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Dragons deployed
— 176

Welcome, Emma!



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Air Force Capt. Marly and Army Maj. Andrew Magnet admire daughter Emma about 10 hours after her birth Jan. 31 in the new labor, delivery, recovery and portpartum unit in Keesler Medical Center. Emma is the first natural birth since the unit opened Jan. 8. Captain Magnet is assigned to the 81st Medical Operations Squadron. Major Magnet is assigned at Camp Shelby. Story, Page 8.

Keesler's economic impact: \$1.3 billion

Keesler Public Affairs

Keesler's total economic impact on the Mississippi Gulf Coast for fiscal 2006 has been calculated at nearly \$1.3 billion.

The figure was finalized Monday as base officials completed the annual process of data assimilation and validation.

"We're proud that Keesler continues to have a significant positive impact on the Mississippi Gulf Coast's economy," said Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander. "The partnership between the base and the local community is something we look forward to well into the future."

In addition to employee payroll figures and construction and purchases (\$640 million), the total economic impact includes military retiree pay and the value of volunteer services, as well as jobs indirectly created on the coast.

Over the last fiscal year because of Hurricane Katrina, Keesler has experienced a dip both in the number of people

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This week in the Triangle

Airfield resource management, 10 a.m. today, Cody Hall.

Airfield management, 10 a.m. today, Cody Hall.

Information management, 10 a.m. today, Thomson Hall.

Airfield systems, 10 a.m. today, Jones Hall.

Personnel, 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, Wolfe Hall.

Communications-computer systems control, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Thomson Hall.

Weather forecaster, 10 a.m. Wednesday, weather training complex.

Communications-computer systems programming, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Thomson Hall.

Computer networking cryptographic system, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Bryan Hall.



Student numbers

Total students — 3,465

Non-prior service — 2,024

Temporary duty — 1,281

Joint service — 101

Combat controllers — 35

Medical— 24

Non-prior service arrivals — 156

Guard, Reserve — 777

International — 27

Fiscal 2007 graduates — 7,416

Total since 1942 — 2,241,788

'Be part of something bigger' — so what does that mean?

By Col. Deborah Van De Ven

81st Training Group commander

We've all heard it before. Many of us have even said it. But what does it mean "to be part of something bigger than ourselves?"

"So there I was" (all good war stories start that way) ... I joined the Air Force for the adventure, the travel, and oh yeah, to make a living. I stayed, because I liked being part of something bigger than myself.

Adventure. The adventure began when I enlisted. The fact that I didn't know what I was getting into was highlighted the last few days of basic training, when our career fields were announced. My new best friend and I were told we were going to be aerospace control and warning systems operators. Still, we didn't know what we were going to be doing for the next four years of our lives.

Writing backwards

I arrived at Keesler as an airman non-striper, although there was some advantage to that as someone mistook me for an officer and saluted me. I clearly remember marching and learning to write backwards — part of our job was to plot aircraft positions on a two-story plexiglas plotting board.

My first duty station was Duluth, Minn., where I lived in the dorm and performed shift work. Shift work was an excellent first experience. I worked on a specific team and quickly learned how team members rely on each other to meet the mission, and how important it is for each team to pass on that mission to the next team — no one person could do it all and every person had a critical part to play.

Travel. Basic training, technical training and my first assignment already exceeded my expectations for adventure, so how about that travel? Within two years I was on my second assignment of 15 total: Hancock Field, McChord, Pope, McGuire, and Maxwell Air Force Bases, ROTC duty in New York, the Pentagon, the Philippines, United Kingdom, Germany, Hawaii and Spain.

Win-win situation

Uncle Sam is one heck of a travel agent, which proved to be a win-win situation as at each of those locations the Air Force had a mission, and I had a skill to contribute towards that mission.

Making a living. All too quickly my initial four-year adventure was up. Long before then I figured out I had a really good deal in the Air Force. Although none of us is going

to get rich during our military careers, every one of us must be able to provide basic safety, security and comfort to our families, and we do. Past that, the fringe benefits are off the chart.

Above and beyond the adventure, travel and making a living, the best part is the Air Force provided me an opportunity to be part of something bigger than myself.

Part of the shield

During my enlisted career, I was involved with monitoring and defending the skies as part of the Cold War effort, launching fighter aircraft to shoot down the bad guys, if needed. I couldn't do that by myself, but I was part of the shield protecting the United States, the part which would be the first to know there was a threat and respond. I was a small part of a huge machine that, once activated, could deliver a terrible wrath upon anyone attempting to bring harm to our nation.

Something much bigger than myself.

As an officer, I've had three instructor tours. Instructors have the tremendous honor and responsibility to pass on skills and lessons to the students in our classrooms that directly impact the Air Force. That impact is infinitely multiplied as each student goes out and directly or indirectly passes on those same skills and lessons to others. I can't do that by myself, but I want to be a part of the organization that values education and training to the level that creates the greatest Air Force the world has ever seen.

Something much bigger than myself.

Feeling pain, pride

The idea of being part of something bigger than myself never hit home more than as a commander. Commanders are responsible for everything and everyone in the unit. However, they must rely completely on the men and women in the unit for the technical expertise, professionalism and leadership required to accomplish the mission, along with minding the health and welfare of all unit members and their families. Every single person has a part to play in a unit's success.

Part of the commander's role is to feel the pain when a member is injured or fails at a task, and feel the pride when a member wins an award, succeeds at a task or is promoted. A commander hates to see members move on because of the expertise lost, but revels in knowing the next unit will benefit. When a unit benefits, the Air Force benefits, making it stronger and more lethal than before.

Something much bigger than any of us.

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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Airmen and family readiness center — 377-2179	Law enforcement desk — 377-3040
Finance — 377-4212	Shoppette, Class Six — 432-2367
81st Communications Squadron help desk — 377-0066	Telephone trouble — 377-2130
Housing — 377-9741	Traffic management (outbound) — 377-2446
Identification cards — 377-3203	Traffic management (inbound) — 377-7813
Inspector general — 377-3010	Visitor center — 377-2595
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WHO'S YOUR WINGMAN?

THERE ARE SOME THINGS IN LIFE THAT JUST WEREN'T MEANT TO BE HANDLED ALONE ...

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Tech. Sgt. Sunday-Rae Mangum, left, a DCAPEs instructor in the 335th TRS, goes over course materials with Staff Sgts. Brenda Johnson and Art Ayala. Sergeant Johnson is from 8th Air Force headquarters, Barksdale Air Force Base, La. Sergeant Ayala is from the 311th Mission Support Group, Brooks City Base, Texas.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



New course offers vital software skills for support teams in deployment arena

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The 335th Training Squadron launched a new course Jan. 29 to teach the skills required to use the Deliberate Crisis Action Planning and Execution Segments software and mission support applications for personnel deployment.

Master Sgt. Daryl McMullen, course supervisor, said the nine-day DCAPEs course replaces the manpower and personnel module base level course which graduated its last class June 29.

"The Air Force spent more than \$754,000 to bring this course to Keesler," Sergeant McMullen explained. "We raised the floors in four rooms in Building 4329 to conceal cabling and provided 76 new computers, along with safes, classified shredders and cipher locks.

"The funding also covered installation of Secret Internet Protocol Router Network drops for long-haul data transmission and the equipment that scrambles all information coming in or going out of our computer to allow user access to classified material," he added.

"This new course teaches wing level logistic planners, manpower and personnel how to use DCAPEs, which is the Air Force system used to execute operation plans deployment requirements," said Chief Master Sgt. Nancy

Taulbee, Air Force personnel career field manager.

"The instructors and staff of the 335th TRS overcame many obstacles to meet the timelines of this new course to ensure our Airmen can meet the Air Force's expeditionary demands," she pointed out.

Chief Taulbee and Rod Ballard from the Air Force's personnel readiness division at the Pentagon and Tech. Sgt. Matthew Dickens and Staff Sgt. Scott Self from the Air Force Personnel Center's personnel readiness section were on hand last week to ensure a smooth course transition.

Training includes operator functions pertaining to common Global Command and Control System applications and DCAPEs functions including reference files, unit type management, Air Force Joint Planning and Execution System editing tool, reports and personnel deployment responsibilities.

Sergeant McMullen said GCCS is a Defense Department system that provides the planning community the ability to share the workload among computer centers and rapidly query programs and data files at remote locations, update and transfer files remotely, send messages and formatted data and conduct teleconferences.

"GCCS enables war-fighters at all lev-

els of command to plan, execute and manage military operations," he explained.

JOPEs is a computer system that allows development and execution of operational plans as well as monitors, plans, and executes mobilization, deployment, employment and sustainment activities associated with joint operations.

Personnel are trained on all functional capabilities of mission support to maintain deliberate planning, operation plan execution, deployment processing, personnel accountability and reporting requirements, and force management.

Students must have at least a classified security clearance, a year's experience in manpower, logistics or personnel and be assigned to a personnel readiness unit or scheduled for an air expeditionary force, a personnel support for contingency operations team member or assigned to a manpower position currently operating or projected to operate the system.

"We should teach 549 this fiscal year, and that might double next year," Sergeant McMullen commented.

Sergeant McMullen said the instructor team that worked with him to create the course includes Tech. Sgts. Israel Barron, Troy Davis, Jennifer Desjardins, Raun Howell, Richard Lopez, Brent Main, Sunday-Rae Mangum and Chris Polk and Staff Sgt. Constance Leary.

Drill season kicks off Friday

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The 81st Training Group's drill down season kicks off at 8 a.m. Friday at the parade field in the Triangle.

Drill teams comprised of nonprior service students are scored on open ranks inspection, regulation drill and freestyle drill in the bi-monthly competitions.

The 336th Training Squadron Red Wolves took the overall title for 2006 with 44 points, but the keen level of competition kept the championship picture shifting all season long.

The Red Wolves slipped past the 335th TRS Bulls, defending champion from the 2005 season that was abbreviated by Hurricane Katrina. The Bulls tallied 42 points overall and finished first overall in the February and August contests.

Third place honors went to the 334th TRS Gators with 40 points overall and a first place finish in the June competition.

The 338th TRS Dark Knights entered the season's final drill down in fifth place of the six teams in the season's standings, but managed to take top honors in October with first place finishes in open ranks and regulation drills.

The 332nd TRS Mad Dogs and the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit complete the field.

Other drill downs are 8 a.m. April 20, 7 a.m. June 15 and Aug. 10, and 8 a.m. Oct. 19.

Student parades are held at 6 p.m. in alternating months — March 22, May 17, July 12, Sept. 20 and Nov. 15.

For more information on drill downs, call Staff Sgt. Kwame Felton, 377-3245, and for parades, call Staff Sgt. Deanna Attaway, 377-2103.

Air Force looking for ways to reduce ancillary training

By Airman 1st Class Robbie Arp

Air Force News Agency

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — An Airman's time is like money — when it's gone, it's gone, said the Air Force's director of Airman development.

The Air Force is losing valuable funds because Airmen must focus much of their time on ancillary training instead of their missions, Brig. Gen. Robert Allardice said.

But the general said the Air Force is working to have Airmen focus more on the mission. Air Force leaders met at this training base Jan. 22-26 to find ways to reduce existing ancillary training. He said those at the meeting — from the Air Force Smart Operations 21 community — worked on streamlining the process for current and future training requirements.

Jim Cain, chief of Air Force training and development said though most of the training is essential, the Air Force needs to curb some of it.

“We need to only keep that ancillary training

that is absolutely necessary and at the minimum frequency and length so that it will allow the Airmen more time to do their primary job,” Mr. Cain said.

While ancillary training requires much of an Airman's on-duty time, Airmen must often put in extra hours to complete both their primary job and the additional ancillary training requirements.

“If an Airman is working excess hours because he has to do ancillary training, then that not only impacts his mission, his ability to do his primary job, it also impacts his family time and that, in turn, could impact his retention,” Mr. Cain said.

He said retention is a big topic in the Air Force, which is in the process of losing 40,000 Airmen. Officials say this reduction allows for a more effective Air Force. With training becoming more focused, it allows more time for Airmen to do their primary mission.

“That's what it's all about, making us more effective as an Air Force to help us defend our primary role as Airmen,” said Mr. Cain.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Education survey

An educational needs assessment survey is being conducted online this month.

Military and civilian employees, retirees and their family members can access the 10-question survey at <https://afvec.langley.af.mil/needs/>.

CCAF graduation

Feb. 22 is the deadline to apply for the Community College of the Air Force spring 2007 graduating class.

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

William Carey signup

William Carey University is accepting registrations and applications for the spring

term, which begins Feb. 19.

Continuing students simply register, while new 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 signup

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

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

Spring term begins March 5.

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.

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.

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 mem-

bers 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, old Cody Hall, the AFAS Web site, <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.

Troops to Teachers

For information on Mississippi Troops to Teachers, call 1-800-MISS-TEACH.

NEWS AND FEATURES

Back in baby business Deliveries resume at medical center

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler Medical Center marked another step in its return to pre-Hurricane Katrina operations Jan. 31 with the first natural birth in the reopened labor, delivery, recovery and postpartum unit.

The unit opened Jan. 8. This was also the first natural birth since the Aug. 29, 2005, storm.

A Cesarean-section birth was performed Jan. 22, but the family requested anonymity.

Capt. Marli Magnet, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, and her husband, Army Maj. Andrew Magnet, stationed at Camp Shelby, welcomed their first child, Emma Ann, at 5:47 a.m. She weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Captain Magnet said, "We came in about 6 a.m. Jan. 30 for them to induce labor. We expected Emma wouldn't be born for a couple of days, but things didn't turn out that way."

The attending physician, Capt. (Dr.) Andrew Allen, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, also had the distinction of helping deliver the last baby born at the medical center, a C-section by

flashlight during the height of Katrina.

Both the medical staff and family found having the birth in the medical center's new, spacious and modern LDRP a positive experience.

"Everyone was great," the captain said. "They made this a very good experience."

"The baby hasn't left our sight at all since her birth. The pediatrician came to the room to examine Emma. Even the staff involved with doing the birth certificate and Social Security enrollment came here."

Although she was being seen by an off-base obstetrician, Captain Magnet and her husband were eager to deliver at Keesler. They made the switch to the medical center just three weeks before her admission.

"Everything that normally is done outside the room at other hospitals has been done right here in the LDRP room," said Major Magnet, an Army medical administration officer.

Captain Magnet also said the nurses have been extremely helpful in answering all the couple's questions as new parents and teaching her how to breastfeed Emma.

Special celebration planned for families of deployed members

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Families of Keesler's deployed members get an introduction to a Mississippi Gulf Coast tradition on Feb. 20 at the Biloxi Town Green.

A special Mardi Gras celebration includes a picnic lunch on the green before the Gulf Coast Carnival Association winds through the streets of downtown Biloxi at 1 p.m. Reserved seating to view the parade is provided for the group.

Families meet in the former commissary parking lot for 10:30 a.m. departure by bus to the parade and return later that afternoon.

"The event we've planned allows the families to catch the parades without having to worry about driving through traffic, parking, dragging around food and chairs and trying to find a safe place to have fun," said Tech. Sgt. Ernesto Alvendia, noncommissioned officer in charge of readiness for the airman and family readiness center. "It should be a great chance for our families of those deployed to get out and have some well-deserved fun."

"We try to hold at least one get-together a month to keep in touch with the families of those who are deployed," Sergeant Alvendia continued. "These events give us an opportunity to meet with the families to help build a support network with us and other families in the same

situations. It gives us a chance to keep families up-to-date on the programs we offer and what's going on at Keesler and the surrounding area.

"It also gives us a chance to draw in those who may not know about the airman and family readiness center at Keesler and the many support programs we offer," he added.

For more information, call Sergeant Alvendia, 377-2593 or 2179.



IN THE NEWS

Seat belt compliance

A safety check at the Meadows Drive Gate Friday found 97 percent of motorists were wearing their seat belts.

"Out of 119 personnel, 116 were prepared," said Lt. Col. David Poage, 81st Training Wing safety officer.

Air Force recruiter

Staff Sgt. T.J. Strycharz is assigned to the Air Force recruiting office, 10241 Boney Ave., Suite E, D'Iberville that covers Biloxi, D'Iberville, North Gulfport, George and Stone Counties.

For more information, call Sergeant Strycharz, 354-9056, or stop by his office. Information about the Air Force is also available online at <http://www.airforce.com> or by calling 1-800-423-8723.

Base property transfer complete

Air Force Real Property Agency Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — The Air Force completed the transfer of the former Castle Air Force Base, Calif., from military control to private ownership Jan. 22 with acceptance of one of the base's former housing areas by a retirement village.

Castle was selected for closure during the 1991 Base Realignment and Closure round. Portions of the 2,777-acre base, which closed in 1995, were transferred to private ownership over the years, with nearly 1,900 acres going to the Merced County Board of Supervisors in December.

Strategic studies publication

Air Force Print News

MAXWELL Air Force Base, Ala. — Air University officials have announced the debut of Strategic Studies Quarterly, a forum for critical examination and debate about contemporary national defense topics.

Military and civilian members from all services, policy makers across all government agencies and members of academia can contribute articles to the quarterly.

For more information, e-mail strategicstudiesquarterly@maxwell.af.mil.

AAFES catalog available

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service's 2007 spring/summer catalog is available at all main stores and online at <http://aafes.com>.

Early Keesler News deadline

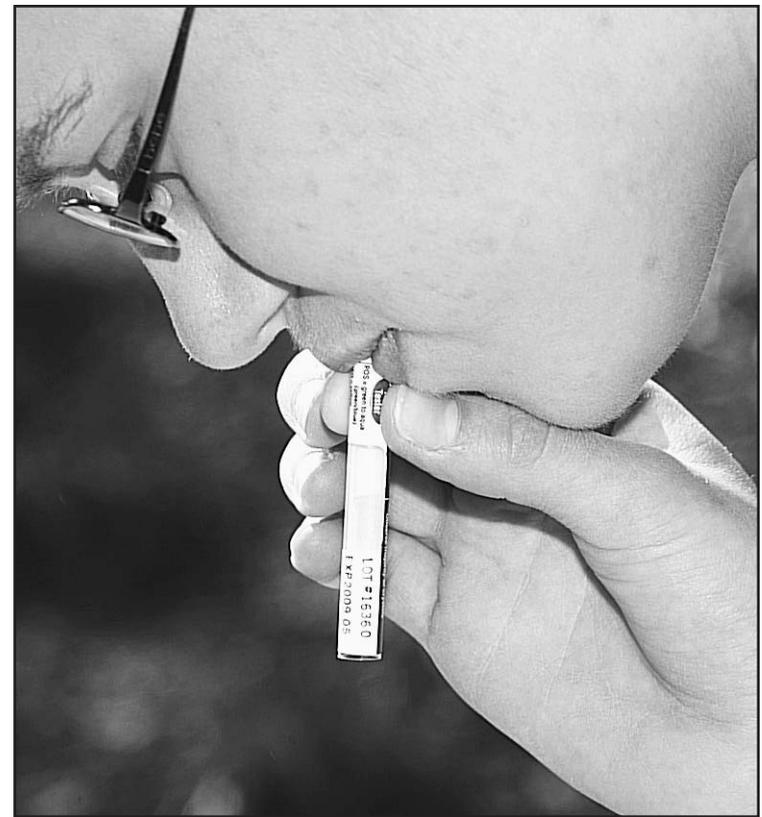
The deadline for submissions to the Feb. 22 issue of the Keesler News is noon Feb. 15, four days earlier than usual.

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.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Left, a breathalyzer and its keyring case. Right, a demonstration of the proper procedure for use of the device to measure blood alcohol content.

2nd Air Force issues breathalyzers for test program

By 2nd Lt. Nick Plante

Keesler News staff

Second Air Force has begun distributing nearly 25,000 individual breathalyzers to five bases for use during a test focused on alcohol abuse education and awareness.

The program originated at Air Force Safety and was given to 2nd Air Force because of the large number of students who've recently or soon will reach legal drinking age.

The devices are being sent to safety offices at Keesler; Sheppard, Lackland and Goodfellow Air Force Bases, Texas; and Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

"The Air Force has two goals it wants to achieve," said Chief Master Sgt. Jimmy Kelly, 2nd Air Force command chief. "One is a decrease in alcohol related incidents. The second is a change in Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Prevention and Treatment Program referral patterns.

"You're at the bar, you drink three or four beers and another person who hasn't been drinking has you blow into the tester," said Chief Kelly. "You blow a .08 and think, 'Wow, I do this every weekend and didn't realize I was that intoxicated.'

"Now, you become more aware and will hopefully adjust your behavior to reduce risk while improving safety and health."

The chief said that example is only one of several ways the testers could be used.

"We want commanders to use their best judgment on how to use the devices," he explained. "Because each base is different, we didn't want them to have too many rigid guidelines. In fact, each command chief gave input

into the overall plan for their unit."

Commanders are given latitude to use what best fits organizational and safety culture requirements, and are encouraged to use their imagination during the trial period.

Units are encouraged to maximize training for the devices at commander's calls and wingman and safety days.

Chief Kelly said safety offices are the focal point for tracking the use of the devices and reporting the data. The tentative plan includes tracking use at the squadron level and reporting the data quarterly to 2nd Air Force at the wing and group levels.

Specific instructions for tracking and reporting are expected to be available in the near future, according to Chief Kelly.

There are two different devices,

providing positive or negative results for .04 percent or .08 percent blood alcohol content. Both types are plastic tubes roughly 2.5 inches in length encompassing a small vial filled with yellow crystals.

The directions inside the case direct users to press on the outside tube, breaking the small vial with the crystals inside. They're then directed to blow into the tube for 12 seconds and lay it on a flat surface.

If the yellow crystals turn blue, green or aqua after two minutes the result is positive. If the crystals remain yellow, the result is negative.

The breathalyzers won't be used for law enforcement purposes, as evidence in judicial or non-judicial punishment actions, for other unfavorable actions or as a go-no go gauge to operate a vehicle or perform any other task.

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it employs and the technical training student population. This is reflected in employee payroll, construction and purchases.

Keesler currently employs 11,200 people, including nearly 7,600 military positions. In

addition, the base's presence created more than 3,500 coast and contract jobs.

As one of the Air Force's major training centers, on any given day more than 3,500 students train at Keesler in more than 460 courses in technical subjects such as communication-electronics, medical, personnel, airfield management, weather forecasting and air traffic control.

"Keesler's job is to deliver

the nation's best-trained, highly-motivated, expeditionary Airmen," said General Capasso. "Last year we graduated more than 27,000 Airmen, international and sister service personnel to meet our nation's call to duty.

"This is a phenomenal feat, considering we are in the midst of a four-year Hurricane Katrina rebuilding process and our Airmen continue to deploy to ensure the sanctity

of our freedoms in support our nation's and Air Force's priority to win the war on terror."

On the volunteer front, 57,600 hours were donated by Keesler members in FY06 in humanitarian support to coast community projects and organizations as a direct result of Katrina.

Each year, Keesler also hosts the Mississippi State Special Olympics Summer Games, accommodating more

than 800 athletes and coaches from across the state. Thousands of Keesler volunteers serve the games in every capacity from team partners to timekeepers.

"We understand the importance of building strong community relationships in achieving our mission," said General Capasso. "The future is bright for the Mississippi Gulf Coast, and Keesler is proud to be part of the team."

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.

Airline ticket credit process

If an airline ticket was purchased with a government travel card, apply for the airline credit through your travel agent or the airline.

If credit isn't received within 30-45 days, call the Government Card Service Unit to file a dispute. The phone number is on the back of the card.

The bank requires a copy of the credit voucher for the unused ticket or refund. The credit voucher must include the name of the airline, date the ticket was purchased and ticket number.

For more information, go to https://wwwmil.keesler.af.mil/81cpts/FMF/GTCC/GTCC_main.htm or <http://www.saffm.hq.mil/affsc/>.

Retirement applications online

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Active-duty retirement applications are now processed at the Air Force Contact Center.

Members requesting an action related to retirement can log onto the Personal Services Delivery Transformation Web site and click on "retirement package" at <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/psd>.

For more information, check the related link for a tutorial on how to retire online.

Temporary duty travel tips

81st Transportation Squadron

People planning to travel on temporary duty don't need orders to make reservations.

It's recommended that travelers contact the passenger service office as soon as they know about official travel requirements.

Travelers must have airline tickets to board flights. Passenger standby services are for emergency situations only, not for customers who neglected to pick up their tickets. It's the customer's responsibility to pick up tickets before leaving on official travel.

Use of the Government Travel Card is mandatory for purchase of airline tickets.

Emergency data cards

A recent law requires Airmen to designate one immediate family member as the person authorized to direct disposition of their remains should they become a casualty.

The designation becomes part of the member's record of emergency data. Most Airmen add the information to their virtual RED by following the instructions in the virtual military personnel flight.

Deployed personnel contact their personnel support for contingency operations team to update their records.

For more information, call the Air Force Contact Center, 1-800-616-3775.

Self-service for civilians

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — My Biz provides civilian employees access and the ability to update information about themselves.

My Workplace gives military and civilian managers access to information on their staff.

For more information, contact your local civilian personnel flight or visit http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/main_content.asp?prods3=2469&prods2=264&prods1=44.

Safe Mardi Gras = good Mardi Gras

By Tech. Sgt. John Kelley

Safety office

Unless you're a newcomer to the Gulf Coast, when you think of Mardi Gras, New Orleans, parades, beads and king cakes are some of the first things that come to mind.

The 2007 Mardi Gras season officially started Jan. 6 and continues through Feb. 20.

During the coming weeks, many Keesler people plan to attend one or more of the parades leading up to and including Fat Tuesday.

Here are some safety tips to keep in mind:

Parking — normal regulations apply. Observe special event parking signs along parade routes.

Rules for spectators — open containers of glass or metal are generally prohibited. Stay behind barricades and cables for your protection. Don't throw anything at



floats. Don't climb trees to watch parades. Don't fasten stepladders together in pairs and groups or place them in intersections, between curbs or closer to curb than height of ladder.

Drinking — if you're going to consume alcohol, have a designated driver or call Airmen Against Drunk Driving, 377-7283, for a free ride home.

Sparky's[®]

Safety Spot[™]

Could you escape if your home caught on fire?

Don't bet on it. Tonight, plan and practice a home fire drill with your family.

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The advertisement features the cartoon dog Sparky wearing a fire helmet with his name on it. To the left, a speech bubble contains a question and a recommendation. Above Sparky is the "Safety Spot" logo. At the bottom left is the NFPA logo, and at the bottom center is a trademark notice.

DOD, VA join forces on electronic health records

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Defense and Veterans Affairs departments have announced plans for a common inpatient electronic health-record system.

The two departments now have separate systems that require upgrade, officials said.

“I am very excited by the prospect of adopting a common, mutually beneficial solution to our inpatient health documentation needs,” Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, said. “This collaboration is a further extension of the highly successful partnership we have established with the Department of Veterans Affairs, and is another example of the commitment our departments have made to work hand in hand to provide continuity of care for our beneficiaries.”

Both VA and DOD have been work-

ing independently on the enhancement and improvement of their respective inpatient electronic health record tools, officials said. The Armed Forces Health Longitudinal Technology Application, DOD’s electronic health-record system, is implemented worldwide and supports the documentation and management of outpatient health care for nearly 9 million beneficiaries. Management of inpatient care is a future capability planned for AHLTA.

VA is planning to modernize VistA, its electronic health-record system, including its inpatient module. Common need and the potential benefits led the two departments to discuss the feasibility of jointly implementing a common inpatient electronic health record, officials explained.

Despite obvious differences in mission, such as DOD’s requirements to support its combat theaters, pediatric

and obstetrical patients and VA’s requirements to support domiciliary care, officials said, both agencies believe the similarities in clinical and business processes may make the adoption of a common inpatient electronic health record a viable option.

VA Secretary R. James Nicholson, who announced plans for the joint venture at a meeting of the American Health Information Community, called the agreement “groundbreaking,” and said “it has the potential to further transform the way we care for our nation’s veterans and active-duty service members.”

DOD and VA officials have made progress in their ability to share electronic health information as they move toward achieving interoperable electronic health records. Millions of records and data messages are regularly transferred electronically between

the two organizations.

Adopting a joint electronic solution for the documentation of inpatient health information will facilitate the seamless transition of active-duty service members to veteran status, officials said. It also makes the inpatient health care data on shared beneficiaries immediately accessible to both DOD and VA health care providers.

An added benefit of adopting a common tool, officials said, is the potential for both agencies to realize significant cost savings through a joint development or acquisition effort.

Both agencies have agreed to conduct a study to examine their respective clinical processes and requirements and assess the benefits and the effects on each department’s timelines and costs before making a final decision on a joint acquisition strategy for an inpatient electronic health record.

Take time to file

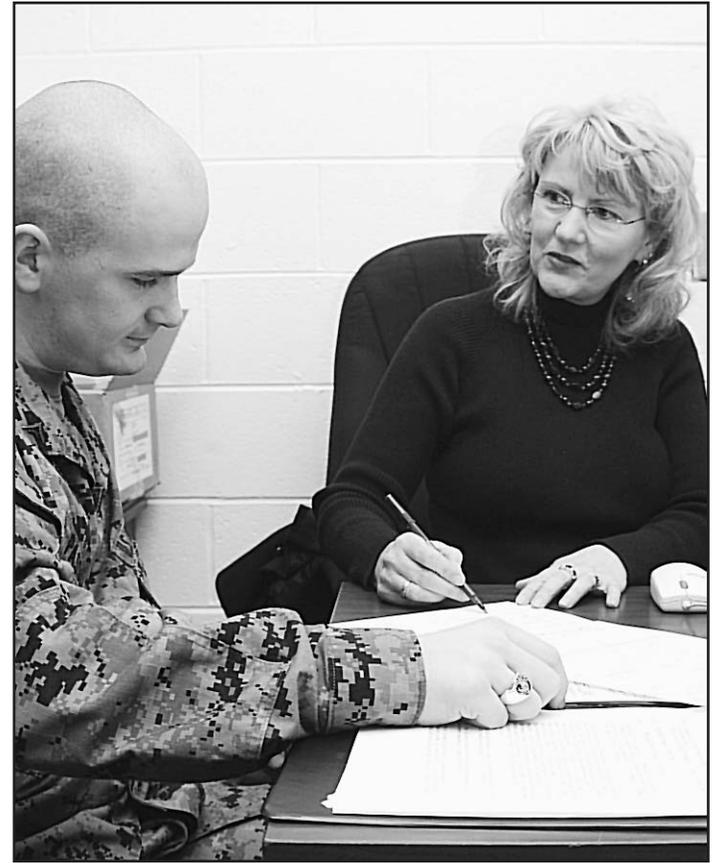


Photo by Kemberly Groue

Lance Cpl. Jake Passot, Keesler Marine Corps Detachment, listens as Vickie Simantz, 81st Training Group volunteer, reviews his tax return paperwork Jan 24. The base tax office is in Room 234, old Cody Hall. It's open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. working Fridays. Before contacting the tax office, members are reminded their unit's tax volunteers can file their return. For more information, call 377-4454. For a list of unit tax representatives, see Page 23.

Getting back to basics of using toothbrush

By Capt. (Dr.) Wendy Lobre
81st Dental Squadron

Despite the variety and advancements in toothbrushes, people don't brush long enough, according to the Academy of General Dentistry.

The average person brushes for less than a minute, which is less than half the recommended two minutes.

Several electric toothbrushes available today have built-in two-minute timers, making it more difficult to "cheat." A more entertaining way to pass the brushing time, especially for children, is to brush for the duration of one song on the

radio — that's about three minutes.

It's also important to use the right toothbrush and technique. Generally, a toothbrush should have a long handle with soft bristles. Brush on both sides and the chewing surface teeth. Hold the toothbrush at a 45-degree angle to the gum line and use a circular motion. Brush the tongue as well to brush away bacteria that can lead to bad breath.

It's recommended to change toothbrushes every three to four months before the bristles become frayed. Toss toothbrushes immediately after an illness to avoid recontamination.

Keesler negotiating to take over Navy housing

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Negotiations are under way for the Air Force to take possession of the Navy's Sandhill Landing family housing complex in Jackson County.

"Nothing is definite yet, but we're hopeful that we'll be able to complete negotiations by the end of the fiscal year," said Mike Reese, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron military housing chief.

Sandhill Landing, located in the Vanleave community just north of Interstate 10 on Highway 57, was built two years ago to house families stationed at Naval Station Pascagoula.

After the Base Realignment and Closure Commission voted to close the installation, the housing came



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Sandhill Landing has 150 duplexes and 10 single-story handicapped-accessible homes.

under the administration of the Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport..

The housing development

is nearly 30 miles from the Seabee Base and about 22 miles from Keesler.

Mr. Reese explained that

the housing office at the Seabee Base is allowing

Keesler enlisted families to compete for the housing as

Priority 3. Priority 1 includes key and essential personnel, and Priority 2 includes Navy families assigned to installations in south Mississippi.

A few Keesler families are already living at Sandhill Landing, along with about 100 Seabee families.

All but 10 of the 160 units are townhouses, and the others are single-level handicapped-accessible homes.

Twenty-six units are for senior enlisted members, and 134 are for junior enlisted members. Floor plans are the same, with size the only difference.

Four-bedroom homes include six 1,802-square-foot senior units and 60 1,610-square-foot junior units.

Three-bedroom homes include 20 1,536-square-foot senior units and 74 1,342-square-foot junior units.

Thrifty tear-down



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Excavator operator Paul Snell from CCI Contaminant Control levels the former Keesler Thrift Shop, Jan. 29. The building received major damage from Hurricane Katrina. The shop, operated by the Keesler Spouses Club, relocated to the former chapel adjacent to Sablich Center. There are no plans to rebuild on this spot.

Commercial sponsors enhance base events

By Earlene Smith

81st Services Division

Since January 2006, Keesler has received more than \$200,000 in cash, products and services from Mississippi Gulf Coast businesses that have sponsored various 81st Services Division activities.

By taking advantage of the Air Force commercial sponsorship program these businesses have enhanced such events as Child Pride Day, the Easter egg hunt, Christmas in the Park, Cruisin' Keesler, the Armed Forces fishing rodeo, boxing, dances at Vandenberg Community Center, Keesler's 65th birthday celebration and Strut Your Mutt Day.

The sponsorship program has been in effect for more than 15 years. Each year has seen an increase in the amount of contributions, according to Nicole Cote, marketing specialist.

"Businesses enjoy doing sponsorships," Ms. Cote pointed out, "because it affords them an opportunity to promote their products or services to a large number of Keesler's military, retiree and civilian populations.

"In addition, the businesses are recognized at various Services events for a specified time. This recognition can be in the form of a banner display, logo placement in the Services 'Scoop,' VIP seating at special events, logo recognition on T-shirts and uni-

forms and many other combinations of advertising.

"Just receiving logo recognition in the 'Scoop' newspaper does a lot to expand a company's customer base," Ms. Cote added. "The publication has a distribution of more than 6,000 reaching active-duty, retirees and civilians in Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama."

Top sponsors for 2006 were US Food Service, The Home Depot, Planet Beach Tanning and Spa and RPM Pizza (Domino's). All merchant representatives were recognized at a sponsorship appreciation luncheon in October where they were presented certificates and letters of appreciation signed by Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander.

"It's never too late to participate," according to Ms. Cote. "There's always something going on in the 81st Services Division. In addition to our recurring annual events, we're currently seeking sponsors for upcoming golf and bowling tournaments, special club events, sports and fitness programs, National Craft Month, dinner theaters, artist craftsman/photography contest, a variety of celebrations in observance of the Air Force's 60th birthday, an arts and crafts harvest festival and many other functions."

For more information, call Ms. Cote, 377-1597.

Black Heritage Month Keesler chapter of Tuskegee Airmen seeks members

Keesler's Col. Lawrence Roberts Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. is conducting a membership drive to coincide with the base observance of Black Heritage Month.

A membership meeting is 11 a.m. Feb. 16 in the Katrina Kantina. Regular meetings are 11 a.m. the third Wednesday of the month at Gaudé Lanes.

For more information, call or e-mail Tech. Sgt. Kirk Jackson, chapter secretary, 377-4532 or 424-7915, ijack@cableone.net.

Other Black Heritage Month activities at Keesler:

Organization day — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today. Trophies are awarded to the top three educational displays. To participate, call 1st Lt. Ernest Stewart, 377-1836.

Cookout — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 15, marina park. Cost: \$6, with proceeds going toward college scholarships. For more information, call Byron Bryant, 377-4198, or Staff Sgt. Samuel Parms, 377-2860.

Bowling tournament — noon Feb. 16, Gaudé Lanes. Cost: \$10, with proceeds

going toward college scholarships. For more information, call Kurt Higgins, 377-5356, or Mr. Bryant, 377-4198.

Gospel concert — 6-9 p.m. Feb. 23, Welch Auditorium. Community choirs perform. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Anthony Thomas, 377-8628, or Mary Pleasant, 377-4198.

Food sampling — 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 28, Triangle Chapel Annex. Catered by African-American Heritage Committee 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, 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.

KEESLER NOTES

New phone numbers

Four Keesler Medical Center functions have new telephone numbers:

Immunization clinic — 376-3552 and 3553.

Medical readiness — 376-5610.

Dental clinic appointment line — 376-0511.

Bioenvironmental engineering — 376-0590, effective Feb. 16.

Valentine luncheon

A Valentine's Day luncheon for spouses of deployed 81st Mission Support Squadron members is 11 a.m. Wednesday in old Cody Hall.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Stephanie Lutz, 377-7964; Dee Keyes, 377-3116; or Chief Master Sgt. Dwayne Paul, 377-5999.

Nurse observance

PeriAnesthesia Nurse Aware-

ness Week is observed through Sunday with posters in the medical center and key rings/laser lights and commemorative pens for the post-anesthesia care unit and same-day surgery staffs.

Coloring contest

Monday is the entry deadline for the Children's Dental Health Month coloring contest sponsored by the dental clinic.

For more information, visit the youth center.

Parking lot closes

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

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

Excess property sale

A nonappropriated fund excess property sale is Tues-

day through Feb. 15 in the Keesler Club on Larcher Boulevard.

For more information, call 377-0002.

Bundles for Babies

Air Force couples expecting a baby can sign up for the Bundles for Babies class, 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday at the airman and family readiness flight in old Cody Hall.

Participants receive a bundle of baby supplies valued at \$75.

To register, call 377-2179.

Dental observance

In observance of February as Children's Dental Health Month, the dental clinic is providing weekly dental readings for children of all ages at McBride Library, 10 a.m. Wednesdays.

Participating children receive dental "goodies bags."

Heart Link

Heart Link, a free orientation program for Air Force spouses with five years or less affiliation with the Air Force is 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 22 at the Triangle Chapel Annex.

Limited child care is available by calling Jackie Pope, 377-5346.

To register, call the airman and family readiness center, 377-2179.

Entrance closed

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

Child Pride Day

Child Pride Day is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., April 14 in marina park.

Data disposal

For appointments to shred documents containing personal data, call the 81st Communications Squadron's records man-

agement office, 377-2571.

Care for sick kids

The family child care program needs a caregiver for children in the noncontagious stages of a communicable illness or who have mild respiratory illnesses.

For more information, call 377-3189.

Fingerprinting process

For fingerprint appointments, call the 81st Security Forces Squadron, 377-4660 or 5404.

Blood drives

To schedule mobile blood drives, call 377-9324.

Library display

A display of models and photographs depicting land battles of World War II is featured at McBride Library through March.

Items are from the collection of retiree Charles Stewart.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Rip it up!

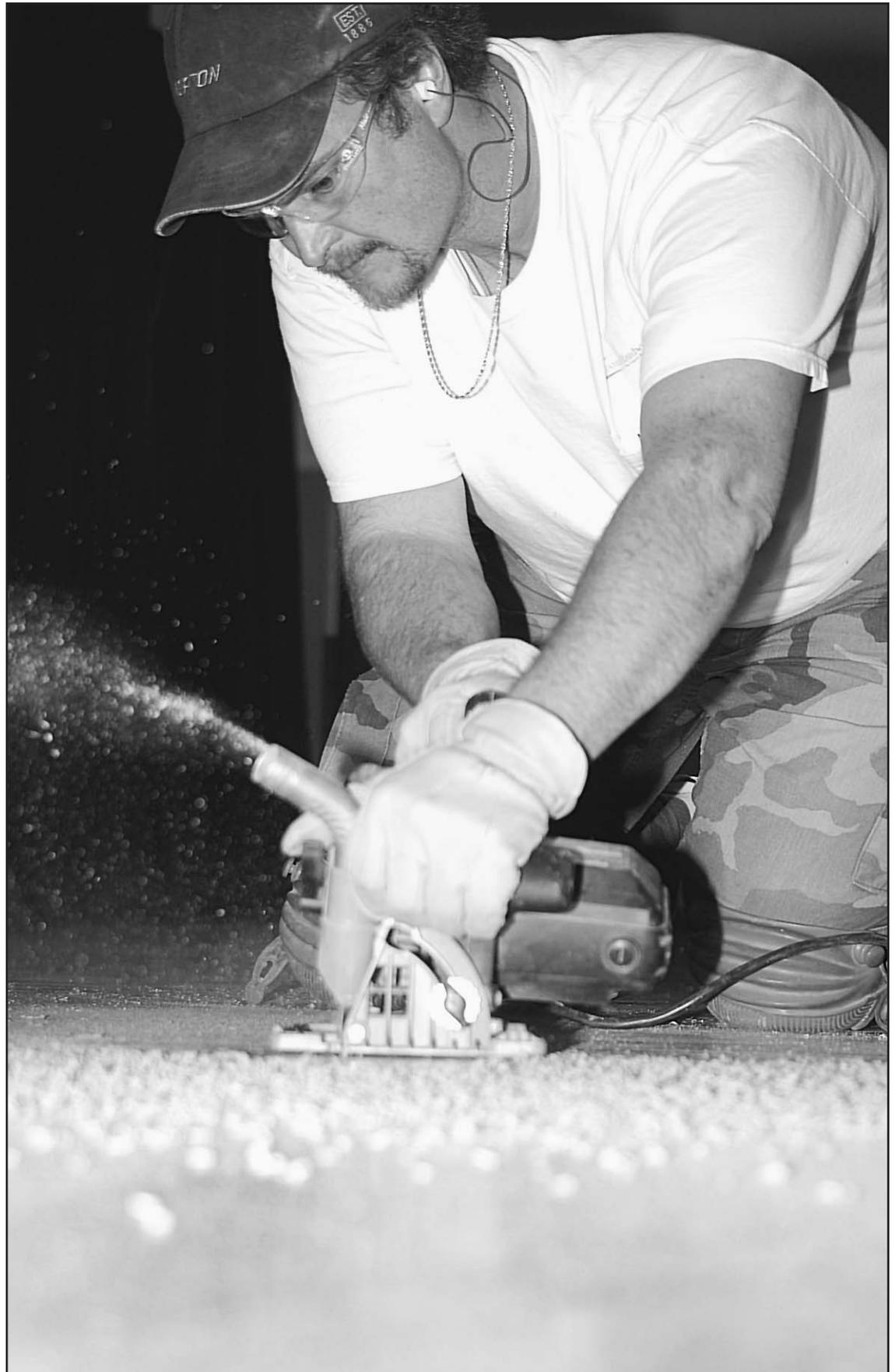
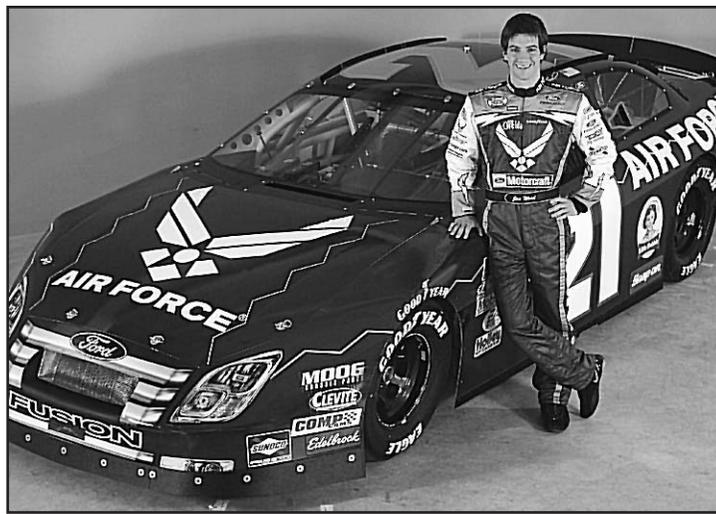


Photo by Kemberly Groue
Ronnie Ridgway, Browning Brothers Flooring installation supervisor, uses a power sander on the basketball court at the Blake Fitness Center. After the flooring is sanded, the water-damaged boards from Hurricane Katrina are replaced with new flooring. The renovation began Jan. 22 and should be completed by the end of February. The estimated cost of the project is \$49,000. While renovations are ongoing, basketball games are played at the Dragon Fitness Center.

No. 21 ready

The Air Force's NASCAR Nextel Cup Series entry has a new driver, Jon Wood, for 2007. Veteran driver Ken Schrader drives in Saturday's season opener, the Budweiser Shootout at Daytona International Speedway, Fla., while Wood is behind the wheel the rest of the season. It's the seventh year the Air Force has been a NASCAR sponsor.

Photo by Scott Reed



SCORES AND MORE

Basketball

Women's varsity schedule

Saturday-Sunday — at Mayport Naval Air Station, Fla.

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

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

Bowling

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 — 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).

Birthday parties — Saturdays. For more information and reservations, call 377-2817.

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

Sweetheart Run — Valentine's Day 5-kilometer, 11 a.m. Wednesday, Blake Fitness Center. No entry fee. Prizes to top five couples to finish together.

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. The basketball court is closed for repairs and renovation.

Dragon Fitness Center — open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays. 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. Smoothie bar open. For massage therapist appointments, call 263-5515.

For more information, call 377-3056.

Golf

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

Groundhog special — free rod and reel with boat rentals, through Friday.

Valentine's special — 10 percent discount on No. 1 camping package throughout February. Includes four-person tent, four sleeping bags, lantern, stove, 48-quart ice chest and camper's bow saw.

February fishing tournament — weigh in the largest crappie for the month and win \$100 savings bond.

Back Bay fishing trips — Saturday; \$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.

Pontoon boat training — required before rental.

For more information, call 377-3160.

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

Slugfest III

Feb. 16 — 7 p.m., Hangar 4. Tickets: general admission, \$15; reserved table for 10, \$20 per person; reserved ringside table for 10, \$25 per person. Three weight divisions with eight fighters in each division. Cash prize of \$1,000 in each division.

For more information, call 669-8700 or 377-7858.

Soccer

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

Sports council

Meeting — April 18. Time, location to be announced.

Tennis

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 this month.

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

Youth center

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.

DIGEST

HONORS

Quarterly awards, October-December

81st Training Wing

Airman — Senior Airman Michael Ebeling, 81st Communications Squadron.

Noncommissioned officer — Tech. Sgt. David Hollyman, 81st Transportation Squadron.

Senior NCO — Master Sgt. Nicole Pearson, protocol office.

Company grade officer — 1st Lt. Charles Peebles, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron.

Field grade officer — Maj. Stephanie Stouder, 81st Dental Squadron.

Entry level civilian — John Fox, 81st Comptroller Squadron.

Intermediate level civilian — John Lowe, 81st Mission Support Squadron.

Senior level civilian — Debbie Davis, 335th Training Squadron.

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Mitchell Arbe, Chaz Bucholtz, Christopher Carmody, Michael Carnley, Christopher Christensen, Jon Clemenson, Craig Cloutre, Stephen Collins, Christopher Derby, Rachel Gabbard, David Hendrickson, Johan Holtz, Aaron Ivcovassi, Robert Jepsen, William Johnson, Christopher Jones, Jeremy Jones, Kathern Kohler, Kenny Lawrence, Benjamin Lee, Paul Lillie, James Ludwig, Eric Miller, Matthew Milles, Ashby Mullinconant, Matthew Powell, Jacob Ramsey, Ryan Rehanek, Mark Remien, Scott Robinson, Lanae Rosser, Ruel Rutledge, Derek Sampson, Jacquels Scott, Alex Sielaff, Jason Speaker, Christien Spencer, Andrew Steeves, Joshua Stocker, Chia Thao, Alexander Tobin, Adam Urban, Jay VanDriel, Elijah VanGuilder, Joseph Waltz, Joshua Wagner, Nolan Wemett, David Williams and Morgan Winn; Airmen Micah Blanton, Walter Campos, Matthew Gibbs, Terry Hansby, Thomas Hurd, Kyle McKinley, Cody Pratt, Ralph Shurte, Apollo Timbers, Richard VanHying, Ian Voelkel and Randell Roundtree; Airmen 1st Class Eric Atkinson, Clint Brower, Michael Brown, Stephen Carusco, Darius Carter, Jarrick Chappell, Cody Chiasson, Kerry Compton, Joel Crowley, Gary Cywinski, Gino Dottavio, Adam Drew, Bryan Eshelman, Alysya Galt, Melvin Gosha, Matthew Habart, Kristopher Heckman, Raymond Jones, Robert Lahmann, Krystal Millar, Jonathon Miller, Chad Roberts, Joshua Rodriguez, Benjamin Salazar, Bobby Sebring, Marvin Smith, Jade Songne, Eric Thomas, Ian Thomas, Garrett Wiseman and Karen Zaunscherb; Senior Airmen Braid Bishop, David Campbell, John Fusco, Roman Garanzuay,

Grefory Garcia, Evait Hayes, Dawn Rodocker, Albert Spohrer and Regis Williams; Staff Sgts. Alan Banks, Joshua Baxley, Craig Bowden, Eric Breault, Micah Campbell, Drew Davison, Chunming Dia, Bradford Drake, Michael Franz, Ronald Holmbeck, Matthew Lemmerman, Richard McAlexander, Joshua Poole, Caleb Sheldon, Joel Slaughter, Micah Weeks and Justin Weitenbeck; Tech. Sgts. Keith Rhodes and Warren Vanvelzer.

334th TRS

Aerospace control and warning systems — Airmen Basic Amber Reardon and Jamie Sponaugle; Airmen 1st Class Larry Cepeda and Lisa Mills; Senior Airmen Jason Landry and George Parkhurst; Master Sgt. Thomas Wilson.

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Kenneth Campbell, Jason Cruz, Jonathon Giam, Joshua Jobe, Timothy Kenney, David Martinez, Joseph Quinones and Seth Skypek; Airman Jeffrey Matthews; Airmen 1st Class Christopher Dodd, Bradley Eakin, Kevin Gronnvoll, Trymaine Kelley, Gregory Plumley and Bobby Scurlock; Staff Sgt. Carlos Henry; 2nd Lt. Alexious Kachenje.

Aviation resource management apprentice course — Airman Basic Sabrina Rivera; Airmen 1st Class Patrick Gray and Demarcus Smith.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Kathleen Abling, Wilfredo Mateo, Jennifer Meshaw, David Rachwalik, Aymee Rodriguez, Jason Slagle and William Walker; Airmen Karrie Conway and Richard Haas; Airmen 1st Class Teresa Davis, Illithia Jefferson, Cassiopeia McMillan, Keisha Mitchell and Daniel Thurston; Senior Airmen Shane Burpee, Jason Emrick, James Hudnall and John Moyer; Staff Sgts. Shara Evans, Sherry Holmes, Zaka McCoy, Tiffany Tatum, Jeffrey Tengonciang and Heather Vongrey; Tech. Sgts. Paul Butts and Michael Johnson.

Personnel apprentice course — Airmen Basic Megan Perez-Cruz, Brandy Lewis and Brandon Williams; Airman Ciara Brown; Airmen 1st Class Michelle Cathey, Marivic Fellores and Bethanicole Lawton; Senior Airmen Sandra Carter, Blaine Donnelly and Spencer Hillis; Staff Sgts. Allan Arcia, Kristine Baldrey, Joshua Davis, Matthew Encinas, Lonnie James, Melanie McDonald, Israel Montoya and Kenyetta Stevenson; Tech. Sgts. Vicki Hynes and Denise Torres.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Leah Kemalyan, Eric McAdoo and Benjamin Schmidt; Airman Stephen McNeese; Airmen 1st Class Megan Conley, Brandon Lirio, Crystal Moses, Nathan Norvell, John Read, Ray Rugenstein, Ashley Wheeler and Keith Wilson; Tech. Sgts. Steven Bass and Sandra Downing; Master Sgt. Shannon Defeo.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airmen Basic Nathaniel Bargar, Troy Butolph, Rocio DeLaTorre, Matthew Doyle and Isaac Fenn; Airmen 1st Class Joseph Ciaravino and Dustin Dugger; Senior Airmen Norman Alder, Alister Clyne and Eric Markum; Staff Sgts. Sheila Larry and Allen Ringgold; Senior Master Sgt. Christopher Castle.

Communications and information management flight — Airmen Basic Jessica Guzman and Christopher Taylor; Airmen James Burton and Robert McDermott; Airmen 1st Class Howard Clay, Charles Landgraf and Timothy O'Connor; Senior Airman Daniel Turillo; Staff Sgts. Dennis Maldonado, Joshua Newlin, Jenny Robinson, Jason Saunders and Byron Stuart.

338th TRS

Radar systems flight — Airmen 1st Class Charles Boyd, Teddy Knapp II, James Lewis, Wesley Phillips and Tyler Stacey; Senior Airman Osvaldo Figueroa-Lopez; Staff Sgts. James Anderson and William Murray; Master Sgt. Hong Jeong.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 07-2 — graduation Feb. 16.

Class 07-3 — Feb. 27-April 5.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 07-2 — graduation Feb. 16.

Class 07-3 — Feb. 27-April 5.

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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 1-616-881-1994.

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Arts and crafts center

Beginners framing — one class, four sessions, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays. \$60.

Free ceramic knowledge workshop — 5 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call 377-2821.

Beginning intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. Feb. 17. \$15. Intarsia involves inlaying pieces of wood in a decorative pattern.

Pasta making — 11 a.m. Feb. Saturday. Make fresh ravioli. \$20 including supplies.

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. Saturday and Feb. 24. \$20. A new project each month.

Beginners woodworking — 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday. \$25. Earn safety certification and get operator's card for future shop use.

Parent 'n' me kids crafting — 11 a.m. Feb. 17. \$10. Quick, easy king cake. Ages 7 and under need parent involvement.

Scrapbooking — 1:30 p.m. Feb. 23. \$10 including supplies.

Beginning pottery — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$40 including 5 lbs. of clay and firing for 3 pieces. Call for date.

Advanced matting — \$25. Beginner framing class is a prerequisite. Call for time and date.

New classes coming soon — photography, cooking and beading.

Auto hobby shop

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

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. for infants, children, teens and adults.

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

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

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

Wednesday night Bible study — 6-7:30 p.m.

Women's breakfast Bible study — 10 a.m. to noon first Saturday of the month.

Men's breakfast Bible study — 9 a.m. to noon second Saturday of the month.

Friday night youth teens — call 377-2520.

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

Research orientations — 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Story time — 10 a.m. Feb. 21, ages 2-4.

African-American heritage display — throughout the month.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

Valentine special — 6-8 p.m. Wednesday. Free flowers and candy to first 100 customers.

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.

Halftime Cafe — closed for renovations.

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.

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

Catering — experts can assist with event planning.

Wings and things — 5 p.m. Wednesday. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and \$1 domestic draft beer. Free for Keesler club members, nonmembers pay \$3 at the door.

Valentine prime rib dinner — 6-8 p.m. Wednesday. \$10 members, \$13 nonmembers; limited seating.

Mardi Gras specials — 5 p.m. Feb. 20.

Thirsty Thursday — 5 p.m. Feb. 22. Fried catfish.

Youth center

TRAIL Keystone Club meeting — 10 a.m. Saturday and Feb. 17, ages 13-17.

FitFactor aerobics — 6 p.m. Feb. 15, ages 9 and older. Free for members, 50 cents for guests.

Torch Club — 4:30 p.m. Feb. 26, ages 9-12. Leadership programs, activities, community service, fun and friends.

Creative corner — 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, ages 9 and older. Make an art project. Sign up by today. Free for members, 50 cents for guests.

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.

4-H Club — 5 p.m. Tuesday and Feb. 26, ages 13-17. Outdoor adventures and community service.

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

Sweetheart dance — 6-10 p.m. Saturday, ages 9-17. Minimum 10 people. \$3 members, \$5 nonmembers.

Home alone workshop — 6 p.m. Monday, ages 10 and older accompanied by a parent. Minimum three parent/youth teams. Sign up by Feb. 8.

Congressional Award program — 6 p.m. Wednesday, ages 14-21. Achieve personal goals to become eligible for a medal.

Wipeout Wednesdays — 5-6 p.m. Wednesday and Feb. 27, ages 9 and older. Compete to overthrow current champions in a variety of indoor games.

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.

New Orleans Mardi Gras parades

\$20 per person for transportation only.

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

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

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Veterans benefits briefing — 1-4 p.m. 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 or for more information, call 377-2179.

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, 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 or for more information, call 377-2179.

Retirement briefings — intended for those with less than a year until retirement, 8-11 a.m. today, 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 or for more information, call 377-2179.

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.

Employment opportunities

Career focus program for spouses — information on area employment opportunities, job Web sites, human resources contacts, temporary jobs, on-base listings and free training programs. Computer lab available for resume preparation or job search; located in Room 121, old Cody Hall. For an appointment, call Ron Bublik at the airman and family readiness flight, 377-8592.

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

Lunch — pork chops, braised liver with onions, fried fish, hush puppies, rissole potatoes, rice, gravy, broccoli, peas and carrots, corn, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken chili, cheeseburger soup, buffalo wings and roast beef subs.

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, cheeseburger soup, chicken chili, buffalo wings and roast beef subs.

Friday

Lunch — shrimp scampi, beef stew, turkey, egg noodles, rice, gravy, corn on the cob, cauliflower, collard greens, three-bean salad, chicken and wild rice soup, French onion soup, chili, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Dinner — chili macaroni, barbecue chicken, fried catfish, potato wedges, Spanish rice, gravy, fried cabbage, carrots, broccoli, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chicken and wild rice soup, French onion soup, chili, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Saturday

Lunch — baked chicken, Swedish meatballs, creole shrimp, mashed potatoes, rice, gravy, creamed corn, asparagus, steamed squash, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, clam chowder, chicken chili and chicken nuggets.

Dinner — baked fish, knockwurst, Chinese five-spice chicken, potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, stir-fry vegetables, baked beans, spinach, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, clam chowder, chili and chicken nuggets.

Sunday

Lunch — oven fried fish, spareribs, chicken breast parmesan, macaroni and cheese, O'Brien potatoes, gravy, peas, sweet potatoes, broccoli combo, German coleslaw, tomato salad, chicken tortilla soup, baked potato chowder, chili and cheese pizza.

Dinner — stir-fry beef with broccoli, turkey nuggets, pork chop suey, sauteed mushrooms and onions, baked potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, corn on the cob, green beans, German coleslaw, tomato salad, chicken tortilla soup, baked potato chowder, chili and cheese pizza.

Monday

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

Dinner — spaghetti with meat sauce, loin strip steak, turkey, baked potatoes, pea and pepper rice, gravy, squash, carrots, broccoli, sauteed mushrooms and onions, macaroni salad, cucumber/onion salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone, chili with beans, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

Tuesday

Lunch — teriyaki chicken, veal parmesan, baked fish, rice, parsley buttered potatoes, gravy, fried cabbage, succotash, steamed carrots, macaroni salad, cottage cheese salad, beef pot roast soup, vegetable soup, chicken chili, sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

Dinner — country captain chicken, meatloaf, turkey a la king, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, tempura vegetables, mustard greens, okra tomato gumbo, macaroni salad, cottage cheese salad, beef pot roast soup, vegetable soup, chicken chili, sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

Wednesday

Lunch — Mexican baked chicken and pork chops, beef fajitas, jalapeno cornbread, refried beans, corn, gravy, pinto beans, peas and carrots, cole slaw, peas and carrots, frijole salad, chicken noodle soup, cream of potato soup, chili, cheese fishwich and pizza.

Dinner — lemon-herb chicken, sweet and sour pork, jambalaya, scalloped potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, Mexican corn, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, chicken noodle soup, cream of potato soup, chili, cheese fishwich and Monte Cristo sandwich.

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or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

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 officers. 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.afaots.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.

MEETINGS

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

Upcoming

Federal Women's Committee — 2 p.m. today, second floor conference room, Vosler Academic Center, Building 2602. Activities for National Women's History Month in March are being planned. For more information, call Pamela Tunstall, 377-7272, or Celeste Schmitt, 377-3525.

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.aaddofficers@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.

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 chelle1m@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 Com-

munity Center. For more information, call Larry McKean, 377-3252 or 374-5922.

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

Tuskegee Airmen Inc., Col. Lawrence E. Roberts Chapter — 11 a.m. third Wednesday of the month, Gaude Lanes. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Kirk Jackson, 377-4532 or 424-7915, or e-mail kijack@cablone.net.

MISCELLANEOUS

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. For a recording about current features, call 377-6627.

Friday — 6:30 p.m., The Pursuit of Happyness (PG-13, 116 minutes).

Saturday — 2 p.m., We Are Marshall (PG, 127 minutes); 6:30 p.m., Code Name: The Cleaner (PG-13, 84 minutes).

Sunday — 2 p.m., Night at the Museum (PG, 109 minutes).

Mardi Gras parades

Saturday — Second Liners Mardi Gras Club, Biloxi, 1 p.m., 209-8113, color guard and 332nd TRS 50-state flag team. Orange Grove Carnival Association, 2 p.m., 832-0079. Gautier Men's Club, 7 p.m., 762-9265.

Sunday — Krewe of Nereids, Waveland, 1 p.m.; 586-2505 or 806-6471. Long Beach Carnival Association, 2 p.m., 343-3972.

Feb. 17 — Krewe of Diamondhead, noon, 255-6922. Jackson County Carnival Association, Pascagoula, 1 p.m., 497-3269. Krewe of Gemini day parade, Gulfport, 2 p.m., 831-0046 or 297-0377, color guard, 334th TRS 50-state flag team and drum and bugle corps.

Feb. 18 — St. Paul Carnival Association, Pass Christian, noon, 452-4643. North Bay Area Mardi Gras Association, D'Iberville, 1:30 p.m., 365-3195 or 424-3637, 336th TRS 50-state flag team.

Feb. 20 — Gulf Coast Carnival Association, 1 p.m., Biloxi; 432-8806, color guard. Krewe of Gemini night parade, 6 p.m., Gulfport, 831-0046 or 297-0377, color guard, 334th TRS 50-state flag team and drum and bugle corps.

Income tax volunteers

81st Communications Squadron — Airman 1st Class Christopher Allen, 377-4633; Tech. Sgt. Shawnni Morris, 377-7500.

81st Medical Group — Airman 1st Class Ebony Hodges, 376-3154; Staff Sgts. Earnest Everett, 377-4510, and Angel Lopez-Torres, 377-4510; Tech. Sgt. Wendell Wigfall, 376-3327; Master Sgt. Alvin Holland, 376-4953; Arnold Emerson, 376-4909.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Theresa Arbogast, 377-9101; Staff Sgt. Derek Dingle, 377-8383; Tech. Sgt. Jose Selva-Castillo, 377-2713.

81st Supply Squadron — David Weekley, 377-2936.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — 376-5513.

81st Training Group — Vickie Simants, 377-3122.

81st Training Support Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Jerold Strauss, 377-9041.

81st Transportation Squadron — Staff Sgts. Candice Hayes, 377-5626, and Steven Lyonnais, 377-5225.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Mark Wakeam, 377-3929; Master Sgt. Alan Klein, 377-2693;

332nd Training Squadron — Master Sgt. Timothy Sheldon, 377-0288.

333rd TRS — Michael Rohner, 377-3881.

335th TRS — Kerry Bartels, 377-0338; Gloria Lewis, 377-0153; Ed Ring, 377-0364.

Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit — Aerographer's Mate 1st Class Jeffrey Smouse, 377-0307.

Keesler NCO Academy — Master Sgt. Celeste Jones, 377-2780.

Legal office — Richard Brock, 377-3510.

Marine Corps Detachment — Sgts. Stephen Dunning, 377-5080; Randy Muehe, 377-2253; and Adam Romnek, 377-5080.