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## Goodbye, Daddy



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Kelsey, 6, kisses her father, Tech. Sgt. James Buhr, goodbye early Tuesday morning at the 81st Transportation Squadron deployment control center. Sergeant Buhr, 81st Medical Support Squadron medical equipment repair center, and 12 other Keesler personnel were part of a group of 36 Air Force members who flew out of Gulfport on a four-month deployment. The others are from Hurlburt Field, Fla., and Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

## General Looney:

# War on terrorism leads to evolution on training front

By Senior Airman Erin Smith  
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

HICKAM Air Force Base, Hawaii — As part of a visit to Pacific Air Forces here, the commander of Air Education and Training Command discussed the impact of the global war on terrorism on training.

"Training in AETC has evolved significantly since we began our global war on terrorism," said Gen. William Looney. "Until that time, we were primarily focused on a conventional threat. We were also focused to a degree on the legacy of the Cold War.

"With the evolving nature of combat today for us, which is primarily focused with the war on terrorism, and the fact that we can be engaged at any time, anywhere across the globe, it's important that our Airmen, all Airmen, have a cer-

tain degree of combat skills." This need for combat skills has changed the dynamics of basic military training.

"We have recently adopted an 8.5-week program at basic military training, which will focus primarily on combat skills training with an actual week-long exercise where they will demonstrate all the skills that they have been taught during that time frame," the general said. "There are a number of initiatives that are ongoing in the command to be able to create an Airman that is first a combatant, then an Airman, then a functional specialty. And all this has occurred based on what we have experienced with the beginning of the global war on terrorism."

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## This week in the Triangle

Weather forecaster, 10 a.m. today and Wednesday, weather training complex.  
Financial management-comptroller, 9:15 a.m. Friday, Allee Hall.  
Communications-computer systems operations, 10 a.m. Friday, Thomson Hall.  
Information management, 10 a.m. Friday, Thomson Hall.  
Radio communications, 10 a.m. Friday, Thomson Hall.  
Ground radio communications, 10 a.m. Friday, Jones Hall.  
Ground radar systems, 9 a.m. Monday, Cody Hall.  
Visual imagery-immersion detection systems, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jones Hall.  
Aviation resource management, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Cody Hall.  
Personnel, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Wolfe Hall.



December honor flight

### Student numbers

Total students — 2,520  
Non-prior service — 1,682  
Temporary duty — 727  
Joint service — 75  
Combat controllers — 23  
Medical — 13  
Non-prior service arrivals — 58  
Guard, Reserve — 616  
International — 12  
Fiscal 2007 graduates — 6,307  
Total since 1942 — 2,240,681

# COMMENTARY

## Keesler dentists at forefront of technological revolution

By Col. (Dr.) Kenneth Levin

81st Dental Squadron commander

It was not that long ago when children would receive a new set of teeth for their 18th birthday. Unfortunately, these weren't natural teeth, but the throw-away denture kind.

Boy, times have changed! Today our smiles and our teeth have so much to do with who we are and how we feel about ourselves. You can hardly go into any drug store without coming across the latest and greatest tooth-whitening bleaching system. The amazing thing is that most of these products do work and can definitely improve the smiles of millions of Americans, if applied correctly in the proper circumstances.

This is just the beginning of what I believe will be a revolution in cosmetic dentistry, and the 81st Dental Squadron is at the forefront of this explosion. No longer do we have to revert to long span bridges to fill toothless



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areas or accept poorly fitting dentures. We have state-of-the-art single-tooth implants that can now be placed in some cases without even a surgical procedure, all with the help of computer-aided

three-dimensional imaging of the jaws. In a matter of weeks, these implants osteo-integrate with the bone and act just like tooth roots.

In the next 12 months, the 81st DS has plans to become completely digital and eliminate conventional dental X-rays. This will save time, money and drastically reduce exposure to ionizing radiation for our patients.

This is just the beginning. The technology just gets better and better as we hope to be able to deliver some single-unit crowns to our patients in just one day. Who could ever have dreamed that a beautiful porcelain crown could be milled by a diamond-cutting lathe in the dentist's office in under an hour? I certainly didn't. Yet this machine has arrived at Keesler, and within the next six months we hope to be able to offer this service for some patients. Stop in and say "hello" as we welcome you into the new age of dentistry.

## 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:

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**Civilian personnel** — 377-2268  
**Military personnel flight** — 377-2276  
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**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  
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**Law enforcement desk** — 377-3040  
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**Traffic management (inbound)** — 377-7813  
**Visitor center** — 377-2595  
**Youth center** — 377-4116

## Contingency skills course bolsters warrior ethos

By Staff Sgt. Carlos Diaz

Keesler Public Affairs

I'm an expeditionary Airman.

Our Air Force culture is changing before my very eyes. Gone are the days of 6 1/2 weeks of basic training, where Airmen stressed over folding their T-shirts into perfect 6-inch squares, and two-day field training exercises.

I recently attended two weeks of contingency skills training at Ft. Dix, N.J. The training was intense and physically demanding — I have the bumps, bites and bruises to prove it, too.

Never in my Air Force career have I attended such a grueling and rewarding course. And never has the time been more right. The Air Force is asking Airmen to deploy more often and perform tasks traditionally accomplished by the Army.

I'm no Soldier, but as an expeditionary Airman I realize I'm an Airman first and career field specialist second. This course reinforced that.

The instructors, Airmen from several career

I quickly realized why we stress "fit to fight."

fields, taught us troop leading procedures, defensive operations, combat medical training, close quarter battle techniques, and convoy and night vision goggle operations.

Every morning the 100-plus Airmen assigned to eight squads formed up and shouted their battle cries. We received our orders and off we marched to the field to accomplish the day's tasks. It was as much a team-building experience as individual growth.

One of my most humbling moments was when I couldn't carry a 100-pound mannequin over a 7-foot wall. I quickly realized why we stress "fit to fight." It's not to pass some annual physical fitness test; it's to ensure we can carry our fallen comrades

during the heat of battle when bullets are flying and bombs are blasting.

Another such experience was when our squad was progressing through a forested area in pitch darkness wearing night vision goggles. I tripped so many times over broken branches, tree limbs and half-buried rocks I must've looked like an uncoordinated baby elephant learning how to walk.

The instructors, sporting their cool black hats, loudly motivated us to accomplish our goals and objectives. That brought back memories of my big, bad, 6-foot 5-inch military training instructor. What impressed me most about the Fort Dix staff is they were in the thick of training with us ... in the mud, rain, dirt, cold and crummy weather. They definitely practiced what they preached.

This was my first contingency skills training course. The skills I learned are perishable; it's my job to keep them alive. I've no doubt the expeditionary Air Force will make sure these skills become part of my warrior ethos.

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# Letter to Airmen

Michael W. Wynne  
Secretary of the Air Force

9 Jan 07

## Excellence in All We Do

The new year is upon us and promises to be as challenging as the past year, because a nation at war knows no rest. Our Air Force has been at war for more than 16 years, and we must plan for more. The new year gives us all an opportunity to reflect on our achievements over the past year and set new goals for what we want to accomplish as individual Airmen and as an Air Force. One of the beacons to guide you in forming these goals is the Core Value of "Excellence in All We Do," and a mechanism to implement these goals is AFSO21.

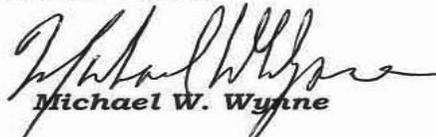
Having just returned from the CENTCOM AOR, I know very well the amazing things you are accomplishing every day for our Air Force as you face the rigors of serving in a combat zone. Every Airman's dedication and attention to detail in this demanding and unforgiving environment are what makes our Air Force second to none. And I was also proud to see Airmen everywhere using Air Force Smart Operations to strive for excellence in their deployed workplaces. Seemingly simple suggestions, such as rearranging tool rooms and weapons storage facilities, saved time, money, and even lives, while giving us a more efficient and lethal organization.

But AFSO21 does not just call for excellence in process improvement or organizational structure. The changes in enabling functions are not ends themselves; rather they must lead to greater combat capability. On my recent trip, I was impressed by the Airmen who added IR sensors to their vehicles to search for IEDs. Other innovations, such as the ROVER laptop, came from the warfighters in the field who sought better air/ground interoperability. From life-saving ideas to increased operational capability, Airmen continue to impress me with their passion for finding a better way.

"Excellence" does not stop with singular achievements, which is why our Core Value has the qualifier of "in All We Do." A culture of excellence must inform and permeate all of our actions. AFSO21 assists us in achieving this excellence by empowering our Airmen to ask how we can do things better. Excellence must be our prevailing attitude.

To those of you who are returning from deployment, I welcome you home and encourage you to share your experiences from the field with your commanders, your fellow Airmen, and the public. Your invaluable combat experience will contribute mightily to our collective pursuit of excellence, as long as we capture your successes in combat and codify them into relevant and realistic training for others.

There is no doubt that we are the greatest Air, Space, and Cyberspace force in the world – no one can do what we do on a daily basis. Yet we still have room for improvement. Remember, our enemies are continually looking for ways to defeat us, so it is critical we build upon the successes of 2006. Make excellence your hallmark for 2007; it's what distinguishes us as Airmen and as an Air Force.

  
Michael W. Wynne



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# TRAINING AND EDUCATION

## Chomp!

### Gators named honor flight for 2006

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The 334th Training Squadron is the 81st Training Group's honor flight of the year for 2006.

The Gators topped the scorecard with 1418.6 points, followed by the 338th TRS Dark Knights, 1404.3; 335th TRS Bulls, 1400.15; 332nd TRS Mad Dogs, 1360.1; and 335th TRS Red Wolves, 1305.4.

The Bulls won the honor for the previous two years.

The honor flight program provides recognition for teamwork and individual demonstration of the Air Force's core values — integrity, service before self and excellence in all we do.

The annual winner is based on monthly scores in eight categories — uniform inspection, knowledge of the



Airman's Manual, procedure compliance of retreat ceremonies, marching, room inspections, charge of quarters, physical readiness training and merit or demerit points assigned by the 81st TRG commander.

Merit points can be earned by outstanding volunteerism of a flight, and demerits can be given for negative performance or illegal activities.

The Gators worked on repairs to two historic Biloxi homes that were damaged

during Hurricane Katrina — the Bond-Grant house and the Swetman house, where the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum is temporarily headquartered. Other community projects included beach cleanups, South Mississippi Humane Society, Biloxi Main Street's Christmas craft market and parade, squadron blood drives, Angel Tree gift distribution and placing flags on graves in Biloxi National Cemetery on Memorial Day.

"Hard work and dedication by everyone in our squadron led to the success of our phenomenal non-prior service Gator Airmen — our instructors, military training Leaders and staff in the 'swamp,'" said Capt. Ryan Robinson, 334th military training flight commander. "I thank and congratulate everyone on this coveted win and for all support given to us."

## Airmen who missed retraining deadline are required to separate from service

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Airmen who submitted a retraining application by Monday's deadline now choose a new Air Force specialty code under Phase II of the fiscal 2007 Noncommissioned Officer Retraining Program.

Phase II-eligible Airmen have until Feb. 28 to do so and submit a completed retraining application.

Airmen identified as required to retrain who missed the retraining application deadline are now required to separate from the Air Force on their current date of separation.

"Airmen selected for retraining who have the necessary retainability cannot decline retraining," said Chief Master Sgt. Christine Williams, chief of the Air Force Personnel Center enlisted skills management branch. "All Airmen identified as being retraining eligible must retrain or face separation under guidelines established for the retraining program."

Vulnerability listings by grade and AFSC are posted and are updated weekly on the Air Force Personnel Center's Web site, [http://](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlskills/retraining/enlskillasp.asp)

[www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlskills/retraining/enlskillasp.asp](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlskills/retraining/enlskillasp.asp). Click on the "Retraining" button to view current information.

A total of 1,073 active-duty Airmen have been targeted for involuntary retraining into another Air Force specialty chosen for them by the AFPC enlisted retraining staff.

Phase II began Jan. 3 and ends when retraining quotas are met, but not later than March 31.

"This phase of the retraining program is necessary to help meet the needs of the Air Force by putting Airmen where they are needed most," said Senior Master Sgt. Greg McClain, superintendent of enlisted retraining. "We will work with those Airmen who are selected for retraining, as we would any retraining case, in order to make the transition as smooth as possible for the Airman and his or her family while still meeting the needs of the Air Force."

For more information, contact command support staff personnel, base career assistance advisers or call the Air Force Contact Center, 1-800-665-5000.

# Combat skills training takes time, patience

By Master Sgt.  
Shawn Sprayberry

Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO — Taking an Airman from his normal comfort zone into an environment where he's expected to practice ground combat skills takes time and patience.

Airmen at Osan Air Base, South Korea, went through a 19-hour installation arming response course taught over two days by the 51st Security Forces Squadron. The course centered on basic defensive and offensive skills to protect Airmen in combat situations.

“What we're doing is preparing them to delay the hostile threat,” said Staff Sgt. Henry Perez, an instructor from the 51st SFS. “Then the mobile reserve can come in

and do their job.”

Staff Sgt. Aneila Persaud is a chaplain's assistant at Osan. She said she didn't expect the training to be as hard as it was, but it “gives me the maximum strength to defend myself.”

The security forces instructors concentrated on personal skills such as low crawl, as the students drag their faces and their rifles along the ground. They also taught the basic hand-to-hand fighting techniques they may need to keep enemy forces from delaying the installation's ability to fly, fight and win.

“We go out there and do it with them,” said Sergeant Perez. “That way they know it can be done. We give them a little bit of motivation so they can complete what we're asking them to do.”

# TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

## William Carey sign-up

William Carey University is accepting registrations and applications for the spring term, which begins Feb. 19.

Continuing students simply register, while new and students and those being readmitted are required to apply.

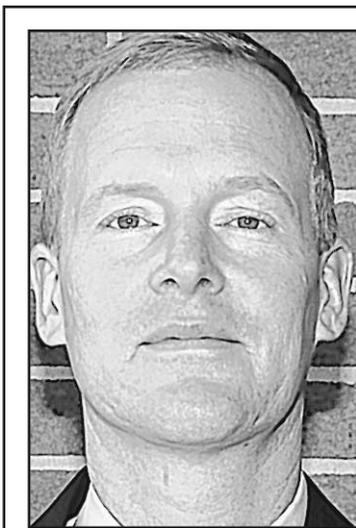
Discounted tuition rates are available to active duty military, dependants, retirees and Defense Department civilians.

For more information, visit Room 208 in old Cody Hall or call 377-0090.

## MGCCC sign-up

Online spring term pre-registration for currently enrolled students at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College-Keesler begins Feb. 12.

Registration by appoint-



## Perfect student

**Tech. Sgt. Kenyon Degreene graduated Jan. 11 with a perfect average in all seven blocks of the electronic principles course in the 332nd Training Squadron. Sergeant Degreene, who is cross training from crew chief to backshop avionics, is headed for further training at Shepard Air Force Base, Texas.**

## Free course for spouses

Jan. 25 is the deadline to apply online for a free virtual assistants course for spouses of active-duty members of any

branch of service.

The course is Feb. 14 and 16, with a two-hour evening "Spouse with a Mouse" session for the spouse and military member on Feb. 15. The class size is from eight to 20 students per session.

Virtual assistants are self-employed people who provide off-site business support services, including administrative tasks, competitive research, Web site design, resume writing, accounting, bookkeeping services, marketing support, translation and graphic design.

Assignments are communicated through e-mail, phone, fax, mail, diskette transfer and real-time online messaging.

The certified instructor is Lana Smith from the airman and family readiness center.

To apply, complete and

submit the application at [http://www.msvas.com/application\\_keesler.htm](http://www.msvas.com/application_keesler.htm). For more information, call Lana Smith, 377-2179 or 8593.

## Senior leader course

The non-resident Air War College senior leader course is open to active duty, National Guard and Reserve members selected for lieutenant colonel and above of any component of the armed forces and Defense Department general schedule 13 and above civilian employees.

The distance learning program may be completed on your own or with a group seminar.

To enroll, go to <http://www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awchome.htm>

For more information or to set up a seminar group, call Joyce James, 377-7159.

ment for active duty begins Feb. 22 in Room 214, old Cody Hall. For appointments, call 377-2287.

Spring term begins March 5.

# NEWS AND FEATURES

## Keesler is Air Force's first base with inpatient operations squadron

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler's newest squadron stood up Jan. 11 to join the 81st Medical Group's other five units.

The 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron joins the 81st Medical Operations, Surgical Operations, Medical Support, Aerospace Medicine and Dental Squadrons as Keesler Medical Center continues to increase patient services since being devastated by Hurricane Katrina nearly 17 months ago.

Lt. Col. Thomas Roshetko assumed command in a ceremony officiated by Brig. Gen. (Dr.) James Dougherty, 81st MDG commander.

According to Lt. Col. Steven Reese, 81st Medical Support Squadron commander, the 81st MDG is the first medical unit in the Air Force to stand up an inpatient operations squadron.

"We're finding all the challenges involved with the process," he said.

He also ensures that the change is transparent to the medical center's patients.

The 81st IPTS absorbs personnel from the Medical Operations and Surgical Operations squadrons. The new squadron consists of three flights: the critical care flight, responsible for the intensive care and cardiac care units; the multiservice flight, which oversees the inpatient medical surgical and surgical units; and the maternal/child care flight, which includes inpatient obstetrics and the neonatal intensive care units.

Creation of the new squadron is part of the newly-instituted Air Force Medical Service flight path concept developed over the past two years. In May 2004, then-Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper in his letter, "Developing Expeditionary Medics — A Flight Path," tasked the Air Force surgeon general to "complete a comprehensive review of the med-



Photo by Steve Pivnick

**Colonel Roshetko, left, is briefed about a newborn warmer in a labor, delivery, recovery and postpartum room by Capt. Toni Olivieri, a labor and delivery nurse, and Maj. Regina Paden, a nurse midwife. Captain Olivieri and Major Paden are members of the squadron's state-of-the-art LDRP unit which opened Jan. 8.**

ical group structure for our garrisoned and expeditionary medical groups." This resulted in the flight path now being instituted Air Force-wide.

Within the 81st MDG, in addition to creating the new squadron, all ancillary services — radiology, clinical laboratory, nutritional medicine and pharmacy — move from the 81st MDSS to the 81st MDOS.

Also, the flight path formally establishes a training division at the group staff level that encompasses all graduate medical education activities and the clinical research laboratory.

The new concept provides enhanced force development opportunities for Nurse Corps officers by specifying the 81st IPTS commander billet as Nurse Corps-specific.

The 81st IPTS commander, who's been selected for promotion to colonel, came to Keesler from Hurlburt Field, Fla., where he commanded the 1st Special Operations Medical Operations Squadron.

Colonel Roshetko entered

the Air Force in January 1986 through a direct commission. His career assignments included the nurse internship program, multiple inpatient units, emergency room nurse, writing the original Region VII Tricare contract, lead agency utilization/quality management consultant and Air Mobility Command command surgeon executive officer and flight commander.

At Peterson AFB, Colo., he was responsible for the implementation of the Air Force Medical Service population health policy, including health care optimization and health promotion. He co-authored the new Air Force fitness policy and served as Air Force Space Command deputy chief nurse and deputy of the medical operations division.

At Hurlburt Field, Colonel Roshetko commanded 240 personnel serving 17,000 beneficiaries, including 7,600 active-duty members. In addition, he was responsible for medical oversight of 4,000 annual special operations deployments.

## IN THE NEWS

### Car bomb kills 3 Airmen

Air Force Print News

Tech. Sgt. Timothy Weiner, 35, of Tamarack, Fla., Senior Airman Elizabeth Loncki, 23, of New Castle, Del., and Senior Airman Daniel Miller Jr., 24, of Galesburg, Ill., were killed by a car bomb Jan. 7 near Baghdad, Iraq.

They are the first casualties from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, since Operations Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom began. They were deployed to Iraq from the 775th Civil Engineer Squadron's explosive ordnance disposal flight responsible for defusing explosives and working with chemical and biological weapons.

According to Air Force officials, the three Airmen were trying to defuse the explosive device when it detonated. One Airman not assigned to Hill was injured.

A memorial service was held Friday at Hill.

### Wing commander's calls

Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander, holds commander's calls, 3:30-4:30 p.m. today and 9-10 a.m. Friday at Welch Auditorium.

### Commander's call for medics

Brig. Gen. James Dougherty, 81st Medical Group commander, holds a commander's call, 5-6 p.m. Wednesday.

Discussion topics are current capabilities, services and future of Keesler Medical Center.

### NSPS goes into effect Sunday

Sunday, 540 of Keesler's general schedule non-union civilian positions are transferred to the new National Security Personnel System.

Keesler has about 1,856 civilian authorizations.

NSPS will eventually cover more than 650,000 Department of Defense civilians.

For more information, call June Clemenens, 377-9356, or Gary Schafer, 377-4787; visit Keesler's NSPS office, Room 111 of the Airman Leadership School, or go to the NSPS link on the Keesler secure Web site, <https://www.mil.keesler.af.mil>.

### 4th quarter awards

The 81st Training Wing's fourth quarter awards ceremony is 3:30 p.m. Jan. 25 at Welch Auditorium.

### Early Keesler News deadline

The deadline for submissions to the Feb. 22 issue of the Keesler News is noon Feb. 15, four days earlier than usual.

The earlier deadline is due to the Presidents Day federal holiday, Feb. 19, and the Mardi Gras regional holiday, Feb. 20, which is observed by Gulf Publishing Co., contract publisher of the base newspaper.

The newspaper office is closed Feb. 19 in observance of the Presidents Day 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.

# AETC prepares for cuts in civilian workforce

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Air Education and Training Command officials are looking at ways to streamline organizations to reduce the effect of reductions in the civilian workforce.

The Air Force plans to reduce its civilian workforce strength by 2,000 positions during fiscal 2007 as a result of Program Budget Decision 720.

"This is not just an AETC effort. Every command and organization in the Air Force is transforming to a smaller, leaner and more capable force all while engaged in combat operations," said Col. Greg Patterson, the AETC A1 Manpower and Personnel director. "Part of this is driven by our Air Force's urgent need to modernize our fighter and mobility aircraft."

The colonel said the people portion of the budget equation is one of the few places left to attain large, long-term financial changes.

"It's a very delicate balance between ensuring we are taking care of our people while we strive to generate savings in a constrained budget environment as we try to recapitalize the Air Force," Colonel Patterson said.

"I want our civilian workforce to know we are very concerned about the impacts of any force reductions within the command," said Gen. William Looney, AETC commander. "We are going to work with every individual and hope to find viable options and opportunities to make this work for us and our Air Force."

"This will not be an easy process, or one without pain," he said. "We have recently determined the overall number of positions our command is going to lose. Now, we are concentrating on finding the most efficient, least painful approach to implementing those reductions."

Colonel Patterson said AETC should pass the

number of authorization reductions to the wings shortly.

"At that time, we will be able to discuss the options available for us to provide support to all affected employees," he said.

Colonel Patterson said some of the possible support options include the Voluntary Early Retirement Authority, Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay and placement via the Department of Defense Priority Placement Program.

Noting that any reduction in the number of civilian authorizations can potentially lead to a reduction in force, Colonel Patterson said, "Using the programs we have available and in place, we believe we can minimize any impact on our civilian work force."

"It's important that folks work with us as we go through these reductions, and we'll make every effort to keep everyone informed as we reach key milestones."

## Training,

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The Air Force is also focused on creating partnerships with other countries, which includes providing aircraft and training to other nation's air forces.

"We have great opportunities throughout our Air Force to reach out and create regional partnerships," General Looney said. "Once relationships are created, it is incumbent on those of us in AETC to help make good on the promises that we have made to these countries with regard to providing them with aircraft ... and help them with training both on how to maintain, sustain and fly the aircraft and also to help with their professional development and providing them with educational opportunities at our military schools, both in the enlisted and the officer realm."

Though the Air Force is changing constantly, one thing remains constant, and that's the adventure that comes along with a career in the military, the general said.

"I have often heard it said that ordinary people live extraordinary lives in the military. It is a great opportunity to serve your nation and a great opportunity to give back to a wonderful, magnificent country like the one we

belong to," he said.

"At the same time, it is a great opportunity for self-fulfillment because of not only the jobs you have, the opportunity to perform in our Air Force, but also the opportunities for advancement, for enhancement of your personal skills and talents through education and experience."

Along with the excitement and opportunities to see new parts of the world and receive training are the opportunities for lifelong friendships.

"Finally, there are the relationships that you make within the military. I believe that there is no stronger bond that is developed between people than a bond that is forged in selfless service to a greater cause," General Looney said.

"And that is what the military is all about. We are willing to make sacrifices in order to serve our country. And when you do that alongside others who feel the same way, there is camaraderie and a unique relationship that is created like no other."

"It is a wonderful opportunity for people to get together and come together and serve together," he added. "So what has been one of the highlights of my career is the relationships, lifelong lasting, that I have developed during my service, and it is only because of the type of service that we have in the Air Force."

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# PERSONNEL NOTES

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## Additional voluntary retirements

### Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force offers additional voluntary retirements to a select group of officers.

The Force Shaping Program Phase II additional measures offer voluntary retirements to officers with at least eight years total active federal commissioned service and 20 years total active federal military service.

The Air Force waives active-duty service commitments (except aviation continuation pay, judge advocate continuation pay and critical skills retention bonus) and allows officers meeting these criteria to apply for voluntary retirement.

Lieutenant colonels and colonels who are retirement eligible are encouraged to apply for retirement by Sept. 1.

Some force-shaping initiatives are still offered, such as the "Blue to Green" option for officers and the waiver for lieutenant colonels and colonels to retire with two years time in grade through 2007. The Air Force also authorizes a temporary program to allow officers to establish a voluntary retirement date up to 15 months in advance.

## Civilian employment information

### Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Civilian appropriated fund employees and prospective applicants can get answers to questions about employment opportunities, benefits and entitlements online at the Air Force's Customer Service Center.

A database at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cst> includes hundreds of questions and answers. For online inquiries, users who don't find an answer to their specific question can submit a query through the "Ask-A-Question" tab at the top of the page.

## Adoption leave of absence

### Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Airmen adopting children now may be authorized up to 21 days of non-chargeable leave per calendar year.

For more information, contact your commander's support staff or call the Air Force Contact Center, 1-800-616-3775, option 1, 2, or DSN 665-5000.

## Temporary duty and test cycles

If members' temporary duty period begins before the testing cycle starts and extends beyond the end of the testing cycle, they should test at the TDY location if facilities are available and requirements permit.

Testing up to 10 days prior to the announced cycle is authorized for members TDY during the entire testing cycle who can't test at their TDY location.

Members who decline to test early when so directed are ineligible for promotion for the remainder of the current test cycle.

For more information, see Air Force Instruction 36-2605, Air Force Military Personnel Testing System.

## Data theft protection resources

### Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — For information on data theft protection resources and how to protect against identity theft, visit First Gov, the federal government's official Web portal.

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on the base siren is a  
**TORNADO WARNING**  
— take cover.

# Immunization clinic reopens in pre-Katrina basement site



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Staff Sgt. Javon Craig, left, and Tech. Sgt. Loretta Scott move supplies into the renovated immunization clinic.

## 81st Medical Group

Keesler Medical Center's immunization clinic reopened in its former location in the basement Monday.

Patients accessing the clinic through the outpatient clinic entrance turn left behind the escalators and proceed up the ramp on the right side of the corridor. Turn right and then left into the first corridor.

From the emergency room entrance, the immunization clinic is the last clinic on the right at the end of the hallway leading from the emergency room.

The immunization clinic is open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on compressed work schedule Fridays. The clinic remains open during the lunch hour.

## **CORRECTION**

Maj. Teresa Roberts, who recently received Air Education and Training Command's field grade social work of the year award, is attending Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

Her current assignment was listed incorrectly in the Jan. 11 issue of the Keesler News.

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## Playground goes postal



Photo by Diana Salgado

The "super playground" on Meadows Drive near the temporary commissary was demolished over the Christmas holidays to make way for construction of a new post office. The current post office on Chappie James Avenue sustained significant damage during Hurricane Katrina.

## Medical support has new leader

Lt. Col. Steven Reese, left, new 81st Medical Support Squadron commander, and Tech. Sgt. Garfield Adams, squadron security manager, review security issues Jan. 9. Colonel Reese assumed command of the squadron Jan. 4. He served as commander of the squadron's resource management flight since May 2005.

Photo by Steve Pivnick



## 17 base medics move up in rank

Seventeen Keesler medical officers have been selected for promotion to colonel, lieutenant colonel and major.

**Colonel** — Lt. Col. Scott Greening, 81st Dental Squadron.

**Lieutenant colonel** — Maj. Mark Campbell, Mark Hinton, Steven Kindsvater, Gina Vitiello and Daniel Wattendorf, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, and Peter Drewes and Arthur Gamache Jr., 81st Surgical Operations Squadron.

**Major** — Capt. Andrew Allen, Anne Gray and Carl Ramsey, 81st MSGS; Jeffrey Carlson and Marion Farnsworth, 81st Medical Support Squadron, and Melissa Hanna, Adrian Letz, Oliver Mayorga and Aaron Quinn, 81st MDOS.

# Air Force leaders advocate Voluntary Protection Program

## **Air Force Print News**

WASHINGTON—Air Force leaders here are advocating an enhanced safety program that focuses on developing and caring for the safety of Airmen, civilians and their families.

The Voluntary Protection Program originates from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and focuses on incorporating the Air Force's culture of safety in the air, on the ground, at work, at home and at play.

## **Enhances productivity**

"This is an integral part of our everyday operations, especially as we streamline our forces," said Maj. Gen. Stanley Gorenc, chief of Air Force Safety in Washington and Air Force Safety Center commander at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.

"We need to make sure our productivity is as strong as ever, if not better, and VPP helps enhance that, and is fundamental to the way we do business."

In June 2003, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld established an accident reduction effort, charging all services to reduce preventable mishaps by 50 percent. In 2005, he challenged the services again with a 75 percent reduction. To meet these goals, the Navy and Army, along with the Air Force, embraced VPP. The program sets performance-based criteria for a managed safety and health system. Training is provided to introduce VPP into workcenters and emphasizes accountability at all levels.

## **Injuries affect everything**

William Anderson, assistant secretary of the Air Force for Installation, Environment and Logistics, said that when an Airman or Air Force civilian is injured, it affects everything from quality of life to the mission.

"VPP is really a quality-of-life issue," he said. "We want all of our Air Force members to return home in the same shape as when they arrived at work. We care about our people and want to keep them safe, healthy and productive."

Workers sidelined by preventable injuries

and illnesses also cost the Air Force money, he said.

"In our civilian workforce alone, we experienced more than 2,200 injuries or illnesses last year that corresponded to 33,000 lost workdays," he said. "That's comparable to having 132 civilian full-time equivalents on the payroll who couldn't show up for work because of preventable workplace mishaps."

## **Baseline year**

Nine Air Force installations were established this year as a baseline for service-wide implementation: Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; Altus AFB, Okla.; Holloman AFB, N.M.; Eielson AFB, Alaska; Los Angeles AFB, Calif.; Hanscom AFB, Mass.; Tinker AFB, Okla.; Hill AFB, Utah; and Robins AFB, Ga. The program will gradually expand to all major commands and bases.

Fiscal year 2006 was the best ever for aviation safety based upon a significant drop in mishaps and fatalities. However, ground safety, which includes workcenter and vehicle mishaps, requires a more concentrated effort to reduce its number of mishaps.

## **Everyone has a role**

"Everyone, from the top leadership at the Pentagon to the Airmen on the base flightline, has a role in this program," said Mr. Anderson. "If an Airman sees something wrong in his workcenter or comes up with a safer way to do things, we want him to come forward and bring it to his leadership's attention. This will increase our combat capability and help eliminate waste, reduce cost, strengthen value and get the job done better and more safely."

General Gorenc agreed everyone plays a part in the program.

"There are consequences with everything we do," he said. "Our goal is to educate people to recognize that and motivate and activate them to make the safest choice for themselves and their fellow Airmen. We need to include these concepts in all areas of our lives, on duty and off."



Photo by Kemberly Groue

A vehicle approaches one of the aircraft operations traffic lights on Ploesti Drive near the north end of Keesler's Runway 21. All traffic must stop if the lights are activated. The air traffic control tower activates the lights to protect pedestrian, vehicular and air traffic.

## Drivers and joggers beware: Ploesti Drive traffic lights real

By 2nd Lt. Nick Plante

Keesler News staff

Red traffic lights help protect people from dangerous situations no matter where they're located.

Leaders at Keesler's 81st Operations Support Flight said some vehicles fail to stop at activated traffic lights located near the north end of Keesler's Runway 21 on Ploesti Drive.

"We want to educate people about the importance of stopping when the lights are activated for aircraft operations," said Capt. Justin Cooper, 81st Training Wing airfield operations chief.

The lights are positioned to stop traffic in both directions.

Captain Cooper said the lights are activated by the air traffic control tower for safety reasons.

The tower has specific directions about when the lights should be activated outlined in Keesler Instruction 13-201.

The lights are activated when an aircraft is inbound with an in-flight emergency, when aircraft are using visual

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"We want to educate people about the importance of stopping when the lights are activated for aircraft operations."

— Captain Cooper

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navigation to land and when aircraft use the keyhole area for back taxiing or landing rollout.

"Cars should never proceed when the lights are on," said Staff Sgt. Gerald Kelley, 81st OSF air traffic controller. "We have contact with the aircraft."

The tower is in contact and has a better perspective than vehicles on the ground. Controllers determine if it's safe for vehicles to cross the area at the north end.

The lights are in place to avoid collisions between aircraft, and under no situations should drivers proceed if the lights are activated, Sergeant Kelley said.

Joggers and walkers should be aware they're not allowed within the area when the

lights are activated.

Drivers might think the lights may be stuck on, but they shouldn't take it upon themselves to make that call. If the lights are stuck on, someone will go out to the site and notify the people waiting there, said Captain Cooper.

Motorists waiting at the lights can call base operations at 377-2120 to verify the lights are working correctly.

Security forces have been called out to control traffic when vehicles have failed to yield.

"It depends on the situation, but vehicles failing to stop at any traffic light can be issued a citation for disobeying a traffic control device," said Staff Sgt. Douglas Wickline, 81st Security Forces desk sergeant.

# Cold weather heating invites invisible toxic killer

By Master Sgt. Kimberly Spencer

59th Wing Public Affairs

LACKLAND Air Force Base, Texas— Medical officials warn personnel to be aware of the dangers that can accompany the use of home heating systems during cold weather.

The greatest danger comes from carbon monoxide poisoning.

“CO is a silent killer,” said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Shawn Varney, 59th Medical Wing Emergency Department flight commander. “It is an odorless, colorless, tasteless gas that, when inhaled, binds to the hemoglobin molecules in your red blood cells and displaces oxygen. Instead of delivering life-sustaining oxygen to your tissues, you unknowingly send in a toxic substance that could harm you if exposed for long periods.”

Problems can arise as a result of improper installation, maintenance or inadequate ventilation of appliances and heaters.

The Wilford Hall Emergency Department and Brooks-City Base

Hyperbaric Medicine Division here saved the life of a civilian with severe carbon monoxide poisoning in October. The victim was discovered unconscious in an enclosed area. Subsequent investigation revealed a very high level of carbon monoxide gas in the area from which she was rescued.

Depending on the amount of CO gas inhaled, victims will feel fatigue, headache, nausea, vomiting, weakness and confusion. At very high levels, it can cause unconsciousness, heart attack, permanent brain injury and death.

“People suffering from CO toxicity look and feel like they have the flu,” warns Colonel Varney. “A big clue to toxicity is when you say you feel ‘as sick as a dog,’ and then you realize that your dog is sick too.”

If you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning, get fresh air immediately. Open doors and windows, and turn off potential combustion appliances and leave the house or enclosed space.

Call 911 or go to the emergency room. Have your local fire department check the structure out before anyone goes back in.

CO detectors should be used, but not as a replacement for proper use and maintenance of fuel-burning appliances, hospital officials warn. They also suggest researching the quality and different features available in CO detectors on the market today.

“Every year we hear about carbon monoxide and, of course, working in an emergency department we see several cases each winter,” said Col. (Dr.) Michaela Shafer, 959th Surgical Operations Squadron commander.

“Naively I believed that most made it to the hospital and were cured with the use of high-dose oxygen and hyperbaric therapy. That is, of course, until two years ago, when I lost my funny, talented and crazy sister and brother-in-law to carbon monoxide poisoning in their home in Seattle,” Colonel Shafer said.

“My brother-in-law was very smart

and had installed all the fancy gadgets in his house except for the one that could have saved their lives — a carbon monoxide detector. I think it was one of the most devastating moments in my life to lose someone so senselessly.”

For safer home heating:

**Make sure** appliances are properly working and adjusted to manufacturers’ instructions.

**A qualified technician** should inspect and repair heating system, chimneys and flues.

**Open** flues when fireplaces are in use.

**Use** only the proper fuel in kerosene space heaters.

**Don’t** use ovens and gas ranges to heat your home.

**Don’t** burn charcoal inside a home, cabin, recreational vehicle or camper.

**Never** leave a car or lawn mower engine running in a shed or garage, or in any enclosed space.

**Make sure** your gas stove and furnace are ventilated properly.

# Black history observance events set

By 2nd Lt. Nick Plante

Keesler News staff

Keesler celebrates Black History Month in February.

An organization day kicks off the observance, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 8.

Trophies are awarded to the top three educational displays. To participate, call 1st Lt. Ernest Stewart, 377-1836.

Other events include:

**African-American Heritage Committee cookout** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 15 at the marina. Cost \$6, with proceeds going toward college scholarships. For more information, call Byron Bryant, 377-4198, or Staff Sgt. Samuel Parms, 377-2860.

**4th annual AAHC bowling tournament** — noon Feb. 16 at Gaudé Lanes. Cost is \$10, with proceeds going toward college scholarships. For more information, call Kurt Higgins, 377-5356, or Mr. Bryant, 377-4198.

**Free gospel concert** — 6-9 p.m. Feb. 23, location to be determined. Community choirs perform. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Anthony Thomas, 377-8628, or Mary Pleasant, 377-4198.

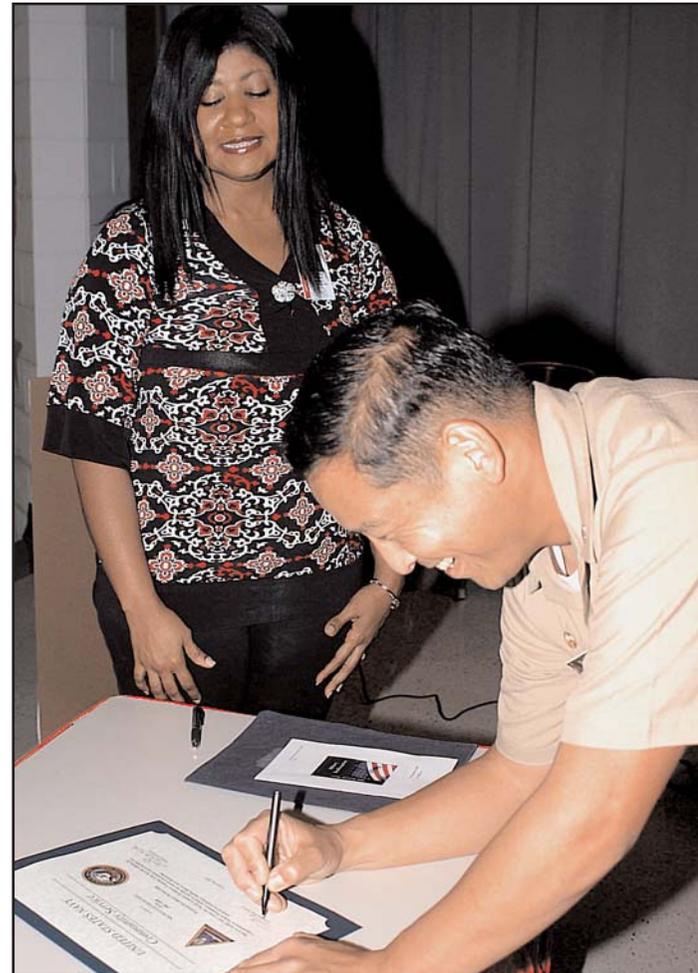
**Free food sampling** — 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Triangle Chapel Annex. Food is catered by AAHC members and area restaurants. For more information, call Senior Airman Julia Jackson, 377-3009, or Cynthia McCall, 377-9386.

**Sickle cell 5-kilometer run/walk** — 6:45 a.m. registration and 7:30 a.m. start, April 12 at Blake Fitness Center. Cost, \$10 for preregistration and \$15 day of event, with proceeds benefiting sickle cell anemia research and treatment. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Maranatty Martin, 377-0552, or Minnie Gray, 377-7001.

Other events planned but not confirmed include a luncheon and an education heritage day.

For more information call Paulette Powell, 377-2270.

## Commitment to kids



Photos by Kemberly Groue  
Melissa Nance, principal of Nichols Elementary School in Biloxi, watches as Cmdr. Dean Sadanaga, Keesler Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit commander, signs a certificate Jan. 7 reaffirming the unit's volunteer commitment to the school. The unit assists teachers with various student activities on compressed work schedule Fridays. Nichols students, moved to Jeff Davis Elementary School after Hurricane Katrina ravaged their school, recently returned to their renovated facility.



A CNATTU team conducts a flag ceremony as sixth graders recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

# KEESLER NOTES

## New phone number

The main telephone number for the 81st Medical Operations Squadron mental health flight's life skills element has been changed from 377-6216 to 376-0385.

## Technology Expo

The 12th annual Technology Expo is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 1 at the Imperial Palace Casino Resort.

Admission is free. Refreshments are served.

The event is hosted by the 81st Training Support Squadron and Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association.

For more information, call 1-877-332-3976.

## Medical entrance closed

Keesler Medical Center's A-Tower entrance is closed until late March for renovation.

The outpatient clinic entrance remains available for patient and staff use.

## Parking lot closes

The parking lot on the southeast side of the Keesler NCO Academy is closed Feb. 12 for drill evaluations.

In the event of inclement weather, the lot is open.

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

## Part-time jobs

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is accepting applicants for part-time posi-

tions at the temporary mini-mart scheduled to open March 1.

Apply online for positions at <http://www.aafes.com>.

## Blood drives

To schedule mobile blood drives, call Jill Peterson, 377-9324.

## TeamKid

TeamKid, a chapel program for children, meets 4-5:30 p.m. Sundays in the Triangle Chapel Annex.

For more information, call 377-2520.

## Honor guard

The Keesler Honor Guard has openings for officers and senior noncommissioned officers to serve on the Brass Team.

Brass Team members sup-

plement the rotational honor guard and perform details in Mississippi and Louisiana.

For more information, call 377-1986 or visit <https://www.mil.keesler.af.mil/honor/index.htm>.

## Fingerprinting process

The 81st Security Forces Squadron no longer accepts walk-ins for fingerprints.

For appointments, call 377-4660 or 5404.

## Preschool playgroup

A preschool pals playgroup is offered 9:30-10:30 a.m. Thursdays in Room 100-B of the former Chapel One.

The group is a joint venture of the chapel and the family support center. The hour offers toys, games, music and a

chance for parents to visit.

For more information, call Kristy LaBelle, 596-8215.

## Playgroup

The preschool playgroup sponsored by family advocacy staff meets 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesdays at the youth center.

For details, call 377-8612.

## Mail delivery

Office mail must be picked up and mailed at Room C8, Building 0901, 708 Fisher Street between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday and working Fridays.

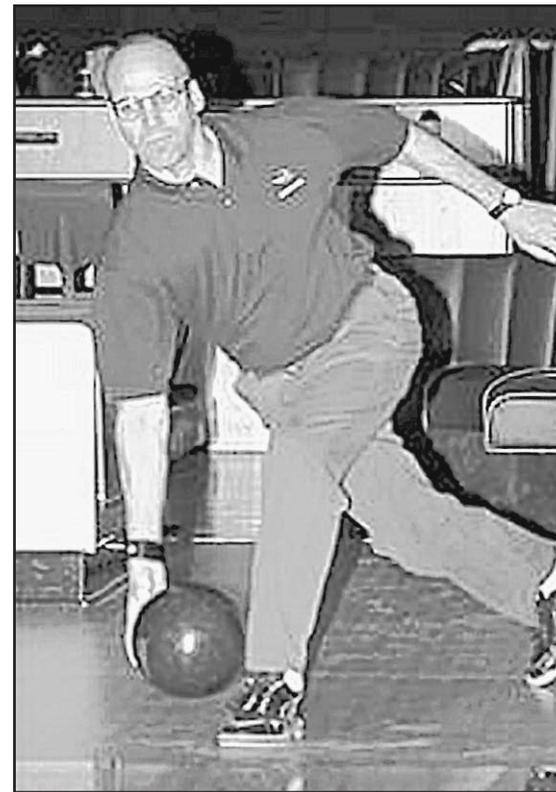
The deadline for same-day mail and Federal Express is 1:30 p.m.

For more information call 377-4060 or 3292.

# SPORTS AND RECREATION



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Jeffery

Bedford

## Golfer, bowler selected as top athletes for 2006

### Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Air Force Services Agency officials have chosen Linda Jeffery as Air Force Female Athlete of the Year and Martin Bedford as Male Athlete of the Year for 2006.

Jeffery won the All-Air Force Women's Golf Championship and went on to lead the Air Force team to the 2006 Armed Forces Women's Golf Championship, where she beat her nearest opponent by nine strokes.

She also led the Armed Forces women's team to Ireland and the 2006 Consiel International du Sport Militaire Championship, where she won the individual title by 12 strokes. She set the CISM women's record for 36 and 54 holes — CISM championship play totals 54 holes — and led the Armed Forces women's team to a 53-stroke victory over its nearest competitor.

Jeffery is a combat support flight chief at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.

Bedford won the 2006 Air Force Bowling Championship and went on to lead the Air Force to the 2006 Armed Forces Championship, placing first among the 45 top military bowlers. He also placed fourth out of 151 U.S. amateur bowlers at the United States Bowling Congress Trial, where he set a new eight-game block record with his 242 average.

In April 2006, Bedford placed third out of 80 competitors at the U.S. Amateur Bowling Association's Spring Nationals and was a member of Team USA's silver medalist doubles team at the 2006 Tournament of the Americas.

Currently, he's ranked ninth in the American Zone North Region.

Bedford is a special purpose vehicle and equipment mechanic at Kunsan Air Base, Korea.

## Rifle event open to active-duty, reservists, guardsmen

### Air Force Print News

WRIGHT-PATTERSON Air Force Base, Ohio — Air Force active-duty, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard members have a chance to test their marksmanship

skills at an upcoming rifle match here.

The base serves as host to the rifle match Feb. 26 through March 1 at the firing range complex in Area A.

For more information, call

Kurt Rice, 88th Security Forces Squadron, DSN 787-2309/7388 or 1-937-257-2309/7388.

The competition includes a 1.5-hour classroom session and two hours on the range.

# SCORES AND MORE

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## Basketball

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### Women's varsity schedule

**Saturday-Sunday** — 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. 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

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**Winter leagues** — sign up for 6:30 p.m. Monday competitive "Bud" league; 6 p.m. Tuesdays, intramural; 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and/or Friday, adult family mixed; 9 a.m. Thursdays, women and seniors; 11 a.m. Saturdays, youth.

**Tuesdays** — Gulfport Seabee Base personnel bowl for half price.

**Thursdays** — teenagers bowl for \$5.

**Saturdays** — bowling birthday parties, \$7 per child includes two hours bowling, shoes and food package. Birthday child bowls free. Reservations required.

**Youth special** — ages 17 and younger bowl for \$1 game.

**Bowl-a-rama** — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, two hours for \$9.95 including shoes (\$16 value); 4 p.m. to closing Monday-Saturday, two hours for \$10.95 including shoes (\$17.25 value).

**Nonprior service students open bowling special** — show UBU club card to bowl for \$1.50 per game until 4 p.m. Saturdays, \$2 game Monday-Saturday after \$4. Shoe rental, \$1. Not applicable with other discounts or specials.

## Fitness centers

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**Aerobics** — openings for certified instructors.

For more information, call 377-8380.

**Massage therapist** — available by appointment only at Triangle Fitness Center. For more information or to schedule appointment, call 263-5515.

**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. The basketball court is closed for repairs and renovations.

**Dragon Fitness Center** — open 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. workdays. Basketball court is open. Parent-child fitness room open 6 a.m. to 2 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.

## Golf

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**Bay Breeze** — course closed until October. Seabee Base's Pine Bayou Course in Gulfport is available. For more information, call 871-2494. These Mississippi Gulf Coast courses offer military discounts: St. Andrews, Gulf Hills, Bay Vista and Great Southern Club.

**Bay Breeze driving range** — driving range open 7 a.m. to dusk daily. Bucket of 30 balls costs \$2.

**Golf lessons** — \$25 for 30 minutes. For an appointment, call 377-3832 or 348-7589.

## Outdoor recreation

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

**Back Bay fishing trips** — Jan. 27; \$15 per person, maximum eight people. Call for reservations.

**Children's wildlife poster contest** — win \$100 or \$50 savings bond. For more information, call 377-3160.

**January special** — 10 percent off rental equipment.

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

For more information, call 377-3160.

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

## Soccer

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**Base team** — coaches and players interested in forming a Keesler team for tournament at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, call Laurence Wilson, 377-2444.

## Tennis

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

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

## Youth center

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**Basketball** — registration through Jan. 19, ages 6 and older.

**Taekwondo** — 5 p.m. ages 3-5 and 6 p.m. ages 6 and older, Mondays and Wednesdays; \$35 per month members; \$40 non-members. For more information, call 377-4116.

## HONORS

### Student honor roll

#### 332nd Training Squadron

**Electronic principles** — Airmen Basic John Avera, Joshua Aspocolas, Christopher Blount, Brian Bone, Justin Cahill, Michael Carnley, Craig Clouatre, Riley Cusson, Bryan Gresham, Robert Hardison, Johan Holtz, David Hoffert, Christopher Livingston, Patrick Merwin, Eric Miles, Travis Morrison, Lanae Rosser, Joshua Sacasa, Emma Sanchez, Nicholaus Schwall, Ryan Scott, Alexander Tobin, Adam Urban and Elijah VanGuilder; Airmen Micah Blanton, Jordan Gunter, Christopher Hynes, Aerion Ivery, John McCardle, Cody Pratt, Ralph Shurte, Apollo Timbers, Richard VanHyning and Philip Ziegler; Airmen 1st Class Emmanuel Aguilar, James Bullock, James Caulder, Jarrick Chappell, Kerry Compton, Adam Drew, Gino Dottavio, Kevin Farkas, Michael Garner, Matthew Habart, Logan Hatcher, Philip Mayes, Daniel Melancon, Shawn Meyer, Sean Mondello, Richard Owen, Aaron Pederson, Anthony Prince, Benjamin Salazar, Gabriel Sanchez, Shane Sellers, Patrick Stracuzzi, Michael VanderSys and Paul Wert; Senior Airmen John Fusco and Jeremiah Ward; Staff Sgts. William Adams, Eric Breault, David Dunlop, Christopher Kelley, Guy McCreery, Mason McIntyre and Mark Schindlbeck; Tech. Sgt. William Page.

**Metrology flight** — Airmen Basic Daniel Foster, Garrett Lotzgesell, Nathan Fenton, Randy Agee and Dorian Hadley; Airmen Ian Stahr, Vang Bos Le and Edmund Smith; Airmen 1st Class Jason Price, Steven Guy, Michelle Keselman and Andrew Gropp; Senior Master Sgt. Jae Jeon.

#### 334th TRS

**Air traffic control operations training flight** — Airmen Basic Darren Campo, Brett Corriveau, Joshua Griffith, Nathan Grosse, Timothy Kenney, Brandon Lee, James Lewis, Eric Minor, Cara Musick, Oaul Owen, Bryan Shepherd and William Westmorland; Airman Daniel Yeasted; Airmen 1st Class Nathan Beaudoin, Kevin Green, Kevin Gronnvoll, Nathaniel Kilborn, Clayton Shiver and Chad Watson; Tech. Sgt. Jonathon Gilbert; 2nd Lt. Alexious Kachenje.

**Command post apprentice course** — Airmen Basic Alissa Laughton and Elias Riehl; Airman Antawain King; Airmen 1st Class Amanda Avila, William Remini and Nicole Yakovich; Senior Airman Richard Sanderson; Staff Sgts. Melanie Landgraft and Jonilynn Reyes; Tech. Sgts. Jon Colon, Jeffrey Hamilton and Shannon Harrison; Master Sgt. Anthony Bates.

#### 335th TRS

**Comptroller training flight** — Airmen Basic Jennifer Meshaw, Aymee Rodriguez, Joshua Sanford and Zachary Sickler; Airmen Richard Haas and Matthew Long; Airmen 1st Class Teresa Davis, Jesse Shiner, Nathan Smith and Jessica Stull; Staff Sgts. Sherry Holmes, Zaka McCoy, Tiffany Tatum and Jeffrey Tengonciang; Tech. Sgts. Paul Butts and Michael Johnson.

**Personnel apprentice course** — Airman 1st Class Marie Yulo; Senior Airman Corey Smith; Staff Sgt. Shari Butler.

**Weather training flight** — Airmen Basic Jacob Ballard, Brandon Lirio and Stephen McNeese; Marine Pfc. Ananda Anonsen; Airmen 1st Class Jared Cochell, Anthony Delauder, Cody Drees, Jessica Hicks, Markus Lowe, John Read, Raymond Rugenstein, Robert Sheldon, Ashley Wheeler and Keith Wilson; Senior Airman David Kepple; Staff Sgt. Randy Jones; Marine Sgt. Jack Cohnour III; Tech. Sgts. Steven Bass and Justin Frank.

#### 336th TRS

**Communications-computer systems training flight** — Airmen Basic Nathaniel Bargar, Troy Butolph, Derrick Elkins, Tyrone Flores, Christopher Garlington and Billy Steelman; Airman Jeffery King; Airmen 1st Class Jeffrey Burniston, Dustin Dugger and Patrick Gray; Senior Airmen Eric Markum, Justin Pounders, Krista Schueroff and Karl Schultz; Staff Sgts. Allen Hemme, Marcel Hildebrand, Scott Hopper and Allen Ringgold; Senior Master Sgt. Christopher Castle.

**Communications and information flight** — Airmen Basic James Burton, Eliezer Falcon, Fredy Imanuel and Lisa Miller; Airmen 1st Class Howard Clay, Luis Lopez-Rivera, Monique Nelson, Timothy O'Conner, Nicholas Smith and Dennis Sommo; Senior Airman Daniel Turillo; Staff Sgts. Joseph Doise, Dennis Maldonado, Joshua Newlin and Byron Stuart.

#### 338th TRS

**Radar systems flight** — Airmen Charles Boyd and Daniel O'Brien; Airmen 1st Class Jennifer Demaris, Ian Fitchpatrick, Jessica Hayes and Teddy Knapp II; Senior Airman Osvaldo Figueroa-Lopez; Staff Sgt. Jeffery Barrett; Tech. Sgt. Tod Vaugh.

## CLASSES

### Airman Leadership School

**Class 07-2** — graduation Feb. 16.  
**Class 07-3** — Feb. 28-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.

### Keesler NCO Academy

**Class 07-2** — graduation 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.

### Airmen and family readiness center

**Local employment for spouses** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays, Room 122, old Cody Hall. To register, call 377-2179.

### Auto hobby shop

**Beginner auto care classes for groups** — oil changes, tune-ups or brakes. For more information, call 377-3872.

**24-hour coin-operated car wash** — wash, rinse, wax, vacuum; towelettes and Armorall available.

### Arts and crafts center

**Free ceramic knowledge workshop** — 5 p.m. today, acrylics; Jan. 25, underglazes.

**Scrapbooking club/class** — 6:30 p.m. today. \$10 including

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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-Jummah 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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supplies. Free use of shop tools on club night.

**Sewing** — 1 p.m. Saturday. \$20 including materials for easy project. Ages 13 and older.

**Parent 'n' me kids crafting** — 11 a.m. Jan. 27. \$10. Sweet treats for Valentines. Ages 7 and under need parent involvement.

**Free cooking demonstration** — 2 p.m. Jan. 27. Valentine treats.

**Beginning pottery** — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$40 including five pounds of clay and firing for three pieces. Call for date.

**Beginning intarsia** — 10 a.m. Jan. 27. \$15. Intarsia is art form of inlaying pieces of wood in a decorative pattern.

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

**Advanced matting** — 5-8 p.m. Jan. 24. \$25. Beginner framing class prerequisite.

## 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.

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

## McBride Library

**Computer orientations, Gale Databases** — 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays including Student Resource Center Gold, Opposing Viewpoints and Infotrac 1. Articles can be searched, downloaded, printed or e-mailed.

**Book display** — new books for new year.

**Tours** — for more information, call 377-2827.

# CLUBS AND CENTERS

## Vandenberg Community Center

**Pool tournaments** — 6 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays.

**Game night and dance revolution** — 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

**Karaoke** — 6 p.m. Thursdays.

**Dances** — 6 p.m. to midnight Thursdays before nonworking Fridays, and Fridays and Saturdays. \$3.

**Super Bowl party** — 3-9 p.m. Feb. 4. Free food and prizes. Register to win Xbox 360.

## Katrina Kantina

**All ranks invited** — open 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays. Snacks, beverages and music.

**It's your choice** — select between two club cards.

**Football Frenzy** — noon to 6 p.m. Sundays.

**Taco Tuesdays** — members two tacos for \$1, nonmembers \$2.

**Martini and jazz night** — 5 p.m. today.

**Thirsty Thursday** — 5 p.m. Jan. 25. Western night.

**Catering** — experts can assist with event planning.

## Youth center

**TRAIL Keystone Club meeting** — 10 a.m. Jan. 27, ages 13-17.

**FitFactor aerobics** — 6 p.m. Saturday, ages 6 and older. \$4 members, \$5 guests. Sign up and prepay by Wednesday.

**Connect four contest** — 5 p.m. Tuesday; prize for monthly champ.

**Home alone workshop** — 6 p.m. Wednesday, ages 10 and older accompanied by parent; sign up by Friday. Minimum three participants required.

**Torch Club** — 4:30 p.m. Jan. 29, ages 9-12. Leadership programs, activities, community service, fun and friends.

**Creative corner** — 5:30 p.m. Jan. 31, ages 9 and older. Make an art project. Sign up by Jan. 29.

**Tiny tots program** — preschool equipment and training materials available for sign-out. For more information, call 377-3349.

**Power hour** — 4:30-5:30 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, ages 9-18.

**Self-directed activities** — 3-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, ages 9-18. Free for members, 50 cents for guests.

**4-H Club** — 5 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 13-17.

**Smart girls and passport to manhood programs** — ages 8 and older. For more information, dates and times, call 377-3349.

# TICKETS AND TRIPS

**Discounted tickets** — for many attractions including Busch Gardens, Sea World, Universal Studios and Disney World in Florida. For price list, log on to <https://www.mil.keesler.af.mil/81svs/WhattoDo/ITT/index.htm>.

**Information on local and out-of-state attractions** — free brochures for Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Georgia.

**Tour to New Orleans School of Cooking** — Jan. 26. \$45 includes admission and transportation. Sign up and prepay by Jan. 24. Depart 8 a.m., return 6 p.m.

New Orleans Mardi Gras parades

**\$20 per person for transportation only.**

**Ponchartrain and Shangri-La** — Feb. 10. Sign up by Feb. 7. Leave 8 a.m., return 8 p.m.

**Carrollton and King Arthur/Merlin** — Feb. 11. Sign up and prepay by Feb. 7. Leave 9 a.m., return 7 p.m.

**Iris and Tucks** — Feb. 17. Sign up and prepay by Feb. 14. Leave 8 a.m., return 6 p.m.

**Bacchus** — Feb. 18. Sign up and prepay by Feb. 14. Leave 1 p.m., return 11 p.m.

# TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

**Veterans benefits briefing** — 1-4 p.m. Jan. 24, 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 [lanasmith@keesler.af.mil](mailto:lanasmith@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 appointment is 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. Monday-Wednesday, 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 [lanasmith@keesler.af.mil](mailto:lanasmith@keesler.af.mil).

**Retirement briefings** — intended for those with less than a year until retirement, 8-11 a.m. 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 [lanasmith@keesler.af.mil](mailto:lanasmith@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.

## Web sites

**Defense Manpower Data Center** — <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dors> or <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/tbb>.

**Air Force Blue to Corporate Gray** — <http://www.blue.togray.com>.

**Air Force Federal Employment Resume and Information** — <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/resweb>.

**Civilian job certification and licensing requirements for military personnel and veterans** — <http://www.dol.gov/dol/vets>.

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# DINING HALL MENUS

## Today

**Lunch** — herbed baked chicken, cornbread, stuffed cabbage rolls, fried catfish, blackeyed peas with rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, peas, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

**Dinner** — roast pork loin, jaegerschnitzel veal, cornbread, cornish hen, potato halves, orange rice, gravy, carrots, pinto beans, corn combo, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

## Friday

**Lunch** — Mexican baked chicken, Swiss steak, stuffed peppers, macaroni and cheese, rice, gravy, corn on the cob, beans, peas and carrots, pasta salad, three-bean salad, clam chowder, garden vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork sandwiches and burritos.

**Dinner** — lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian sausage, garlic toast, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli polonaise, cauliflower, Italian baked beans, corn O'Brien, pasta salad, three-bean salad, clam chowder, garden vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork sandwiches and burritos.

## Saturday

**Lunch** — baked chicken, baked chicken, meat loaf, rib-eye steak, baked potatoes, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, peas, carrots, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, country bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili with beans and buffalo wings.

**Dinner** — fish almondine, stir-fry chicken with broccoli, pork chops, rissole potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, calico corn, club spinach, fried okra, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili and buffalo wings.

## Sunday

**Lunch** — tuna and noodles, sauerbraten, chicken breast filet parmesan, au gratin potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, peas, fried cabbage, tomato salad, jellied spring salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

**Dinner** — ginger barbecue chicken, fried shrimp, spinach lasagna, orange rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, black-eyed peas, lima beans, corn O'Brien, tomato salad, jellied spring salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

## Monday

**Lunch** — Swiss steak, baked chicken, cornbread, Italian sausage, peppers and onions, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli Polonaise, carrots, cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumplings soup, minestrone, chili with beans, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

**Dinner** — turkey, cornbread, ham, raisin sauce, fish and fries, mashed potatoes, cornbread dressing, gravy, succotash, tempura vegetables, green beans, garden cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone, chili with beans, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

## Tuesday

**Lunch** — onion lemon baked fish, pork schnitzel steak, beef and spaghetti, garlic toast, baked and mashed potatoes, gravy, pinto beans, spinach, stewed tomatoes, spinach salad, waldorf salad, white chicken chili, seven-bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup and steak and cheese subs and tacos.

**Dinner** — paprika beef, barbecue beef cubes, chicken fajitas, garlic toast, O'Brien potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower, corn on the cob, lima beans, waldorf salad, spinach salad, white chicken chili, seven-bean with ham soup, steak and cheese subs and tacos, chicken noodle soup.

## Wednesday

**Lunch** — lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken cacciatore, noodles, baked potatoes, baked beans, green beans, simmered squash, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and Monte Cristo sandwich.

**Dinner** — pita pizzas, jalapeno cornbread, country-style steak, fried chicken, oven-brown potatoes, mashed potatoes, gravy, fried cauliflower, bean combo, cabbage, cole slaw, cottage cheeseslad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

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**Department of Veterans Affairs** — <http://www.vba.va.gov/efif/index.htm>; for members returning from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

**Southern Region Military and Civilian Job Fair** — <http://www.mesc.state.ms.us/jobfair>.

**New military spouse career center** — <http://www.military.com/spouse>. Extensive job board including public and private sectors. For more information, call Vince Patton, 703-269-0154, or e-mail at [vince@militaryadvantage.com](mailto:vince@militaryadvantage.com).

**Military Connection** — online resources database for military family members seeking civilian employment at <http://www.militaryconnection.com>

**America's Job Bank** — <http://www.ajb.dni.us>.

## Computer use

**Government computers** — commanders may authorize their use for preparation of personal resumes by people separating or retiring from the service on an "as available" basis as long as use doesn't adversely affect the mission.

**Transition employment opportunities public folder** — go to e-mail "public folders" and click on "transition employment opportunities" for job opportunities for active-duty and family members. For more information, call 377-8592 or 8593.

## Employment opportunities

**Executive transition assistance program** — <https://www.r.aetc.af.mil/dp/etap>. Online registration dates are March 5-15 for May 8-11 program at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas; June 5-14 for Aug. 21-24 at Little Rock AFB, Ark.; and Sept. 12-21 for Nov. 27-30, 2007 program at Randolph.

**Junior ROTC** — immediate employment opportunities for retired or retiring Air Force officers and noncommissioned offi-

cers. Those who retired within the past 10 years or are six months from retirement may qualify to be an instructor. To apply or for more information, go to <http://www.afoats.af.mil> and select "AFJROTC" or call Jo Alice Talley, toll free 1-866-235-7682, extension 7742; DSN 493-7742, or commercial (334) 953-7742.

**Opportunities for medics** — for members separating from active duty interested in the Air Force Reserve or the Palace Chase programs, call Master Sgt. Joseph Walker, 377-7116, for an appointment. His office is in Room 229, old Cody Hall.

**Opportunities for medics** — the Air Force Reserve needs flight surgeons, doctors, dentists and nurses. Some opportunities are available with the 403rd Aeromedical Staging Squadron at Keesler. Eligible members enjoy many military benefits of being in the military and earn retirement credit, while serving two days per month of inactive training and two weeks of active duty training each year. Some members may be eligible for signing bonus or loan repayment. For more information call Tech. Sgt. George Adams, health professions recruiter, 377-7655, or e-mail [george.adams@keesler.af.mil](mailto:george.adams@keesler.af.mil).

## MEETINGS

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

### Upcoming

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

### Recurring

**African-American Heritage Committee** — 3:30 p.m. second Tuesday of the month, Room 109, Taylor Logistics Building. For more information, call Paulette Powell, 377-2270, or Kurt Higgins, 377-1390.

**Air Force Sergeants Association** — 11:30 a.m. third Tuesday of the month, Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Scott Sippel, 377-2337.

**Air Force Sergeants Association Auxiliary** — 6 p.m. third Thursday of the month, youth center, J Street. For more information, call Desarae Chereskin, 341-0988.

**Airmen Against Drunk Driving** — 3:15 p.m. first Tuesday of the month, Vandenberg Community Center second floor conference room. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Brian Yelton, 377-0167, or e-mail [keesler.aadd.officers@keesler.af.mil](mailto:keesler.aadd.officers@keesler.af.mil).

**At Eze Toastmasters Club** — 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Building 1101 conference room. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Don Seaton, 377-5958, or Fred Blache, 377-1048, or visit <http://www.toastmasters.org>.

**Keesler Amateur Radio Club** — 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Hangar 3, Room 215. Check out the club repeater on 146.79 negative offset. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Justin Meyer, 377-4149 or 324-5806, or e-mail [justin.meyer2@keesler.af.mil](mailto:justin.meyer2@keesler.af.mil).

**Keesler Christian Home Educators Association** — meets 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month, September-May, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call Michelle Durkin, 872-9393, or e-mail [chelle1rn@yahoo.com](mailto:chelle1rn@yahoo.com).

**Keesler Spouses Club** — meets the second Tuesday of the month. For time and location, call Tammie Searfass, 273-4324, or visit <http://www.KeeslerSpousesClub.com>.

**Native American Heritage Committee** — for more information, call R.I. Whiteside, 863-0479, or Capt. Elizabeth Taillon, 377-6242.

**Retired Enlisted Association Magnolia Chapter 81** — 6:30 p.m. second Thursday of the month, Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call Larry McKean, 377-3252 or 374-5922.

**Rising VI Association** — 3:15 p.m. third Wednesday of the month in Room 121, Thompson Hall. For more information, call Staff Sgts. Patrick McKimmie, 377-1513, or James Pope, 377-1305.

## MOVIES

**Editor's note: Movies are 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.**

**Friday** — 6:30 p.m., Unaccompanied Minors (PG, 89 minutes).

**Saturday** — 2 p.m., Eragon (PG, 103 minutes); 6:30 p.m., Blood Diamond (R, 123 minutes).

**Sunday** — 2 p.m., Blood Diamond (R, 123 minutes).