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Dragons deployed
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Anthrax immunization program back

Air Force Print News
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Keesler Medical Center is in step with the resumption of the Defense Department's anthrax vaccine immunization program.

DOD mandates Airmen assigned to high-threat areas receive the anthrax vaccine. The program also provides Airmen the choice to continue anthrax vaccines if they aren't assigned to a designated high-threat area.

The vaccine is currently available at Keesler, according to Lt. Col. (Dr.) William Boleman, 81st Medical Operations Squadron.

"This is currently being implemented at Keesler and we will be in strict compliance with these higher Air Force directives," said the colonel, chief of allergy/immunizations.

DOD issued a new policy memo Oct. 12 requiring mandatory anthrax vaccinations for individuals in selected high-threat areas or special mission units.

Air Force headquarters sent out an implementation message Feb. 16 to major commands directing them to implement the AVIP in accordance with current DOD and Air Force guidance, said Lt.

Col. Todd Shull, Air Force Counter-Biological Warfare Division chief.

This implementation is in the initial stages and the Air Force has established a four-week time frame, upon unit notification, for units to begin giving the anthrax vaccine to Airmen meeting the mandatory guidelines, he said.

The mandatory anthrax vaccinations are limited to Airmen with orders to or who are currently in specific high-threat areas — primarily the Korean Peninsula and U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

In order to be subject to the mandatory anthrax vaccination, a person must remain in these areas for 15 or more consecutive days, the colonel said.

The DOD determined these forward areas pose the highest threat for military forces so they must meet the mandatory anthrax vaccine measures. Additionally, personnel in designated special mission units, regardless of location, are also subject to mandatory anthrax vaccination.

"The second key piece of

Please see **Anthrax**, Page 9



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Tech. Sgt. Loretta Scott, noncommissioned officer in charge of the immunization clinic, gives Brig. Gen. (Dr.) James Dougherty, 81st Medical Group commander, his sixth anthrax inoculation Friday.

This week in the Triangle

Financial management and comptroller, 9:30 a.m. today, Allee Hall.
Communications-computer systems planning and implementation, 10 a.m. today, Thomson Hall.
Ground radio communications, 10 a.m. today, Jones Hall.
Information management, 10 a.m. today, Thomson Hall.
Aviation resource management, 10 a.m. Monday, Cody Hall.
Communications-computer systems control, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Thomson Hall.
Airfield management, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Cody Hall.
Communications-computer systems control, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Thomson Hall.
Personnel, 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, Wolfe Hall.
Ground radar systems, 9 a.m. Wednesday, Cody Hall.
Command post, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Bryan Hall.



February honor flight

Student numbers

Total students — 3,102
Non-prior service — 1,806
Temporary duty — 1,141
Joint service — 99
Combat controllers — 32
Medical — 24
Non-prior service arrivals — 103
Guard, Reserve — 716
International — 34
FY07 graduates — 9,900
Total since 1942 — 2,244,272

COMMENTARY

When asked what you do, answer, 'I am an Airman'

By Lt. Col. Ray Mottley

81st Civil Engineer Squadron commander

You are seated at the dinner table and Aunt Jenny asks, "What do you do in Mississippi?"

You reply, "I'm an Air Force ... (you fill in the blank)."

This conversation takes place time and time again. We in the Air Force get our identity from our job specialty.

I'd like to offer a different answer. "I am an Airman."

The Air Force is a very techno-centric military service. Especially at Keesler, the home of high-tech training, it's easy to forget we're Airmen first and our specialty second.

Ask a Marine, "What do you do?" You will get the reply, "I'm a Marine." The time has come for each of us in the Air Force to reply, "I'm an Airman."

It has recently been announced that our next operational readiness inspection is in August. As the wing gets ready for the ORI, many of us get the chance to refresh the back-to-basics skills all Airmen must know. So what does it mean to be an Airman?

An Airman is an American fighting man or woman. Since March 2003, the nation has been at war in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. These conflicts are testing the nation's resolve and stretching its military forces.

Many of the Airmen deployed to the conflicts in Iraqi and Afghanistan are conducting combat operations in areas outside of their day-to-day Air Force specialties. Airmen are

taking on roles that normally would be carried out by Soldiers. Airmen are conducting convoy patrols, hunting the enemy house-to-house in cities. To get ready for these unique duties, many Airmen attend "spin up" training lasting as long as 90 days at various Army posts. This training gets them ready with "back-to-basics skills" all Airmen must learn and know well: weapons handling, self-aid and buddy care, chemical warfare, unexploded ordnance identification, etc.

The upcoming ORI brings with it regular 81st Training Wing exercises and Warrior Days. This is our "spin up" time. Are you ready?

All Airmen need to be familiar with the Airman's Manual. This spiral-bound, 225-page book, is our quick reference guide to many of the situations and tasks Airmen may encounter in combat. Find it, dust it off and read it.

Warrior Days are your opportunities to practice what you've learned in the classroom — hands-on weapons training, realistic self-aid and buddy care events and so much more. All the training helps drive home the point that we hold a special role in the military. We're Airmen first.

Article 1 of the Military Code of Conduct reads: "I am an American, fighting in the forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense."

Our nation needs its fighting Airmen. It's who we are. It's what we do.

Airmen's right to air grievances is protected by law, regulation

By Senior Master Sgt. Steven Whitehead

Inspector general superintendent

Concern for Airmen is one hallmark of a talented supervisor. However, this noble leadership trait can get you into trouble.

Title 10 U. S. Code, Section 1034, Military Whistleblower Protection Act, forbids anyone from restricting or reprising against a military member attempting to report wrongdoing or to address a grievance.

Air Force Instruction 90-301, Inspector General Complaints Resolution, defines this as protected communication. Examples range from contacting one's congressional delegate

to going to the Inspector General to requesting assistance from the military equal opportunity office.

In 2004, Section 1034 of Title 10 U.S. Code was amended to add any member of one's chain of command.

Based on the law, supervisors should encourage subordinates to utilize the chain of command, but never enforce it through acts of restriction or reprisal. You can offer assistance, but never demand it.

The way to stay out of trouble is to respect an individual's right to air an issue within the grievance channel of their choosing.

ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso

81st Training Wing commander

You're encouraged to work your concerns through your chain of command or to contact an appropriate helping agent. For matters left unresolved, call 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, 81st TRW/PA, Keesler AFB, MS 39534-2603, e-mail 81st 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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Military personnel flight — 377-2276	Public affairs — 377-2783
Keesler Federal Credit Union — 385-5500	Red Cross — 377-3030
Emergencies — 911	Sexual assault prevention and response team — 377-8635
Family campground — 594-0543	Law enforcement desk — 377-3040
Airmen and family readiness center — 377-2179	Shoppette, Class Six — 432-2367
Finance — 377-4212	Telephone trouble — 377-2130
81st Communications Squadron help desk — 377-0066	Traffic management (outbound) — 377-2446
Housing — 377-9741	Traffic management (inbound) — 377-7813
Identification cards — 377-3203	Visitor center — 377-2595
Inspector general — 377-3010	Youth center — 377-4116
Legal assistance — 377-3510	

'round in circles

Comment — I'm going around in circles trying to contact the women's clinic at the medical center.

For weeks now, I get a recording every time I call. When I tried the appointment line, I was referred to the women's clinic phone number.

This is frustrating.

Response — Thanks to your call, we discovered the phone in the women's clinic wasn't working properly.

The problem has been corrected.

We're also working on a plan to stack calls when the lines are busy. As the receptionist becomes available, stacked calls are answered.

Meanwhile, we believe you'll now be more successful when you call the clinic at 376-0433 or 0436.

Drinking and driving = deadly duo.

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Master instructor earns AETC recognition

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Master Sgt. James Henry, a master instructor in the 334th Training Squadron's aviation resource management course, is Air Education and Training Command's aviation resource management senior noncommissioned officer of the year for 2006.

Sergeant Henry, who came to Keesler in July 2003, managed the six instructors and 245 students for the 3-level course while spending more than 800 hours in the classroom last year.

He was credited with maintaining a 91-percent graduation rate, exceeding command standards by 15 percent and reducing the elimination rate by 15 percent. He also provided 75 hours of individualized assis-



Sergeant Henry

tance to 24 struggling students, saving \$120,000 in retraining costs.

In the dual capacity of instructor and interim career development course writer for

nine months, Sergeant Henry revised 86 percent of the CDC while teaching simultaneously, enabling course completion four months ahead of schedule. He earned the Air Force Achievement Medal for this accomplishment.

He piloted the 3-level classroom setup of 14 new student work stations, increasing the course training capacity by 25 percent.

Sergeant Henry participated in a 7-level distance learning feasibility study which led to the acquisition of \$65,000 in course funding. He also led the 7-level upgrade training media enhancement project which provides an interactive training platform for CDC and on-the-job training.

He attended a first sergeant symposium and served in that

capacity during the absence of the person who holds that position.

Sergeant Henry was the flight's lead facilitator for Wingman Day, coached Biloxi

city league softball and volunteered for Special Olympics, senior NCO induction ceremony, Airman's Attic committee, Make a Difference Day and squadron fundraisers.

Students build camaraderie, fitness with push-ups during class breaks

By Ed Ring

335th Training Squadron

The eight students in the 335th Training Squadron's 12-week combat weather team operations course have done more than 40,000 push-ups during class breaks.

"I got the idea from a similar challenge presented to members of the 20th Weather Squadron at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., by their leaders," explained 1st Lt. Chris Wireman, class leader. "The purpose was to help physical fitness, as well as to challenge the team to accomplish a solid goal using teamwork."

One student in the class maxed out the push-up part of his recent physical training test as a result of the class challenge.

In recognition of the accomplishment, the class was treated to a pizza party by the faculty.

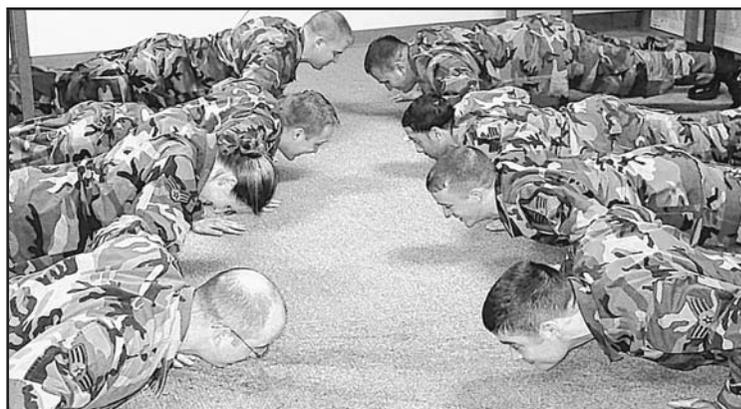


Photo by Tech. Sgt. Scott Maier

Combat weather students hit the floor for push-ups during a class break.

Retiring command chief praises combat training

By Tech. Sgt. Mike Hammond

AETC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — As a young staff sergeant in 1982, Chief Master Sgt. Rodney Ellison got his first real experience of a hostile environment while serving at Operating Location Foxtrot in Turkey.

As Air Education and Training Command's command chief retired Friday, he was confident that the Air Force he left now prepares every Airman to effectively function in any wartime environment.

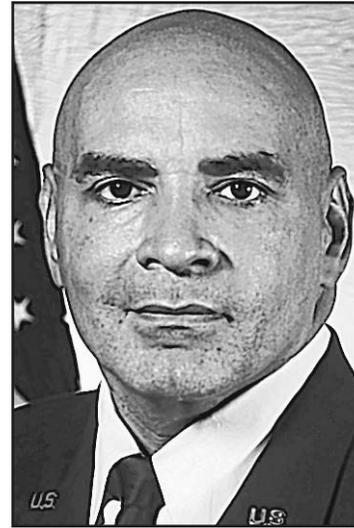
"When I came in, we really had a hollow force," Chief Ellison said. "Post-Vietnam, we just really weren't ready to go to war. But today, it's any time, any place.

"Back then, Turkey truly was a remote assignment. We lost a lot of good people to terrorist bombings," he said. "Turkey was really a turning point in my career — it helped me to have a better appreciation for America and the freedoms we have. It showed me what the military was about and why we do what we do."

Looking back to those lessons, Chief Ellison drew a parallel to the accomplish-

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of Americans
will ever do what we do —
put their lives in harm's way
for people they may never know."

— Chief Ellison



ments of AETC over the past several years.

Recalling recent changes such as putting more combat emphasis in the basic military training curriculum and developing the basic combat convoy course, the chief is confident that Airmen today can not only survive, but thrive, in roles traditionally assigned to the Army.

BC3, an intensive month at Camp Anderson-Peters, Texas, (located on Camp Bullis) where Airmen practice ground combat skills and Army-style small-unit tactics, is one exam-

ple of AETC paving the way to warrior success.

At BC3, students practice convoy maneuvers and qualify with M-4 carbines and M-249 machine guns. More importantly, technical and staff sergeants become truck and convoy commanders — they transform from skilled technicians to leaders.

"You can ask any Army commander who his best convoy team is and he'll tell you it's Airmen," Chief Ellison said. "It's a great compliment from people who have trained their whole lives for that environment

to recognize the performance of our people who have trained a minimal time at BC3."

In the future, the chief said AETC must focus on ensuring its people have the best training that can be provided.

Initiatives include working to continue developing war skills in technical training and further streamlining processes to ensure Army training of Airmen is the best it can be.

He also called upon leaders at all levels to help in the difficult task of drawing down while continuing to succeed during a major military operation.

"We need to be straight with Airmen," he said. "Let them know what we're doing and why — and that we will be a stronger, more capable force on the other side of these changes."

Chief Ellison advised members not to sacrifice family — rather, sacrifice on behalf of family.

"Less than 1 percent of Americans will ever do what we do — put their lives in harm's way for people they may never know. We leave our families a lot.

"When home, we need to make sure we're home. Go to the soccer games; go to PTA meetings — be there for them, and families will understand those long separations and know how much they mean to you."

After a career spent largely advising and mentoring enlisted members, Chief Ellison plans to become a minister to a small congregation in the San Antonio area.

Chief Master Sgt. Mark Luzader, former 92nd Refueling Wing command chief at Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash., is his successor.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Chiefs aid scholars

The Keesler Chiefs' Group sponsors three scholarships for enlisted personnel seeking their first Community College of the Air Force degree.

Applications are available at the education office or from any permanent party chief master sergeant.

The deadline for applications is April 5.

For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Clarke, 377-1314.

Pitsenbarger Award

The deadline for spring Community College of the Air Force graduates to apply for the \$500 Pitsenbarger Award is 4 p.m. March 22.

Applications are available in the education office, Room 212, old Cody Hall, or at [http://](http://www.aef.org/aid/pit.asp)

www.aef.org/aid/pit.asp.

The award is sponsored by the Air Force Association and the Aerospace Education Foundation. Prior winners are not eligible.

Winners are announced at the graduation, 3:30 p.m. April 24 in Welch Auditorium.

For more information, call 377-2323 or 2171.

Parking lot closure

The parking lot on the southeast side of the Keesler NCO Academy is closed April 3 for drill evaluations.

In case of inclement weather, the lot is open.

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

Club scholarships

April 13 is the deadline to apply for six scholarships

being offered by the Keesler Spouses Club.

High school and home-schooled seniors and spouses in Jackson, Harrison and Hancock counties who are dependents of Keesler active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retirees, deceased members and Defense Department civilian employees are eligible.

Applications are available at high school counselor offices, Keesler Thrift Shop, McBride Library, the base education office in old Cody Hall, Fishbowl Student Center and online at the KSC Web site, <http://www.keeslerspousesclub.com>.

For more information, call Tiffany Goodwin, scholarship chair, 374-2750.

Drill downs, parades

The 81st Training Group's 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 Tech. Sgt. Kathleen Pasquini, 377-2103.

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.

Troops to Teachers

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

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.

Supply classes

To schedule a general supply class, call 377-2270.

NEWS AND FEATURES

Bush honors Keesler volunteer

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Airman Alan Petz had a very important appointment March 1 — he was meeting President George Bush.

President Bush, who was visiting the Mississippi Gulf Coast and New Orleans for the 14th time since Hurricane Katrina, presented Airman Petz with the President's Volunteer Service Award.

Airman Petz, who's assigned to the 81st Medical Operations Squadron's nutritional medicine flight, joined more than 300,000 individuals who've received the honor.

"I really don't like being the spotlight," he said. "I prefer helping others because it's what I want to do. It's not for personal recognition; I'm simply helping our community recover from the worst natural disaster in our nation's history."

Airman Petz admitted to being both nervous and excited about receiving the honor from the president. However, this is the second time he's met President Bush. Their paths crossed last May when President Bush visited the Coast during National Volunteer Week. This time, his mother and sister came from Peoria, Ill., to see him receive his award.

He became involved in the recovery effort Sept. 19, 2005, after Keesler members had gone to east Biloxi to participate in a clean-up day arranged through the Hands On Network. The volunteer organization has been working in Biloxi since Katrina hit Aug. 29, 2005. The Hands On Network nominated Airman Petz for the award.

"I fell in love with it and continued to go back," Airman Petz said. "I was here during the hurricane. Getting out and helping them has been amazing. I plan to assist them as long as they're here. They're like a second family to me."



Courtesy photo

President Bush thanks Airman Petz for his volunteer service.

For four months after Katrina, Airman Petz joined other volunteers in gutting houses in devastated east Biloxi. They then spent another three months cutting down damaged trees.

Last March, Airman Petz and two other members of the nutritional medicine flight helped prepare meals for 200 volunteers who came to the Coast to assist in the recovery. Since then, he's been involved with the actual rebuilding effort by installing drywall, carpets and other work.

He's motivated to aid others by his background as a Boy Scout, when he was involved in a number of volunteer services.

Airman Petz, who's been at Keesler since entering the Air Force nearly three years ago, has amassed more than 700 volunteer hours since Katrina.

Cord-cutting set for birthing center

Cpts. Melony Valencia, left, and Toni Olivieri check the equipment on a state-of-the-art baby warmer in a Keesler Medical Center birthing suite. Both are labor and delivery nurses with the 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron. A ribbon-cutting and open house for the birthing center is noon to 2 p.m. March 19. The unit has been open since Jan. 8.

Photo by Steve Pivnick



IN THE NEWS

'Spring forward' Sunday

Daylight-saving time begins Sunday.

Turn clocks ahead one hour before retiring Saturday night.

AFAF campaign under way

Keesler's 2007 Air Force Assistance Fund drive began last week.

For a list of unit AFAF representatives, see Page 27.

AETC 'family days' revised

The "family days" for 2007 previously designated by Gen. William Looney III, commander of Air Education and Training command, have been revised.

The revised dates for this year are July 5, Nov. 23 and Dec. 26.

Cell phone restrictions for drivers

It's a primary offense to use a cell phone while driving on base without a hands-free device.

Violators can be stopped and ticketed for this offense by the 81st Security Forces Squadron.

Africa Command in works

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — A separate Africa Command is being established to oversee military operations on the continent.

Responsibility is currently divided among European Command, responsible for most nations in the African mainland except the Horn of Africa; Central Command, responsible for Egypt, Sudan, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Djibouti, Somalia and Kenya; and Pacific Command, responsible for Madagascar, the Seychelles and the Indian Ocean area off the African coast.

Officer gets 50-year sentence

Air Force News Service

EGLIN Air Force Base, Fla. — Capt. Devery Taylor, 96th Medical Group, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., was sentenced to 50 years in prison Feb. 28 after being found guilty on four counts of forcible sodomy, two counts of attempted sodomy, two counts of kidnapping and one count of unlawful entry.

Captain Taylor also faces forfeiture of all pay and allowances and dismissal from the Air Force.

The sentence is reviewed by the court martial convening authority, the Air Armament Center commander, before review by the Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals.

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.

Stepping up



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Retired chief master sergeants of the Air Force Sam Parish, left, and Paul Airey help Tech. Sgt. Susan Tennant and Master. Sgt. Katherine Hataway open garment bags containing battle dress uniforms bearing their new ranks during a Stripes for Exceptional Performers ceremony at the 81st Training Wing call Friday in Welch Auditorium. The two noncommissioned officers were led to believe they were helping open clothing items donated by the chiefs to the wing. For more on Mr. Parish and Mr. Airey's visit to Keesler, see Page 15.

Anthrax,

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the program is the voluntary aspect of the AVIP," Colonel Shull said. "This involves Airmen who have received at least one anthrax vaccine dose since 1998. Under the new guidelines, they can elect to continue getting the anthrax vaccinations in accordance with the dosing schedule whether or not they are (or will be) assigned to a designated high-threat area."

Taking the vaccine voluntarily is consistent with good medical practice and personal protection, Colonel Shull said.

"While we've identified two areas as the most likely locations for an anthrax threat, we saw in 2001 that anthrax attacks could occur anywhere," he said. "Vaccination offers a layer of protection, in addition to antibiotics and other measures, that is critical for members of the armed forces."

The anthrax vaccine was first licensed in the United States in 1970. Since then, it's been given to those who could get exposed to environmental sources of anthrax such as service members, veterinarians, farmers and woolworkers, Colonel Shull said.

In December 2005, the anthrax vaccine was found to be safe and effective against all forms of anthrax, including inhalation. Over the course of the last 37 years, the safety and effectiveness of the anthrax vaccine has been demonstrated. The anthrax vaccine is just as safe as other vaccines we're normally given over the course of people's lives, he said.

Installation commanders ensure compliance with the AVIP by maintaining oversight and ownership of the installation's AVIP implemen-

Additional resources

Over the course of implementing the anthrax vaccine immunization program, the Air Force provides information and makes additional information sources available to all Airmen about anthrax and the AVIP. This includes a trifold hand-out, briefings and Web links.

For more information about anthrax vaccinations, use these links:

AVIP trifold brochure
— <http://www.anthrax.mil/documents/996AvipTrifold.pdf>

Air Force A3SC anthrax Web site —
https://www.a3a5.hq.af.mil/a3s/a3sc/CCBRN_resource/biological/anthrax/index.asp

Military Vaccine Agency Web site —
<http://www.vaccines.army.mil/>

Military Vaccine Agency anthrax Web site —
<http://www.anthrax.mil/>

Military Vaccine Agency AVIP 2007 Web site — <http://www.anthrax.mil/whatsnew/resume/mandatoryselect.asp>

tation program.

"Ultimately, it comes down to the installation commanders to make sure this program works," Colonel Shull said. "They will be responsible to ensure Airmen receive mandatory vaccines when required and voluntarily continue the dosing schedule if they so desire."

Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle, Air Force Print News, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

PERSONNEL NOTES

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

OneSource for information

Military OneSource provides information and resources on a variety of issues ranging from everyday concerns to deployment and reintegration.

The service is funded by the Department of Defense and is available to active-duty, Guard and Reserve Airmen and their family members around the clock and 365 days a year.

To access Military OneSource, visit <http://www.militaryone-source.com> or call 1-800-707-5784.

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.

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.

Force shaping preparations

In preparation for the next officer force shaping board this spring, officers are encouraged to check their education levels in the virtual military personnel flight.

To correct errors, e-mail Air Force Institute of Technology's Academic Coding Branch, afit.coding@afit.edu, or send an official transcript from the college or university to AFIT Academic Coding Branch, 2950 Hobson Way, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433-7765.

One-stop pay, personnel service

One-stop customer service for pay and personnel information is available all day, every day by calling toll-free 1-800-616-3775 or going online to <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cst/>.

Long-term care insurance

For information on the long-term care insurance program and how to enroll, go online to <http://www.ltcfeds.com> or call 1-800-582-3337 or TDD 1-800-843-3557, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

E-mailing deployed troops

Stars and Stripes features "Messages of Support" for deployed service members from family and friends free of charge.

E-mail no more than 60 words to messages@estripes.com.

ORI safety tips — basics bring gains

Safety office

The safety office offers some tips for success during the 81st Training Wing's upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection.

"We need to ensure that we're rock solid at basic safety principles. People required to wear personal protective equipment on the job must wear hearing protection during engine runs, eye protection while drilling and steel-toed boots or shoes and gloves during pallet build-up," said Master Sgt. John McDill, 81st Training Wing safety division superintendent.

"While these may seem like little things, the inspector general will look very hard at these areas. More importantly, wearing the right PPE can be the difference between conducting safe operations and inviting a tragic mishap."

Sergeant McDill said another focus area is training and documentation.

"Employee occupational safety and health training must be a top priority for every supervisor," he said. "People without proper training can't



execute the mission properly or safely. Safety training pays big dividends down the line by the cost savings we gain from the mishaps we don't have."

He said the way personnel approach safety can make a difference.

"The most important thing we can do as individuals is to cultivate the right attitude toward safety," said Sergeant McDill. "Question things that don't seem right and strive to correct things that are wrong. Actively explore opportunities to eliminate hazards or reduce their related risks."

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From left, Capts. Jason Guiliano, Tony Phillips and Louis Eldredge, 81st Training Wing legal office, use a map from their post attack reconnaissance kit to help locate unexploded ordnance Feb. 27 at the 81st Mission Support Group Warrior Day at the marina.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Mission supporters practice warrior skills



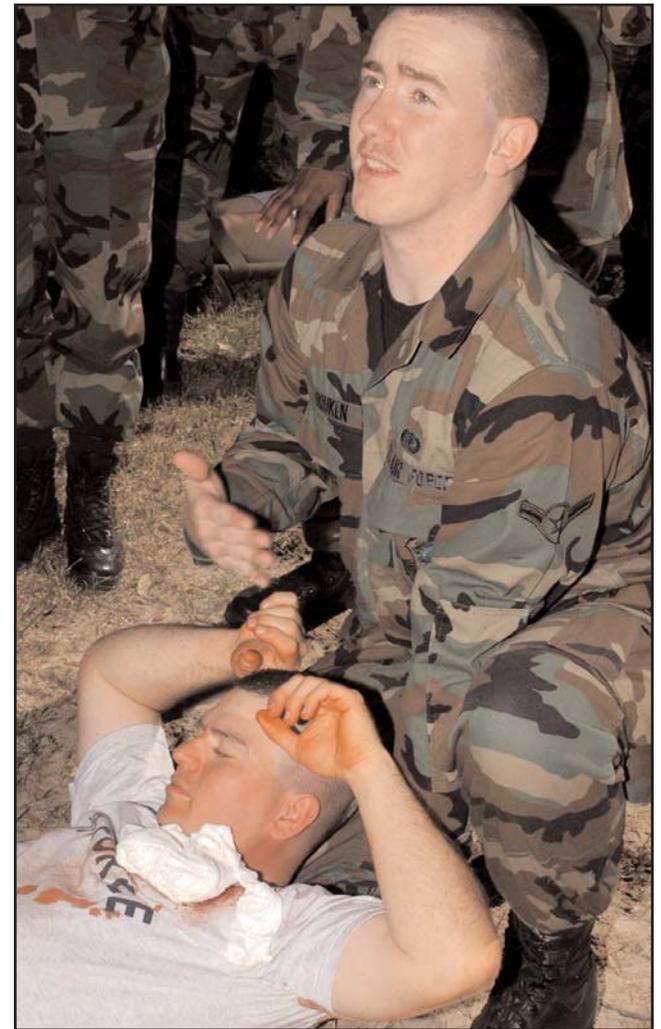
Capt. Tony Phillips and Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Disch, 81st TRW legal office, become familiar with equipment inside the PAR kit used to identify and mark UXOs.



Senior Airman Leo Galindo, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron helps Staff Sgt. Josh Wiggs, 81st CES, don his chemical warfare mask.



Capt. Jason Guiliano, 81st TRW legal office, inspects his M-16 during warrior day as he follows directions from 81st Security Forces Squadron personnel during weapons familiarization.



Airman Ciaran Druken, 81st Services Division, explains how he would move Airman 1st Class Everett Pennington, 336th Training Squadron student, an exercise casualty.

Career advice, information as close as Web site

By Staff Sgt. Julie Weckerlein

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Airmen need to look no further than their computer screens for candid advice and information regarding their service careers.

All this is thanks to the My Enlisted Development Plan Web site, now up and running through the Air Force Portal.

Designed as the Air Force's cradle-to-grave enlisted developmental tool, MyEDP is the sort of network site that gives Airmen access to other Airmen of all ranks around the globe. Already, thousands of Airmen have opened accounts on the site — a process that takes less than two minutes. Once a profile is created, the user has access to news, events, forums, a library, plus access to his or her Air Force Personnel Center records and career information.

Even though it has only been available for a few months, it has already built up quite a following, according to Brig. Gen. K.C. McClain, director of force management policy.

"MyEDP brings much needed transparency to numerous data sources, providing enlisted development tools to our

Airmen in a whole new way," he said. "I am excited about the future of MyEDP and the potential it gives to the Air Force."

"This is a great tool," posted Staff Sgt. Erica Neiser of Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash. "This looks to be a promising venue to bounce thoughts off of others for mentorship and advice."

The forums currently are the most popular feature on the site. With topics such as general discussion, assignments, pay and benefits, and more, Airmen are able to post threads with questions about anything that concerns them, from uniforms to preparing for promotion to juggling the challenges of raising a family in an Air Force environment rife with deployments and family separations.

While the forums are monitored for content, messages aren't deleted even if the information posted doesn't exactly fit the "party line."

"We do not delete any entries that are made," said Senior Master Sgt. Bob Angeli, program manager for MyEDP at the Pentagon. "Some entries we will address

publicly and some we will address privately with the member who posted the comment. We feel this should be an open forum, 'the good, the bad, and the ugly.'"

He said the posts he's seen so far speak volumes of the professionalism of today's Airmen.

Another popular feature is the journal. Paired up with the sharing capabilities, this feature has helped Airmen record their thoughts and activities, a benefit especially for those deployed.

"For me personally, the journal is great for recording sorties I have flown (while deployed)," said Staff Sgt. Rafeal Cruzoyola, an aircrew member from Kadena Air Base, Japan. "Instead of just looking through my written journals, it's a click away. The journal seems great for keeping (enlisted performance report) bullets and sending them to my supervisor when requested."

MyEDP's goal is to provide a constant source of information to Airmen regarding their careers, and Staff Sgt. Joseph Robistow of Nellis Air Force Base believes it does just that.

"There is so much information that will help me to become a better Airman in today's Air Force," he said. "Plus, if I ever have a question

that I cannot answer, I am sure that I could log onto this site and ask, and people with more experience could help me toward the answer."

'Military Saves'

New program targets money management

By Gerry Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — A new Defense Department program encourages service members to become better money managers by paying off or avoiding credit card debt and starting savings accounts.

"Military Saves" is an ongoing DOD-wide program that also sponsors money management seminars titled, "Moneywise in the Military," held at military installations across the country, said Leslye Arsht, deputy undersecretary of defense for military community and family policy.

"We want financial planning and financial strategies to become a part of everyday life" for service members and their families, Ms. Arsht said.

Each seminar features the insights of money management expert Kelvin Boston, host of the PBS television series, "Moneywise," as well as other sessions that discuss the proper use of credit, savings and investment strategies, home ownership and other topics.

The first "Moneywise in

the Military" seminar, held in September at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, attracted more than 200 service members and military spouses, Ms. Arsht said.

Participants "listened to experts give them tips and strategies to use to start this kind of (financial) planning that would put them on this positive path to managing their money in a proactive way," she said. "Many service members went away saying they learned a lot of things they didn't know."

The second "Moneywise in the Military" seminar was held Jan. 31 on Fort Dix, N.J., and drew more than 400 service members and military spouses. The Navy kicked off its "Military Saves Week" activities by holding a "Moneywise in the Military" event in San Diego Feb. 17.

DOD's "Military Saves" program also offers a Web site, <http://www.militarysaves.org>, where service members can access financial management information and register for a money management plan, Ms. Arsht said.



Three-year-old Taleeyah Perry, daughter of Staff Sgt. Joseph and Tamico Perry, helps her dad try on sunglasses at the new Army and Air Force Exchange Service temporary mini-mart. Sergeant Perry is assigned to the 85th Engineering Installation Squadron. The \$4,038,197 facility opened March 1.

Shop 'til you drop

Customers flock to new AAFES mini-mart

Staff Sgt. Wendy Bahm, on temporary duty with the 335th Training Squadron from Hurlburt Field, Fla., checks out the stock of purses at the mini-mart on T Street. The facility serves Keesler customers until a \$40 million base exchange is completed late next year to replace the structure gutted by Hurricane Katrina 18 months ago.



Construction Mechanic 2nd Class Dustin Cottrell shops for shoes with his children, Dustin II, 5, and Adriana, 6. He's assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1 in Gulfport. Store hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Photos by Kemberly Groue





Photo by Adam Bond

Mr. Parish, left, makes a point to Keesler NCO Academy and Airman Leadership School students as Mr. Airey looks on.

Base impresses retired chiefs

By Tech. Sgt. Chuck Marsh

Keesler News staff

Two retired chief master sergeants of the Air Force addressed a capacity crowd Friday as guest speakers at the 81st Training Wing's annual awards banquet.

Earlier in the day, the first chief master sergeant of the Air Force, Paul Airey, and eighth, Sam Parish, visited the wing headquarters and Keesler NCO Academy, and spoke at Welch Auditorium for a wing call.

Mr. Parish opened the wing call by addressing the importance of all Airmen and their jobs in the overall Air Force mission. He focused on that each is an Airman first.

Both former chiefs were impressed with the strides taken across Keesler in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

"I remember seeing photos on TV of what happened to Biloxi and Keesler, and I'm amazed at how far you've come in such a short time, Mr. Airey said. "It could only have been accomplished by strong leadership and the resiliency of the people stationed here."

Mr. Parish agreed the dedication, professionalism and attitude of those assigned to Keesler in the past 18 months have been the key to recovery efforts.

"After August 2005, it wasn't fun to be at Keesler," he said, "but we never heard that in the world of public affairs or the newspapers — it was all a positive attitude. The leadership has really gotten a handle on this and has done a tremendous job and the people have responded — they always do."

The former chiefs, reflecting on their careers, agreed that today's Airmen are better and the Air Force is the best they've seen. They're confident the future force will improve even more.

"I think the Air Force is in great hands," said Mr. Parish. "It's great to be able to see the dedication and the enthusiasm we have in our younger force, and provided they get the proper leadership and supervision, they are going to

be better than we could have imagined. It's not the colonels, it's not the generals and it's not the chiefs that make the Air Force go on a day-to-day basis — it's the two-, three- and four-strippers that are supervised by technical sergeants and young master sergeants that make our Air Force go on a day-to-day basis."

Both men also agreed the leadership at Keesler and in the Air Force in general has been outstanding and has fostered the enlisted force of today.

"It's not only the brand new buildings and recreation areas," said Mr. Airey. "I think I've certainly been impressed by the people I've run into. I've seen leadership from the top level down and it's refreshing for me."

"To get a crowd together with enthusiasm (at wing call) from the general down to the airman basics, it's a good feeling to find people not afraid to ask a question with most senior leadership present," said Mr. Parish. "For leadership to take the time to recognize individuals (Stripes for Exceptional Performers promotees and annual awards winners) before their entire peer audience says so much about our Air Force today. It's a family affair and we are a family."

After a short break, the special guests arrived for the awards banquet in Hangar 4, where their speeches focused on enlisted heritage — where it came from and where it's going. They agreed having formal recognition for those who stand above and beyond is much needed.

"We strive in life for recognition," said Mr. Parish, "and if you stop and think about it, it's not necessarily the formal recognition of an awards banquet or being named something — it's being recognized by your peers (that means more)."

"Recognition programs today certainly have their place," added Mr. Airey. "I believe deserving people should be recognized, and I think what we are doing with these various ceremonies is the right way to go."



Airman Mora



Sergeant Brumfield



Sergeant Slater



Captain Mays



Major Raines

Keesler honors top military, civilian performers of 2006

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The 81st Training Wing honored its top performers of 2006 in 11 categories at an annual awards banquet Friday.

Winners are:

Airman — **Senior Airman Leonardo Mora, 81st Medical Support Squadron.** Airman Mora, a biomedical equipment journeyman, completed 613 work orders, 25 percent more than his 34 peers. He trained 15 technicians and managed scheduled maintenance while 50 percent manned, locating and certifying 230 items for the intensive care unit and calibrating 16 ventilators and repairing a surgical unit at a \$3,000 saving on repairs. He saved other costs by calibrating and installing a variety of equipment himself. He provided emergency treatment to a Special Olympian, volunteered more than 100 off-duty hours assisting with Mississippi Gulf Coast community cleanups, collected clothing and toys for Salvation Army and assembled and distributed 200 holiday bags to underprivileged students.

Noncommissioned officer — **Tech. Sgt. Quardrick Brumfield, command chief assistant.** Sergeant Brumfield, who previously worked in the 81st Services Division, was credited with resolving manning shortages and serving as security manager and readiness NCO in charge. He coordinated the command chief's schedule and assisted in managing quality reviews and correspondence. He earned his bachelor's degree, graduated from the Keesler NCO Academy, completed International Merchant Purchase Authorization Card training and was certified as a self aid/buddy care instructor. He served as an Air Force Assistance Fund representative, handled Wingman Day activities, coached youth basketball and volunteered with his squadron booster club, Hurricane Katrina relief fund, marriage enrichment seminar and Rising VI.

Senior NCO — **Senior Master Sgt. Nicholas Slater, 81st Training Support Squadron.** Sergeant Slater, communications

and information curriculum development superintendent, led a 28-member team that completed 39 priority training packages to provide global deployment training for 59,000 warriors under 14 Air Force Specialty Codes. He was responsible for directing and validating a variety of job quality standards and streamlining vital bare task tasks for five theater-deployable communication packages. He ran in the Air Force marathon, won six 5-kilometer races and earned a perfect score on his physical training test. He was last year's wing awards committee treasurer, chaired the Top III senior NCO induction ceremony, led a church drive that adopted 22 families for Christmas and volunteered to help build two community playgrounds.

Company grade officer — **Capt. David Mays, 81st Security Forces Squadron.** As the unit's operations officer, Captain Mays leads a branch of 120 members credited with handling 92 investigations with a 93 percent solve rate, 95 percent conviction rate and recovering \$25,000 worth of stolen property. He was deployed to Balad Air Base, Iraq, where he led the exercise evaluation team, upgraded base defense and emergency operations, led law-and-order missions and identified and fixed all building and flight line shortfalls for a reduction in attacks. While deployed, he was treasurer of the base's company grade officer council, volunteered at the base hospital and helped plan the Veteran's Day ceremony. At Keesler, he led the Special Olympics torch run and coordinated trick-or-treat safety for base children.

Field grade officer — **Maj. Terri Raines, 338th Training Squadron.** Major Raines is director of operations for the 81st Training Group's largest squadron and is responsible for more than 300 staff members and 6,500 students annually. She completed a half-marathon and 22 5- and 10-kilometer races in three states and raised \$500 for breast cancer research as a runner in "Race for a Cure" in New Orleans and \$500 in the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life." She was fundraising chair for a Masonic organization that raised \$7,000 for Shriners Hospital, helped clean a



schoolyard for Make a Difference Day and volunteered with Special Olympics and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Entry-level civilian — **Jamie Boggs, 81st MDSS.** Ms. Boggs, a diagnostic imaging technologist, was responsible for the bone density testing program, performing 190 tests and presenting an accredited bone mineral density class to 39 radiology technicians. She worked 30-day testing appointment waits down to two weeks, doubling access and saving \$60,000 in patient referrals. She's a full-time honor student at the University of Southern Mississippi, where she's treasurer of Eta Sigma Gamma health promotion honorary and raised \$250 for the health science's department breast cancer awareness program. She led a 25-member team during the Gulf Coast cleanup that collected 85 bags of debris.

Intermediate-level civilian — **James Fuller, 335th TRS.** Mr. Fuller, a weather instructor and curriculum developer, directed nine curriculum developers for a new 30-week initial skills course with 1,176 hours of instruction. He wrote, edited and finalized new course material, composed six tests and 16 appraisals. He coordinated resource and manning requirements for 12 classes and served as an adviser to a Defense Department training focus group. He assisted with hurricane repairs for a co-worker as well as in his neighborhood, donated to Toys for Tots and Supply Our Schools drives and volunteered with Beauvoir Elementary School, Adopt-A-Highway and Habitat for Humanity.

Senior-level civilian — **Hanna Chang, 81st Mission Support Squadron.** Ms. Chang, a former Air Force officer now assigned as a management analyst in the manpower and organization flight, validated six squadrons, 36 flights and aligned 1,600 positions valued at \$135 million for reorganization of the 81st Medical Group.

As team lead for the A-76 commercial activities management information system, she tracked 714 positions valued at \$43 million. As productivity manager for the IDEA program, she was credited with 20 approved ideas, \$13,000 in cash awards and \$63,000 in tangible savings to the Air Force. She's pursuing a master's degree in public health and volunteers at a local hospital and with the American Red Cross. She solicited donations for the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence, American Heart Association, Project Cheer and her squadron's booster club.

Honor guard — **Master Sgt. Andrea Turner, 81st Services Division honor guard superintendent.** Sergeant Turner was responsible for the performance of 311 military funerals and supervised 48 honor guard team members through four rotations. She revamped the honor guard data base and performed NCO in charge duties for five military funerals, five color guard details and three special ceremonies. She was the mistress of ceremonies for the senior NCO induction ceremony and was a guest speaker for the Airman Leadership School graduation. She's a member of Top III and her church's usher board, volunteers as an aerobics instructor and participated in the American Heart Association heart walk and blood drives.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving — **Senior Airman Aaron Eden, 81st TRSS.** As AADD's scheduler, he was responsible for maintaining an active roster for all volunteers. Each week, he solicited volunteers and built a roster of dispatchers and drivers for the weekend and briefed them about their responsibilities. He tabulated the amount of saves and gave credit hours to volunteers. He personally volunteered 520 hours and had 75 saves, earning volunteer of the quarter honors twice during the year. Airman Eden is currently deployed.

Sponsors for the event included Keesler Federal Credit Union, Biloxi Bay Chamber of Commerce, Biloxi Chamber and Harris Jewelry.



Sergeant Geboy



Ms. Boggs



Mr. Fuller



Ms. Chang



Sergeant Turner



Airman Eden



Military blood program has new look on Web

By Gerry Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Armed Services Blood Program Web site has been redesigned to offer updated content, as well as a new look, officials said.

The new Web site, <http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil>, features information on how to join a "Life Force" team of donors, volunteers and supporters with topics including blood facts, donor eligibility criteria and donor center locations.

Other information offered involves the "Specialist in Blood Banking" program, its curriculum and how to apply.

Convenient links direct users to online blood donation appointment scheduling via

Blood drives

To schedule mobile blood drives, call 377-9324.

the "Click to Save Lives" drop button on the home page. Other information links access blood donor eligibility criteria and donation locations.

The new Web site "is very much improved. I think it was very professionally done. I was very impressed," said Margaret Tippy, the Army Medical Command's media relations officer.

Located at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, MEDCOM is the executive agent for the military's blood donation program.



Soulful cuisine

From left, Staff Sgt. Daniel Mayfield and Senior Airman Leviticus Robinson, 81st Transportation Squadron, and Deacon Lucien Moragas, chapel, are served peach cobbler by Capt. Millie Ziebell, 81st TRANS, and Staff Sgt. Ashley Brunson, 338th Training Squadron at the soul food sampling, Feb. 28 at the Triangle Chapel annex. The event is part of the annual observance of Black Heritage Month organized by Keesler's African-American Heritage Committee.

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Frank Contrevo, 81st CES, loads cardboard into a baler for compacting.

Recycling

Money-making, money-saving program

Recycling center and Keesler News staff

Keesler's recycling program is responsible for lowering waste, reducing pollution and saving money.

In 2006, the recycling center generated a profit of \$60,397 with a cost avoidance of \$8,352,599.

"The profits pay manpower, equipment and utilities," said Richard Guillen, 81st Civil Engineering pollution prevention manager. "Half of the remaining funds may be used for pollution abatement, energy conservation, occupational health and safety activities or for morale, welfare and recreation."

Recycling isn't only profitable and cost-effective, it's mandatory for all personnel who live and work on base, according to Mr. Guillen.

The recycling program consists of a team leader and seven laborers responsible for operating the recycling center, Building 4004, and the wood mulching yard, Building 4515.

The recycling center accepts aluminum food and beverage cans, scrap metal, bimetal food and beverage containers, corrugated card-

board, telephone books, plastic bottles, newspaper, magazines, brown paper bags, office paper, glass bottles and jars, wood pallets and used toner cartridges.

The mulching facility accepts grass clippings, brush, tree trimmings from base landscaping activities and wood materials like damaged pallets and building materials.

A contractor picks up recyclables and solid waste in the military housing areas.

"Residents and base organizations may also bring recyclables directly to recycling center," Mr. Guillen said. "The recyclables must be separated into the appropriately labeled storage containers."

The recycling center is also responsible for picking up, transporting and storing non-hazardous recyclables from commercial, institutional and industrial facilities on base.

For more information, call Mr. Guillen, 377-4816.

Second Lt. Nick Plante, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.

Coffee is served



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Capt. Lisa Iverson, 81st Medical Group, left, receives change from Lydia Fanugao, 81st Medical Operations Squadron nutritional medicine flight, in the remodeled Keesler Medical Center dining facility as Senior Airman Sameka Williams, a diet therapy technician, looks on. The coffee bar hours for medical center staff are 8-11 a.m. duty days. Plans are to begin serving lunch to the staff in the spring.

KEESLER NOTES

Contest winners

81st Medical Group

Category winners of the dental clinic's Children's Dental Health Month coloring contest are Patrick Larobis, 10; Audrey Simmons and Torri Rose, 8; and Quincy Stafford, 7.

Patrick won for most colorful artwork, Audrey for most creative, Torri for most unique and Quincy for best dental display.

Parents of the winners:

Patrick — Navy E-6 Michael and Navy E-5 Marblanch Giardini, Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit.

Audrey — Staff Sgt. Joanne and Aurelio Simmons, 336th Training Squadron.

Torri — Master Sgt. Lionel and Tyrena Rosse, 336th TRS.

Quincy — Tech. Sgt. Ter-

esa Stafford, 81st Communications Squadron.

Claims closure

The claims office is closed March 16 for training.

Recipe contest

Nutritional medicine sponsors a healthy recipe contest in observance of National Nutrition Month in March.

To enter, e-mail your name, phone number, nutrition facts and your recipe to Tech. Sgt. Tammy Pfeifer, tammy.pfeifer@keesler.af.mil, by March 30.

Hosting students

Second Lt. Ernest Moore, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron, is international exchange coordinator for the EF Foundation for Foreign Study for the Gulfport-Biloxi area.

The foundation provides host families for high school students from nearly 40 countries for as long as one year.

For more information, call or e-mail Lieutenant Moore, 615-347-0597, mooreef@gmail.com, or visit <http://www.affoundation.org>.

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.

For child care, call Jackie Pope, 377-5346.

To register, call 377-2179.

Voting assistance

For information on voting assistance, call Maj. Aaron Albers, voting assistance officer, 377-9181.

Referrals relocates

The referral management center has moved to Room 1G-400 in the medical center.

The phone numbers are 376-0490 and 0496.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Defender's Cup soccer tournament

Despite being 'banged up,' Keesler ties for 5th overall

By Perry Jenifer

Keesler News editor

Five soccer games in three days exacted a heavy toll on Keesler at the annual Defender's Cup tournament at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, Feb. 16-18.

"By the time we got to the second round of the elimination bracket, we were pretty banged up," said Eric Hernandez, 81st Communications Squadron, the Dragons' player-coach.

Hurlburt Field, Fla., took advantage of all those walking wounded to knock Keesler out of the competition, 4-1. The Floridians eventually lost to a combined team from Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., and McChord AFB, Wash., 3-2 in overtime for the tournament title.

Despite the bumps and bruises, Keesler finished in a four-way tie for fifth overall and posted a record of 2-1-2.

Initially, the 16-team field was divided into four groups of four. Internal group play determined seeding for the elimination rounds.

The Dragons placed second in their group, beating Hill AFB, Utah, 2-0, and tying Schriever AFB, Colo., 0-0, and Lackland, 1-1.

Lackland also went 1-0-2. In the tiebreaker

used to decide the order of finish within the group, Lackland placed first as a result scoring four goals in its three games to Keesler's three goals.

Ranson Coleman, 81st Transportation Squadron, scored all three of the Dragons' goals in group play. He added another point in the 1-0 victory over MacDill AFB, Fla., in the first round of the elimination bracket.

Rudolph Richards, chapel, scored Keesler's goal in the loss to Hurlburt Field.

Noting the tournament was only the second for the Dragons since the team was formed four months earlier, Hernandez said, "Overall, we gave an outstanding effort. In the end, we just couldn't overcome all the injuries."

He also noted the individual performance of goalkeeper Jacob Robles, 81st Dental Squadron, who allowed only one goal in the first four games.

The team resumed practice Monday on the soccer field on Meadows Drive.

For more information on the Dragons, times and dates of future practices and tournaments, call or e-mail Hernandez, 377-1991, eric.hernandez@keesler.af.mil.

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Academy's runners academic all-stars

By Valerie Perkin

Air Force Academy

METAIRIE, La. — The Air Force men's and women's cross country teams earned NCAA Division I All-Academic honors, the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association recently announced from the national offices.

The men, who previously earned the recognition during the 1995-97 seasons, were one of 86 teams to acquire that distinction during the 2006 season. The team's grade-point average was 3.097.

The Falcons were paced by juniors Kenny Grosselin and Josh van Wyngaarden, senior Jason Beck and sophomore Justin Mason, all of whom

had GPAs higher than 3.50.

The women's team picked up its fifth all-academic honor in the last six years behind a combined average of 3.035.

Freshman Brittany Morreale and senior Margaret Frash led the women's squad with GPAs of about 3.80.

To be honored as an All-Academic Team, teams were required to compete in an NCAA regional meet and have at least a cumulative GPA of 3.0.

This is not the first academic honor to come to the Falcons since the season concluded. Air Force was also honored with 12 selections to the Academic All-Mountain West Conference Team earlier this month.

SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

Summer leagues — sign up for Monday night (three bowlers four games), Thursday morning seniors and Friday night mixed.

Tuesdays — teenagers bowl for \$5. Ten lanes available.

Saturdays — birthday parties available. For information and reservations, call 377-1817.

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

Bowl-a-rama — 5 p.m. to closing Monday-Friday and all day Saturday. Bowl two hours for \$10.95, including shoe rental.

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

Limited bowling — March 31, due to tournament.

League standings

Monday Night Budweiser (as of Feb. 26)

Team	Won	Lost
Man On!	46	10
Wayne's World	33	23
Hoop's Gang	32	24
Slater's Shooters	32	24
Bam! Bam! Bam!	32	24
Perry's Refrigeration	29	27
Spare Time Pro Shop	24	32
Endangered Species	24	25
Martini's	22	34
Gannon's Cannons	21	28
Our Gang	18	38
Wicked Women	16	40

Tuesday Night Hospital (as of Feb. 27)

Team	Won	Lost
Team 7	30	10
Scrubs	26	14
Team 2	26	14
Team 1	24	16
Team 5	22	18
Dirty O's	22	18
The Big O	22	18
Spare Ballz	20	20
Juggonauts	4	36
Team 10	4	36

Wednesday Night Mixed (as of Feb. 28)

Team	Won	Lost
JSOT-B	60	17
MUDD	52	25
Go Getters	47	30
WEJUSWANAHAVFUN	43	34
Select Few	40	37
Bowling Express	39	38
70's Plus	38	39
Whatever It Is	38	39
David's Rejects	34	43
Beef O'Brady's 1	33	44
Misfits	31	46

Tuesday Night Hospital (as of March 1)

Team	Won	Lost
332 TRS-A	46	18
85 EIS-A	42	22
81 TRSS-A	40	24

333 TRS-A	38	26
85 EIS-B	38	18
332 TRS-B Vicious Pups	34	30
SVS Misfits-A	34	30
81 CES Lite Crew	32	32
335 TRS-A	30	34
338 TRS-A	30	26
81 MSS-A	28	28
81 MDS Dental Demons	24	40
CPTS 5 and Dimes	16	40
333 TRS-B	16	48

Friday Night (as of Friday)

Team	Won	Lost
We'll Think of a Name	49	28
That Won Team	47.5	29.5
Sandbaggers	41	36
I Don't Care	40	37
Beef O'Brady's	39	38
Team 3	39	38
We Don't Have a Name	38.5	38.5
Team 6	35	42
Pin Pals	32	38
Harry's Team	34	43
Bringing Up the Reer	33	44
Team 12	27	36

Saturday Morning Gold (as of Saturday)

Team	Won	Lost
Team 2	35	21
Team 3	33	23
Team 1	28	28
Aftermath	16	40

Saturday Morning Silver (as of Saturday)

Team	Won	Lost
Bowling Starz	36.5	19.5
Strikers	34	22
Splitters	29	27
Sonic Strikers	18	24
All Stars	25.5	30.5
Team 6	15	41

Saturday Morning Bronze (as of Saturday)

Team	Won	Lost
Team 4	27	13
Team 5	21	14
Team 1	23	17
Team 3	19	21
Team 2	16	24
Team 6	2	33

Fitness centers

Aerobics — openings for certified instructors.

For more information, call 377-8380.

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

ends; 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

St. Patrick's Day special — wear green March 17 for 10 percent discount on equipment rentals.

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

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

Pontoon boat training — required before rental.

For more information, call 377-3160.

Recreational vehicle, boat and trailer storage — \$15 per month. Call 377-3180 for details.

Resale area — snacks, beverages, fishing and rental equipment, and Mississippi hunting and fishing licenses available.

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

Running

Wearin' o' the Green 5-kilometer run/walk — 3:30 p.m. March 15, marina park. Top five men and women earn Commander's Trophy points for their units. Prizes for top finishers in each category.

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.

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

Youth center

Gymnastics — 4 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 3-5; 5 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 6 and older. \$30 per month for members, \$35 per month for guests.

For more information, call 377-4116.

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HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Mitchell Arne, Jacob Becker, Gregory Brook, Christopher Carmody, Christopher Christensen, Jon Clemenson, Jennifer Coburn, Terry Davies, Donald Derusha, Daniel Drouble, Joshua Gallagher, Marshall Gooch, Christopher Gregersen, David Harris, Clinton Hewitt, Marcus Jackson, Jeremy Jones, Thomas Leclair, Jaenica Leon-Guerrero, Brandon McAnear, Daniel McRory, Walter Pierce, Ryan Nelson, Juan Olegario, Alexander Ortiz, Rhett Pruemer, Austin Schibler, Charles Shepard, Mark Skinner, Anthony Smith, Anthony Ralph, Jacob Ramsey, Mark Remien, Matthew Rexrode, John Richardson, Ruel Rutledge, Michael Schmidt, Aaron Schumacher, Ales Sielaff, Andrew Steeves, Ricky Villar, Harry Walker, Nolan Wemett and Gabriel Wills; Airmen Jeffrey Austin, Darrell Brandenburg, Andrea Caldwell, Kyle Johnson, Brian Jones, Jarod Martinez, Zachary Milne, Joshua Pogioli, Michael Ryan, Brandon Sale and David Toler; Airmen 1st Class Norman Arrieta, Benjamin Baker, Robert Briggs, Clint Brower, Michael Brown, John Burdick, Cody Chiasson, Stephen Caruso, William Chambers, Jonah Crespo, Bryan Eshelman, Manuel Hernandez, Jiles Herron, Daniel Hoffman, Robert Houle, Evan Hurosu, Sean Martin, Justin Pegg, Christopher Raines, William Randolph, Chad Roberts, Joshua Rodriguez, Daniel Scott, Thomas Scott, Chadwick Smith, Marvin Smith, Douglas Shyers, Travis Tackett, Zakery Tawes, Sean Teegarden, Jesse Terry, Jonathan Todd, Michael VanSteenburgh and Ronald Winship; Senior Airmen David Amely, Joseph Blakley, Braid Bishop, David Campbell, Gregory Garcia, Nathan Jensen, Jason Krohn, Carlos Lewin, Christopher Raulerson and Robin Robbins; Staff Sgts. Micah Campbell, Lesley Carhart, John Cleland, Chunming Dia, Bradford Drake, Patrick Gracey, Medwin Hernandez, Robert Higgins, Ronald Holmbeck, Matthew Lemmerman, Richard Lundberg, Richard McAlexander, Samuel Palacios, Joshua Poole, Javier Quintero, James Quiroz, Joel Slaughter, Micah Weeks and Justin Weitenbeck; Tech. Sgts. Bodie Peterson, Richard Potts, Joshua Sutfin, Warren Vanvelzer and Adam Witt; Master Sgt. Robert Edgren.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Kenneth Campbell, Jason Cruz, Jonathon Giam, Joshua Jobe, David Martinez and Brett Nisson; Airmen Benjamin Ayala, Joseph Cooper, Robert Reneau, Robert Strauser and Jonathon Stroud; Airmen 1st Class Jabob Bring, Christopher Dodd, Bradley Eakin and Elizabeth McClure; Senior Airman Kalan Moyer; Staff Sgt. Carlos Henry.

Command post apprentice course — Airman Basic Chelsea Charbonneau; Airman Gregory Hurd; Airmen 1st Class Jeffrey Pelc and Jessica Webb; Staff Sgts. Warren Engell and Clarence Miller; Tech. Sgts. Colin Loring, James Rose and Frank Sills.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Kathleen Abling, Wilfredo Mateo and Jason Slagle, Airman Karrie Conway, Airmen 1st Class Illithia Jefferson, Cassiopeia McMillan, Keisha Mitchell and Daniel Thurston; Senior Airmen Shane Burpee, Jason Emrick, James Hudnall and John Moyer; Staff Sgts. Shara Evans, Ronnie Stokey and Heather Vongrey;

Personnel apprentice course — Airmen Basic James Burns, Heather Lilliman, Tiffany Owen, Vanessa Parker and Amanda Thompson; Airman Eunice Walters; Senior Airman Christopher Brewer; Staff Sgts. Linda Dailey, Chosneil Jefferson, Caroline Kubis and Christopher McLaughlin; Tech. Sgts. Jerry Bray and Matthew Shroyer; Master Sgt. Amy Kendrioski.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Jana Aydelott, George Jang and Erik White; Navy Airmen Recruit Karl Mauk and Jacob Smith; Airmen 1st Class Catherine Andrew, Matthew Frutiger, Melissa Gaines, Brandon Lirio, Stephen McNeese, Raymond Rugenstein, Brett Sydnor, Christopher Tuck, Neal Willoughby and Keith Wilson; Marine Sgts. Mitchell Archbell and Kevin Villanueva; Tech. Sgt. Phillip Whitworth

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airmen Basic Matthew Doyle, Christopher Garlington and Dustin Levasseur; Airman Ryan Manecke; Airmen 1st Class Dominic Mulley; Senior Airmen Norman Alder, Gerald Doyon, Eric Markum and Keith Shafer; Staff Sgts. Johnathan Herndon and Brian Whiteraft; Master Sgt. John Torres; Senior Master Sgt. Christopher Castle.

Communications and information management flight — Airmen Basic James Burton, Eliezer Falcon, Robert McDermott and Elpidio Villalpando; Airmen 1st Class Arthur Buck, Howard Clay, Robert Ernst, Jaysiel Garcia, Kevin Joslin, Charles Landgraf, Ryan Luedke, Stephanie McCord, Timothy O'Conner, James Schuckenbrock and Jay Vanvranken; Senior Airmen Bren Calpin, Renette Coleman, Christopher Pruett and Daniel Turillo; Staff Sgts. Joseph Doise, Corey Engle, Dennis Maldonado, Jeffrey Melson, Joshua Newlin, Greg Rotert, Marc Shepperson and Byron Stuart; Chief Master Sgt. Mishaal Al-Khamash.

338th TRS

Airfield systems basic course — Airman Basic Kaylon Dunn; Airmen 1st Class Christopher Clifton, Tanner Spani and Derek Ybarra; Senior Airman Brian Johnson; Staff Sgt. Veronica Fread; Tech. Sgt. Joshua Russell.

Computer, network, cryptographic and switching systems course — Airmen Basic Jacob Crome, Justin Dadds, Charles Fine, Rachel Gabbard, Michael Garner, Victor Gutierrez, Gary Hartwell, Thomas Hudson, Simon Inoue, Jonathan Lynch, Travis Morrison, Nathan Pittman and Ryan Scott; Airmen Jarhid Brown, James Collier, Sean Dunn, Wesley Schairer and Thomas Taylor; Airmen 1st Class Joel Crowley, Terry Draper, Katherine Galanos, Jeremy Horton, David Hurst, Clyde Louchez, Ryan Mullen, Scott Ordway, Matthew Osterman, Rafael Rodriguez, Dustin Rosarius, Ian Thomas, Jonathan Tuite and Erish Vegaviera; Senior Airmen Aaron Miner, Carlos Roman and Wilfred Schmidt; Staff Sgts. Irving Brace, Greg Brigham and Michael Corbin.

Radar systems flight — Airmen Cornell Jones and Drew Sermon; Airman 1st Class Manny Rivera.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

- Class 07-3 — graduates 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 07-3 — graduates April 5.
- Class 07-4 — April 17-May 24.
- Class 07-5 — May 30-July 10.

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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 Chapel9 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 1-616-881-1994.

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Class 07-6 — Aug. 2-Sept. 11.
Class 07-7 — Sept. 18-Oct. 26.

Airman and family readiness center

Resume writing and job fair preparation — 8:30 a.m. March 26. To register, call 377-2179.

How to buy a home seminar — 1 p.m. March 20. To register, call 377-2179.

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 pottery — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$40 including five pounds 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.

New stamp card — pick up card and have it stamped for selected purchases. Redeem filled card for shop specials.

Free hobby classes — 5 p.m. today, beginning scrapbooking; March 22, beginning ceramics; March 29, beginning ceramic painting and glazing.

National Craft Month specials — Saturday, frame shop; March 17, wood shop; March 24, auto hobby shop.

Beginning intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. March 17. \$15. Intarsia is the art form of inlaying pieces of wood in a decorative pattern.

Free frame assembly demonstration — 1 p.m. Saturday.

Framing discount — place a framing order Saturday and receive 10 percent discount.

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. Saturday and March 24. \$20. 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.

Free craft and hobby show — 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 15. Booths feature new products, projects and available classes; facility tours.

Ceramic painting — 10 a.m. March 17. \$56. Sunsets Duncan technique class.

Cooking with kids for kids — 11 a.m. March 17. \$20. Easy dishes. Children must be accompanied by parent.

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

Advanced pottery — 1-3 p.m. March 24. \$40. Wheel work to fit individual skill levels.

Advanced matting — 5-8 p.m. March 29. \$25. Beginner framing class is prerequisite.

Prize giveaway reception — noon March 30. Cake, punch, drawing for prize winners from each shop.

Parent 'n' me kid's crafting — 11 a.m. March 31. \$15. Decoupage; ages 7 and under need parent involvement.

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.

Orientations — 6:30 p.m. Thursdays. Basic computer use.

Women's History Month — poster and book display throughout the month.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

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

Dance revolution — 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

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

Halftime Cafe — closed for renovations.

St. Patrick's Day dance — 6 p.m. March 17. \$3 per person.

American Idol night — 7 p.m. Tuesdays. Watch the TV show and be a judge.

Board game night — 6 p.m. Tuesdays.

Survivor night — 7 p.m. Thursdays. Can you be the ultimate survivor?

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.

St. Patrick's Day party — 3:30 p.m. March 15. Beer, brats, corned beef and cabbage.

Thirsty Thursday — 5 p.m. March 29. Cook your own steak. \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers.

Youth center

Torch Club — 4:30 p.m. March 19, ages 9-12. Leadership programs, activities, community service, fun and friends.

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.

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

Smart Girls/TRAIL groups — 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, bowling at Gaude Lanes.

Parents day out — 1-5 p.m. Saturday and March 17, 24 and 31.

Free home alone workshop — 5 p.m. Monday, ages 10 and older, accompanied by a parent. Minimum three parent/youth teams. Sign up by today.

4-H Club — 5 p.m. March 27, sign up by March 23. Ages 13-17. Outdoor adventures and community service.

Congressional Award program — 5 p.m. Wednesday, ages 14-21. Achieve personal goals to become eligible for a medal. Sign up by Friday.

Power hour — 4:30-5:30 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, ages 9-12.

FitFactor aerobics — 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, ages 9 and older. Sign up Friday prior to scheduled event.

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/TTT/index.htm>.

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

Trip to New Orleans French Quarter — 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 23. \$25 per person. Sign up and prepay by March 21.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Veterans benefits briefing — 1-4 p.m. 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 honor-

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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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able 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, 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, 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

Employer network — 9-11 a.m. March 15, Room 151, old Cody Hall. Meet with two or three area employers about careers, resumes and other information. For more information, call 377-2179.

Troops to Teachers - 4-5 p.m. March 15, Room 122, Sablich Center. Discuss opportunities as an educator after leaving military service. For more information, call 377-2179.

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

Executive transition assistance program — <https://www.r.aet.af.mil/dp/etap>. Online registration dates are through March 5 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.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.

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>.

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.

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.

MEETINGS

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

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 — 7 a.m. third Tuesday of the month, Live Oak Dining Hall. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Scott Sippel, 377-2337, or visit the group's Web site, <http://www.afa652.org>.

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.

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 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, Room 121, Thompson Hall. For more information, call Staff Sgts. Patrick McKimmie, 377-1513, or James Pope, 377-1305.

Top III — 7:00 a.m. second Wednesday of the month, Live Oak Dining Facility. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Stephen Marotte, 377-6000.

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., Dreamgirls (PG-13, 131 minutes).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Smoking Aces (R, 109 minutes); 6:30 p.m., Epic Movie (PG-13, 86 minutes).

Sunday — 2 p.m., Catch and Release (PG-13, 111 minutes).

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