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## Hanging out



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Sheet metal mechanics Sam Nicholson, left, and Charlie Searcy hang straps to secure air conditioning ducts in the service station complex under construction at the corner of Larcher Boulevard and Meadows Drive. They work for Ray C. Weaver Mechanical Contractors of Gulfport. More photos, Page 8.

## Medics get double dose of good news

By Steve Pivnick

### 81st Medical Group Public Affairs

In a word, the 81st Medical Group is "excellent."

That's the rating the group received from the Air Force Inspection Agency Health Services inspection team at the formal outbrief Friday to the 81st MDG executive staff and Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander.

Just as significant, the Joint Commission, a national civilian hospital accreditation agency, declared Keesler Medical Center remains accredited during their outbrief one day earlier. The Joint Commission surveyors maintain an ongoing dialog of events between official onsite "surveys" and doesn't give ratings.

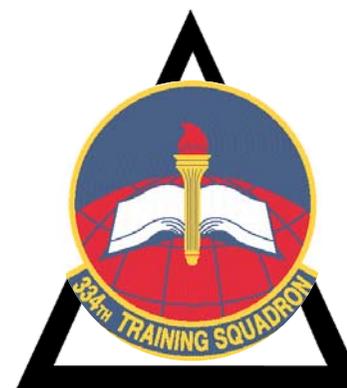
Both the HSI team chief, Col. (Dr.) Gary Forthman, and the Joint Commission team chief, Beverly Gaddy, commended all 81st MDG members for the extraordinary effort they expended to reconstitute the medical center and its programs following the Aug. 29, 2005, devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

Colonel Forthman explained the HSI inspectors reviewed four categories encompassing a total of 17 areas and 1,117 elements during their portion of the double-barreled look

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## This week in the Triangle

- Ground radar systems, 9 a.m. Friday, Cody Hall.
- Computer networking cryptographic system, 10 a.m. Friday, Bryan Hall.
- Electromagnetic spectrum management, 10 a.m. Friday, Hewes Hall.
- Air traffic control-tower, 9 a.m. Monday, Cody Hall.
- Aviation resource management, 10 a.m. Monday, Cody Hall.
- Personnel, 10 a.m. Monday, Wolfe Hall.
- Visual imagery and intrusion detection system, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jones Hall.
- Communications-computer systems operations, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Thomson Hall.
- Ground radio communications, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jones Hall.



**March honor flight**

### Student numbers

- Total students — 3,128
- Non-prior service — 1,875
- Temporary duty — 1,111
- Joint service — 92
- Combat controllers — 29
- Medical — 21
- Non-prior service arrivals — 107
- Guard, Reserve — 693
- International — 30
- FY07 graduates — 12,625
- Total since 1942 — 2,250,597

# COMMENTARY

## Great wingmen not afraid to call out, 'Knock it off!'

By Lt. Col. Dave Poage

Chief of safety

"Knock it off!"

Have you ever heard the phrase before? Aircrews use it to terminate unsafe operations.

Did you know, as a member of Team Keesler, you have the right — and responsibility — to call "Knock it off," too?

That's right. No matter your rank, no matter your position on the team, no matter what you're doing, if you see a dangerous situation developing, call "Knock it off."

Then step back, assess the situation and make corrections.

"Yeah, but what if I'm wrong?" OK, so we stop for a few minutes and take a hard

look at what we're doing. What's wrong with that?

"Won't I get into trouble if nothing was wrong?" I hope not. Supervisors, would you chastise one of your Airmen for trying to do the right thing? I guarantee the first time you bust someone for calling "Knock it off" will be the last time you hear it.

I'm not advocating that we cry wolf. However, in my experience, in almost every mishap sequence, somewhere along the line, someone saw it coming. If you see something wrong, point it out. You may be the only one in a position to see it.

Be a great wingman. Look out for each other. Have the courage to call "Knock it off."

## Most valuable resource?

## It's our Airmen, not technology

By Lt. Col. Daniel Liggins

319th Communications Squadron

GRAND FORKS Air Force Base, N.D. — Transformation. Modernization. Force shaping. Lean re-engineering. Recapitalizing the force.

If you're in today's Air Force, chances are you've heard one of these buzzwords alluding to the myriad of changes taking place across our service. Multiple, radical changes are nothing new to the military. Changes have been taking place since the Air Force was born in 1947.

Perhaps you've heard some form of the old adage, "If you don't like today's changes, just stick around long enough and we'll come full circle." Fortunately, there's one thing that has remained constant: People are the Air Force's most valuable resource. You're the Air Force's most valuable resource.

Sure, there are days when we don't feel that way. Force shaping and reduction-in-force boards don't exactly make us feel invaluable. But the fact of the matter is, without you, the mission would never get accomplished.

True enough, technology has enabled us to perform a number of tasks with far fewer people than we needed in the past. It wasn't long ago that leave forms were filled out manually and every squadron had a leave monitor for tracking purposes. Today, LeaveWeb enables us to accomplish everything online, individually.

Gone are the days when the squadron secretary typed up your temporary duty orders

and you had to bug your resource adviser for a fund site. Now it's all done electronically through the Defense Travel System. And 10 years ago, who among us envisioned a "virtual" military personnel flight?

Although we've been able to streamline many of our processes, it's still people who perform the mission. Today's Airmen are the brightest, most talented ever to enter the military. No modernized piece of equipment can provide the ingenuity, innovativeness and flexibility of the human mind. Today, we have an unmanned aerial vehicle, but without the human controlling that aircraft, it would wander aimlessly and fail to achieve its desired objective.

Yes, we have information systems that can provide us with unimaginable quantities of data, but without a person analyzing these products, they'd never become coherent, actionable information.

It's critical that military leaders maximize their Airmen's potential by fostering an environment of respect and trust. Part of this is ensuring our folks have the training and education necessary to perform their duties. Machines and equipment are merely means to accomplish the mission, and it's leadership's responsibility to ensure our Airmen have the necessary resources to succeed. Force recapitalization is helping to provide our Airmen with the best, most modern equipment available.

But you're more than a means to an end. You make mission accomplishment possible. You're undoubtedly the Air Force's most valuable resource.

## 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.

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**Emergencies** — 911  
**Family campground** — 594-0543  
**Airmen and family readiness center** — 377-2179  
**Finance** — 377-4212  
**81st Communications Squadron help desk** — 377-0066  
**Housing** — 377-9741  
**Identification cards** — 377-3203  
**Inspector general** — 377-3010  
**Legal assistance** — 377-3510  
**Library** — 377-2181

**Lodging (reservations)** — 377-9986  
**Medical center information** — 377-6550  
**Military equal opportunity** — 377-2759  
**Military pay** — 377-7272  
**Pass and registration** — 377-3844  
**Pharmacy (refill call-in)** — 377-6360  
**Satellite pharmacy** — 377-9791  
**Public affairs** — 377-2783  
**Red Cross** — 377-3030  
**Sexual assault prevention and response team** — 377-8635  
**Law enforcement desk** — 377-3040  
**Shoppette, Class Six** — 432-2367  
**Telephone trouble** — 377-2130  
**Traffic management (outbound)** — 377-2446  
**Traffic management (inbound)** — 377-7813  
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**Youth center** — 377-4116



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# TRAINING AND EDUCATION

## Army, Air Force leaders reflect on ILO training

By 2nd Lt. Nick Plante

Keesler News staff

More than 40 functional experts met at Keesler March 21-22 to formulate solutions to challenges and validate training and equipment requirements for Airmen performing Army missions.

Second Air Force hosted the first In-Lieu-of Training and Equipment Review Board, bringing together leaders from Air Force headquarters, Air Force and Army major commands, expeditionary mission support groups and functional area managers from highly-tasked carrier fields.

“The beauty of the TERB is that it’s comprised of members from all the various organizations and agencies that influence the sourcing, equipping and training of our Airmen,” said Maj. Gen. Michael Gould, 2nd Air Force commander.

“Acknowledging Army training differs from Air Force training in culture, content and delivery, the TERB members have made great strides bridging the gaps, thus ensuring Airmen are postured for success,” he added.

The leaders discussed challenges that face ILO Airmen including determining proper training and equipment and implementing procedures to better prepare Airmen for combat skills training and “outside the wire” operations.

Lt. Col. David Babyak, 2nd Air Force director of ILO training, said the TERB took into account feedback from deployed commanders and ILO Airmen to change the training curriculum and equipment being issued.

“The result is our ILO Airmen are better prepared and equipped to perform their mission,” Colonel Babyak said.

ILO training prepares

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— General Gould

Airmen for nontraditional combat environments in support of the various combatant commanders’ requirements placing Airmen in expeditionary ground combat support functions.

The training takes place at eight core Army training locations: Camp Shelby; Ft. Hood and Ft. Bliss, Texas; Ft. Sill, Okla.; Ft. Lewis, Wash.; Ft. McCoy, Wis.; Ft. Dix, N.J.; and Ft. Bragg, N.C.

The core training modules Airmen attend include weapons, medical, communications, media awareness, and specific driver training. Additionally, all Airmen receive theater-specific immersion training providing key skill sets enabling them to operate “outside the wire.”

Capt. Jeff Becker, 2nd Air Force ILO chief, said the board was able to validate 21 of the 24 mission sets.

The board also addressed equipment concerns.

Col. Lawrence Jackson, 732nd EMSG commander, Balad Air Base, Iraq, stressed the importance of adequacy and uniformity in the Airmen’s equipment and demonstrated his individual body armor and modular lightweight load-carrying equipment.

EMSGs are the higher headquarters in control of ILO Airmen in their respective area of responsibility.

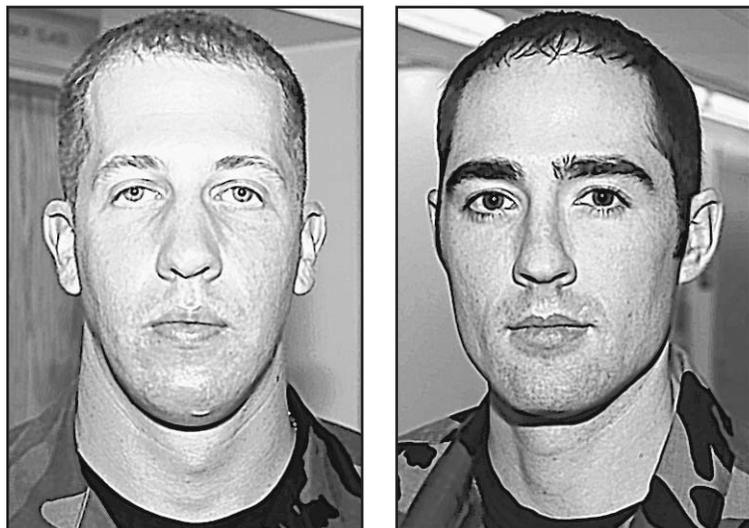
“It doesn’t matter if it’s green stuff or blue stuff, we just need to make sure the Airmen have the right stuff,” Colonel Jackson said.

“We owe it to our Airmen to make sure they have the right equipment when performing this very dangerous mission,” Captain Becker said.

Along with the equipment concerns, late-notice deployment notifications to Airmen tasked for ILO missions and notifications used to inform EMSGs where the Airmen are assigned and how/when they’re transported down-range were addressed.

“Air Force leadership, from the chief of staff on down, is actively engage in doing everything possible to ensure all Airmen are fully trained and equipped to perform new ‘outside the wire’ missions they’re being asked to do in-lieu-of land forces in the area of responsibility,” said General Gould.

## Electronic principles perfection



Airman 1st Class Christopher Raines, left, and Staff Sgt. Patrick Gracey graduated April 4 from the electronic principles course with perfect scores. The two Air National Guard members aced the seven-block course in the 332nd Training Squadron which lasts 37 academic days. Airman Raines, from the 162nd Fighter Wing in Tucson, Ariz., and Sergeant Gracey, from the 174th Fighter Wing in Syracuse, N.Y., are both headed to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, for follow-on training in the F-16 avionics system apprentice course.

# TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

## Education programs

### Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Officers and civilians considering intermediate or senior developmental education in 2008 have until Friday and May 1, respectively, to submit their applications for selection board consideration.

For IDE/SDE officer program information, go to [http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/main\\_content.asp?prods1=1&prods2=244&prods3=246&p\\_faqid=6025](http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/main_content.asp?prods1=1&prods2=244&prods3=246&p_faqid=6025). For CDE civilian program information, go to [http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/main\\_content.asp?prods1=1&prods2=244&prods3=246&p\\_faqid=7845](http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/main_content.asp?prods1=1&prods2=244&prods3=246&p_faqid=7845).

### Club scholarships

Friday is the deadline to

apply for six scholarships from 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 374-2750.

### CCAF graduation

Community College of the

Air Force spring graduation is 3:30 p.m. April 24 in Welch Auditorium.

The speaker is David Reese, master instructor in the airfield operations officer course for the 334th Training Squadron.

The Keesler Chiefs Group, Air Force Association and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University award scholarships.

A reception in Vandenberg Community Center follows the graduation.

For more information, call the education office, 377-2323 or 2171.

### Parades, drill downs

The 81st Training Group's student parades are May 17, July 12, Sept. 20 and Nov. 15.

Drill downs are 8 a.m. April

20, 7 a.m. June 15 and Aug. 10, and 8 a.m. Oct. 19.

For more information on parades, call Staff Sgt. Kwame Felton, 377-3245, and for drill downs, call Tech. Sgt. Seven Joyce, 377-2737.

### Degree plans

The education office is required to examine the degree plans for all active-duty service members requesting tuition assistance.

Tuition assistance requests must be approved before the start of classes.

For more information, call 377-2323.

### 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.

### Mandatory training

The legal office provides mandatory annual homosexual policy training for military and civilian supervisors, commanders and law enforcement officials.

Training is 9 a.m. June 12, Aug. 14, Oct. 9 and Dec. 11 in Wolfe Hall.

For more information, call 377-3510.

### Weapons custodians

For weapons custodian training, call 377-2270.

### Supply classes

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

# NEWS AND FEATURES



From left, Randall Beard, Ralph Gimelot and Billy McGurk of Scott Co., Lucedale, Miss., work on the roof of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service service station complex under construction at the corner of Larcher Boulevard and Meadows Drive.

## Late summer finish planned for service station complex

Electricians Daryl Hughes, left, and Steve Smith from Innovative Technical Solutions Inc. of Wyoming research circuits for controllers in the restroom area of the service station. Work on the \$5.9 million project began a year ago and should be completed late this summer, according to Maria Previto, AAFES services business manager. The new complex also houses the shoppette, Class 6, barber shop, Enterprise Car Rental and Popeye's Fried Chicken.



## 403rd Wing headquarters re-opens

By Airman 1st Class Lindsay Boggan

403rd Wing Public Affairs

The 403rd Wing staff agencies have moved back into the headquarters building with most Hurricane Katrina repairs completed.

After the storm, units were relocated to other 403rd Wing facilities and offices on loan from the 81st Training Wing. Two trailers alleviated some of the space shortage.

Interior demolition was done by the 403rd Civil Engineering Squadron, and reconstruction was overseen by the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron. Before interior work began, con-

tractors installed a pitched roof to prevent future flooding.

A new floor plan rearranged most offices. Finance offices now occupy the building's east wing, and other offices were moved to improve access for to people with disabilities. The building's interior design is improved and new furniture is installed.

"The 81st Training Wing was integral to helping us rebuild and get our facilities back in working condition," said Capt. Shari Crenshaw, 403rd Wing facilities manager. "Having the host unit work well with us seemed to make the task move more quickly and productively."

## IN THE NEWS

### A-76 town hall meeting today

An A-76 town hall meeting is 10 a.m. today at Welch Auditorium.

### Memorial service today

A memorial service for Senior Airmen Robert Henderson and Elijah Mowrey, 81st Communication Squadron, is 11:30 a.m. today at Triangle Chapel.

Airman Henderson died March 29, and Airman Mowrey died April 2.

Dress is uniform of the day.

For more information on the service, call Senior Master Sgt. Stephen Marotte, 377-6000, or Steve DeBree, 377-3636.

A support team is assisting the families of both Airmen. Anyone affected by the deaths who'd like to speak to a chaplain, call 377-4859.

For claims for or against the estate of Airman Henderson, call 2nd Lt. Trevor Owen, summary court officer, 377-4041, or e-mail [trevor.owen@keesler.af.mil](mailto:trevor.owen@keesler.af.mil).

For claims for or against the estate of Airman Mowrey, call 2nd Lt. Michael Newson, summary court officer, 377-7626, or e-mail [michael.newson@keesler.af.mil](mailto:michael.newson@keesler.af.mil).

### AAAF campaign ends in the green

Keesler's 2007 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign, which ends today, has raised \$70,754 since March. The amount represents 147 percent of the \$48,913 goal.

### Keesler honors volunteers

Keesler's annual volunteer recognition ceremony is 11 a.m. Tuesday at Vandenberg Community Center.

### Car tag tax exemption

Legal office

Active-duty military members are exempt from paying the ad valorem tax imposed on Mississippi residents when they purchase a car tag.

To qualify, members must not be Mississippi residents, must have their name on the vehicle's title and must be assigned for duty in the state. Each vehicle must be registered in the member's county of residence annually.

To receive a tax exemption form, active-duty members bring their military identification card and a leave and earning statement to the legal office. Spouses need an ID card, power of attorney and the active-duty member's LES.

For more information, call 377-3510.

### Change in car decal requirement

Base decals and expiration stickers are no longer issued Air Force-wide, said 81st Security Force Squadron officials.

People may remove and destroy the decals and stickers on their vehicles. When visiting other bases, obtain passes or decals from that base.

For more information, call 377-3844.

### 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.

# Reporting options give choices to assault victims

**Editor's note:** This is the second in a series of four articles in conjunction with the observance of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Since the Department of Defense implemented its Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program, the number of reported assaults involving military members has risen from 2,374 in 2005 to 2,947 in 2006, a 24-percent increase.

Does it mean more assaults are occurring? Not necessarily. However, changes in reporting options have created a climate of confidence that has encouraged more victims to take a stand against their assailants.

In the past, a report of a sexual assault of a service member automatically triggered a criminal investigation. Unfortunately, this didn't accommodate victims who felt emotionally unprepared for the pro-

## Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Sexual Assault Awareness Month events:

**Today** — 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., assault prevention and self-defense session, Dragon Fitness Center.

**Saturday** — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., teen and pre-teen information booth at Child Pride Day, marina park.

**Wednesday** — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., information booth, mini-mall.

**April 20** — 10:30 a.m. to noon, assault prevention and self-defense session, Vandenberg Community Center.

**April 25** — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., information booth, Keesler Medical Center outpatient entrance.

**All month** — sexual assault and child abuse awareness and prevention display, McBride Library.

cedure process because of fear, embarrassment, shame and the sense of violation following an assault.

In June 2005, a new DOD policy gave victims two different reporting options — restrict-

ed and unrestricted reporting.

**Restricted reporting** gives victims a chance for confidential disclosure of the details of a sexual assault to sexual assault response coordinators, health care providers or appointed vic-

tim advocates. Victims are able to receive medical treatment and support services without triggering the investigative process. This gives them additional time to weigh their options and seek guidance about whether or not to participate in a criminal investigation.

**Unrestricted reporting** initiates an official investigation of an alleged sexual assault using current reporting channels. Victims receive the same medical care and counseling, but this option notifies command authorities immediately, initiating the investigative process.

Sexual assault response coordinators or victim advocates advise victims on the different reporting options, explaining the benefits and limitations of each choice and documenting the selected reporting option. A victim must acknowledge his or her reporting preference in a signed statement and acknowledge that the option chosen may

limit the government's ability to prosecute the offender.

While a restricted report can be changed to an unrestricted report, a victim can't change from an unrestricted report to a restricted one because the investigative process has already begun. In 2005, about 25 percent of the victims who filed restricted reports decided later to participate in a criminal investigation.

DOD officials report that 65 percent of the increase in sexual assault reports involving military members can be attributed to restricted reporting.

By increasing a victim's reporting options and improving access to services, DOD hopes to build a climate of confidence in which military members trust that the system responds appropriately when a sexual assault is reported and supports them during their recovery.

Next week: Avoiding assault.

## Earth-Arbor Day is April 19

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Keesler holds a joint observance of Earth-Arbor Day April 19.

At 9 a.m., a tree planting is held at the east end of the 81st Security Forces Squadron parking lot near the corner of C Street and Larcher Boulevard.

A representative from the Mississippi Forestry Commission presents Keesler with a Tree City Award for the 14th consecutive year.

George Daniel, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron natural/cultural resource manager, said that storm water awareness handouts are being distributed during the day.

A free household hazardous waste collection is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of the recycling center, Building 4004, just west of the post office.

Anything flammable, corrosive, toxic, poisonous or reactive is hazardous and should be properly disposed.

"Look for words like 'caution,' 'warning' or 'danger' on container labels," advised Tom Minton, 81st CES haz-



ardous waste manager.

Common hazardous household items that can be accepted include paints and solvents, lawn care chemicals, household cleaning and maintenance products, pool chemicals, craft and hobby supplies and automotive products, batteries, thermometers, lead solder and fluorescent lights.

Certain items can't be accepted, such as radioactive waste, needles, syringes, medical waste, 'white goods' such as stoves and refrigerators, ammunition, explosive materials, waste generated by any business or base work area and containers more than five gallons in size.

For more information, call 377-3004.

## Medics,

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at the group's compliance survey conducted April 3-5.

"We are a compliance-oriented agency," he explained. "We saw that you are operationally doing an excellent job for any hospital not affected by a catastrophe such as Katrina. Add in the progress you have made since Katrina and it's a testament to your leadership."

The team leader stressed the inspectors didn't "cut any slack" and still found the results "inspirational."

In the end, the 81st MDG received seven excellent and seven outstanding ratings out of 17 areas scored.

"Fourteen excellents and outstanding is nothing short of phenomenal," Colonel Forthman remarked.

He concluded the formal report by stating, "The rating for the 81st Medical Group is 'excellent.' I can assure you, you deserve it."

Commenting on the medical group's inspection

"You've been through a tough inspection and you've done great. I congratulate each and every one of you."

— General Capasso

results, General Capasso said, "You've been through a tough inspection and you've done great. I congratulate each and every one of you. You and your folks have done a phenomenal job. I'm very, very proud of you."

Brig. Gen. James Dougherty, 81st MDG commander, added, "I think everyone (in the 81st MDG) would tell you the past 18 months have been extraordinary. Everyone, from the executive staff to the lowest level, has done a phenomenal job. There are some real heroes in this organization and we are going to find every one of them and show them our appreciation."

General Dougherty noted there have been no outstanding ratings given to Air Force Medical Service organizations by the AFIA HSI surveyors in

the past two years.

Before his formal presentation, Colonel Forthman recognized three individuals and members of the group's process improvement and regulatory compliance department for their efforts: Senior Airman Cassandra Day, 81st Dental Squadron; Master Sgt. Kelly Vernon, 81st Medical Operations Squadron; and Lt. Col. Barbara Henning, 81st MDG.

In addition, the colonel presented AFIA coins to Master Sgt. Nicole Pearson, PIRC, surveyor team liaison, and Tech. Sgt. Matthew Wiese, noncommissioned officer in charge of the PIRC, for hosting the Joint Commission and HSI surveyor teams.

# PERSONNEL NOTES

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## New promotion study materials

**Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs**

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The Air Force made major changes to the materials enlisted members use for reference and studying for promotion.

The new guide, called the Professional Development Guide, replaces both the Promotion Fitness Examination and Air Force Supervisory Examination Study Guides — officially known as Volumes 1 and 2 of Air Force Pamphlet 36-2241 respectively.

The PDG is being released Monday across the Air Force. All ranks receive the same pamphlet.

Although not in the PDG, an added feature is MP3 files downloadable from the AFOMS Web site, available June 1.

The PDG's effective date is July 1.

An electronic version is available next week at <https://www.omsq.af.mil/pd/>.

Airmen can e-mail feedback, suggestions or changes to the PDG at [pfesg@randolph.af.mil](mailto:pfesg@randolph.af.mil).

## Senior NCO evaluation brief changes

**Air Force Print News**

WASHINGTON — Two new sections are being added to senior noncommissioned officer evaluation briefs to give a snapshot of a person's career for promotion boards.

Beginning with the chief master sergeant evaluation board in October, deployment and assignment histories are included on all evaluation briefs of senior NCOs competing for promotion.

The additions are already considered on officer pre-selection briefs.

Selection folders may be requested by sending an e-mail to [records.review@randolph.af.mil](mailto:records.review@randolph.af.mil).

## VSP application deadline extended

**Air Force Print News**

WASHINGTON — The deadline for the officer Voluntary Separation Pay application has been extended to May 31.

Previously the deadline was March 31. Since the 2007 goal for officer separations hasn't been met, the application filing window has been extended, according to Brig. Gen. K. C. McClain, director of force management policy.

Eligibility criteria remains unchanged, including the no-later-than separation date of Sept. 29 for most officers who take part in the program, and Jan. 29 for officers who earned their commission between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31, 2001.

For more information, call the Air Force Personnel Center, 1-800-616-3775, or visit <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil>.

## Career job reservations available

**Air Force Personnel Center**

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Most first-term Airmen serving in nine Air Force Specialty Codes are now eligible to apply for a career job reservation.

Airmen serving in the 2A0X1D, 2A5X3D, 2E0X1, 2M0X2, 3E0X1, 3E0X2, 3E1X1, 3E2X1 or 3E3X1 AFSCs are granted a career job reservation regardless of their window of eligibility.

Airmen who've already applied for and signed their approved retraining are excluded from this opportunity, according to Air Force Personnel Center officials.

For more information or to apply, eligible Airmen should contact their base military personnel flight. Consideration isn't automatic.

# Swim smart, engage safety

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

As hotter days approach, the blazing sun draws people to pools, beaches and inland rivers.

But fun can turn to tragedy where water is concerned. The National Safety Council reports that drownings claim about 3,600 lives each year and are the fourth leading cause of accidental death in the U.S.

More than half of all drownings involve unintentional trips and falls from docks, boats, bridges and pool perimeters. These accidents often result from horseplay, the use of alcohol or drugs, roughhousing or a child's curiosity.

About half of all drownings in swimming pools happen on home premises. There are more than 6.5 million residential swimming pools in the U.S. and the number is growing steadily.

Swimming accidents cause about 450 to 500 spinal injuries each year, many resulting in permanent paralysis. Injuries are caused by diving head-first or too deep into shallow water, diving into objects or other swimmers, diving from high places and diving into water of unknown depth. About 95 percent of the injuries result from dives into water less than five feet deep.

The American Red Cross offers these swimming safety tips:

**Don't swim alone.**

**Obey posted** warning signs.

**Know first aid** basics and cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

**Don't tempt** beginning swimmers into waters or situations beyond their abilities.

**Never swim** after drinking alcohol or using medications.



**Always check** the water depth.

**Don't swim** if you can't see the bottom of the pool in the deep end or if the water is cloudy.

**Watch out for** the dangerous "too's" — too tired, too cold, too far from safety, too much sun and too much exercise.

**Keep an eye** on young swimmers.

**Obey lifeguard** instructions and respect their judgment.

**Never fake** an emergency.

**Learn proper** diving techniques. Always enter the water with your arms extended firmly overhead and keep your hands together to protect your head.

**Don't eat** or chew gum while swimming.

**Wear swimming** goggles only for surface swimming.

**Don't rely** on floating toys, air mattresses or arm-bands to prevent drowning.

**Keep a life** jacket near the pool.

**Don't run** or splash near pools.

**Don't swim** during thunderstorms.

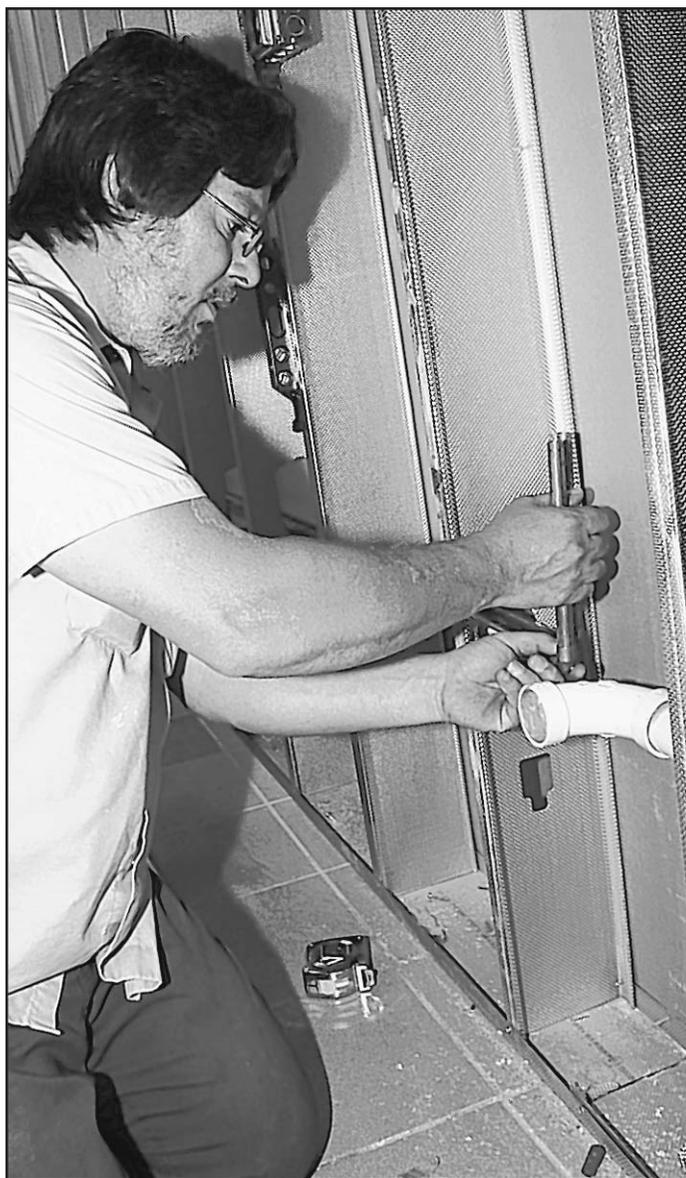
**Never swim** when you're ill.

**Never dive** into an above-ground pool.

For more information, call the 81st Training Wing Safety Office, 377-3247.



**Tim Tillotson, an Army and Air Force Exchange Service maintenance mechanic from Ft. Riley, Kan., works on the electrical systems in the former Pecan Dining Facility that's being renovated for use as a food court and concession area. The facility is immediately east of the new temporary base exchange, which serves Keesler customers until a \$40 million facility is completed in late 2008 to replace the former store gutted by Hurricane Katrina more than 20 months ago.**



## Old dining hall gains new life as food court

**John Coleman, an AAFES maintenance mechanic from Ft. Sill, Okla., fits a copper pipe for a sink as the refurbished building takes shape. When it opens in June, the facility will house a Charley's Steakery, Anthony's Pizza, Seattle's Best Coffee, an optical shop and nail salon.**

Photos by Adam Bond

# Suicide — from who's at risk to intervention

**Editor's note:** Although the following is from the Air Force Leaders Guide to Managing Personnel in Distress, its value isn't limited solely to people in leadership positions.

## Identifying individuals at risk

Risk factors are those things that increase the probability that difficulties will result in the development of serious behavioral or physical health problems. The presence of these factors doesn't automatically mean someone will become suicidal, but the presence of these factors raises that risk. Many of these risk factors can be modified, reduced or eliminated.

The following risk factors have been associated with suicidal behavior:

- Current/pending** disciplinary or legal action.
- Relationship** problems.
- Substance** abuse.
- Financial** problems.
- Work-related** problems.
- Transitions** (retirement, permanent change of station, discharge, etc.).
- A serious medical** problem.
- Significant** loss.
- Setbacks** (academic, career or personal).
- Severe**, prolonged and/or perceived unmanageable stress.
- A sense of powerlessness**, helplessness and/or hopelessness.

- Presence** of a weapon in the home.
- History** of previous suicide attempts.

Air Force members who commit or attempt suicide may face problems they feel can't be resolved. Normally, there are alternatives to these problems. However, someone who's suicidal may not be thinking clearly and can't see the other possible positive solutions.

Unit members who are at an increased risk for suicide present a unique challenge for leaders. Effective suicide prevention requires everyone in the unit to be alert to the risk factors for suicide and know how to respond. Commanders, first sergeants and supervisors must lead the way. Any individual who reports suicidal thoughts or behaviors must always be taken seriously.

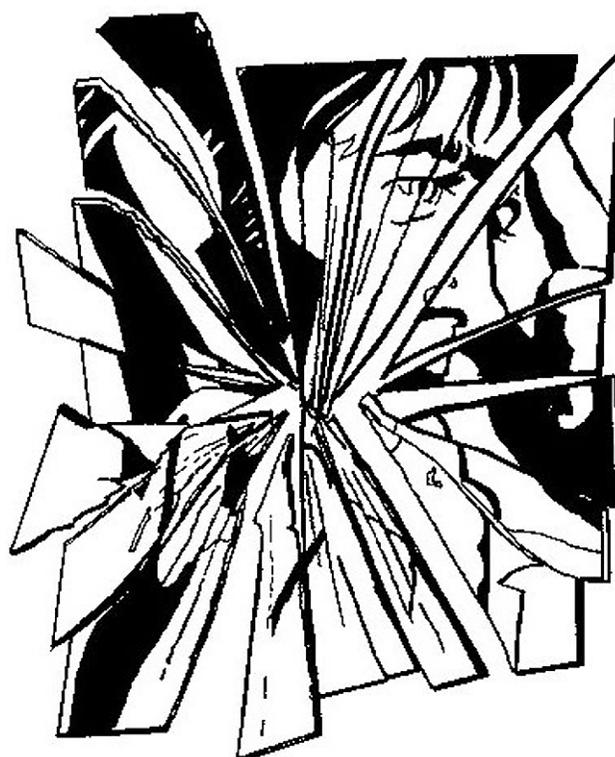
It's also important to proactively ask about possible thoughts of suicide when unit members are dealing with significant life difficulties. Don't assume that merely because someone hasn't told you they're feeling suicidal, that they're safe. Be especially vigilant with individuals facing multiple stressors. Such individuals historically have been at a higher risk for suicide.

## Recognizing distress

Distress in some individuals can lead to the development of unhealthy behaviors, including withdrawal from social support and ineffective problem-solving. These behaviors may intensify the potential risk of suicide. The people an individual sees every day (coworkers, family, friends) are in the best position to recognize changes stemming from distress and to provide support. Any substantial and observable change in behavior warrants further discussion with the individual.

Changes may be exhibited in the following:

### Mood.



## Keesler resources

**Airman and family readiness center** — 377-2179.

**Alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment** — 376-3452.

**Chaplain services** — 377-4859.

**Emergencies** — 911.

**Life skills and family advocacy** — 376-0385.

**Sexual assault response coordinator** — 377-7278.

### Concentration.

### Sleep.

### Energy.

### Appetite.

### Substance use.

### Impulse control.

### Recreation.

### Capacity for enjoyment.

### Helplessness or hopelessness.

### Peer relations.

### Work performance.

### Military bearing.

In addition, be vigilant when unit members show:

### An inability to see a future without pain.

### A view of themselves as worthless.

**An absence of control over life or life circumstances.**

### Feeling alone.

### Excessive guilt or shame.

### An inability to stop negative thinking.

**Pessimism** and a belief that there is no solution to life's problems.

### Obsessing about death, dying, and weapons.

### Challenging people in an aggressive manner.

### Giving away possessions.

### Excessive sorrow for past behaviors.

Seek immediate assistance from the life skills support center for any of the following:

### Thoughts of suicide.

### A suicide plan.

### Access to the method of suicide described.

### Stating they intend to complete the plan.

## Protective factors

Protective factors are those things that reduce the probability that difficulties will result in the development of serious behavioral or physical health problems.

Examples include:

### Unit cohesion and camaraderie.

### Peer support.

### Easy access to helping resources.

### Belief that it's OK to ask for help.

### Optimistic outlook.

### Effective coping and problem-solving skills.

### Social and family support.

### Sense of belonging to a group or organization.

### Marriage.

### Physical activity.

### Participation and membership in a community.

**A measure of personal control of life and its circumstances.**

### Religious or spiritual connectedness.

## Balancing protective and risk factors

Every person is at risk for experiencing difficulties based on a balance of protective and risk factors. The key to suicide prevention is to increase the protective factors and decrease the risk factors. Don't just focus on eliminating negative factors, but also on increasing positive factors that improve the quality of life for Air Force members.

## Ways to respond

Helpful approaches when someone talks about suicide:

### First, share your concern for their well-being.

### Be honest and direct.

Use **open-ended** questions such as: "How are things going?" or "How are you dealing with ...?"

**Listen and pay attention** to both words and emotions.

**Repeat back** what they say using their own words.

**Express concern** and a willingness to help. People who survive a suicide attempt are shocked to find out how many people care about them.

### Ask directly about thoughts or plans for suicide.

**If someone** tells you they are suicidal, it's often a plea for help. Tell someone in the chain of command to ensure they get immediate assistance.

Unhelpful approaches when someone talks about suicide:

### Not taking the problem seriously.

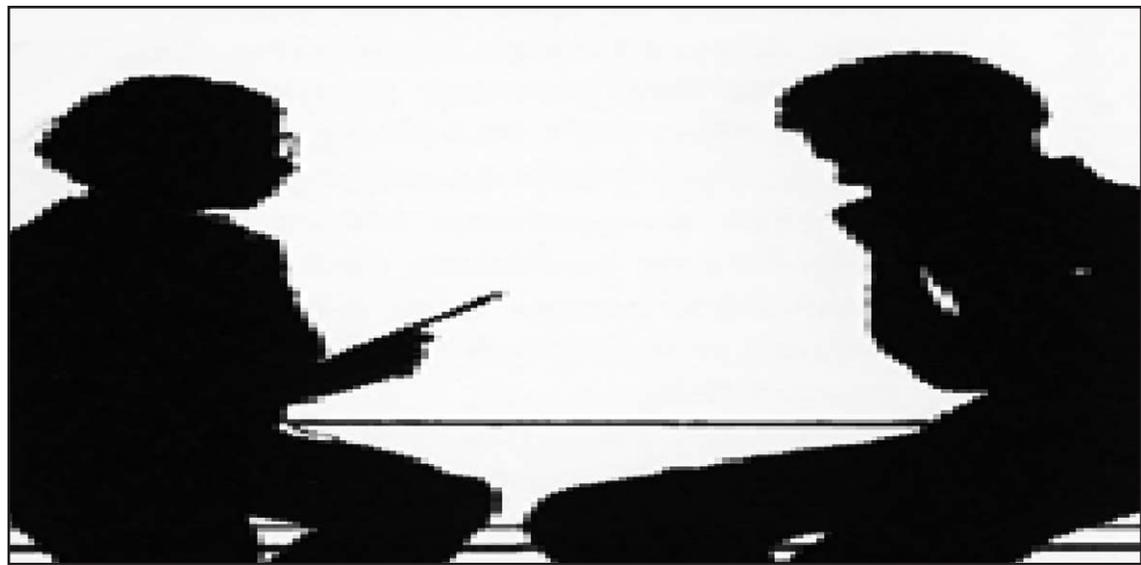
### Keeping the problem a secret.

### Ignoring the problem.

### Delaying a referral.

## Integrated delivery system

It's essential that leaders know the agencies and resources available to help when someone comes to them with a problem. All service members, especially leaders, have a responsibility to match the needs of members with available resources. Each



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base has an integrated delivery system consisting of representatives from each of the helping agencies on the base. The IDS members work collaboratively to identify base-wide needs and coordinate the delivery of services to meet these needs.

Services at each base vary, but typical offerings by individual agencies include:

**Financial** counseling.

**Employment** assistance.

**Couples** groups.

**Parenting** groups.

**Respite** care.

**Infant** and toddler play groups.

**Life skills** groups (stress management, depression, anxiety, anger, etc.).

**Workshops** (conflict resolution, dealing with difficult people, supervising, etc.)

If the base doesn't offer services that meet the unit's needs, approach any IDS member agency (airman and family readiness center, health and wellness clinic, life skills support center, child and youth services, chaplain, and alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment program) with a request that they offer such a service. Each IDS maintains a listing of the services available, the point of contact and their telephone number.

### Intervening when someone is suicidal

**If someone says** they're suicidal and has a plan to carry out a wish to die, don't leave that person alone for any reason. If you must step away, assign a capable person to stay with the person until assistance arrives. If the person must retrieve something from a vehicle, have someone else go to the car and remove the item to reduce the risk of fleeing.

**Remove all potential** means of self-harm from the area, such as firearms, pills, knives, rope and machinery.

**Involve the security forces** if necessary to protect the person from harming himself. The person may be so intent on suicide that he becomes dangerous to those attempting to help him.

**Rely on the advice** of the life skills support center or the emergency department as to whether you should transport the person or an ambulance should provide transportation to an evaluation. If the advice is to transport the person in your vehicle, each door must have a person assigned to prevent the person from killing himself by exiting the moving vehicle.

**Have someone** accompany the person to serve as your point of contact during and after any evaluations. Have your POC ensure the mental health provider has your telephone number for feedback following the evaluation.

**During duty hours**, you should contact the life skills support center. After duty hours, contact the emergency department if your base has one. If not, contact your local civilian emergency department.

### Handling telephone calls

Although it's best for helping professionals to assess and manage suicidal individuals, there may be times when unit leaders or peers find themselves on the phone with a suicidal person. The following guidance may help you provide support and get the individual the appropriate help as soon as possible.

**Establish** a relationship with the person.

**Quickly** thank the person for calling.

**Express** an interest in the person's welfare.

**State** your willingness to help.

**Gather** information from the person.

**Immediately** get the telephone number the person is calling from in case you're disconnected.

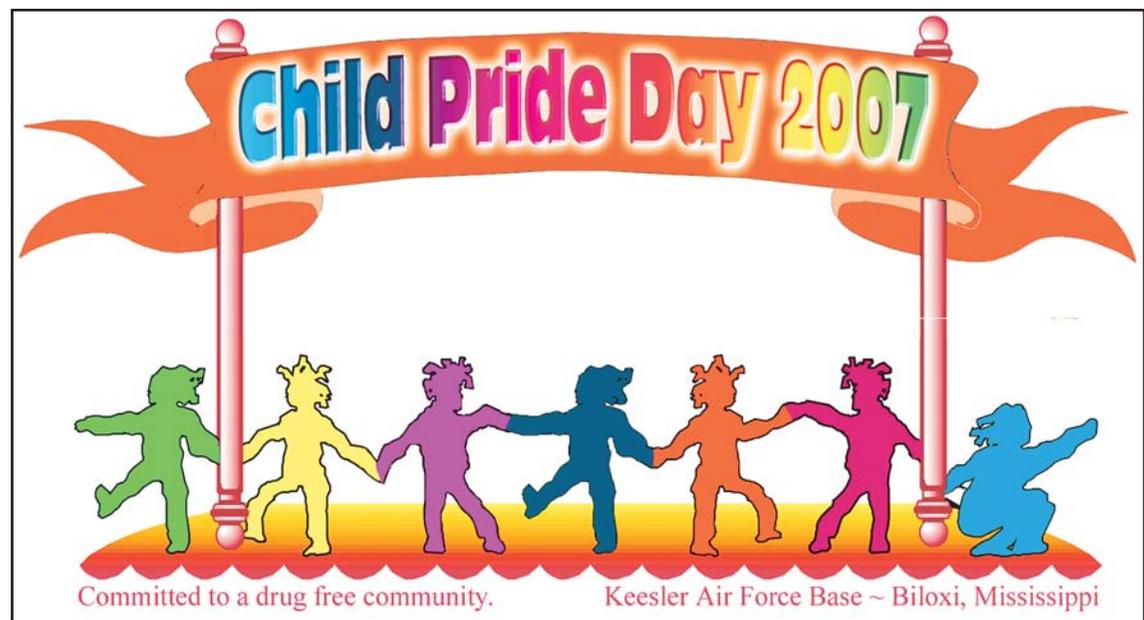
**Find out** specifically where the person is located.

**Get as much** information as possible about the person's plans, access to means of self-harm and intent.

**Listen, and** don't give advice.

**Keep the person** talking, but avoid topics that agitate him (i.e., their unfair supervisor, cheating spouse, etc.).

**If someone else** is with you, get him or her to make calls to the life skills support center, emergency department or the police.



## Keesler prepares to honor children

**By Tech. Sgt. Chuck Marsh**  
Keesler News staff

Keesler's annual Child Pride Day is Saturday in marina park.

"This is our eighth year for Child Pride Day — an event to honor military and Department of Defense children," said Ann Smith, family member programs flight chief.

"Every year is a little different, especially since Hurricane Katrina. "There is more involvement from Keesler personnel this year than ever before, and the adults seem as excited about it as the kids. Just about every agency on base is involved in some form or fashion."

The day contains four hours of displays, demonstrations, food, rides, face painting, games, inflatable devices and visits by more than a dozen costumed characters, all free to those eligible to use Keesler facilities.

There will also be prizes and giveaways throughout the day.

"In years past, we had up to 3,000 children and parents in attendance," said Ms. Smith. "Last year we went ahead with Child Pride Day, not knowing what the attendance might be in our post-Katrina environment. The on- and off-base agencies came through for us, and we had more than 1,500 in attendance. We hope to be closer to 'normal' this year and be back up around 3,000."

There is something planned for every age group, including specialized events and giveaways just for teens.

### Event officials set day's schedule

The 8th Annual Child Pride Day, hosted by the 81st Services Division and the Keesler Integrated Resource Team, is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at marina park. Here's a schedule of events for the day. For more information, call 377-4116.

- 9:45 a.m.** Parade participants line up at the stage
- 10 a.m.** Parade with Moss Point High School band  
Welcome by 81st Training Wing vice commander  
Posting of the colors  
Singing of the national anthem  
Singing of happy birthday to the Air Force  
Prize drawings
- 10:30 a.m.** Drum and bugle corps performs  
Moss Point High School band performs  
332nd Training Squadron drill team performs  
Free food until 2 p.m.  
Prize drawings
- 11 a.m.** Working dog demonstration
- Noon** Moss Point High School band performs  
334th and 335th TRS drill teams perform  
Prize drawings  
Moss Point High School band performs
- 1 p.m.** 336th and 338th TRS drill teams perform  
Prize drawings

#### Ongoing Events

Displays, inflatable devices, games, face painting, rides, demonstrations, costumed characters, Teen Scene and giveaways.

"This is the premier annual event for families (especially kids) on base," said Ms. Smith. "The way the base agencies pull together with 81st Services Division and the Keesler Integrated Resource Team to make this event possible is phenomenal. Thanks to our many sponsors, we are able to offer everything for free.

"There is definitely something for everyone to enjoy," added Ms. Smith.

Parking around marina park is limited. A shuttle bus makes round trips from the youth center and child development center to the park, 9:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-2:30 p.m.

For more information, call 377-4116.

# KEESLER NOTES

## Blood drive

A blood drive is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday in the Airman Leadership School conference room.

The drive is sponsored by the 81st Mission Support Squadron.

## Steak sale

Tickets are on sale through Monday for the Keesler Chiefs Group steak sale, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 27 at Vandenberg Community Center.

A \$6 ticket covers a ribeye steak, baked potato, corn on the cob and soft drink.

Live music is featured, and delivery is available for 10 or more plates. Proceeds benefit morale events and the chiefs' scholarship program.

For tickets, see any chief or unit representative.

## Art auction

The Keesler Spouses Club holds a fine art auction, 5:30 p.m. April 28 at the Levitow Training Support Facility.

Proceeds benefit the club's scholarship fund. Tickets are \$5. Light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar are planned.

For more information or to reply by April 20, go to <http://www.keeslerspousesclub.com> or call 377-3217.

## Entrance closed

Due to construction delays, Keesler Medical Center's A-Tower entrance is closed through May for renovation.

## Tax office

The tax office is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. working Fridays in Room 234, old Cody Hall.

To ensure preparers are available to assist with your paperwork, call 377-4454.

## Deployed family meal

Dinners for families of deployed Keesler members are 4:30-6:30 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays at the Live Oak Dining Facility.

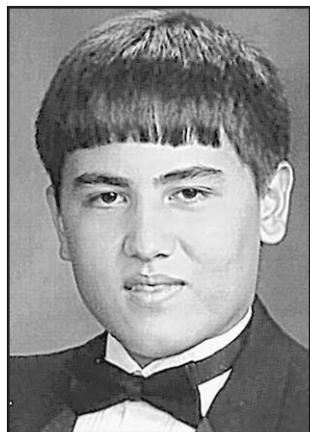
The chapel pays for all first-time attendees.

For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Howard, 377-4859.

## Vet clinic hours

New hours for the veteri-

## Flynn follows brother's path



**Biloxi High School senior Colton Flynn, 17, has been accepted to the Air Force Academy's preparatory school in Colorado Springs, Colo. His 20-year-old brother, Christopher, went to the school in 2005 and is now a cadet fourth class at the academy. Both Flynn's plan to major in computer engineering. Their parents are Kenneth Flynn, 338th Training Squadron, and Aree Flynn, Keesler Commissary.**

nary clinic are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

For an appointment, call 376-7495.

## Bundles for Babies

A Bundles for Babies class for expectant parents is 9 a.m. to noon May 11.

Participants receive baby items valued at \$75.

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

## Spouse program

The Career Focus Program at the airman and family readiness center assists spouses seeking employment on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

For more information and appointments, call Ron Bublik, 377-8592, or e-mail [ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil](mailto:ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil).

## Cycle courses

For information on motorcycle safety courses, call the

safety office, 377-2910.

## Airmen's Attic

Airmen's Attic is open 3-6 p.m. Fridays in Building 823, the former chapel next to the dental clinic.

The Top III program is supported by donations of household items in good to excellent condition. The items are available to Airmen and their families.

For more information, call or e-mail Master Sgt. Archie Evans, 377-2702, [archie.evans@keesler.af.mil](mailto:archie.evans@keesler.af.mil), or leave a message at 377-3814.

## PT uniform wear

In organized physical training, any combination of the PT gear is worn as a set and not mixed with civilian clothes.

At other times, any combination can be worn with civilian clothes.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Jay McKenzie, 377-1091.

## Mail delivery

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

The deadline for same-day mail and Federal Express is 1:30 p.m. For more information, call 377-4060 or 3292.

## Data disposal

For appointments to shred documents containing personal data, call the 81st Communications Squadron's records management office, 377-2571.

## Thrift shop

The thrift shop in the former Chapel One building is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, with consignments accepted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays. For more information, call 377-3217.

## Inspection stickers

Mississippi law requires all vehicles registered within the state be inspected annually.

A current inspection sticker must be displayed on the lower left corner of the windshield visible from the outside.

Vehicles manufactured before 1961 are exempt.

For more information, call 377-3762.

# SPORTS AND RECREATION

## Top 4 in conferences prepare for championship tournament

By Tech. Sgt. Chuck Marsh  
Keesler News staff

The six-week intramural basketball season ends tonight.

The top four teams from each conference move on to the post-season championship tournament starting Monday.

"The cream of the crop is at the top," said Laurence Wilson, sports coordinator.

He mentioned how the 81st Medical Group and 81st Civil Engineer Squadron have been playing well, and others have picked up their pace in the final few games.

"The 85th Engineering Installation Squadron (tied for third place in the Western Conference as of April 5) and 81st Security Forces Squadron (third in the Eastern Conference as of April 4) have been improving each week and are making a big push for the playoffs."

The eight-team, double-elimination tournament pits the top seeds in each conference with the lowest-ranked teams in the opposite conference to see who earns the right to advance.

While teams are looking ahead at their placement in the tournament, they haven't forgotten the skills that got them there.

"The pace we set depends on the team we're playing," said Charles "Slim" Lewis, 81st Supply/Transportation Squadron.

"We try to play fast against those teams we can tell get

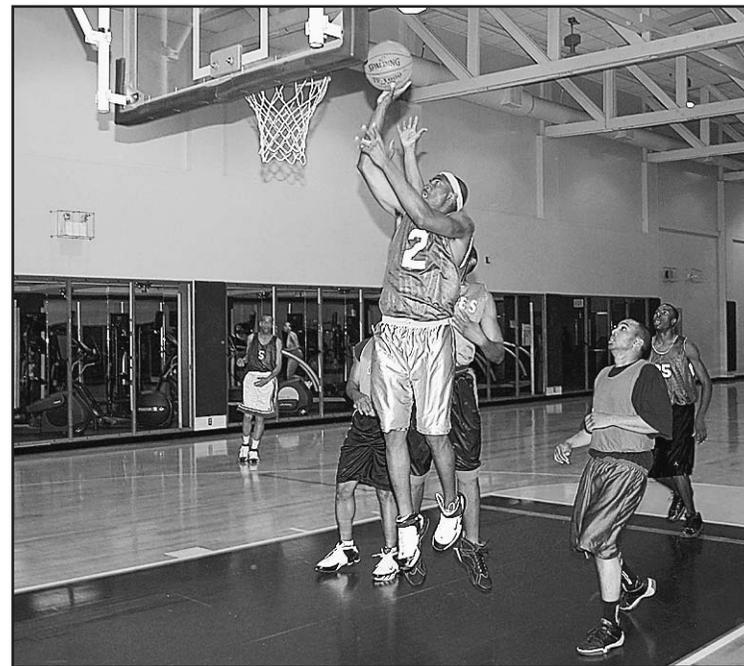


Photo by Adam Bond  
**James Lewis, 81st Training Group, takes to the air for an easy two points against 81st CES April 5. The 81st TRG rolled over the civil engineer squad 46-33.**

tired early, but usually we try to take it slow and force turnovers," he added.

The key to the team's success (second place in the Eastern Conference as of April 4), according to Lewis, is the ability of the five men (one center, two guards and two forwards) on the floor to adapt to their opponents.

It's essential to keep up the pressure for both 18-minute halves.

"Personally, I have to play hard because I'm up against a lot of big dudes," said Lewis, the 6-foot-4 center. "Together, we play good, aggressive team ball."

While the Eastern Conference had a distinct line separating the top teams from the bottom, the Western Conference standings came down to the wire having four teams with 5-3 or 5-4 records as of April 5.

The key for earning that final slot in the tournament, according to Wilson, is nothing short of victories.

"The tournament is looking to be a great event for folks to come out and watch," said Wilson. "I promise it will be very entertaining."

For more information, call Wilson, 377-2444. For scores, see Page 20.

## Academy jumpers land collegiate world record

**Air Force News Service**  
AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — The Air Force Academy's Wings of Blue Competition and Demonstration Parachute Team set another world record in a big way.

The team set a collegiate world big-way record March 31 at Gila Bend Air Force

Auxiliary Field, Ariz., when 39 cadets linked in the air.

The 39 cadets jumped from three different aircraft at 17,500 feet and used 90 seconds of freefall to complete the formation.

Once together, the jumpers held their position for 10 seconds before separating to open their canopies.

A big-way formation is defined as an aerial formation greater than four people, in which jumpers form up in freefall and become a single unit prior to deploying their parachutes.

The Wings of Blue broke its previous collegiate record of a 35-person big-way formation set in 2000.

# SCORES AND MORE



Photo by 1st Lt. John Ross  
Air Force Academy boxing coach Weichers talks to cadets about their up-coming fights.

## Falcons coach teaches more than boxing

By Tech. Sgt. Steve German

Air Force News Agency  
AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — A plaque on the wall in the boxing gym reads, "Tough times don't last, tough people do."

It's a quote that lends itself to the person who spoke those words.

Ed Weichers Jr. became the Air Force Academy's boxing coach more than 30 years ago. As a testament to his success, the gym displays banners from titles the school has won under his direction.

In the past 27 years, his teams have never finished lower than second in the nation.

But for Coach Weichers, the banners and titles pale in comparison to the lessons his sport teaches to tomorrow's Air Force officers.

"It's not really about the skills attained, but learning about themselves and how they're gonna react in a pressure situation," he said.

"(Boxing) teaches them about self confidence, self esteem and the ability to handle pressure, stress. And when they go into combat that translates into making good decisions under fire."

Building tough people for more than 30 years, this coach continues to not only teach cadets a sport, but plants a seed tomorrow's officers sow in their Air Force careers.

## Basketball

### Intramural

#### Eastern Conference (as of April 4)

Team	Won	Lost
81st MDG	8	1
81st SUPS/TRANS	7	2
81st SFS	6	2
336th TRS	5	3
2nd Air Force	2	7
81st CS	2	7
335th TRS	0	8

April 2 — 81st MDG 79, 81st CS 53; 81st SUPS/TRANS 63, 2nd Air Force 42; 81st SFS 52, 335th TRS 24.

April 4 — 81st SUPS/TRANS 60, 81st CS 42; 336th TRS 50, 81st MDG 40; 81st SFS 50, 2nd Air Force 31.

#### Western Conference (as of April 5)

Team	Won	Lost
81st CES	7	2
338th TRS	5	3
81st TRG	5	3
85th EIS	5	3
81st DS	5	4
334th TRS	1	7
Navy	1	7

April 3 — Navy 37, 334th TRS 31; 81st CES 47, 81st DS 37; 85th EIS 46, 81st TRG 39.

April 5 — 81st DS 49, 338th TRS 46; 81st TRG 46, 81st CES 33; 85th EIS 55, Navy 33.

## Bowling

### League standings

#### Monday Night Budweiser (as of April 2)

Team	Won	Lost
Man On!	64	27
Perry's Refrigeration	58	33
Bam! Bam! Bam!	56	35
Slater's Shooters	54	37
Wayne's World	46	45
Spare Time Pro Shop	45	46
Martini's	44	47
Hoop's Gang	41	50
Our Gang	38	53
Endangered Species	38	53
Gannon's Cannons	36	55
Wicked Women	26	65

#### Tuesday Night Hospital (as of April 3)

Team	Won	Lost
Team 7	56	24
Dirty O's	56	24
Scrubs	54	26
Team 5	50	30
Team 2	44	36
The Big O	44	36
Team 1	42	38
Spare Ballz	32	48
Juggonauts	8	72
Team 10	6	74

#### Wednesday Night Mixed (as of April 4)

Team	Won	Lost
JSOT-B	79	33
MUDD	74	38
Go Getters	69	43
WEJUSWANAHAVFUN	54	53
Bowling Express	58	54
Misfits	58	54
Whatever It Is	57	55

## Marathon training clinics set

Training clinics for people interested in trying out for the Air Force marathon team are 9 a.m. April 30, noon May 3 and 4 p.m. May 8 at the health and wellness center.

For more information, call Terri Jordan or Linda Marinovich, 377-8380.

70's Plus	56	56
Select Few	54	58
Beef O'Brady's 1	50	62
David's Rejects	47	65

#### Thursday Retired Seniors Mixed (as of April 5)

Team	Won	Lost
Three's Company	71	41
Team 7	68	44
The Big O's	66.5	45.5
Team 18	63	49
RBL	63	49
Team 8	62	50
Groovy 3	59	53
Team 17	57.5	54.5
Team 5	57	55
WWD	56	56
FAST	55.5	56.5
The Ore'o's	52	60
B-I-F	51.5	60.5
Team 11	51	61
TIMEX	51	61
Stars and Strikes	50	62
Team 1	47	65
Barb's Boys	27	85

#### Thursday Night Federal (as of April 5)

Team	Won	Lost
332th TRS-A	74	30
85th EIS-B	68	36
85th EIS-A	66	38
332 TRS-B Vicious Pups	62	42
81 CES Lite Crew	52	44
333 TRS-A	56	48
81 TRSS-A	56	48
SVS Misfits-A	52	52
335 TRS-A	50	54
CPTS 5 and Dimes	42	62
338 TRS-A	42	62
81 MSS-A	40	64
81 DS Dental Demons	36	68
333 TRS-B	32	72

#### Friday Night (as of Friday)

Team	Won	Lost
Sandbaggers	69	43
We'll Think of a Name	66	46
That Won Team	65.5	46.5
Beef O'Brady's	61	51
I Don't Care	59	53
Team 6	55	57
We Don't Have a Name	53.5	58.5
Pin Pals	53	59
Harry's Team	49	59
Team 12	45	63
Bringing Up the Reer	45	67
Team 3	43	69

## Other

**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 377-2817.

**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, \$2 per game after 4 p.m. Shoe rental, \$1. Not applicable with other discounts or specials.

**Fundraisers available** — for more information, call 377-2817.

## Fitness centers

**Powerlifting competition** — April 27; 10 a.m. weigh-in, 11:30 a.m. start. Squat, deadlift, bench press. Open to active-duty military, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and dependents 18 and older. Pay \$10 entry fee by April 25. For more information, call 377-2907.

**Fitness classes** — step aerobics, turbo-core, cycle/spin, slo-robics and boxing workout. For more information, call 377-2907.

**Blake Fitness Center** — open 4:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays; 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. compressed work schedule 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.

**Triangle Fitness Center** — open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays and weekends; closed holidays. Smoothie bar open. For massage therapist appointments, call 263-5515.

For more information, call 377-3056.

## Golf

**Annual Biloxi Bay Chamber vs. Keesler tournament** — May 11, Sunkist Country Club, Biloxi. Check-in begins at 11:30 a.m., shotgun start 1 p.m. \$50 per person entry fee; playing format two-person team best ball with handicap. Free fish fry, beverages, prizes and giveaways; individual prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin. Sign-up deadline May 1; teams or individuals call or e-mail Tama Manu, 424-0479, tama.manu@keesler.af.mil, or George Budz, 377-3230, george.budz@keesler.af.mil.

**Bay Breeze** — course closed until October. Seabee Base's Pine

Bayou Course in Gulfport is available. For more information, call 871-2494. St. Andrews, Gulf Hills, Bay Vista and Great Southern Club offer military discounts.

**Bay Breeze driving range** — open 7 a.m. to dusk daily; 30 balls, \$2.

**Golf lessons** — \$25 for 30 minutes. For appointment, call 424-0479.

## Motorcycling

**Keesler Riders Association membership drive and rally** — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 27, marina park. Activities include a poker run, bike display, safety inspections and membership signup. Free food available.

## Outdoor recreation

**April fishing tournament** — weigh in the largest white trout for the month and win \$100 savings bond.

**Back Bay fishing trips** — April 14 and 28; \$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. For more information, call 377-3180.

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

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

## Running

**Sickle cell 5-kilometer run/walk** — postponed.

## Softball

**Coaches needed** — for varsity men's and women's teams. For more information, call Laurence Wilson, 377-2444, after noon.

## Special Olympics

To volunteer — call 377-1676.

## Sports council

**Meeting** — 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Vandenberg Community Center.

## 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 nonmembers.

**Baseball camp registration** — through April 20, ages 6 and up. \$25 members, \$30 nonmembers. Coaches needed; call 377-3349.

# DIGEST

## GRADUATIONS

### Airman Leadership School Class 07-3

**81st Civil Engineer Squadron** — Senior Airmen Trevor Connelly, Patrick Costello and Kimberly Simpson.

**81st Dental Squadron** — Senior Airman Jason Ware (class first sergeant).

**81st Medical Operations Squadron** — Senior Airmen Crystal Chucta (distinguished graduate) and Michael Horwath (leadership award).

**81st Security Forces Squadron** — Senior Airmen George Hartzell and Benjamin Miracle.

**81st Supply Squadron** — Senior Airman Ralph Davis.

**81st Surgical Operations Squadron** — Senior Airman Sarah Keller.

**81st Transportation Squadron** — Senior Airman Cavin Browne (class commander).

**85th Engineering Installation Squadron** — Senior Airmen Kathryn Hernandez (John Levitow Award) and Thomas Lynch.

**332nd Training Squadron** — Senior Airman Beth Schneider.

**333rd TRS** — Senior Airman David Martzall.

**334th TRS** — Senior Airmen Jennifer Hickey and Shane Gibault.

**336th TRS** — Senior Airman Jonathan Tom.

**338th TRS** — Senior Airmen Patrick Etheridge, Alan Gerdts and Richard Lowe (distinguished graduate and academic achievement).

### Keesler NCO Academy Class 07-3

**81st Communications Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. Stacey Norman.

**81st Medical Operations Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. Sheronne Bunn.

**81st Medical Support Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. James Brown.

**81st Mission Support Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. Bryan Dochnahl.

**81st Training Support Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. Shutesia Dupree.

**81st Training Wing** — Tech. Sgt. Michael Soucy.

**81st Transportation Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. Patrick Down.

**332nd Training Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. Joseph Frenette.

**334th TRS** — Tech. Sgts. Thomas Autorino (distinguished graduate) and John Wylie III.

**335th TRS** — Tech. Sgt. Todd Martin.

**336th TRS** — Tech. Sgt. Chad Grant.

**338th TRS** — Tech. Sgts. Frederick Braxton and Rennie Onders.

**403rd Operations Support Flight** — Tech. Sgt. James Johnson.

## HONORS

### Student honor roll

#### 332nd Training Squadron

**Electronic principles** — Airmen Basic Arsonio Arthur, William Austin, Wayne Bartlett, Matthew Boorman, Adam Boutelle, Eric Brown, Phillip Buchsbaum, Toren Carter, Andrew Cole, Andrew Doman, Joshua Gallagher, Paul Genes, James Gillissen, Nichole Hartley, Clinton Hewitt, Jacob Kolesar, Michael McCullough, Paul Miller, Anthony Neal, Nathan Neal, Timka Peltonen, Walter Pierce, Matthew Rexrode, Eric Romero, Joshua Rutledge, Roymindar Singh, Ryan Stahl, Joshua Stanford, Kyle Thibodeau, Nathan Thomsas, Scott Thomas, Andrew Turner, Michael Wells, Bryan Williams, Drew Williams and Michael Willis; Airmen James Anderson, John Benner, Jason Downs, Joel Ireland, Jarod Martinez, Nicholas Parson, Joshua Poglioli, Soman Ramkisson, Laura Reckley, Shea Sanders, Charles Scholle, Loren Supernaw and William Thoen; Airmen 1st Class Tyler Braddock, Corey Brillinger, Andrew Burgos, Nicholas Cole, Ron Cooke, Thomas Cotton, Shawn Cruze, John Dean, Beau Dicken, Isaac Gallard, Nicklaos Giannopoulos, Timothy Graham, John Greer, Stephen Hagans, Manuel Hernandez, Jason Keller, Christopher Kopps, Michael Mondia, Christopher Rogers, Vincent Swider and Joshua Warner; Senior Airmen Jeremy Bork, Matthew Casey, Aamir Cooper, Michael Flynn, Lee Hyman, Jason Krohn, Christopher Raulerson, Michelle Smith and Steven York; Staff Sgts. Daniel Bailey, Robert Butler, Lesley Carhart, Jonathan Carrasco, Robert Higgins, Brent Hollar, William Hutto, Richard Lundberg, Javier Quintero, James Quiroz and Joseph Wengero; Tech. Sgts. Bodie Peterson and Richard Potts; Master Sgt. Robert Edgren; Senior Master Sgt. Minkyu Kim; Lt. Col. Jinn Tsay.

#### 334th TRS

**Air traffic control operations training flight** — Airmen Basic Nicholas Cash, Ryan Chase, Kukila Cypher, Jakeryon Ford and Lisa Luder; Airmen 1st Class Kathryn Dillon and Scott Jackson; Staff Sgts. Peter Hablitzel and James Trubisky; Tech. Sgts. Saeed Haned Al Garni and Beau McCoy.

**Command post apprentice course** — Airmen Basic Rebecca Barton, Heather Bosh, Sasha Duban, Benjamin Guyton and Jazzmine VanWinkle; Airmen Jacob Logan and Don Morrell; Airmen 1st Class Michelle Blanford, Richard Galarza and Ezekiel Wieland; Senior Airmen Jonathan Grieme, KC Hayden and Monique Hipp; Staff Sgt. Joshua Connery; Master Sgt. Clifford Sibley.

#### 335th TRS

**Comptroller training flight** — Airmen Basic Matthew Denos, Michelle Garcia, Teresa Jordan, Joshua Kronwall, Ashley Novak, Jeffrey Polser and Makenzie Tibbetts; Airman Kacy Lebo; Airmen 1st Class Jessy Babcock, Benjamin Forrest, Flavia Grey, Laprincess Golphin, Brian Harding, Jared Martin, Justin Pelham, Alicia Webster, George Wolf and Anna Zyska; Senior Airmen Benjamin Blackford and Alicia Balseiro; Staff Sgts. Trisha Nelson and Ronnie Stokey; Tech. Sgts. Heather Arnold, Terry Dobbs, James Gamble, Justin Hole and Kevin Nichols.

**Personnel training flight** — Airman Veronica Price; Airman 1st Class Kirby McDonald; Senior Airmen Heather Martinez and Caleb Williams; Staff Sgts. Daniel Boatman, Luke Meier and Raul Ortiz; Richard Keele.

**Weather training flight** — 2nd Lts. Brian Allen, Kathryn Fairbrother, Heidi Keller, Clifford Lanyi, Allen Little, Erik Neemann, Jennifer Quintero and Tyler West.

#### 336th TRS

**Communications-computer systems training flight** — Airman Basic Cody Vore; Airman Ryan Manecke; Airmen 1st Class Kevin Flanagan, John Gill, Joseph Hill, Mathew Musick, Kevin Paulson, Jason Plante and Benjamin Ward; Senior Airmen Eric Griffin and Eddie Maltzahn; Staff Sgts. Rex Ching, Nathan Mueller, Eric Sasano, Dustin Simpson and Jason Swenson; Tech. Sgts. Cosme Battalas, David Guy, Dean Peterson and Eric Risner; Master Sgt. Chad Demro.

**Communications and information management flight** — Airmen Basic Benjamin Conrad, Raeann Gonzales, Jerome King, Mario Marquez, Antonia Perkovich, Brittany Schulz, Alana Smith and Asa Smith; Airmen 1st Class Rebecca Roberts and

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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

**Morning pickup from hotels north of Keesler** — 5 a.m., Red Carpet Inn; 5:10, Travel Inn; 5:15, Beaujolais Villas; 5:20, Suburban Inn and Super 8.

**Afternoon pickup to return to hotels north of Keesler** — 3:30 p.m., street side of Hewes Hall for Bryan, Jones, Hewes and Garrard Halls; 3:33, Cody Hall bus stop for Hangar 3, Thomson, Cody and Dolan Halls; 3:36, E Street side of McClelland Hall; 3:38, back side of Allee Hall for 7-level building, weather training center and Allee, Wolfe, and Stennis Halls.

Wait at the main entrance of hotels for pickup. Allow a five to 10 minute window on arrival time. Traffic in the local area impacts base taxi times.

Call 377-2432 for transportation needs for classes starting after 6:30 a.m. or for service to hotels not listed.

**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.**

## CHAPEL SERVICES

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

### Roman Catholic

#### Saturday Mass

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

#### Sunday Mass

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

#### Daily Mass

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

### Protestant

#### Sunday worship

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

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

Triangle Chapel gospel service.....Noon

### Islamic

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

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

### Latter-Day Saints

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints** — student group service, 2 p.m. Sundays, Triangle Chapel. For more information, call 396-5274 or 1-616-881-1994.

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Emma Quintana; Staff Sgts. Lisa Britto, Angel Flores, Natalie Kenney, James Philpott, Donald Summerhays and Anthony Thompson; Tech. Sgt. Julia Abeyta.

## 338th TRS

**Airfield systems basic course** — Airmen 1st Class David Hendrickson and Kaylon Dunn.

**Computer, network, cryptographic and switching systems course** — Airmen Basic Robert De La Cruz, Matthew Gougler, Victor Gutierrez, Colin Mayo, Eric Miller, Johnny Thompson, Nolan Wemett, Dutch Wollet and Neng Xiong; Airmen Jarhid Brown, Charles Fine, Thomas Taylor, and Robert Wyatt; Airmen 1st Class Richard Anderson, Nathan Beer, Jadan Best, Jake Ferroni, Katharine Galanos, Johnathan Guagenti, Gary Hartwell, Bradley Hintze, Thomas Hudson, Clyde Louchez, Kevin Mize, Scott Ordway, Jesse Porter, Chad Russell, Jeffery Sawrie, Ryan Scott and Erish Vega-Viera; Senior Airmen Brad Bishop, Gregory Garcia, David Girard, Darren Hughes, Wilfred Schmidt and Bradley Schirmeyer; Staff Sgts. Jacob Anderson, Irving Brace, Greg Brigham, Chunming Dai, Bradford Drake, Gregory Hiltbrunner, Joshua McLaughlin, James Selig, Micah Weeks and Justin Weitenbeck; Tech. Sgts. Rick Fried and Timothy Hoang.

**Ground radio apprentice course** — Airman Melanie Greenfield; Airmen 1st Class Kevin Farkas, Adam Reff and Steven Riddle.

**Radar systems apprentice course** — Staff Sgts. Jeffery Barrett and William Murray.

## CLASSES

### Airman Leadership School

- Class 07-4 — Tuesday-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 07-4 — Tuesday-May 24.
- Class 07-5 — May 30-July 10.
- Class 07-6 — Aug. 2-Sept. 11.
- Class 07-7 — Sept. 18-Oct. 26.

### Airman and family readiness center

**Adoption options workshop** — 5:15-7 p.m. April 24, Triangle Chapel Annex. A panel of agency representatives is featured. To pre-register, call 377-2179.

### Arts and crafts center

**Beginning intarsia woodworking** — 10 a.m. April 21. \$15. Intarsia is the art form of inlaying pieces of wood in a decorative pattern.

**Advanced intarsia** — 10 a.m. Saturday or April 28. \$20. New project each month.

**Scrapbooking** — 1:30 p.m. April 20. \$10 including supplies.

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

**Beginning pottery** — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 28. \$40 includ-

## 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. compressed work schedule 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.

ing five pounds of clay and firing for three pieces.

**Stamp cards** — earn stamps by renting molds or paying for a firing in multi-craft shop. Fill card and get free mold rental or firing. Fill card having framing done in the frame shop and get 10 percent off next order.

**New classes coming soon** — one stroke, photography, cooking and beading.

**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.

## 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** — 4-5:30p.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

**Orientation** — 6:30 p.m. April 25 to get acquainted with available library services.

**Patron appreciation open house** — 2-4 p.m. Monday. Orientation, refreshments and meet the staff.

**Parent and child night** — 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, ages 4-12, reading to each other.

**Fax special** — 50 cents a page throughout April. Send two for the price of one April 15-21 only.

**Book display** — new selections for ages through grade 3.

## CLUBS AND CENTERS

### Vandenberg Community Center

**Black cat hunt** — Friday. Prize to person finding the most black cats in the center.

**UBU steak special** — noon to 5 p.m. April 20 for nonprior service students. UBU club members \$5, nonmembers \$7.

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

**Dance revolution** — 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

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

**Halftime Cafe** — closed for renovations.

**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.

**Boss 'n buddy night** — 5 p.m. Wednesday. Free food, games and giveaways sponsored by the Sea Wolves ice hockey team.

**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.

### Youth center

**Summer camp** — pick up registration package now.

**Torch Club** — 4:30 p.m. April 23, ages 9-12. Leadership programs, activities, community service, fun and friends.

**4-H Club** — 5 p.m. April 10 and 24, ages 13-17. Outdoor adventures and community service.

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## DINING HALL MENUS

### Today

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

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

### Friday

**Lunch** — Mexican baked chicken, country-style steak, stuffed peppers, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, beans, Spanish beans, peas and carrots, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chicken with wild rice soup, onion soup, chili, barbecue pork sandwiches and burritos.

**Dinner** — lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken cacciatore, rice, gravy, broccoli, cauliflower, Italian baked beans, corn O'Brien, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chicken with wild rice soup, onion soup, chili, barbecue pork sandwiches and burritos.

### Saturday

**Lunch** — baked chicken, beef yakisoba, canned ham, baked potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, broccoli, peas, carrots, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, raisin sauce, clam chowder, tomato florentine soup and buffalo wings.

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

### Sunday

**Lunch** — baked fish, sauerbraten, chicken breast parmesan, au gratin potatoes, egg noodles, gravy, cauliflower combo, mixed vegetables, fried cabbage, tomato salad, German coleslaw, cheesy chicken tortilla soup, baked potato chowder, chili and cheese pizza.

**Dinner** — ginger barbecue chicken, fried shrimp, beef manicotti, potato wedges, mashed potatoes, gravy, black-eyed peas, collard greens, corn O'Brien, tomato salad, German coleslaw, cheesy chicken tortilla soup, baked potato chowder, chili and cheese pizza.

### Monday

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

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

### Tuesday

**Lunch** — lemon garlic fish, pork schnitzel steak, beef and yakisoba, ginger rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, pinto beans, spinach, squash, spinach salad, waldorf salad, frontier chicken chili, beef pot roast soup, vegetable soup, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

**Dinner** — roast pork loin, barbecue beef cubes, chicken fajitas, O'Brien potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower, corn on the cob, lima beans, waldorf salad, frontier chicken chili, beef pot roast soup, vegetable soup, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

### Wednesday

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

**Dinner** — spaghetti with meat sauce, Swiss steak, fried chicken, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, fried cauliflower, asparagus, simmered cabbage, coleslaw, country style tomatoes, chicken noodle soup, potato soup, chili with beans, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

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

**FitFactor activities** — 6 p.m. today and April 25, ages 9 and older. Sign up by April 10 and 24.

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

**Creative corner** — 5 p.m. Tuesday, ages 9 and older. Make an art project. Free for members, 50 cents for guests.

**Congressional Award program** — 5 p.m. April 23, ages 14-21. Achieve personal goals to become eligible for a medal.

**Future earth activity and open recreation** — 6-10 p.m. April 28, ages 6 and older. \$5. Sign up by April 25. Minimum 10 people.

**Power hour** — 4:30-5:30 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, ages 6-12.

**Super Saturdays** — 1-5 p.m. Recreation programs for ages 6 and older. \$4 for members, \$5 nonmembers. Sign up on previous Wednesdays.

**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.

**Parents day out** — 1-5 p.m. Saturday.

**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

**Honey Island swamp trip** — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 28. \$40 includes admission and transportation. Sign up and prepay by April 25.

**New Orleans School of Cooking** — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 18. \$45 including admission and transportation. Sign up and prepay by May 16.

**National World War II Museum in New Orleans** — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 19. \$45 includes admission, lunch and transportation. Sign up and prepay by May 16.

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

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

## TRANSITIONS

### Workshops, briefings

**Veterans benefits briefing** — 1-4 p.m. May 10, June 21, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 13, Oct. 18, Nov. 8 and Dec. 13 in Room 151, old Cody Hall. To pre-register or for more information, call 377-2179.

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

**Transition assistance program workshop** — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. 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, May 3, June 14, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6, in Room 151, old Cody Hall. To pre-register or for more information, call 377-2179.

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

### Employment opportunities

**Career focus program for spouses** — information on area employment opportunities, job Web sites, human resources contacts, temporary jobs, on-base listings and free training pro-

grams. 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 center, 377-8592, or e-mail [ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil](mailto:ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil).

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

**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](mailto: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 [vince@militaryadvantage.com](mailto:vince@militaryadvantage.com).

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

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

### Computer use

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

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

## MEETINGS

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

### Upcoming

**Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association luncheon** — 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 23, Levitow Training Support Facility. Guest speaker is Col. Gregory Brundidge. Cost of the beef brisket and chicken buffet is \$10 by cash or check payable to AFCEA Gulf Coast Chapter. Deadline for reservations is 5 p.m. April 19. To sign up, call Capt. Andi Andrews, 377-2667, or e-mail [carmen.andrews@keesler.af.mil](mailto:carmen.andrews@keesler.af.mil).

### Recurring

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

**Air Force Sergeants Association** — 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.afsa652.org>.

**Air Force Sergeants Association Auxiliary** — 6 p.m. third Tuesday of the month. For more information, call Michelle Foster, 273-4591 or e-mail [auxiliary.president@afsa652.org](mailto:auxiliary.president@afsa652.org).

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

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

**Company grade officers council** — meets first Wednesday of the month. For time and location, call Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Howard, 377-4859.

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

**Keesler Christian Home Educators Association** — meets 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month, September-May, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call Michelle Durkin, 872-9393, or e-mail [chelle.lrn@yahoo.com](mailto:chelle.lrn@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 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, Katrina Kantina. For more information, call Master Sgt. Glenda Mosby, 377-0178, or e-mail [gmosby1@bellsouth.net](mailto:gmosby1@bellsouth.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., Ghost Rider (PG-13, 110 minutes).

**Saturday** — 2 p.m., The Astronaut Farmer (PG-13, 105 minutes); 6:30 p.m., Wild Hogs (PG-13, 100 minutes).

**Sunday** — 2 p.m., The Number 23 (R, 97 minutes).

### Income tax volunteers

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

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

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

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

**81st Surgical Operations Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. Lavada Singleton, 376-5513.

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

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

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

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

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

**333rd TRS** — Michael Rohner, 377-3881.

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

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

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

**Legal office** — Richard Brock, 377-3510.

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