail someone for 30 minutes and \$5 for each additional 15 minutes. A digital photo is taken of each "inmate." Bail is posted by matching the cost of the warrant.

To purchase a warrant, call 377-9099 or 0895.

The registration fee is \$10 per child.

The registration deadline is Dec. 13.

For more information, call 377-4116.

### Tree trimming

Help is needed 5-9 p.m. Dec. 21 to decorate the Christmas tree at Vandenberg Community Center.

Free refreshments, movies and caroling are provided.

### Postal service

The postal service center in the Triangle is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 21 through Jan. 2, except for Christmas and New Year's Day.

### Bellingrath Gardens

A trip to Bellingrath Gardens in Alabama is 4-7 pm Dec. 22.

The \$33 fee covers transportation and admission. Sign up by Dec. 13 at the ticket and trip office in Vandenberg Community Center.

For more information, call 377-3818.

### Holiday games

Holiday games are planned for Dec. 25-30 at Vandenberg Community Center for students who remain at Keesler during the holidays.

For more information, call 377-5576 or 4355.

### Football party

A Direct TV football party for nonprior service students with pizza and popcorn is 11 a.m. Dec. 31 at Vandenberg Community Center.

For more information, call 377-5576 or 4355.

### New Year's Eve

Two New Year's Eve parties are planned at base facilities.

**At Gaude Lanes**, festivities are planned from 8 p.m. Dec. 31 to 2 a.m. Jan. 1 for ages 10 and older. Ages 13 and younger must be accompanied by a parent.

Bowling, games, hors d'oeuvres, midnight toast and breakfast, party favors and non-alcoholic beverages are provided. Alcoholic beverages are sold separately.

The reservation deadline is Dec. 22, and a minimum of 50 people is needed.

For prices, call 377-2817.

**At Vandenberg Community Center**, the party is from 6 p.m. Dec. 31 to 1 a.m. Jan. 1. The fee is \$3 per person for party favors and food.

For more information, call 377-5576 or 4355.

### Holiday rentals, shipping

Force One Rental provides United Parcel Service shipping and holiday rentals such as food servers, turkey fryers, tables, chairs and tents.

To reserve items or for more information, call 436-6714.

The store, located in Building 4818, is open 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

# World War I and between wars

## Air arm of American military ebbs and flows

**Editor's note:** This is the second in a three-part series on the Air Force from its earliest days to becoming a separate service.

### Air Force News Service

May 20, 1918, President Woodrow Wilson issued an executive order transferring aviation from the Signal Corps to two agencies under the secretary of War: the Bureau of Aircraft Production and the Division of Military Aeronautics.

May 24, the War Department officially recognized these two Army agencies as the Air Service of the Army.

Despite a combat record of only nine months (February-November 1918), the Air Service made a respectable showing during World War I. The Air Service had conducted 150 separate bombing attacks. Penetrating as far as 160 miles behind German lines, its aircraft had dropped about 138 tons of bombs. The Air Service downed 756 enemy aircraft and 76 enemy balloons, while losing 289 airplanes and 48 balloons.

The dispersal of aero squadrons among various Army organizations during the war made it difficult to coordinate aerial activities, which led to the creation of higher echelon organizations. At the front, squadrons with similar functions were formed into groups, the first organized in April 1918 as I Corps Observation Group. The following month, the 1st Pursuit Group was formed, and in July 1918 the American Expeditionary Forces organized its first aircraft unit higher than a group — the 1st Pursuit Wing — made up of the 2nd and 3rd Pursuit Groups and, later, the 1st Day Bombardment Group. In November 1918, the AEF possessed 14 groups (seven observation, five pursuit and two bombardment).

Following the armistice, demobilization of the Air Service was rapid and thorough.

At war's end, the Air Service possessed 185 aero



**The Sopwith Camel was the most successful fighter plane of World War I. The Camel shot down more enemy aircraft than any other fighter of any of the warring nations.**

squadrons, 44 aero construction, 114 aero supply, 11 aero replacement and 150 spruce production squadrons, 86 balloon companies, six balloon group headquarters, 15 construction companies, 55 photographic sections and a few miscellaneous units.

By Nov. 22, 1919, all had been demobilized except one aero construction, one aero replacement and 22 aero squadrons, 32 balloon companies, 15 photographic sections and a few miscellaneous units. Between Nov. 11, 1918, and June 30, 1920, officer strength plummeted from 19,189 to 1,168, and enlisted strength dropped from 178,149 to 8,428.

The Army Reorganization Act of 1920 made the Air Service a combatant arm of the Army and gave the chief of the Air Service the rank of major general. Tactical air units in the United States were placed under the nine Army corps area commanders, where they continued to be employed primarily in support of the ground forces. The chief of the Air Service retained command of various training schools, depots and other activities exempted from Army corps control.

During most of the 1920s, the total offensive strength of the Air Service in the United States consisted of one pursuit, one attack and one bom-

bardment group. Overseas, the Canal Zone and Philippines each had assigned one pursuit and one bombardment squadron, with two squadrons of each type stationed in the Hawaiian Islands. The Air Service focused initially on observation and pursuit aviation.

The formal training establishment took shape during the 1920s. The Air Service concentrated flying training in Texas. Technical schools for officers and enlisted men were at Chanute Field, Ill. The Air Service (later, Air Corps) Tactical School trained officers to command higher units and taught the employment of military aviation. First located at Langley Field, Va., this school moved to Maxwell Field, Ala., in 1931.

The Air Corps Act of 1926 changed the name of the Air Service to Air Corps, but left unaltered its status as a combatant arm of the Army.

The act also established the Office of Assistant Secretary of War for Air. The Air Corps had 919 officers and 8,725 enlisted men at this time, and its "modern aeronautical equipment" consisted of 60 pursuit planes and 169 observation planes. Total serviceable aircraft of all types numbered less than 1,000.

In August 1926, the Army established the Air Corps

Training Center in San Antonio, Texas. A few weeks later, the logistical organization was placed on firmer footing with the establishment of the materiel division, Air Corps, at Dayton, Ohio. A year later, this division moved to nearby Wright Field, thereafter the primary base for air logistics.

In Texas, Randolph Field, the "West Point of the Air," was dedicated June 20, 1930, and became the headquarters of the Air Corps Training Center and the site of the primary flying school in 1931. By June 30, 1932, the Air Corps had grown to 1,305 officers and 13,400 enlisted men, including cadets, and possessed 1,709 aircraft.

March 1, 1935, the General Headquarters Air Force became operational and assumed command and control over Air Corps tactical units.

The three GHQAF wings were at Langley Field, Va.; Barksdale Field, La.; and March Field, Calif. The Office of the Chief of the Air Corps and GHQAF reported separately to the Army chief of staff. The GHQAF commander directed tactical training and operations, while the chief of the Air Corps maintained control over procurement, supply, training schools and doctrine development. March 1, 1939, the chief of the Air Corps assumed control of the GHQAF.

Assured of a favorable reception in the White House, the Air Corps prepared plans in October 1938 for a force of 7,000 aircraft. President Franklin Roosevelt then asked the War Department to prepare a program for an Air Corps of 10,000 airplanes, of which 7,500 would be combat aircraft.

April 3, 1939, Congress authorized \$300 million for an Air Corps "not to exceed 6,000 serviceable airplanes."

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# AIR FORCE HERITAGE

# Decorating dilemmas: How to maximize space without breaking bank

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Small base housing units and frequent moves make home decorating a challenge for military families.

With a little focus on color, furniture, fabrics and lighting, military homes can be cozy, inviting and economical, according to John Folding and Sherry Box, two Gulfport decorators who gave a presentation on small space decorating at Keesler's recent spouses conference.

Suggested tips and tricks:

**Contrast** from light to dark makes a room feel small. Keep walls and furniture close to the same tone.

**Buying** furniture that's too big is an expensive mistake when decorating. In small rooms, use slim rockers, open-back chairs or a simple sofa or love seat instead of overstuffed furnishings that overpower a space.

**An open** headboard is best for a small bedroom.

**Keep** the view at eye level unobstructed — taller furnishings should be placed at the end of the room opposite its main entry.

**It's better** to buy one nice piece of furniture at a time than a whole room of cheaply-made furniture all at once.

**Buy** items that you really like and that should fit in wherever you move in the future.

**Multi-function** furniture can maximize your space, such as ottomans and armoires used for storage or a nightstand used as a dresser or desktop. Sofa-sleepers, daybeds or trundle beds can be used for seating as well as sleeping, and coffee tables can provide inside storage space.

**Storage** units are great space-savers. Put spices in a rack instead of a drawer, get a can holder for better soft drink storage in the refrigerator, use ice cube trays for smaller items such as earrings and use under-the-bed containers for quilts and linens.

**Adjust** shelves to make best use of space.

**Add** sliding shelves under cabinets.

**Pots** and pans can be hung on walls and tools can be hung on pegboards.

**You** shouldn't have to walk from one room to another to retrieve items you use every day — for example, store linens in the bedroom and videos near the television.

**Dining** room tables with extending tops can be adjusted for larger spaces or more guests.

**Wicker** can be used inside and outside.

Use pillows, blankets and fabric for cozy comfort indoors. Then you can move it outdoors when you decide to upgrade.

**Stackable** chairs are easy to store.



**Rolling** wooden carts with cabinets underneath can be used in any room.

**Fabrics** for drapes, floor cushions, pillows, bedspreads, bedskirts or tablecloths can personalize a room.

**Use** full-spectrum light bulbs to energize and enliven a home.

**Track lighting** frees up floor space and creates an expansive feeling.

**Install** lighting inside closets to make contents easier to maintain and to give a feeling of more space.

**Change out** unattractive lighting fixtures — you can replace the old ones before your next move and take the newer fixtures with you.

**Use** lamps for mood lighting and put dimmers on overhead lights.

**Upholster** walls and paint the ceiling.

**Hang** drapes at the ceiling and use vertical stripes to create an illusion of more space.

**Remove** interior doors and use curtains instead.

**Transfer** your music to your computer so you don't have a big stereo and lots of compact disks to store.

**Mirrors** maximize lighting and make spaces feel large and uncluttered.

**Add** extra rods in closets — one for long clothing and two more, one above the other, for shorter items.

**Multiple** shelf inserts are good for kitchen cabinets, and corner shelves are great for displaying photos and knick knacks.

**Make** your home work for you — rearrange your space to get the most use out of it.

**Rotate** decorative items every few months — remove items from display and replace with items in storage.

**Don't fight** what you can't change — just try to be imaginative and adapt.

# KEESLER NOTES

## Club giveaway

Two H3 Hummers are given away as part of the annual Air Force Club membership drive through today.

One winner comes from new members who sign up, and one is from those who were members as of Aug. 31.

To sign up, visit the Katrina Kantina in the marina park, or call 1-888-871-5608 and mention card code 5TH7.

## CGOC election

The company grade officer council's annual election is 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Katrina Kantina.

## Audiology open

Audiology and hearing aid services are available at the audiology clinic.

For appointments, call 1-800-700-8603.

## New CPO hours

The civilian personnel office now serves customers and returns phone calls from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. work days.

Priority is given to employees with appointments.

To make an appointment for matters related to labor, training and employee management

services, call 377-3142, and for staffing and classification matters, call 377-2268.

## Patients sought

The pediatric dentistry clinic is looking for patients for the advanced education in general dentistry residency.

Patients should be between 4-10-year-old dependents of active-duty or military retirees and not enrolled in the dental insurance plan. They're required to be available for treatment on Thursday mornings.

For more information or to make a screening appointment, call 376-5164.

## Dental volunteers

The 81st Dental Squadron has openings for volunteers.

Defense Department identification cardholders are preferred.

Volunteers receive a week of training and are required to work 1,000 hours to receive a certificate of completion. They assist in operative dentistry and most specialties, including oral surgery, endodontics and residency.

Hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. working Fridays.

For more information, call

377-4510, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. working Fridays.

## Trash, recyclables

Monday and Thursday are garbage pickup days in East and West Falcon Park, with Monday as the recycling day.

Tuesday and Friday are garbage pickup days in Bay Ridge, Shadowlawn and Pinehaven housing areas, with Tuesday as the recycling day.

Items must be at the curb by 6 a.m.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Willie Fairley, 377-5822.

## Switchboard issues

The telephone switchboard is a contract operation monitored by the 81st Communication Squadron.

Formal complaints or comments based on operator response time, type of assistance, operator courtesy, accuracy and speed, require a customer complaint record. Forward CCRs to 81CS/SCMP or e-mail to thomas.favalora@keesler.af.mil.

For more information, call 377-4778.

# SPORTS AND RECREATION

## Running to rugby three-peat



Photo by Maj. Scott Foley

Air Force's David Pina runs past an Army defender during their match at the recent Armed Forces Rugby Championship at Camp Lejeune, N.C. Air Force edged Army, 5-3, on the way to its third consecutive title. In the championship match, Air Force routed the Marine Corps, 38-3.

## Air Force men soar to title in armed forces basketball

### Air Force Print News

FT. CARSON, Colo. — Air Force claimed the 2006 Armed Forces Men's Basketball Championship title here Nov. 5-9.

Play opened with the Marine Corps upsetting defending champion Navy in an 85-81 double overtime game.

Air Force then beat Army, 104-91.

Tysen Pina of Robins Air Force Base, Ga., gave notice to the opposition when he scored two thunderous dunk shots on two of Air Force's first five possessions. The Air Force had six players in double figures, led by Pina's 24. A.J. Kuhle of the Air Force Academy, Colo., contributed 18 points and six assists, while Carl Little of Kadena Air Base, Japan, totaled 11 points.

Air Force remained the only unbeaten team after the second day of play by defeating the Marine Corps, 79-68.

Tyron Wright of the Air Force Academy scored 23 points, while Jammie Major from Hurlburt Field, Fla., added 19 points and garnered 13 rebounds.

Army gave the defending champion Navy its second loss, 84-78.

The Air Force opened the third day of play with an 80-72 defeat of Navy.

The Air Force Academy contingent of Kuhle and Wright had 21 and 18 points, respectively.

Drew Colon of Beale AFB, Calif., contributed 12 points.

Host Army squeaked by the Marine Corps, 73-72.

The second round of the double round-robin tournament started with Air Force beating Army, 92-80.

Major led the team with 20 points and 12 rebounds. Wright added 17 points.

The Marines beat the Navy for the second time, 56-52, to remain in contention for the gold medal.

Navy won its first game, 85-66, over Army. The Marine Corps then handed Air Force its first loss, 83-77.

Despite this loss, the Air Force was assured of the gold medal, based on the win-loss record and the scoring differential over the Marine Corps.

On the final day, the Marine Corps beat Army, 73-61, clinching the silver medal. Air Force then closed out its championship run with a 93-84 win over Navy.

Major scored 27 points and had 15 rebounds.

The final standings were Air Force 5-1, Marine Corps 4-2, Army 2-4 and Navy 1-5.

Wright, Major, and Kuhle were named to the all tournament team, along with the Navy's Francis Ebong and Jason Jefferson.

# In-line skating, skateboarding — wheeling around in safety

AETC safety directorate and Keesler News staff

In-line skating and skateboarding are popular — and potentially dangerous — recreational activities.

Here are some guidelines for safe participation:

**Read manufacturer's** guidance for safe equipment use.

**Wear safety** equipment such as helmets and knee and elbow pads.

**Skate only** where it's safe and legal.

**Avoid steep** inclines.

**Dress to** be seen.

**Don't skate** after dark.

**Check skating** surface to be sure it's

smooth, clean, dry and free of debris.

**Avoid busy** streets and don't skate in and out from between parked cars. Empty parking lots are best for street hockey, but if a street is used, assign someone to act as a spotter for traffic.

**Keep skates** in good condition. Check wheel and brake bolts before skating. If wheels begin to wobble, stop skating and check for broken axles, loose bolts or worn bearings.

**Supervise young** children on skates and skateboards.

**It's a violation** of base regulations to obstruct traffic. This applies to in-line skaters, skate-boarders, skaters and bicyclists, too.

## SCORES AND MORE

### Basketball

#### Women's varsity schedule

**Dec. 9-10** — Mayport Naval Air Station, Fla.

**Dec. 16-17** — Ft. Benning, Ga.

**Jan. 11** — at Faulkner State (Mobile).

**Jan. 13-14** — at Moody Air Force Base, Ga.

**Jan. 20-21** — Eglin AFB, Fla.

**Feb. 10-11** — at Mayport.

**Feb. 23-25** — Southeastern Military Athletic Conference tournament at Ft. Benning.

**Home games:** 2 p.m. Saturdays, 10 a.m. Sundays at Blake Fitness Center. Faulkner State game Nov. 29, 6:30 p.m. at Blake. If Blake is unavailable due to floor replacement project, games move to Dragon Fitness Center. In the event of scheduling conflicts at Dragon, some games may be moved off-base.

For more information, call Richard Vincent, head coach, 343-9951, or Teddy Johnson, assistant coach, 376-3057.

### Bowling

**Gaude Lanes** — scheduled to re-open Dec. 11.

### Fitness centers

**Aerobics** — openings for certified instructors. For more information, call 377-8380.

**Blake Fitness Center** — open 4:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays; 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. non-working Fridays; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

**Dragon Fitness Center** — open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. workdays. Basketball court is open. Parent-child fitness room open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays. Parental supervision required.

For more information, call 377-2907.

**Triangle Fitness Center** — open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays and weekends; closed holidays.

For more information, call 377-3056.

**Towel service** — at Blake and Dragon fitness centers is discontinued.

For more information, call 377-8380 or 7858.

### Golf

**Bay Breeze Golf Course and driving range** — open 7 a.m. to dusk daily. No greens fees. Electric carts \$10 for 18 holes, \$5 for nine holes. Pull carts, \$2. Club rental: \$5 for 18 holes, \$3 for nine holes. Driving range opens 7 a.m. daily. Bucket of 30 balls costs \$2.

**Golf lessons** — \$25 for 30 minutes.

For more information, call 377-3832 or 348-7589.

**Local course support** — St. Andrews, Gulf Hills and Great Southern Club courses offer reciprocal playing privileges to current members of Bay Breeze.

Bay Breeze members are required to show identification to verify their names are on the membership roster. Once their membership is verified, members pay only the golf cart fee for a round of golf.

For more information, call 348-7569.

**Air Force Sergeants Association tournament** — noon shotgun start, Friday, Sunkist Country Club. Cost: \$40 per person for four-person teams. Prizes and lunch. Proceeds support AFSA Magnolia Chapter. Register by Monday with John Geboy, 377-5807, or Scott Sippel, 377-2337.

### Outdoor recreation

**Deep sea fishing** — reserve a boat for up to six people for \$600, including the captain and tackle. Deposit: \$300. Bring your own refreshments. Fishing license isn't required.

**November fishing tournament** — weigh in the largest flounder for the month and win \$100 savings bond.

**Disk golf** — fairway, multi-purpose, putt and approach disks for rent or sale.

**Camping package** — includes sleeping bags, lanterns, camp stove and tent.

**Pontoon boat training** — required before rental.

For more information, call 377-3160.

**Marina park pavilions** — to reserve, call 377-3160.

**Buddy days** — bring a friend fishing and receive 10 percent discount on skiff rental.

### Tennis

**Clinics and league** — beginner/intermediate (2.5-3.0) women's clinics 9 a.m. Mondays, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Jefferson Davis campus on Debuys Road in Gulfport. League play begins in February.

For more information, call Shannon Howard, 239-5827.

### Youth center

**Classes** — taekwondo, 5-5:45 p.m. for ages 3-5 and 6-7 p.m. for ages 6 and older, Mondays and Wednesdays. For members, \$35 per month; for non-members, \$40.

For more information, call 377-4116.

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## GRADUATIONS

### Student honor roll

#### 332nd Training Squadron

**Electronic principles** — Airmen Basic Preston Allen, Bradley Bahley, Alfredo Camacho, Thomas Carter, Garrett Clark, Carl Cushman, Reece Dvorak, Victor Fischer, Matthew Foster, Victor Houser, Clayton Kern, Erika Lateer, Jason Owens, Anakapon Patikamanant, Aaron Picklesimer, Kelsey Quam, Keenan Roop, Kevin Saunders, Joseph Tridal, Sean VanHorn and Jaclyn Zapata; Airmen Benjamin Eckman, Darius Hutchison, Theodor Karn, Nathaniel Maidel and Christopher Voigt; Airmen 1st Class Brandon Aguilar, Kamran Hassan, Michael Hofbauer, Douglas McVicar, Tony Morris, Keith Norris, Terra Parish, Andrew Pratt and Gregory Thomas; Senior Airmen Sonny Duarte, Charles Gault, Lloyd Hill, Stephen Nilsen, Adam Oswald and Matthew Way; Staff Sgts. Brian Gregory and Caleb Trautman; Tech. Sgt. Kenyon DeGreene

#### 334th TRS

**Air traffic control operations flight** — Airmen Basic James Ashton, Seth Bolz, Nicholas Cooper, Constance Dietrich, Kevin Garlock, Dallon Gines, Johnathan Hulsey, Christopher Mickleston, James Nelson, Chris Norton, Jason Owens, Makenzie Parker, Mazie Paulino, Andrew Schneidt, Daniel Torres, Christopher Willis and Samantha Yeagar; Airmen Joshua Busch, Grant Gardow, Philip Irwin, Aaron Otero-Bunker and Michael Vallejo; Airmen 1st Class Ryan Carney, Bryan Charles-Lucero, Gary Cobb, John Manino, Matthew Mitchley, Truman Smith and John Stacy; Senior Airman David Caldwell; Staff Sgts. James Francis, John Gaunt, Marquese Hayden, Steven Schuyler, Jeff Sienkiewicz and Eric Urioste; Capt. Marcel Sirak.

**Aviation resource management apprentice** — Airmen Basic Ron Allen Olaes and Cassie Wysocki; Airmen 1st Class Bryan Randle and Sean Whelan; Tech. Sgt. Kari Appletoft.

#### 335th TRS

**Weather training flight** — Airmen Basic Jacob Ballard, David Blair, Cody Henson, Joshua Mangan, Zachary Newman and Jordan Otto; Marine Pfc. Ananda Anonsen; Airmen 1st Class Megan Conley, Denny Ernsting, Jessica Gannon, Jessica Hicks and Shane Sutton; Staff Sgts. John Ingram and Randy Jones; Tech. Sgts. Bill Barry, Howard Church, Bradford Harris, Greg Roger and Joseph Williamson; Master Sgts. Eric Buchanan and Shannon DeFeo; Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Mark Rieg.

#### 336th TRS

**Communications-computer systems training flight** — Airmen Basic Derek Elkins and Bret Ward; Airmen Thomas Kurtz and Aaron Zeichner; Airmen 1st Class Ryan Kauanui, Mike Schuldt, Christopher Thompson and David Wright; Senior Airmen Kenneth Elwood, Michael John, Kellie Kovar, Daniel Moore, Ray

Scarce, Krista Schueroff and Jack Wrobel; Staff Sgts. Aaron Brewer, Nickolas Case, Michael Green, Jason Hetzel, Adam Smith and Kevin Strattan; Master Sgt. Joel McDonald.

**Communications and information training flight** — Airmen Basic Victor Hernandez, Kasey Mills, Nathaniel Renteria and Timothy Stencil; Airmen Ryan Hopper, Carl Niger and Victor Santos; Airmen 1st Class James Chrisley, Nicholas Gomez, Michael Henderson, Timothy O'Connor, Kyle Sais, Joshua Stoltz and Vinh Tran; Senior Airmen Christopher Blair, Jared Friesen, Eric Gottfried, Remigio Isla and Daniel Turillo; Staff Sgts. Frederick Dacanay, Jennifer Langille, Dennis Maldonado, Jeffrey Morter and Han Wang; Tech. Sgt. Sebastian Calderon.

#### 338th TRS

**Radar systems flight** — Airmen Benjamin Black, Matthew Ford, Travis Freeman, Jason Kirby and Daniel O'Brien; Airmen 1st Class Kent Hadler, Kevin Mendoza and Christopher Whitely; Master Sgt. Hong Jeong.

## CLASSES

### Airman Leadership School

**Class 07-1** — graduation Dec. 14.

**Class 07-2** — Jan. 8-Feb. 15.

**Class 07-3** — Feb. 21-March 29.

**Class 07-4** — April 16-May 23.

**Class 07-5** — June 5-July 12.

**Class 07-6** — Aug. 3-Sept. 12.

**Class 07-7** — Sept. 18-Oct. 26.

### Keesler NCO Academy

**Class 07-1** — graduation Dec. 14.

**Class 07-2** — Jan. 9-Feb. 16.

**Class 07-3** — Feb. 27-April 5.

**Class 07-4** — April 17-May 24.

**Class 07-5** — May 30-July 10.

**Class 07-6** — Aug. 2-Sept. 11.

**Class 07-7** — Sept. 18-Oct. 26.

### Arts and crafts center

**Weekend toast to the holidays** — 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. working Fridays. Free treats, demonstrations, create gifts and decorations.

**Fall display** — throughout November. Photos put on coffee mugs, \$6.50.

**Advanced pottery** — call for details.

**Advanced matting** — \$25. Beginners framing a prerequisite. For more information, call 377-2821.

**Engraving shop** — wide selection of awards and plaques; custom items for going-away and holiday gifts.

**24-hour coin-operated car wash** — foamy brush wash, high pressure rinse, wax system, towelettes, Armorall, and vacuum.

**Vehicle resale lot** — on Tingle Street north of the 81st Security Forces Squadron building on Larcher Boulevard. To place vehicle on lot, bring registration, license and proof of insurance to multicraft shop in the arts and crafts center. \$5 two weeks; \$10 month.

**Oil collection site** — for privately-owned vehicles.

### Chapel

All classes are held at the Triangle Chapel Annex through May. For more information, call 377-2520.

**Protestant Sunday school** — 9:15-10:15 a.m. class available for babies, toddlers and adults.

**Team kids Sunday** — 4-5:30p.m. grades K-6.

**Men's Bible study** — Tuesdays noon-1 p.m.

**Women's Wednesday morning Bible class** — 9-11 a.m.

**Wednesday night youth Bible study** — 6:30-8 p.m.

### Family advocacy

**Anger management** — 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays. For more information, call 377-6216, 376-3458 or e-mail susan.pyles@keesler.af.mil.

**Friends for life** — for couples, 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5 and 12, Keesler Medical Center life skills enhancement center conference room, Suite 1-D. To register, call 376-3457 or e-mail paula.tracy@keesler.af.mil.

**Dads 101** — for expectant dads, 3:30-5:30 p.m. today, Dec. 7 and 14, Keesler Medical Center life skills enhancement center conference room, Suite 1-D. To register, call 376-3457 or e-mail paula.tracy@keesler.af.mil.

**1-2-3 Magic** — parenting class; to register call 376-3457.

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## SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

### 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30 332nd TRS, Building 6957
:01	:31 338th TRS, Building 6965
:02	:32 Welch Auditorium
:04	:34 AAFES Furniture Store
:06	:36 Jones/Bryan/Hewes Hall at gazebo
:08	:38 Thomson Hall
:09	:39 New Cody Hall
:11	:41 Supply, civil engineering
:12	:42 Rental store
:13	:43 Shaw House
:14	:44 Old base exchange
:15	:45 McBride Library
:16	:46 Credit union, Blake Fitness Center
:17	:47 Medical center, Tyer House
:18	:48 Sablich Center
:19	:49 Dental clinic
:20	:50 Allee and Wolfe Halls
:21	:51 Base operations
:22	:52 Hangar 4

### Technical training route 5:10-5:37 a.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:10	Building 5025
:12	Building 5022
:14	Shaw House
:16	Muse Manor
:18	Tyer House
:20	TLQ east side 2000 block
:21	TLQ east side of Locker House
:25	332nd TRS
:28	Welch Auditorium
:33	Thomson/Dolan/Cody Halls
:34	McClellan Hall
:36	Allee/Wolfe Halls
:37	Stennis Hall/Weather

### Prior-service students lodged off-base

Call 377-2432 for transportation needs. Traffic in the local area impacts base taxi times.

**Editor's note: Duty passengers have priority over "space available" riders. Schedule may be impacted by increased official operations or severe weather. Those who are physically challenged, have excess baggage, medical appointments at off-base hospitals or clinics or unable to ride the base shuttle, call 377-2432 for the base taxi. For more information, call 377-2430. Until further notice, weekend shuttle service isn't available. Taxi service is available on an "as needed" basis.**

## COAST AREA TRANSIT

**Keesler Express** — runs between the Triangle and Edgewater Mall. Bus service begins from the base, 5:50-8:30 p.m. work days, 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. down Fridays and Saturdays, and 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sundays.

The route is limited to specific pickup and dropoff points:

#### Minutes after hour, bus stop

:30	Hercules Street bus stop
:32	Welch Auditorium
:45	Pass Road Wal-Mart
:54	Arrive Edgewater Mall
:00	Depart Edgewater Mall
:09	Pass Road Wal-Mart
:22	Welch Auditorium
:24	Hercules Street bus stop

The regular adult fare is \$1. An unlimited one-day pass is \$5 and one-month pass is \$45.

For more information, call 896-8080.

## CHAPEL SERVICES

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2520.

### Roman Catholic

#### Saturday Mass

Triangle Chapel.....5 p.m.

#### Sunday Mass

Triangle Chapel .....9 a.m.

#### Daily Mass

Triangle Chapel.....11:15 a.m.

### Protestant

#### Sunday worship

Larcher Chapel traditional service.....8:30 a.m.

Triangle Chapel contemporary worship service...10:30 a.m.

Triangle Chapel gospel service.....Noon

### Islamic

**Building 2003** — prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jumma congregational prayer, noon Friday.

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

### Latter-Day Saints

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints** — student group service, 2 p.m. Sundays, Triangle Chapel. For more information, call 396-5274 or 1-661-747-4738.

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## TRANSITIONS

### Workshops, briefings

**Veterans benefits briefing** — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 14, Room 122, old Cody Hall. In 2007, briefings are 1-4 p.m. Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 15, April 5, May 10, June 21, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 13, Oct. 18, Nov. 8 and Dec. 13 in Room 151, old Cody Hall. To pre-register, call Lana Smith, 377-8593 or 2179 or e-mail lana.smith@keesler.af.mil.

**Mandatory pre-separation briefings** — Tuesdays at 8:30-9:30 a.m. for those separating with honorable discharges and 9:30-10:30 a.m. for retirees. Afternoon sessions are Thursdays at 1-2 p.m. for those separating with honorable discharges (not general under honorable conditions) and 2:30-3:30 p.m. for retirees. Briefings are in Room 122, old Cody Hall. Bring one copy of separation or retirement orders. This is a mandated appointment, required by law, and must be accomplished 90 calendar days before the separation/retirement date. For short-notice separations or retirements, the briefing should be done as soon as possible.

**Transition assistance program workshop** — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 11-13, Room 122, old Cody Hall. In 2007, dates are Jan. 15-17, Feb. 12-14, March 12-14, April 2-4, May 7-9, June 18-20, July 16-18, Aug. 13-15, Sept. 10-12, Oct. 15-17, Nov. 5-7 and Dec. 10-12 in Room 151, old Cody Hall. Dress is business casual — no jeans, T-shirts or uniforms. To pre-register, call Lana Smith, 377-8593 or 2179 or e-mail lana.smith@keesler.af.mil.

**Retirement briefings** — intended for those with less than a year until retirement, 8-11 a.m. Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 8, April 12, May 3, June 14, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6, in Room 151, old Cody Hall. To pre-register, call Lana Smith, 377-8593 or 2179 or e-mail lana.smith@keesler.af.mil.

**Palace Chase briefings** — 10 a.m. first two working Fridays of the month, Room 203, Garrard Hall. For more information, call Master Sgt. Joseph Walker, 377-2116.

## CLUBS AND CENTERS

### Vandenberg Community Center

**Comics on duty** — 8 p.m. today. \$3 for show and dance.  
**Eight-ball pool tournament** — 6-9:30 p.m. Mondays.  
**Nine-ball pool tournament** — 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays.  
**Dance revolution** — 6 p.m. Wednesdays.  
**Game night** — 6 p.m. Wednesdays.  
**Karaoke** — 6 p.m. Thursdays.  
**Late night dance and DJ** — 6 p.m. to midnight Thursdays before nonworking Fridays, Fridays and Saturdays. \$3.  
**Direct TV NFL Sunday Ticket** — up to eight games.  
**Half Time Café** — open for lunch and dinner. Buffet specials 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Wednesdays, Italian, \$5.95; working Fridays, catfish, \$6.50.

### Katrina Kantina

**All ranks invited** — snacks, beverages and music. Open 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays.  
**Football Frenzy** — noon to 6 p.m. Sundays. Watch your favorite team on Direct TV.  
**Taco Tuesdays** — 5 p.m., two tacos for \$1 for members, \$2 nonmembers.  
**Members only after hurricane season party** — 5 p.m. today. Free Cajun food, tropical music and hurricane drink specials.  
**November to "re" member** — squadrons/divisions can earn up to \$300 in Dragon Dollars by recruiting highest percentage of new or renewed members during the month. For more information, call 377-2219.

**Random cash giveaway** — once a week between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. \$50 given to a club member; must be present to win.

**Catering** — let our expert caterer assist you with planning weddings, holidays, birthdays, official functions and other special occasions.

### Youth center

**Annual membership** — \$25 for ages 6 and older. Receive discounted prices for programs, classes and sports.  
**Power hour** — 4:30-5:30 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, ages 9-16.  
**Movies and snacks** — 5 p.m. Mondays, ages 9 and older.  
**Self-directed activities** — 3-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays for ages 9-18. Free for members, 50 cents daily guest fee.

**Movies and snacks** — 5 p.m. Mondays in the new multimedia room, for ages 9 and older.

**4-H Club meeting** — 6 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 13-17. Focus is on outdoor adventures and community service.

**Creative corner** — 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Art projects, story telling or poetry writing.

**Wacky Wednesday** — 5-6 p.m. Board, table game tournaments.  
**Torch Club** — 4 p.m. Wednesdays, ages 9-12. Leadership programs, activities, community service.

**Mini Munyons taekwondo class** — Mondays and Wednesdays. 5-5:45 p.m. ages 3-5, \$50 month.

**Taekwondo class** — 6-7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, ages 6 and older. \$35 members, \$40 nonmembers.

**Dance** — 4:15 p.m. Thursdays, ages 3-5; 5 p.m. ages 6 and older. \$30 members, \$35 nonmembers.

**Instructors needed** — for youth programs, including those for preschoolers and special classes. For more information, call 377-4116.

## TICKETS AND TRIPS

**Tours to New Orleans Saints games in the Superdome** — \$60 including ticket. Put your name on waiting list for Dec. 17, Washington Redskins, sign up by Dec. 12; Dec. 31, Carolina Panthers, sign up by Dec. 13. All trips depart Vandenberg Community Center 9 a.m., return 6 p.m.

## MEETINGS

**Editor's note: To list time, place and contact for organization meetings, call 377-3837 or e-mail KN@keesler.af.mil.**

### Upcoming

**Air Force Sergeants Association** — 7 a.m. Dec. 12, Live Oak Dining Facility. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Scott Sippel, 377-2337, or Master Sgt. James Craig, 377-4136.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Movies

**Editor's note: Movies are shown at Welch Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children for regular features, and \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for children for matinees. For a recording about current features, call 377-6627.**

**Friday** — 6:30 p.m., Man Of The Year (PG-13, 115 minutes).

**Saturday** — 2 p.m., The Departed (R, 149 minutes); 6:30 p.m., Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning (R, 91 minutes).

**Sunday** — 2 p.m., Man Of The Year (PG-13, 115 minutes).

### December weather outlook

Though rare, snow sometimes occurs at Keesler in December. In December 1963, Keesler received a record 8 inches of snow. More common are fog during morning and evening hours and low overcast skies. Frontal systems often make it into the Gulf of Mexico, averaging three days of below-freezing temperatures.

<b>Extreme maximum temperature (F)</b> .....	81
<b>Mean daily maximum temperature (F)</b> .....	62
<b>Mean daily minimum temperature (F)</b> .....	48
<b>Extreme minimum temperature (F)</b> .....	10
<b>Mean relative humidity (percent)</b> .....	75
<b>Mean monthly precipitation (inches)</b> .....	4.71
<b>Mean number of days with precipitation</b> .....	9
<b>Mean number of days with thunderstorms</b> .....	2
<b>Maximum 24-hour rainfall (inches)</b> .....	5.71
<b>Percentage of observations with ceiling less than:</b>	
<b>2,000 feet</b> .....	15.2
<b>1,000 feet</b> .....	10.2
<b>300 feet</b> .....	2.6

<b>Percentage of observations with visibility less than:</b>	
<b>6 miles</b> .....	21.0
<b>3 miles</b> .....	7.8
<b>1 mile</b> .....	3.3

<b>Percentage of observations with wind:</b>	
<b>0-3 knots</b> .....	30.9
<b>4-10 knots</b> .....	60.8
<b>11-21 knots</b> .....	8.2
<b>22 knots or greater</b> .....	0.1

Base personnel can access radar and satellite data and a general forecast on the local area network in the public folders under 81 OSF Weather.

## DINING HALL MENUS

### Today

**Lunch** — orange-spiced pork chops, braised liver with onions, fried fish, huah puppies, rissole potatoes, rice, gravy, broccoli, peas and carrots, wax beans, fruit salad, potato salad, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, buffalo wings and cream of broccoli soup.

**Dinner** — baked chicken, pepper steak, pasta primavera, mashed potatoes, rice, gravy, mixed vegetables, fried okra, green beans, potato salad, fruit salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, buffalo wings and roast beef subs.

### Friday

**Lunch** — seafood newburg, bean and corn pie, roast turkey, cornbread, franconia potatoes, pea and pepper rice, gravy, corn on the cob, stewed tomatoes, mustard greens, pasta salad, three-bean salad, clam chowder, vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork and burritos.

**Dinner** — corned beef, cornbread, pineapple chicken, Yankee pot roast, potato wedges, simmered potatoes, gravy, fried cabbage, carrots, blackeyed peas, three-bean salad, pasta salad, clam chowder, garden vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

### Saturday

**Lunch** — baked chicken, Swedish meatballs, creole shrimp, baked potatoes, rice, gravy, creamed corn, asparagus, steamed squash, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, country bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili and chicken nuggets.

**Dinner** — baked fish, Hungarian goulash, barbecue chicken, potatoes, rice, gravy, stir-fry vegetables, baked beans, creamed corn, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, country bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili and chicken nuggets.

### Sunday

**Lunch** — oven fried fish, spareribs, grilled mustard chicken breast, macaroni and cheese, egg noodles, gravy, peas, sweet potatoes, broccoli combo, jellied spring salad, tomato salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

**Dinner** — stir-fry beef with broccoli, turkey nuggets, loin strip steak, mushroom and onion sauce, baked potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, corn on the cob, green beans, jellied spring salad, tomato salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

### Monday

**Lunch** — beef pot roast, baked stuffed fish, cornbread, pork loin, potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, succotash, green beans, cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone soup, chili with beans, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

**Dinner** — chili macaroni, cornbread, beef canelloni, fried chicken, cottage fries, mashed potatoes, gravy, steamed squash, glazed carrots, peas, cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone soup, chili with beans, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

### Tuesday

**Lunch** — teriyaki chicken, veal parmesan, salmon cakes, garlic toast, filipino rice, parsley buttered potatoes, gravy, fried cabbage, succotash, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail salad, spinach salad, bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup, white chicken chili, barbecue beef sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

**Dinner** — country captain chicken, meatloaf, turkey a la king, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, garlic toast, harvard beets, mustard greens, okra tomato gumbo, fruit cocktail salad, spinach salad, bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup, white chicken chili, barbecue beef sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

### Wednesday

**Lunch** — Chinese five-spice chicken, beef and broccoli stir fry, Cantonese spareribs, vegetable egg rolls, shrimp fried rice, stir fry vegetables, chow mein noodles, fried cabbage, chicken gravy, lemon sesame green beans, Mexican coleslaw, pasta fagioli soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and Monte Cristo sandwich.

**Dinner** — lemon-herb chicken, jalapeno corn bread, spareribs, stuffed pork chops, scalloped potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, Mexican corn, tempura vegetables, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and Monte Cristo sandwich.

# 2006 — year of achievement for base teens

December 2006

By Earlene Smith

81st Services Squadron

It's been a year of exceptional achievements for four members of Keesler's youth center.

**Kelly Baczuk** was one of 32 Air Force teens selected to attend the Advanced Space Academy in Huntsville, Ala. this past summer.

The college-accredited program through the University of Alabama-Huntsville. All participants earn one hour of freshmen level general science credit from the university.

Participants are involved in a wide variety of physical activity, hands-on experiences and classroom activities.

Miss Baczuk, an honor student at Ocean Springs High School, is involved in the French Club and Technology Student Association. She's recognized in Who's Who National Honor Roll.

She is vice president of the youth center's Keystone Club and Training Responsible Adolescents in Leadership group. She's enrolled in the Congressional Award and FitFactor programs and has served as a volunteer for the annual Halloween party.

Her community involvement includes taking part in the Relay for Life cancer walkathon, Deer Island cleanup after Hurricane Katrina and Mississippi Special Olympics.

The 16-year-old daughter of Maj. Pat Baczuk, 403rd Wing, envisions a career in science, math or a space-oriented field, with further study in French.

**Rachael Picard** represented Keesler at the Air Force's 4-H Ultimate Outdoor and Fitness Adventure Camp in Little Rock, Ark.

One of 80 youth attending the camp from throughout the Air Force, Ms. Picard participated in a variety of programs including boating, archery, canoeing, caving, climbing, kayaking, basketball, swimming and a ropes course.

This 14-year-old is a member of the language club, choir and Beta Club at St. Martin Junior High School and has played league softball and basketball.



Miss Baczuk



Miss Stone

She sings in her church youth choir, served as a student helper for vacation Bible school and is active in the Impac and Fusion church group.

Miss Picard, the daughter of Glen Picard of the 81st Services Division and 403rd Wing, is a member of TRAIL, is enrolled in the Congressional Award Program, has attended Teen Warrior Week and has reached the energy level of the youth FitFactor program.

**Marina Stone**, Keesler's Youth of the Year for 2006, is a dependent of Air Force retiree John Stone.

Miss Stone has been a member of the youth center TRAIL program for five years and currently fills the office of president. She's participated in the TRAIL leadership camp and was involved in the program's Relay for Life and Child Pride Day programs.



Miss Picard



Miss Sommers

She assisted in the building of wooden flag cases to commemorate those who lost their lives in New York on Sept. 11, worked with the Salvation Army to feed the homeless and participated in coastal cleanup of the beach and bay.

An animal activist and a member of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, she volunteers at the local animal shelter, donates food and toys each month for the animals, gives money toward the building of a new shelter and contributes time to educating people on the importance of spaying and neutering.

Miss Stone attends Biloxi High School where she is on the A and B honor rolls, takes advance placement courses in history and English and is an active member of the environment club.

She plans to attend Louisiana State University to earn a degree in business management

and the Art Institute of California for an associate's degree in culinary arts. Her goal is own her own restaurant.

**Katherine Sommers** is the first person attending Keesler's youth center to reach the endurance level of the FitFactor program.

The program provides youth the opportunity to experience a variety of fun activities to promote health.

There are five levels — energy, strength, agility, adventure and endurance. To accommodate all levels, activities range from household chores to individual and team sports to Air Force-wide events, each worth 25 or 50 points. Youth can log up to 100 points a day.

To achieve the endurance level, Ms. Sommers had to garner 25,000 points.

The 12-year-old has been a volunteer since she was 4 years old and has participated in extracurricular school activities since she was in third grade. She has 32 Girl Scout badges and was featured in their Path Finder magazine.

She's won several trophies as a race car driver, and used her car to raise money for the Humane Society.

Miss Sommers, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Brian Sommers, 332nd Training Squadron, attends Michel 7th Grade School where she's a member of the swim team and plays trombone. Since arriving in Biloxi in June, she's become an active member of the local Civil Air Patrol, participated in beach cleanup and assisted in game night at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Her future plans include joining the Air Force Junior ROTC program, attending the Air Force Academy, and becoming an obstetrician and race car driver.

"We at the youth center feel very fortunate to have these remarkable young people enrolled in our programs," said Jeri Peterson, youth programs director. "We invite others to participate in the wide range of activities we offer."

For more information about youth center programs and activities, call 377-4116.



# H A P P E N I N G S



# EXTRA! Here's what's happening! EXTRA!

## BAY BREEZE GOLF COURSE

**Golf** — open daily 7 a.m. to dusk. Free greens fees. Electric carts rent for \$10 for 18 holes and \$5 for nine holes. Pull carts are available for \$2. Rental clubs are \$5 for 18 holes, \$3 for nine holes.  
**Driving range** — open daily 7 a.m. to dusk. \$2 for a bucket of 30 balls.  
**Golf lessons** — \$25 for half hour of instruction. To schedule, call 377-3832 or 348-7589.

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-2211.  
**Give Parents A Break\*** — 4-10 p.m. Saturday. This program, funded by the Air Force Aid Society, offers free child care for Air Force families who are referred by base helping agencies. Also eligible are family members of deployed Air Force military members.  
**Parents Night Out\*** — 4-10 p.m. Saturday, offers child care for ages 6 weeks to 12 years at \$3.50 per hour per child.  
\* School age children go to the youth center. For more information, call 377-4116.

## DINING FACILITIES

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-2200.  
**Christmas dinner** — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 25 in the Magnolia and Live Oak Dining facilities. Retirees and their families are welcome to dine at Live Oak. Commanders and first sergeants normally serve the meal — food service will be seeking volunteers soon.  
**What's on the menu today?** — Call the "Dine Line" at 377-DINE (3463) or log on to <https://www.mil.keesler.af.mil/81svs/Wheretoeat/diningfac/dnghall.htm>.

## FAMILY CHILD CARE

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-3189.  
**Be your own boss** — now recruiting military spouses on and off base who wish to care for children in their homes. Providers are also needed to care for children with special needs including asthma, allergies, cerebral palsy and physical impairments, and to work swing and evening shifts.  
**We've moved** — visit us at our new office in the Locker House, 505 C St., Building 3101.  
**Extended-duty and mildly-ill child care** — providers are available.

## FITNESS

**Walk your way through the holidays** — awards ceremony, 11 a.m., Jan. 5 at Crotwell Track.  
**Keesler's Lady Dragons basketball schedule** — Mayport Naval Air Station, Fla., vs. Keesler, 2 p.m. Dec. 9-10; Fort Benning, Ga., vs. Keesler, 2 p.m. Dec. 16-17, and Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., vs. Keesler, 2 p.m. Jan. 20-21. Games at Blake Fitness Center. Refreshments available at All 4 Fitness Smoothie Shop.  
**Certified aerobic instructors needed** — call 377-8380.

## HALF TIME CAFÉ

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-2424. Located inside Vandenberg Community Center.  
**Dine-in or take-out** — open for lunch and dinner with pizza, wings, burgers, Philly steak sandwiches and more.  
**Closing for renovations** — Dec. 18 until further notice.

## HELP WANTED

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-9032.  
**Nonappropriated fund jobs** — apply noon to 5 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and noon to 4 p.m. work Fridays at human resource office, Room 5417, Locker House, Building 3101, 505 C Street. Information pamphlet and complete job listings are available; 24-hour job line 377-9055. NAF employment Web site <http://www.aetcsv.us/employment.html>.

## INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TOURS

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-3818. All tours depart from and return to Vandenberg Community Center.  
**Information** — on local and out-of-state attractions available.

## Discounted tickets

**New Orleans, La.**  
Audubon Zoo — \$10, ages 2-12 \$6.  
Aquarium of the Americas — \$13.50, ages 2-12 \$ 8.  
**Orlando, Fla.**  
Busch Gardens — \$49; ages 3-9 \$40.50.  
SeaWorld — \$52; ages 3-9 \$42.  
Universal Orlando one-day — \$50; ages 3-9 \$40.50.  
Universal Orlando multi-day — ages 3 and older \$81.50.

## Disney Tickets "Magic Your Way"

**Editor's note:** Tickets expire 14 days after first day of activation at Disney. Upgrades made at Disney World.  
3-day Hopper — \$227; ages 3-9, \$196.25  
4-day Hopper — \$236.50 ages 3-9, \$204.  
5-day Hopper — \$240.25; ages 3-9, \$205.  
\*6-day Hopper — \$242.25; ages 3-9, \$206.75.  
\*7-day Hopper — \$244; ages 3-9, \$208.75.  
\*10-Day Hopper — \$250; ages 3-9, \$212.50  
\*Special order, requires 15 working days notice and payment at time of order. No refunds or exchanges.

## KATRINA KANTINA

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-2219.  
**All ranks invited** — snacks, beverages and music. Located in the marina building overlooking Biloxi's Back Bay.  
**Football Frenzy** — noon to 6 p.m. Sunday and Dec. 10 and 17. Watch your favorite team on Direct TV. Club members register to win a trip to an NFL football game, the Super Bowl or the Pro Bowl.  
**Taco Tuesdays** — Tuesday and Dec. 12 and 19. Members get two tacos for \$1, nonmembers \$2.  
**Wings and things** — 5 p.m. Wednesday. Keesler Club members free, nonmembers \$3. Enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres and \$1 domestic draft beer.  
**Thirsty Thursday** — 5 p.m. Dec. 14. Keesler Club members enjoy soup and a sandwich for \$5, nonmembers pay \$7.  
**Random cash giveaway** — once a week between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. a lucky club member will win \$50 cash. Must be present and have a club card to win.  
**We cater** — let our expert caterer assist you with weddings, holidays, birthdays, official functions and other special occasions.

## GAUDÉ LANES AND 11TH FRAME CAFÉ

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-2817.  
**Reopening soon** — watch for details.

## MCBRIDE LIBRARY

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-2181. Fax service and copy machine available for nominal fee. Free Internet service and checkout of music CDs, VHS and DVD movies.  
**Orientations** — 6:30 p.m. Dec. 6 and 13.  
**Gale Data Bases** — available for research/reference. Includes Opposing Viewpoints, Student Resource Center Gold, Infotrac 1, and others. Periodical articles can be downloaded, printed, or emailed.  
**Christmas stories** — 10 a.m. Dec. 13, ages 2-5.  
**Rosetta Stone Online Language Learning Center** — learn a new language; sign up at the library.  
**Christmas display** — throughout the month.  
**Paperback swap** — swap one-for-one. Books must be in good condition and same genre.

## MUSE MANOR MINI-MART

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-2752.  
**Convenience store** — snacks, cold drinks, health and hygiene products. Open 24 hours a day.

## OUTDOOR RECREATION AND MARINA

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-3160. Located in the enclosed pavilion in the marina park.  
**Christmas special** — 10 percent discount on fishing equipment Dec. 18-20.  
**Back Bay fishing trips** — Saturday and Dec. 16. \$15 per person. Maximum eight people. Call to reserve.  
**Big buck contest** — bring in a deer head with the most points and win a \$150 savings bond. Points are calculated by placing a ring on the antler — if the antler supports the ring, it's considered a point.  
**December fishing tournament** — weigh in the largest speckled trout and win \$100 savings bond.

## SHOPPING

**Select the perfect gift for the fisherman or hobbyist on your Christmas list** — choose from the variety of items available at outdoor recreation and the arts and crafts center. You'll enjoy great savings, no lines and convenient parking.

## VANDEMBERG COMMUNITY CENTER

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-5576 or 377-4355.  
**NFL Sunday Ticket** — watch up to eight games on Sundays.  
**CyberSports Internet gaming** — base-to-base competitions, squadron challenges, all-nighters, wireless Internet connection, hot games (instruction available); <http://www.cybersports.cc>.  
**Pool tournaments** — 6-9:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays. Winners get into the weekend dance free.  
**Game night** — 6 p.m. Wednesdays. Dominos, Yahtzee, UNO, Phase 10 and more.  
**Dance Revolution pad** — 6 p.m. Wednesdays. Free; sign up early.  
**Karaoke** — 6-9:30 p.m. Thursdays.  
**Late night dance** — 6 p.m. to midnight Thursdays before down Fridays, Fridays and Saturdays. \$3 admission; sponsored by National Productions.  
**Birthday dance** — 6 p.m. Dec. 15. People with December birthdays enter the dance free.

## VETERINARY SERVICES

**Editor's note:** located on 3rd Street, Building 0408. All animals in base housing must be registered with the veterinary office. For appointment, call 376-7495.  
**Authorized patrons** — active-duty, retirees, reservists and National Guard on active-duty status for more than 72 hours with orders may use the clinic.  
**HomeAgain® microchip identification** — recognized worldwide, \$20. Protect your pet with this tiny microchip injected under the skin.  
**Veterinarian now on staff** — call for appointment.

# HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS AT SERVICES

**Christmas in Marina Park — Dec. 7**  
Festivities begin in marina park at 3:30 p.m. with live manger scene and Christmas village. 4 p.m., children's activities and arts and crafts; 3:45-4:45, entertainment; 6, Christmas tree lighting; 6:15, Santa arrives — free hot dogs, wings, chili, cider, hot chocolate, cookies and more. For more information, call 377-3160.

**Youth gift camp — Dec. 9**  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at arts and crafts center. Make three gift items. \$25 including supplies and lunch. For more information, call 377-2821.

**Christmas stories — Dec. 13**  
10 a.m. at McBride Library, ages 2-5. For more information, call 377-2181.

**Squadron day room decorating contest**  
For permanent party and nonprior service residents. Prizes for first and second place. Call 377-3308 by Dec. 14 to enter.

**"Santa Calling" — Dec. 20-23**  
Have your child receive a personal call from Santa. To sign up, call the youth center, 377-4116.

**Free youth holiday celebration — Dec. 16**  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at youth center. For more information, call 377-4116.

**Free gift wrapping — Dec. 17**  
Noon to 5 p.m., Vandenberg Community Center. Nonprior service students only; maximum four gifts per person. For more information, call 377-3308.

**Holiday camp — Dec. 18-22**  
6 a.m. to 6 p.m. at youth center, ages 6-12. \$10 per child. Register by Dec. 13. For more information, call 377-4116.

**"Home for the Holidays" — Dec. 21**  
5-9 p.m., decorate the Christmas tree at Vandenberg Community Center. Get in the spirit of the holidays with free refreshments, movies and caroling. For more information, call 377-3308.

**Trip to Bellingrath Gardens — Dec. 22**  
View the spectacular holiday lights and tour the Bellingrath Gardens and Home in Alabama, 4-7 p.m. \$33 includes transportation and admission. Sign up by Dec. 13 at information, tickets and tours office. For more information, call 377-3818.

**Holiday exodus games — Dec. 25-30**  
At Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call 377-3308.

**Holiday hours**  
See page A4.

**New Year's Eve**

**Direct TV Football Party**  
11 a.m. Dec. 31 at Vandenberg Community Center; nonprior service students only. Enjoy pizza and popcorn. For more information, call 377-3308.

**Gaudé Lanes**  
8 p.m. Dec. 31 to 2 a.m. Jan. 1, ages 10 and older. This event isn't just for bowlers — everyone's invited. Ages 13 and younger must be accompanied by a parent. Bowling, games, hors d'oeuvres, midnight toast and breakfast, party favors and non-alcoholic beverages; alcoholic beverages sold separately. Reservation deadline Dec. 22. Sign up early; minimum 50 people. For more information, call 377-2817.

**Vandenberg Community Center**  
6 p.m. Dec. 31; nonprior service students only. \$3 per person. DJ, party favors, food and dance. For more information, call 377-3308.

## ARMED FORCES VACATION CLUB

**Space available accommodations** — for Department of Defense-affiliated personnel at more than 3,500 resorts around the world.

**Affordable price** — seven nights and eight days for two to six people, \$299.

**To reserve** — log on to <http://www.afvclub.com> or call 1-800-724-9988. Keesler's installation number, 121, is required at time of reservation. No membership, enrollment or annual fees.

## ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

**Editor's note:** Preregistration is required for all classes. Registration opens the first of the month prior to the scheduled date at craft sales, Building 5904. Space is limited. For more information, call 377-2821.

### Specials

**Weekend toast to holiday treats** — 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. working Fridays. Enjoy treats, craft demonstrations, recreate gifts and decorations, and check out our facility.

### Multi-crafts shop

**Advanced pottery** — 10 a.m. to noon or 1-3 p.m. Dec. 16. Three spaces per class. \$40. Beginning pottery class is a prerequisite. Take the next step on the potter's wheel. Learn from a master from the Ohr O'Keefe Museum.

**Mold pouring** — 10 a.m. Saturday. \$25 including first firing. Learn to pour your own ceramics. Pour a project to keep and finish as you like. Ages 13 and older welcome.

**Cooking class** — 1 p.m. Dec. 15. Treats for holiday gift giving or serving at your own parties and celebrations.

**Sewing** — 1 p.m. Dec. 16. \$30. Make items for holiday gift giving or your own decorations.

**Ceramic painting** — paint a Christmas project perfect for your table or one to give as a gift.

### Frame shop

**Custom shadow boxes** — great for retirements. Order early.

**Advanced matting** — \$25, for those who have completed a beginning framing class. Call for date and time.

### Engraving shop

**Custom items** — available for gift giving, special mementos and squadron awards.

### Wood shop

**Made in the wood shop contest** — make a project in our wood shop by close of business Friday and become eligible to win a prize. No entry fee. Categories are ages 16-20, 21-30, 31-49 and 50 and older.

**Beginning woodworking** — 5-7:30 p.m. Dec 13. \$25. Earn your safety certification and get your operator's card for future shop use.

**Beginning intarsia** — 10 a.m. Dec. 9. \$15. Intarsia is the art form of inlaying pieces of wood in a decorative pattern.

**Advanced intarsia** — 10 a.m. Dec. 16. \$20. New project each month.

### Auto hobby shop

**Beginner auto care classes** — available to groups. Call for details.

**Oil collection site** — for privately-owned vehicles.

**Winterize your vehicle** — check the antifreeze before any holiday trips north. Pick up a free checklist to get you started.

**24-hour coin-operated car wash** — features foamy-brush wash, high-pressure rinse, wax system, towelettes, Armorall and a vacuum station.

## RESALE LOT

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-2821. Located on Tingle Avenue behind the Keesler Club.

**Buy, sell, trade** — \$5 for two weeks. Register with the arts and crafts center prior to parking on the lot. Registration, proof of ownership and insurance required.

## YOUTH CENTER

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-4116.

**Annual membership** — \$25 ages 6 and older, allows for discounted programs, classes and sports.

**Art and cultural fine arts exhibit** — during regular hours Dec. 18-22.

**Basketball registration** — through Dec. 22, ages 6 and older. Members \$30, nonmembers \$35.

**TRAIL Keystone Club meeting** — 6-7 p.m. Tuesday and Dec. 12 and 19 for ages 13-17. Don't be a follower — blaze your own trail. Focus is on outdoor adventures and community service projects to improve communication, leadership skills and self-esteem.

**Dance class** — 5 p.m. Thursdays for ages 3-5; 6 p.m. ages 6 and older. \$30 members, \$35 nonmembers.

**Instructors needed** — for youth programs including programs for ages 3-5 and special classes. Call for more information.

## Holiday Hours

### 81st Services Division facilities

**Arts and Crafts Center** 377-2821  
Multi-craft, wood, frame, engraving, and auto hobby shops  
Dec. 23-Jan. 2 . . . . . closed

**Bay Breeze Golf Course and driving range**  
Open regular hours Dec. 25 and Jan. 1; no carts available.

**Child development center** 377-2211  
Dec. 25, 29 and Jan. 1 . . . . . closed  
Dec. 26-28, Jan. 2 . . . . . determined based on parents' survey

**Dining facilities** 377-2200  
**Editor's note:** Retirees and their families may dine at Live Oak.

Dec. 25 at Live Oak and Magnolia  
Breakfast . . . . . 7-8 a.m.  
Lunch . . . . . 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Dinner . . . . . 4:30-6 p.m.

**Blake Fitness Center** 377-4385  
Dec. 23-Jan. 2 . . . . . 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Dec. 25 . . . . . Closed

**Dragon Fitness Center** 377-2907  
Dec. 22-Jan. 1 . . . . . closed

**Triangle Fitness Center** 377-3056  
Dec. 22-Jan. 1 . . . . . closed

**Gaudé Lanes** 377-2817  
Dec. 24-30 and Jan. 1-2 . . . . . closed  
Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve party) . . . . . 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

**Information, tickets and tours** 377-3818  
Dec. 19-28 . . . . . closed

**Inns of Keesler** 377-4900  
Open 24 hours a day.

**Katrina Kantina** 377-2219  
Dec 22-29 . . . . . closed

**Mini-Mart (inside Muse Manor)** 377-2752  
Open 24 hours a day.

**McBride Library** 377-2181  
Dec. 22-23 and 26-30 . . . . . noon to 5 p.m.  
Dec. 24-26 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1 . . . . . closed

**Outdoor recreation** 377-3160  
Dec. 22-26 and Jan. 1 . . . . . closed

**Vandenberg Community Center** 377-5576/4355  
Dec. 21-23 . . . . . 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
Dec. 24 and 26-29 . . . . . 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Dec. 25 . . . . . closed  
Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve parties) . . . . . 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.  
Jan. 1-2 . . . . . noon to 6 p.m.

**Veterinary services** 376-7495  
Dec. 25-26 . . . . . closed

**Youth center** 377-4116  
Dec. 23-Jan. 1 . . . . . closed

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