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Wing wins Air Force unit award

By 2nd Lt. Nick Plante

Keesler News staff

Three words nail why the 81st Training Wing was selected for the 2006 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: exceptional meritorious service.

The 81st TRW joined 15 other units from Air Education and Training Command selected for the recognition.

The award was based on the wing's performance between July 1, 2005, and June 30, 2006.

"This award is a tribute to the men and women of Keesler Air Force Base who not only have performed miraculously in the wake of this country's worst disaster, but who continue to selflessly answer our nation's call to defend our great country, its interests and ideals," said Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st TRW commander.

"This award represents their strength, determination and resilience to rebuild the Mississippi Gulf Coast and the proud heritage of the long line of Airmen who have come before them," the general continued.

The award is designated by the secretary of the Air Force to numbered units which have distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious service or outstanding achievement setting the unit above and apart from similar units.

A nomination and citation for the award were submitted by the wing highlighting, among other things, humanitarian aid efforts, medical operations during Hurricane Katrina and commitment to rebuilding after the storm.

According to the nomination package, the members of

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Drilling a victory



Photo by Kemberly Groue

From left, Airmen 1st Class James Wheeler, Benjamin Clark and Kyle Quirk, Airman Basic Jinny Liechti and Airman 1st Class Stephen Morrison from the overall champion 335th Training Squadron perform the first-place freestyle routine at Friday's drill down on the parade field. Story, more photos, Page 4.

This week in the Triangle

Communications-computer systems, 10 a.m. today, Thomson Hall.

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

Aerospace control and warning system, 10 a.m. Friday, Bryan Hall.

Radio communication, 10 a.m. Friday, Thomson Hall.

Personnel, 10 a.m. Monday, Wolfe Hall.

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

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



March honor flight

Student numbers

Total students — 3,019

Non-prior service — 1,848

Temporary duty — 1,046

Joint service — 66

Combat controllers — 25

Medical — 34

Non-prior service arrivals — 125

Guard, Reserve — 657

International — 34

FY07 graduates — 13,801

Total since 1942 — 2,251,773

COMMENTARY

Your people — without them, you leaders have no mission

By Lt. Col. Stephen Ziadie

341st Space Wing Inspector General

MALMSTROM Air Force Base, Mont. — While reams of good advice have been written on effective leadership principles, one critical aspect of leading a diverse set of individuals is often overlooked: the part where you as a leader make a concerted attempt to thoroughly know your folks.

Supervisors often get caught up in a myriad of mission-essential tasks and inherent responsibilities. The most important task of all, the people focus, gets pushed aside for mission stuff. People are the mission and without people, you have no mission.

A plumber's tale

The most technologically advanced weapons systems in the world are nothing but junk without trained, motivated and prepared warriors to operate them. The more you know about the folks you lead, the better off your team will be in the long run.

How do I know this? Let me relate a short story about a plumber who once designed a computer network.

Airman 1st Class "M" was a water and waste specialist assigned to a civil engineer unit located in the Pacific Northwest. As one of the lowest-ranking Airmen on one of our deployments, Airman "M" didn't attract much attention at first. He was extremely competent, but also quiet, reserved and soft-spoken.

Improved conditions for detainees

He did a superb job constructing water and waste water systems in Iraq, and through his efforts, 5,000 detainees saw significantly improved quality-of-life conditions, including air conditioning, bathing and foot-washing facilities, functional ice coolers for bottled water and improved hygienic latrine facilities.

Unlike typical air expeditionary force rotations where Air Force assets are supported by Air Force communications support, ours wasn't. We knew prior to deploying the Army didn't have communications assets to support us, but we were unable to deploy with an

organic, stand-alone communications capability.

Once in the area of responsibility, we tried unsuccessfully to beg, borrow, steal, develop or worm our way into some sort of network that would provide a rudimentary non-secure Internet protocol router capability. After many failed attempts and frustration, Airman "M" came to see me one evening and asked if he could spend his off-duty time looking at our computers. I consented.

Boost to morale, too

The next day, Airman "M," in his usual soft-spoken manner, calmly told me how he was able to create a working network connection for all our computers using what appeared to me to be very austere parts he scrounged from somewhere. The NIPR connections worked to near perfection and improved not only our ability to order materials from Baghdad and Balad, but it also boosted our morale by giving each Airman the ability, for a few minutes each day, to e-mail a short message home.

Amazed beyond imagination, I asked and found out that before joining the Air Force, Airman "M" was one of only two Microsoft-certified network engineers on the island of Guam. In fact, he was the network administrator for the University of Micronesia-Guam campus.

Plumbing his dream

When in awe, I asked him why he became a CE plumber instead of a communications officer, he replied, "Well Sir, computers are going to be around forever ... but I've always had this dream to be a plumber."

His answer blew me away.

What's the moral of this story? Despite being the unit commander and believing I knew everyone pretty darn well, I didn't know that crucial bit of information about this Airman's background. He taught me there are many hidden skills and talents all of us possess, and to know your troops is to posture your unit for success.

ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso

81st Training Wing commander

You're encouraged to work your concerns through your chain of command or to contact an appropriate helping agent. For matters left unresolved, call the commander's action line for assistance.

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

Items of general interest may appear in this column.

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

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WHO'S YOUR WINGMAN?

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81st Civil Engineer Squadron readiness
377-3811 or DSN 597-3811

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Bulls stampede drill down rivals



Airmen 1st Class Uriah Sybolt, standing, and Timothy Anderson twirl their rifles during the 338th TRS' freestyle performance.

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The Bulls from the 335th Training Squadron thundered to a decisive win Friday in the 81st Training Group's second drill down of the year.

Not only did the Bulls corral 23 points by taking first place in regulation and freestyle drills and second in open ranks, they claimed first place after coming in last in the season's first competition.

February's winner, the 338th TRS Dark Knights, earned second place and 17 points with a second in freestyle drill and third in open ranks.

Third place and 16 points went to the 332nd TRS Mad Dogs, who placed second in regulation drill, third in freestyle drill and fifth in open ranks and regulation drill.

First in open ranks, the 334th TRS Gators placed fourth in regulation drill and fifth in freestyle drill for 14 points.

The 336th TRS Red Wolves earned eight points



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Fans from the 335th TRS react to their team's win.

and fifth place with a fourth in open ranks and freestyle drill and sixth in regulation drill.

The Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit finished last, with fifth place in regulation drill and sixth in open

ranks and freestyle drill.

Members of the 335th TRS drill team are Airman 1st Class Benjamin Clark, drillmaster; Airmen Basic Nanaasabre Baffoe, Erica Brown, Katelynn Fleegal, Jinny Liechti, Kristen

Lopez, Angelo Mendoza and John Westlund; Airman Rocky Garcia and Airmen 1st Class Ryan Harris, Stephen Morrison, Kyle Quirk and James Wheeler.

The next drill down is 7 a.m. June 15 on the parade field.

Medics hone wartime skills at 'Camp Snoopy'



Photos by Steve Pivnick

While still on the bus, medics put on their gas masks during a simulated chemical attack.

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

A simulated explosion greeted the busload of 81st Medical Group medics April 17 as they neared "Camp Snoopy," set up adjacent to the medical readiness warehouse near the child development center.

The 26 personnel, all in air expeditionary forces 7 and 8, were taking part in medical unit readiness training to prepare for possible deployment to Southwest Asia.

Four instructors from 81st MDG readiness flight, led by Master Sgt. Mary Sarris, oversaw events simulating potential situations the medics might encounter during their deployment.

The exercise scenario had the group just arriving in-country and en route to Camp Snoopy. On the way, they learned improvised explosive devices had exploded, causing 10 casualties, portrayed by 81st MDG volunteers.

While still on the bus, the medics were alerted to a possible chemical attack and donned mission-oriented protective posture gear. They remained in MOPP-4 while attending to the 10 patients. The medics sent litter teams to evaluate the patients and take them to a casualty collection point.



Staff Sgt. Jessica Clarke, left, 81st Medical Support Squadron, and Senior Airman Kyle Massey, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, try to calm Staff Sgt. Christina Webbs, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, prior to placing her on a litter.

Sergeant Sarris said the collection point had only minimum supplies, equipment and medical personnel.

Once there, the medics treated the patients and called for transport to a higher level of care.

Engineering installers train for bare-base deployments

By Tech. Sgt. Chuck Marsh

Keesler News staff

Several weeks of training culminated April 16-19 in an 85th Engineering Installation Squadron deployment exercise.

A Phase I Initial Deployment Response Exercise, April 2-13, led off the month and prepared the engineering installers for last week's Phase II Battle Space Exercise.

"'Road Warrior 07-03' was extremely vital to our war-time mission," said Staff Sgt. Matthew Bricker, 85th EIS ground radar systems. "This was the first Phase II exercise for the 85th EIS in the last decade, as well as the first since Air Combat Command became our new MAJCOM (major command).

"This exercise will lay the foundation for future deployments, exercises and peacetime contingencies," he added.

Last week's activities included training from the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness Team on issues such as alarm conditions, contamination control areas and post-attack reconnaissance.

Training continued with security forces defense posturing and familiarization, new self-aid buddy care equipment and convoy training.

All this training and preparation built up to the field exercise where Airmen found themselves "deployed" to Tallil Air Base, Iraq, with an infrastructure incapable of meeting their needs. The deployed team had to access its equipment, then upgrade and install a multitude of communications equipment, including network systems, internal and external copper and fiber infrastructure used to provide command and control communications.

"I was on a RDF (radio directional finding) team," said Capt. Gary Rualo, 85th EIS electromagnetics. "Our four-person team was tasked to find frequency interferences which interrupted radio communications.

"It was vital to get troops



Senior Airman William Vickers, 85th EIS, takes shelter underneath a table while in MOPP-4 during the Phase II deployment exercise April 16-19.

into the proper mind set for real-world events in a deployed environment," said the captain, who was in an RDF position for the first time. "It familiarized troops with procedures in AFMAN 10-100 and was a good overall experience for me."

Captain Rualo hasn't deployed yet, so the exercise proved to be a learning experience on many fronts.

"This was absolutely a good training opportunity," said Stephen Jones, 85th EIS exercise coordinator.

"The exact wording heard from the troops was, 'the best realistic approach to training.' Having to actually apply that training within the exercise was excellent," he said.

Exercise coordinators and evaluation team members ensured training mimicked what squadron members could experience when deployed.

"The scenario was as realistic as it gets," said Mr. Jones. "This is exactly, what our EI — engineering installation — teams could see in a deployment. It will also help them know how to handle themselves outside the wire."

Mr. Jones added that the Airmen excelled at the tasks assigned and that all objectives were either met or exceeded.

"Personally, I was impressed with the initiative I saw during this exercise," Sergeant Bricker said. "There were many personnel who had never seen a combat Phase II exer-

cise, but they played like they had extensive experience."

The objectives included deploying all personnel and accounting for all paperwork and deployment items, ensuring wear of reflective belts, properly palletizing all mobility bags, disseminating exercise information in a timely and efficient manner and testing the ability of members to excel in austere conditions.

More quarterly exercises are planned leading up to the ACC Inspector General visit in May 2008. The next exercise is scheduled for late July.



Staff Sgt. Barbara Fuller, left, and 2nd Lt. Ernest Moore, 85th EIS radio direction finding team, locate a radio interface in a deployment scenario April 18.



Staff Sgts. Seth Stanko, left, and Steven Bird low crawl as they pull Staff Sgt. James Murray toward a tent for cover April 18 during the 85th EIS' Phase II deployment scenario. Murray was "injured" during an Alarm Red while in MOPP-4.

Photos by Kemberly Groue

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Carey registration

William Carey University registration for the summer trimester is under way.

Classes begin May 25.

Applications are being accepted for both new and readmitting students.

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

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

Parades, drill downs

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

Drill downs are 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. Steven 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.

Weapons custodians

For weapons custodian training, call 377-2270.

Mandatory training

The legal office provides mandatory annual homosexual policy training for military and civilian supervisors, com-

manders 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.

Civilian tuition aid

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

Courses must be related to the Air Force mission.

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

Supply classes

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

Virtual education

The Air Force Virtual Education Center has been transferred

to the Air Force Portal.

To access AFVEC, use the AFVEC URL, <https://afvec.langley.af.mil>, or go directly to the Air Force Portal, <https://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod/>. Use your Air Force Portal user identification and password to log on. First-time users are prompted to re-register some of their profile information and then are taken directly into their AFVEC profile.

Embry-Riddle online

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University offers online undergraduate courses beginning on the 15th of each month.

Certificates/minors offered include occupational safety and health, logistics, management and intelligence and security.

Graduate programs include master of aeronautical science and masters of science in man-

agement. Terms begin in March, May, July, August, September and November.

Terms are 12 weeks for undergraduate online courses and 15 weeks for graduate online courses.

For more information, visit Room 217, old Cody Hall or call 377-4271.

Weapons training

Weapons training is conducted by 81st Security Forces Squadron officials at Camp Keller in Woolmarket.

The range is for government weapons only.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Barry Hardy, 377-3354.

Troops to Teachers

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

NEWS AND FEATURES



Mrs. Hirata



Captain Mitchell



Mr. Higgins



Mrs. Tunstall

Base honors top volunteers

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Keesler honored its top volunteers April 17 at its annual volunteer recognition luncheon at Vandenberg Community Center.

Four individual and two group annual winners were recognized, and three nominees were announced for the National Military Family Association's Very Important Patriot awards.

Winners are:

Michele Hirata, wife of Capt. Jeff Hirata, 2nd Air Force, volunteer of the year. She's volunteered 4,000 hours and donated \$25,000 in handmade purses, shawls, hats, scarves and dress sets to raise money for cancer awareness and other charities. She designs and creates "chemo beanies" for patients going through chemotherapy or hair loss illnesses.

Mrs. Hirata sold pins at festivals to raise \$200 for breast cancer research and made and sold purses to benefit Keesler Spouses Club projects. She's also one of the organizers of Hearts with Hope, a cancer awareness music festival scheduled for May 6 in Ocean Springs.

Capt. Nicole Mitchell, 403rd Wing, outstanding individual volunteer. Captain Mitchell, a Hurricane Hunter and a meteorologist with The Weather Channel, has been involved in programs in the Atlanta area, including working with abused and neglected children as a court appointed special advocate, serving as a Big Sister to a 9-year-old girl and volunteering with the "Jingle Mingle" for Toys for Tots.

Kurt Higgins, 338th Training Squadron, volunteer excellence award. Mr. Higgins is a leader and coach with the Biloxi Soccer Organization and Little League. He's vice president of Keesler's African-American Heritage Committee, mentors at-risk youth at Jeff Davis Elementary in Biloxi and is secretary of the Michel Middle School Parent-Teacher Organization. He's directed Tabernacle Baptist Church's restoration following Hurricane Katrina and coordinated housing and feeding for volunteers.

Pamelia Tunstall, 81st Comptroller Squadron, volunteer excellence award. Mrs. Tunstall manages Keesler's Federal Women's Program. She's on the African-American Heritage Committee and coordinated the group's art-work contest, organization day, education her-

Biloxi recognizes Gators as No. 1 volunteer group

The 334th Military Training Flight was named outstanding adult volunteer group at the City of Biloxi's recognition ceremony April 18.

The flight donated 1,228 community service hours for restoration of the Bond-Grant House, Christmas in the City market and parade and manning booths at Biloxi's annual seafood festival and Grillin' on the Green for Biloxi Main Street to raise funds for the Bond-Grant reconstruction project.

The flight also worked on reconstitution of the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum, events at Biloxi National Cemetery and the Veterans Affairs Medical Center and beach cleanups.

itage day and gospel fest. She's secretary-treasurer of the New Community Missionary Baptist Church in Biloxi.

The 332nd TRS, outstanding large group. The squadron's main project for the year was rebuilding an Air Force widow's home from start to finish, contributing more than 2,500 hours. They also worked with the Harrison County Humane Society and other organizations along the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

The 335th TRS weather training flight, outstanding small group. The flight's major project was working with Habitat for Humanity in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Flight members collected more than \$50,000 in relief and reconstruction supplies for the Salvation Army and participated in three major beach cleanups.

VIP nominees are Tech. Sgt. David Hollyman, 81st Transportation Squadron; Staff Sgt. Janet Presley, 335th TRS, and Mrs. Hirata.

Sergeant Hollyman was involved with Habitat for Humanity, Make a Difference Day, Special Olympics, Project Cheer, Toys for Tots and Operation Keesler Cares, a drive that collected clothing and toys for Iraqi children.

Sergeant Presley participated in humanitarian relief efforts following Hurricane Katrina, coordinated a base bone marrow registration drive and three blood drives and directed restoration efforts for the hurricane-damaged weather school.

IN THE NEWS

Hurricane preparation meetings

Three town hall meetings are scheduled in Welch Auditorium during Keesler's Hurricane Preparation Week, Monday through May 4.

The meetings at 2, 4 and 6 p.m. Tuesday review preparation actions, Form 21 (sheltering intentions) accountability, entitlements, medical information, and procedures for evacuating, sheltering of people and pets and filing claims.

Women's History Month events

"Take our daughters and sons to work day" program — 1-3:30 p.m. today, Triangle Chapel Annex.

Women's health workshop is 10 a.m. to noon Monday, health and wellness center.

Yard of Month program begins

Military family housing's yard of the month competition runs May-September.

Housing inspectors nominate homes in each area. Winners receive a gift card from a home improvement store, and the military member is recommended for a one-day pass. The best of the area winners is named the Commander's Choice winner.

For more information, call 377-3821.

Seabee Day May 5

The third annual Seabee Day is 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 5 at the Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport.

The free event, sponsored by the United Service Organization, is open to the area military community. The day includes arts and crafts booths, military displays and demonstrations, games, food, music, rock-climbing wall, a truck and car show and kids' fun run. At noon, country music star Chely Smith performs.

For more information or to sign up for the kids' fun run, call 871-2251 or 2353.

Fair reaches military job seekers

More than 300 active-duty members and veterans were among the 1,600 participants at the April 10 Southern Region Military and Civilian Job Fair in Biloxi.

Lana Smith, community readiness consultant from the airman and family readiness center, said that more than 125 employers had booths at the fair and conducted nearly 700 interviews and made almost 600 job offers at the event.

Tops in Blue needs technicians

Air Force News Service

SAN ANTONIO — The 2007 Tops In Blue troupe needs a videographer and an audio engineer.

Interested applicants should contact Jeri.White@lackland.af.mil or Air Force Entertainment, DSN 487-6566.

Off-limits establishments

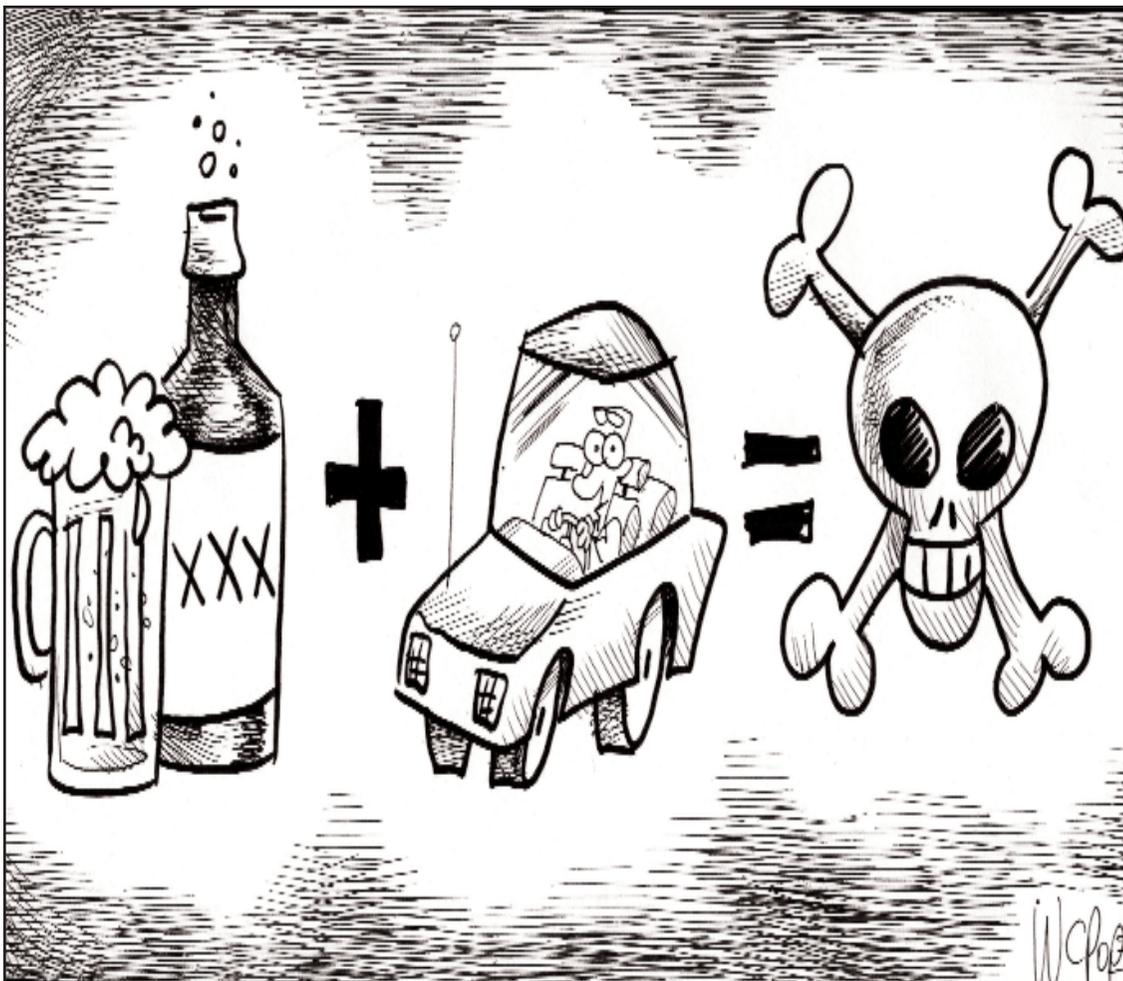
Off-limits establishments for military members are the Blue Note Lounge, Boulevard Nightclub and Henry Beck Park (except during daylight hours or official events) in Biloxi; Carver Village, Bunksmall Apartments and H&H Hideaway in Pascagoula, and Toni's Lounge in Moss Point.

Attention to alcohol awareness



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Staff Sgt. Frances Gulley, left, looks on as Staff Sgt. Chiquita Green blows into a breathalyzer at the 2nd Air Force enlisted call Friday. Sergeant Green volunteered to consume alcohol, under the supervision of security forces, to demonstrate the effects of drinking and to perform sobriety check scenarios. Sergeant Gulley portrayed Sergeant Green's wingman, helping her use the breathalyzer correctly. The scenarios were designed to increase alcohol awareness and demonstrate the correct use of the breathalyzers which are being distributed throughout 2nd Air Force. Each participant received two breathalyzers for personal use.



Victim of assault? Take these steps

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

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

If the nightmare of sexual assault happens to you, it's important to act quickly.

The Defense Department's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office urges these actions:

Go to a safe location away from the attacker.

Preserve all evidence of the assault. Don't bathe, wash your hands, shower or brush your teeth. Don't clean or straighten up the crime scene.

Contact your local sexual assault response coordinator, victim advocate or health care provider.

"If you contact law enforcement officials first, the investigative process is initiated," explained Barry Newman of Keesler's SAPRO. "Options about whether or not to participate in the criminal process may be affected."

Seek medical care as soon as possible. Even if you don't have any visible physical injuries, you may be at risk of becoming pregnant or acquiring a sexually transmitted disease.

Ask your health care provider to conduct a sexual assault forensic examination to preserve forensic evidence.

If you suspect that drugs were involved in the assault, request that a urine sample be collected.

Write down, tape or record all the details you can recall about the assault and your assailant.



Award,

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the 81st TRW delivered 188,000 meals ready-to-eat and 20,000 gallons of bottled water to coast communities after Katrina.

The wing also donated 55,000 volunteer hours in support of 652 humanitarian relief missions. During the storm, medical center personnel delivered a baby by flashlight, saved two lives and resuscitated six patients.

The wing led a \$950 million hurricane construction recovery effort despite reduced manning.

The wing's efforts also included support apart from

those linked to Katrina.

Numerous 81st TRW personnel deployed on various air expeditionary force rotations filling key positions and vital leadership roles in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom and Joint Task Force Horn of Africa.

The citation reads, "Wing members provided outstanding support for the nation's global war on terrorism, including deployments to support wartime contingencies."

Members assigned to the wing during the dates covered by the recognition are authorized the award, said Eric Gibson, 81st Mission Support Squadron awards and decorations representative.

For more information, call 377-2847.

**A telephone is
an enemy's cheapest agent.**

PERSONNEL NOTES

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

Reserve officers can serve longer

Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON — Air Force Reserve officers, if otherwise eligible, can now stay in the service longer before reaching their mandatory separation age.

The change is a result of provisions in the 2007 National Defense Authorization Act, but eligible officers still have the option of voluntarily separating or retiring before their mandatory age.

In the past, brigadier generals and below had to retire or separate when they reached age 60. Now they can stay until age 62. The age for major generals rose from 62 to 64.

With the approval from the secretary of the Air Force, chaplains and officers in some health professions may remain in an active status until age 67.

Additionally, mandatory separation dates because of years of commissioned service restrictions haven't changed. Unless otherwise continued, lieutenant colonels must separate or retire when reaching 28 years of commissioned service. The limit for colonels is 30 years.

Although the authorization act changed mandatory separation ages, it didn't change when officers become eligible to draw retirement pay. If they meet all other requirements for retirement, they may apply for retired pay upon reaching age 60.

Also unchanged is the requirement for an individual to request approval from the secretary of the Air Force to continue to receive service credit for any service performed once becoming qualified for retired pay, which typically occurs at age 60.

For more information, go to <http://arpc.afrc.af.mil/separations/msd.asp>.

One-stop pay, personnel service

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

Long-term care insurance

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

E-mailing deployed troops

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

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

Updating LeaveWeb

On the first duty day upon returning from leave, military members are required to update LeaveWeb.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Jay McKenzie, 81st Mission Support Squadron superintendent of customer service, 377-5455.

Mailing care packages

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Postal Service and Military Postal Service Agency process mail for troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For more information, call 1-800-275-8777 or visit <http://www.usps.com>.

Air safety starts on turf

By 2nd Lt. Nick Plante

Keesler News staff

Flight safety starts on the ground — to ensure it, the 81st Operations Support Flight controls the airfield perimeter and applies techniques to mitigate potential aircraft mishaps or incidents.

Controlled area warning signs and propane bird-scare cannons surround the perimeter of the airfield.

“Although Keesler’s airfield is not the busiest in the Air Force, personnel from the 81st OSF work to ensure safety is paramount. This includes personnel on the ground not directly involved with the operations of the airfield,” said Capt. Justin Cooper, 81st OSF airfield operations chief.

The controlled movement area prohibits unauthorized traffic within 100 feet of the runway.

The 81st Security Forces Squadron patrols the area and can apprehend those who walk past the mandatory warning signs.

“It’s important for everyone to heed the warning signs and avoid walking in close proximity to the runway. This is a safety hazard during times when an aircraft departs or lands,” Captain Cooper said.

Individuals who enter the area without authorization are detained by 81st SFS patrols, said Master Sgt. Arthur DeBorger, the squadron’s police services noncommissioned officer in charge.

“Personnel who violate the boundaries of the controlled area are liable to be challenged, detained, searched and even apprehended,” he said.

“A military member can be charged with a violation of Article 92 (failure to obey a lawful order or regulation),” he explained. “A civilian can, as a minimum, be issued a Department of Defense Form



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Johnny Blair, 81st OSF deputy airfield manager, performs a maintenance check on the No. 12 propane bird-scare cannon located near the base’s I-81 running track across from the marina. The airfield has 12 cannons located around its perimeter that create a loud sound to scare birds away from the runway.



1805, violation notice, for trespassing. The DD Form 1805 can carry a penalty of a fine or a court appearance before a federal magistrate.”

Along with individual unauthorized entry, kite flying near the airfield is prohibited.

“Kite flying near the airfield can pose a danger to aircraft because the kite can get tangled up in the engines of an aircraft and possibly lead to a mishap,” Captain Cooper said.

A kite did come in contact with an aircraft in 2001, according to Tech. Sgt.

Christopher Solomon, 81st OSF air traffic controller. He was on duty when an inbound aircraft started pitching up and down and dipping its wings.

“When I asked the pilot if he needed any assistance, you could hear the pilot was obviously shaken and said that they just hit a kite,” Sergeant Solomon said.

Fortunately, the kite didn’t cause any serious damage.

Birds flying near the runway are also dangerous.

Surrounding the airfield’s perimeter are 12 propane bird-scare cannons.

“The cannons are used to scare birds away from the runway environment in accordance with the local bird aircraft strike hazard plan,” Captain Cooper said.

“Bird strikes have the potential to cause severe damage, even for very large aircraft like the C-130,” said Lt. Col. David Poage, chief of safety.

The 81st OSF also uses shotguns and pyrotechnics to scare birds.

3 Airmen court-martialed at Keesler during March

Legal office and Keesler News staff

Three Airmen at Keesler were court-martialed in March.

An airman first class in the 335th Training Squadron pleaded guilty to two charges to being absent without leave. He was reduced to airman basic, confined for six months (less credit for 55 days pre-trial confinement) and received a bad conduct discharge.

An airman first class in the 338th TRS pleaded guilty to possession of sexually explicit images of actual minor children or persons indistinguishable from minor children. He was reduced to airman basic, forfeited all pay and allowances, confined for 18 months and received a dishonorable discharge.

A senior airman in the 81st Medical Support Squadron pleaded guilty to cocaine use. He was reduced to airman, forfeited \$900 pay for three months, put on restriction for 45 days, performed hard labor without confinement for 45 days and confined for 45 days.

Brent Richardson, legal office, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

Underage drinking spikes in March

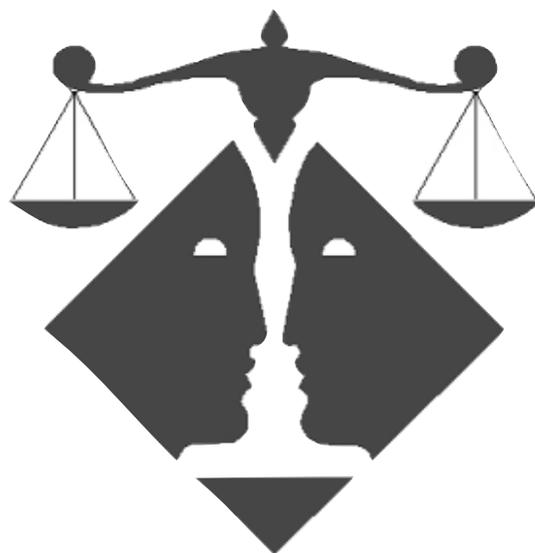
81st Security Forces Squadron and Keesler News staff

A spike in underage drinking offset a slight drop in driving under the influence cases at Keesler in March.

Seven incidents of underage drinking were recorded by 81st Security Forces Squadron officials, compared to five in the two previous months combined.

DUIs dropped from eight in February to six in March, according to 81st SFS records. The year began with six DUIs in January.

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



MILITARY JUSTICE

Alcohol leads to Articles 15

Legal office and Keesler News staff

Fifteen Air Force members at Keesler received Articles 15 for alcohol-related offenses in March.

81st Security Forces Squadron — a staff sergeant was reduced to senior airman for drunk driving.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — a staff sergeant was reduced to senior airman and forfeited \$1,031 pay for two months for drunk driving and wrecking a rental vehicle while on a temporary duty assignment.

332nd Training Squadron — an airman basic received 30 days correctional custody and forfeited \$550 pay for one month for underage drinking.

335th TRS — an airman first class from the 335th TRS received 30 days correctional custody and forfeited \$757 pay for two months for drinking in an off-base hotel while in Phase I training and not returning until after curfew. Two airmen basic received 30 days correctional custody, one forfeited \$500 pay for one month and the other \$650 pay for two months for underage drinking.

336th TRS — an airman basic forfeited \$601 pay for two months for buying alco-

hol for underage airmen. Two airmen basic each received 22 extra duty days, 22 restriction days and forfeited \$601 pay for one month for getting drunk off base in civilian clothes while in Phase II training. A Detachment 2 airman was reduced to airman basic and forfeited \$650 pay for two months for underage drinking and driving his vehicle into a tree on base.

338th TRS — an airman first class was reduced to airman and forfeited \$729 pay for one month for underage drinking. An airman basic received 30 days correctional custody and forfeited \$650 for one month for providing alcohol to minors and having sex in front of two people. An airman basic received 30 days correctional custody and forfeited \$650 pay for one month for underage drinking off base and drunken driving. An airman forfeited \$729 pay for one month for renting a motel room for a party and drinking alcohol. An airman first class received 30 days correctional custody and forfeited \$767 pay for one month for underage drinking.

Brent Richardson, legal office, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

Airman falls prey to 'one-cent deposit' scam

By Staff Sgt. Don Branum

50th Space Wing Public Affairs

SCHRIEVER Air Force Base, Colo. — An Airman assigned to the 50th Mission Support Squadron recently fell victim to a new banking scam against which vigilance is the only defense.

Airman A, whose full name has been withheld for privacy reasons, first noticed the scam when money began disappearing from his account at a local bank.

"I'm not usually the type of person who checks his account balances every day," Airman A said. "I called the bank recently to find out my balance, and the amount in the account was lower than I'd expected."

More specifically, the account balance was \$124.90 less than it should have been. A business named "Equity First" had made the debit. The toll-free number listed on the transaction led to dead ends — none of the options would allow Airman A to speak with a person. So he went online.

"I searched for information, and the result that came up was for a mortgage company," said Airman A, who lives in one of the Schriever Air Force Base Airmen's dormitories on Peterson AFB. He found a

toll-free number on that site and called.

Joanna Thorndyke is an employee at the mortgage company Airman A contacted. Equity 1st Mortgage, based in Wilmington, N.C., isn't the "Equity First" making the withdrawals, but company employees have fielded dozens of complaints since the scam began.

"We've had people calling from all over the country except North Carolina — the only state in which we're licensed to do business," Mrs. Thorndyke said.

She has handled approximately 100 phone calls from scam victims since at least 2006, including five calls she received April 1. In every case, the amount withdrawn was the same: \$124.90.

The scammers apparently generate random routing and account numbers, into which they try to deposit one cent, Mrs. Thorndyke said. Once the one-cent deposit clears, the perpetrators know the account is active and begin to withdraw funds from it.

Based on the call traffic, Mrs. Thorndyke said the withdrawals seemed to take place near the beginning of the month. Some people had only seen a single withdrawal from their accounts. In Airman A's case,

however, the perpetrator had struck several times. His total loss was more than \$600.

"We've contacted everyone we can in our state to clear our name," Ms. Thorndyke said. "We hate that our name's associated with something like this, but we're letting victims know that they need to contact their banks."

Airman A contacted his bank, the Peterson AFB branch of 5-Star Bank. Vickie DuVal, the bank manager, refunded the amounts and recommended Airman A open a new bank account to stop the fraudulent withdrawals.

"This was the first time I'd seen this," Ms. DuVal said.

Because the transfers clear electronically, people aren't asked to verify the transactions. However, they may dispute the transactions once they notice what's happening.

"For Automated Clearing House or ACH transactions, the customer can fill out a dispute form and we can reverse the transaction," Ms. DuVal said.

Airman A recommended people check their accounts frequently. He now checks his balance and transactions daily.

Modifications delay Sablich Center repairs

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Completion of Hurricane Katrina repairs to Sablich Center has become a moving target.

Before the storm, the facility was the heart of Keesler's support activities. Since Katrina, offices and agencies have been scattered at several base locations while damage from storm water intrusion from the roof and windows is repaired.

The \$6.2 million restoration project began almost a year ago and was originally scheduled to be finished April 30. About 60 percent of the work has been done so far, according to Dave Horner of the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron's program management office.

"We're in a holding pattern now awaiting modifications for the project," Mr. Horner explained. "Now we expect to complete the work in mid-summer and open the building for occupancy in September."

Mr. Horner said most of the modifications involve the electrical system.

Safety hats, goggles mandatory for all

People visiting Sablich Center during construction are required to wear hard hats and safety goggles, according to Kyle McCranie from CH2M Hill Construction.

The safety equipment is available in the CH2M Hill office at the east side of the building.

"Right now, Sablich Center is a construction site, not an office building," Mr. McCranie said. "The safety gear is necessary for visitors as well as our own workers."

For more information, call Mr. McCranie, 1-770-335-8319; Tony Green, 1-678-925-6716, or Dave Horner, 297-2715.

Electrical codes have changed several times since the facility was constructed, and upgrading the wiring is a matter of safety and economics.

"We had reports that the system

wasn't sufficient to keep up with the building's growing demands before the storm, so we're upgrading that now," he commented. "Wiring has to be upgraded to support new mission requirements."

Another part of the building modernization effort has been the installation of a fire suppression system throughout the building, which didn't have a sprinkler system before Katrina.

In addition to the electrical improvements, ceiling grid work continues and roof-mounted air handling units remain to be installed.

Mr. Horner added that a TIGER Team representing all of Sablich Center's intended users and operational groups is addressing furniture, requirements and functional needs.

"The team meets every two to three weeks to discuss ongoing challenges so we'll have a complete and up-to-date facility," Mr. Horner stated. "We know people are anxious to be back in the building, and we're working hard to make that happen as soon as possible."

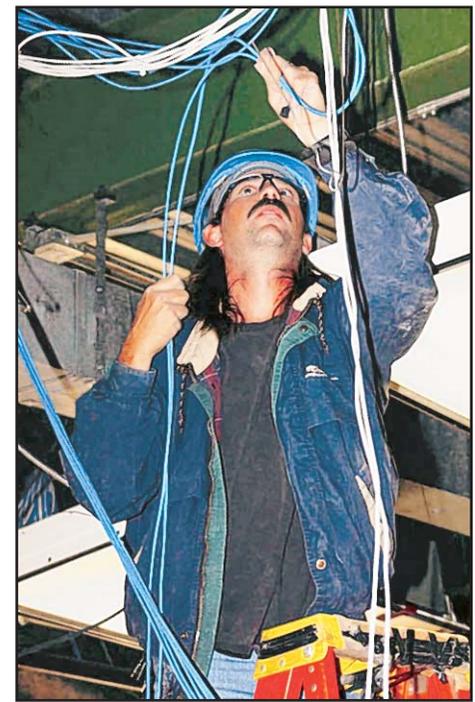


Photo by Kemberly Groue
Lead technician Donald Vincent of Empire Integrated Services of San Antonio pulls wiring for phone and data systems in Sablich Center.

Shaking baby can cause death, injury

**American Forces Press Service
and Keesler News staff**

Keesler's family advocacy office is part of a new Defense Department initiative aimed at combating "shaken baby syndrome."

Frustrated parents can react to their baby's cries by shaking the child, an act that can harm or kill, explained David Lloyd, DOD's family advocacy program director.

Injuries can range from death to skull fractures, blindness, learning disabilities and stunted growth.

DOD and the National Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome provided 400 information kits containing compact disks, pamphlets, posters and other material last month to installation family advocacy programs, medical facilities and National Guard state family programs.

Resources have been put to good use this month during Keesler's observance of Child Abuse Awareness Month, according to Paula Tracy, family advocacy outreach manager.

"We hosted a 'lunch and learn' and set up a display in Keesler Medical Center with information about shaken baby syndrome prevention," Ms. Tracy said. "We also used materials for this month's display at McBride Library."

DOD says 10 to 20 infant deaths across the military community are attributed to shaken baby syndrome each year. Fathers and other males are responsible for 70 percent of shaken-baby cases.

The family advocacy office holds classes to help with parenting challenges, including "123 Magic," which focuses on effective discipline without losing control, and "Dads 101," a class for dads by dads, which targets basic child care skills and coping techniques.

For questions about shaken baby syndrome, call 1-800-342-9647, and for class information, call 376-3457.

Gerry Gilmore, American Forces Press Service, and Susan Griggs, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.



Bay Ridge celebrates springtime

Photos by Maj. Aldwin Estrellado

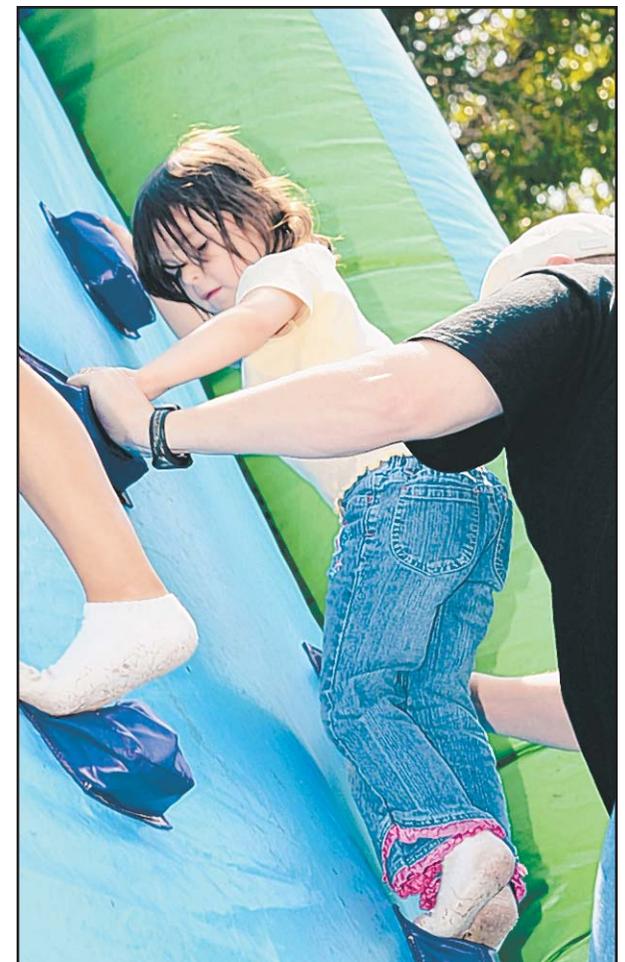
First Lt. Daniel Trimmell, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron, helps his 2-year-old daughter, Teresa, enjoy corn on the cob at Friday's Bay Ridge block party.



Col. Leon Kundrotas, 81st Medical Operations Squadron commander, mans the grill. Free food was provided.



Seven-year-old Claire Capasso enjoys a romp inside a space walk. Her parents are Brig. Gen. Paul and Laura Capasso. He's the 81st Training Wing commander.



Arianna Miller, 4, daughter of Lt. Col. Richard and Yolany Miller, climbs the slide. The colonel is the 334th Training Squadron commander.

Air Force leaders bolster warrior mindset

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Whether it's the recent changes to basic military training, continual preparation for deployments, engaging in combat or new and better uniforms, Air Force leaders are instilling a warrior mindset in Airmen.

Origins

That warrior ethos — the foundation of what it means to be an Airman — traces its roots to the era when the Air Force first became an independent service. Since the days when bombers and fighters first soared into the wild blue yonder, Airmen have trained for or engaged in combat.

"The warrior ethos has always been a part of an Airman's character, but some people may have lost sight of it," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley. "This warrior ethos exhibits a hardiness of spirit, and moral and physical courage."

From heritage ...

Understanding history is key to seeing the warrior ethos in Airmen today, he said.

"If we don't understand our history, we cannot understand the warfighting contribution that we make," General Moseley said. "During World War II, more 8th Air Force Airmen died than the total number of Marines killed in the war, and today a few people look at us as sideline watchers.

"In World War II, it took hundreds of bombers to drop hundreds of thousands of bombs on a city, flying into harm's way with a realization that the aircraft may not return," he explained. "Today, with the air supremacy we provide and the technology we use, we are far more lethal and effective."

The world and warfare have changed in the last 40 years, and the Air Force has adapted and changed with it, he said.

"The role of the Air Force has expanded with the new domains in which we fly and fight," General Moseley said. "Precision air strikes against the enemy save American and



Illustration by Mike Carabajal

coalition lives. Taking out a target with a precision-guided missile or bomb, versus sending troops in to take out the same target, saves valuable ground forces. We own the air that provides ground forces a measure of safety.

"Our Airmen use innovative measures to carry out the Air Force's mission," he continued. "Our Airmen bring more to the fight today than ever in Air Force history, but we do it in a way that puts our people in less danger."

The Air Force has been in combat operations for more than 16 years, never leaving Iraqi airspace after Operation Desert Storm, and has provided continuous air superiority over that region. Airmen perform missions in the air, on the ground, in space and cyberspace that sometimes may be overlooked by the casual observer, General Moseley said.

... to horizons

Airmen "exemplify the warrior ethos in every Air Force specialty" by deploying to the corners of the Earth in support of the Air Force mission: to fly and fight in air, space and cyberspace.

Battlefield Airmen deliver expertise in ground combat environments.

Space Airmen use surveillance and Global Positioning

System technology to enhance warfighting capabilities.

Operations Airmen carry out strategic air strikes, maintain the air bridge by moving millions of tons of cargo and thousands of personnel into and out of the area of responsibility, and deliver fuel to the fight, all with aging equipment, he said.

Importance of Airmen

"Sometimes we make it look easy, and some people ask why we need better aircraft when we make it look easy," General Moseley said. "It's really a compliment to our Airmen. Everything we accomplish revolves around educated, innovative and disciplined Airmen operating technology.

"Our Airmen's mission is global. Through our space assets we can see anything on the earth, we can conduct surveillance, we can fly there, we can hold an area at risk, and with command and control we can access situations and we can bring arms to bear if need be."

The warrior ethos is also tied to the Air Force priorities: fighting and winning the war on terrorism developing and caring for Airmen, and recapitalizing and modernizing aging aircraft and space inventories.

"I'm frustrated that we have to fly missions using air-

craft that were first delivered to us 40 or 50 years ago," General Moseley said. "So, I'm concerned about our crews flying missions in these airplanes 15 minutes from now and what they'll be flying in 15 years from now. They deserve the best equipment we can get our hands on to win our nation's wars."

General Moseley emphasized that recapitalization is about dissuading and deterring an enemy from starting the next war, as well as training Airmen for the future.

Best resources

"We need to ensure that our Airmen have the best training and best equipment today and in 2020 to deter any enemy force from wanting to fight us," he said. "It is not about the machine, but about the desired effect to deter and dissuade. The point of having a far superior Air Force is to deter anyone from engaging us in combat because they know they will lose.

"If we cannot train the way we fight due to budgetary constraints or aging equipment, this can degrade the Air Force's operational and combat capability," he continued. "We have to be able to pull the trigger in training to ensure we can do it in combat."

Combat focus

Some of the ways the Air Force is trying to reinforce the warrior foundation include:

The Air Force Academy, officer training school and basic military training have incorporated more warfighting skills training.

In-lieu-of training prepares Airmen for combat environments, supporting requirements where Airmen deploy to assist Army personnel.

A distinctive airman battle uniform has been designed to help Airmen survive and win on the battlefield.

The "heritage jacket" has been developed as a new service dress uniform with a distinctive military design honoring Air Force heritage.

The Air Force Memorial was dedicated as a permanent reminder of Airmen's courage, valor and sacrifice.

An Airman's Creed is being created to reinforce an Airman's service and conduct, fueled by a warrior ethos aimed at serving and defending the country, the Constitution and the people.

Deployment history has been added to the officer selection brief, reinforcing the service's expeditionary nature.

Physical fitness blocks have been added to enlisted and officer performance reports stressing the importance of physical readiness.

The Core Values Handbook is being revised to include aspects of courage, valor and sacrifice.

"Airmen's Perspective" is being added to Air Force basic doctrine, clarifying the warrior concept.

An Air Force Combat Action Medal is being created to recognize Airmen who performed honorably in combat.

60th anniversary project

Preserving personal history through reunions

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force history officials are launching a new program to help unite Airmen, past and present, commemorate and preserve their shared heritage.

During this year, in conjunction with the 60th anniversary of the Air Force, history office staff members are reaching out to those involved in various missions who want to connect with their former teammates.

“Many of our veterans are involved in military organizations that center on a particular airframe or unit, but often, people involved in long-lasting missions have never met because they may come from various career fields, units, or eras,” said Brig. Gen. Janet Therianos, director of the Air Force 60th Anniversary task force.

“We want to help bring these Airmen together so they can exchange stories and preserve a legacy that may otherwise disappear,” General Therianos said. “Without our Airmen to carry on our heritage to the next generation, the personal as-



Illustration by Mike Carabajal

The Air Force History Office is launching a new program to help unite Airmen, past and present, to commemorate and preserve their shared heritage.

pect of our history may be lost.”

Many veteran and military organizations already exist, but history office officials want to help Airmen begin some new associations and traditions, with a greater focus on the people involved in a mission. Through this project, they hope to assist veterans in forming lasting relationships and foster an interest in jointly preserving their heritage.

The reunion project is focused on encouraging the

formation of new associations. History officials hope to facilitate a series of reunions for these new associations, by connecting them with existing, established organizations to serve as mentors and by offering assistance with finding and utilizing Air Force resources to help make their first reunion a success.

The wide range of this project provides a challenge for the history staff. The targeted groups may have

never met their “teammates.”

One of the groups officials are interested in establishing focuses on any member who was involved in a mission that flew for more than 24 hours.

“That means we will be contacting and bringing together Airmen who served in different units, different airframes — even different decades,” said General Therianos. “But we hope the shared experiences of such a group will ignite a desire to maintain relationships across this diverse team and work toward the preservation of a history unique to their personal accounts.”

History officials are interested in anyone who was involved in a flight lasting more than 24 hours or anyone involved in Operation Senior Surprise (also known as Secret Squirrel), Operation El Dorado Canyon or Operation Deep Freeze.

Anyone involved in any of these missions or who knows someone who was, may call Capt. Laura Yardley, DSN 754-2175, commercial 1-202-404-2175, or email laura.yardley@pentagon.af.mil.



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MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Air Force

April 24, 1978 — The first production F-4G Wild Weasel electronic warfare aircraft was delivered to the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing, George Air Force Base, Calif.

Air Education and Training Command

April 1, 1972 — The Community College of the Air Force was established at Randolph AFB, Texas.

Keesler

April 24, 1977 — The base hosted its first Special Olympics and drew 350 participants.



Major Saunders-Goldson

Keesler nurse honored

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Maj. Sherri Saunders-Goldson has been named a 2007 Fellow of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

The major is a women's health nurse practitioner with the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron's women's health clinic.

The notification of her selection said, "The purpose of the FAANP Program is to recognize nurse practitioners who have made outstanding contributions to health care through clinical practice, research, education and/or health policy.

"It also provides a forum to extend and enhance efforts to mentor and facilitate leadership development of NPs."

The Danville, Va., native has been in the Air Force 20 years and has been assigned at Keesler since June 2005.

Major Saunders-Goldson's research interest is exploring the health disparities and disease prevention of related women's health issues among underserved populations.

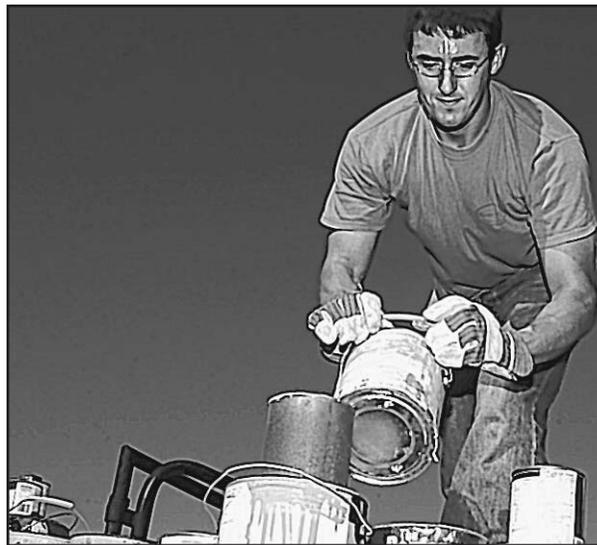


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Britt Hubbard, left, Mississippi Forestry Commission, and Lt. Col. Ray Mottley, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron commander, hold Keesler's Tree City flag as Col. Rodney Croslen, 81st Mission Support Group commander, plants an oak tree held by George Daniel, 81st CES natural/cultural resource manager. Mr. Hubbard, the commission's Hurricane Katrina urban forest coordinator, recognized Keesler for being named a Tree City for the 14th consecutive year by the National Arbor Day Foundation. In the past nine months, 2,063 trees have been planted on the main base, equaling the number lost during Hurricane Katrina.

Base observes Earth-Arbor Day

Technician Brad Smith from Complete Environmental Co. of Purvis, Miss., sorts hazardous products turned in at the semi-annual hazardous household waste collection day held as part of Keesler's Earth-Arbor Day events April 19. Storm water pollution information was also distributed.



KEESLER NOTES

Art auction

The Keesler Spouses Club holds a fine art auction, 5:30 p.m. Saturday 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 Friday, go to <http://www.keeslerspousesclub.com> or call 377-3217.

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.

Entrance closed

Due to construction delays, Keesler Medical Center's A-Tower entrance is closed until early July.

Airmen's Attic

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

Donated household items in

good to excellent condition 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, or leave a message at 377-3814.

Benefit car wash

A car wash sponsored by the combat weather team course is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the Wal-Mart parking lot in D'Iberville.

Donations are accepted.

All proceeds go to the Virginia Tech Memorial Fund.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Players, fans rise up as playoffs wind down

By Tech. Sgt. Chuck Marsh
Keesler News staff

With six minutes left in a close game Monday, fans found reason to leap to their feet as the alley-oop dunk, worthy of ESPN footage, added two points to the 81st Training Group score.

The game ended with 81st TRG pulling away from the 338th Training Squadron, clocking a 42-31 victory.

As soon as the buzzer sounded for the later game, the offenses for both the 81st Medical Group and 81st Civil Engineer Squadron took charge. In an almost tennis-like way, fans strained their necks from left to right following the players' moves faster than they could count the points.

The shootout ended with 81st MDG victors over 81st CES, 64-62.

The night's first game saw the 81st Supply-Transportation Squadron whipping 336th TRS, 53-44.

Games like these three are the main reason fans come out to support the sport.

"I'm Keesler's No. 1 intramural basketball fan," said Kenjir Bowen, 81st Dental Squadron. "I know a lot of people on a lot of different teams, so I try to make it out to the games every night."

With a championship on the line, teams have stepped

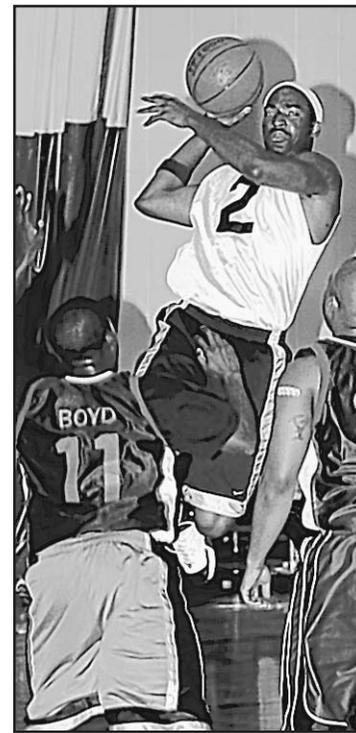


Photo by Kemberly Groue
Kwamina Boyd, left, and Yderian Grimes, 81st MDG, try to block a leaping Michael Lewis, 81st TRG, from completing a pass. The trainers handed 81st MDG their first loss of the double-elimination tournament, 40-37.

up their play, trying hard not to be the team with the loss at the end of the 36 minutes. Winning is essential in the double-elimination tournament.

"The tourney is living up to what I thought with the competitiveness showing," said Laurence Wilson, sports coordinator. "A lot of teams are coming into this even and the two top teams (81st MDG and 81st CES) were beaten early."

In the end, Wilson thinks the season has gone great, thanks mainly to the folks on the court and the fans in the stands.

"We had a few bumps along the way, but it was easy to see these players just came out here to be a part of the game," he said. "They like the competition because it's very even. No one team has stood out — they've all been playing well. It's been a great experience and even more enjoyable for me to see many folks have brought their families out to support them."

The feeling was echoed by the season's No. 1 fan and self-proclaimed No. 1 heckler.

"Overall, I think the season was good," said Bowen. "But I wish the regular season had been a bit longer. In the end, I'm definitely glad it's back."

The championship game is slated for Monday, with the possibility of extending to Tuesday.

For April 19 scores, see page 24.

For more information on intramural sports, call Wilson, 377-2444.

Keesler gives paintball a shot

By 2nd Lt. Nick Plante
Keesler News staff

Outdoor recreation opened a paintball course April 6 to all military identification card holders.

"The purpose of the course is adventure and entertainment," said Rick Randall, outdoor recreation supervisor.

"The type of course we have is called a speed course," Mr. Randall said. "There are bunkers throughout the playing area used for positioning and advancing on opponents."

Open play is available 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. compressed work



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Matthew Hyson, 81st Services Division, takes aim against an opponent April 20 on the new paintball course.

schedule Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Reservation play is 1-3 p.m.

Players ages 10-17 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

An open play daily rental package costs \$27 and

includes a paintball gun, compressed oxygen tank, goggles, vest and 500 rounds of paint balls. Field fee for players with their own equipment is \$15.

For more information, call 377-0002.

SCORES AND MORE

Basketball

Intramural playoffs

April 19 — 81st Training Group 40, 81st Medical Group 37; 81st Civil Engineer Squadron 52, 81st Dental Squadron 40.

Bowling

League standings

Monday Night Budweiser (as of April 16)

Team	Won	Lost
Man On!	72	33
Slater's Shooters	63	42
Perry's Refrigeration	62	43
Bam! Bam! Bam!	61	44
Martini's	56	49
Wayne's World	53	52
Spare Time Pro Shop	52	53
Hoop's Gang	51	54
Our Gang	42	63
Gannon's Cannons	42	63
Endangered Species	40	65
Wicked Women	36	69

Tuesday Night Hospital (as of April 10)

Team	Won	Lost
Team 7	64	24
Dirty O's	62	26
Team 5	56	32
Scrubs	54	34
Team 1	50	38
Team 2	50	38
The Big O	46	42
Spare Ballz	34	54
Juggernauts	8	80
Team 10	8	80

Wednesday Night Mixed (as of April 18)

Team	Won	Lost
JSOT-B	91	35
MUDD	76	50
70's Plus	70	56
WEJUSWANAHAVFUN	69	57
Go Getters	69	57
Misfits	67	59
Select Few	66	60
Bowling Express	65	61
Whatever It Is	60	66
Beef O'Brady's 1	54	72
David's Rejects	54	72

Thursday Retired Seniors Mixed (as of April 19)

Team	Won	Lost
Three's Company	78	48
The Big O's	75.5	50.5
RBL	75	51
Team 7	73	53
Team 18	72	54
Team 8	69	57
Groovy 3	64	62
B-I-F	63.5	62.5
The Oreos	62	64
Team 11	61	65
Team 5	61	65
Stars and Strikes	60	66
TIMEX	60	66
FAST	59.5	66.5
Team 17	59.5	66.5
WWD	58	68
Team 1	49	77
Barb's Boys	34	92

Thursday Night Federal (as of April 19)

Team	Won	Lost
332th TRS-A	80	40

Basketball

Falcons promote assistant coach

Air Force News Service

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Jeff Reynolds, an assistant coach for the Air Force Academy men's basketball team the past two years, has been named head coach of the Falcons.

Reynolds, the seventh head coach in program history and the fourth in the last five years, signed a five-year contract. Terms of the contract weren't disclosed.

He succeeds Jeff Bzdelik, who resigned April 3 to become head coach at the University of Colorado.

"Jeff Reynolds has a distinguished record as an assistant and head coach and has been honored at every level," said Hans Mueh, academy athletic director.

During his two seasons as an assistant, Reynolds helped guide Air Force to its two most successful campaigns ever. In 2005-06, the Falcons were 24-7, the best record in program history, and played in the NCAA tournament for just the fourth time ever. Last season, Air Force posted a 26-9 record, setting a school record for most victories in one season and advanced to the semifinals of the National Invitation Tournament.

"I want to thank the administration for

thinking enough of me to allow me to direct this basketball program," said Reynolds. "Directing this basketball program is a once in a lifetime opportunity."

Reynolds, 50, came to the academy after serving as an assistant coach at Tulane for five seasons. He was the head coach for three seasons at Division II Wingate, N.C., where his 1999-2000 team led the nation in scoring defense and posted an impressive 26-4 record, closing the year with a final national ranking of No. 7 and a spot in the NCAA tournament. A 23-6 mark in 1998-99 earned Wingate its first NCAA tournament bid and first national ranking, and a 23-6 mark. He was South Atlantic Conference coach of the year.

Reynolds was the top assistant at his alma mater, UNC-Greensboro, 1995-97, and at UNC-Wilmington, 1990-94.

He began his coaching career at James Madison University as a part-time assistant in 1981. He went on to Division II power Randolph-Macon College, which reeled off three straight NCAA tournament appearances. He logged one year as head coach at North Carolina Wesleyan before moving on to Winthrop College for four years.

85th EIS-B	76	44
85th EIS-A	74	46
332nd TRS-B	70	50
333rd TRS-A	70	50
81st TRSS-A	68	52
81st CES Lite Crew	64	56
SVS Misfits-A	60	60
335th TRS-A	58	62
CPTS 5 and Dimes	54	66
81st MSS-A	48	64
338th TRS-A	46	74
81st DS Dental Demons	44	76
333rd TRS-B	36	84

Friday Night (as of Friday)

Team	Won	Lost
Sandbaggers	81	45
We'll Think of a Name	73	53
That Won Team	67.5	58.5
Team 6	67	59
We Don't Have a Name	65.5	60.5
Beef O'Brady's	65	61
Team 12	61	65
Harry's Team	60	66
Pin Pals	60	66
I Don't Care	59	67
Bringing Up the Reer	52	74
Team 3	45	81

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.

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 sign-up. 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 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

Training clinics — for runners 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, health and wellness center. Choose which clinic is most convenient.

For more information, call 377-8380.

Spring Fling 5-kilometer run-walk — 11 a.m. May 10, Blake Fitness Center.

Softball

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

Special Olympics

Volunteers are needed for the nerve center, cooking, set-up, water and ice, take-down, cheerers, concessions and other areas during the Mississippi Special Olympics Summer Games, hosted by Keesler May 16-18.

To volunteer, call 377-1676 and leave contact information.

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 Friday, ages 6 and up. \$25 members, \$30 nonmembers.

Coaches needed; call 377-3349.

DIGEST

GRADUATIONS

Community College of the Air Force

2nd Air Force — Staff Sgt. Chiquita Green.
81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron — Staff Sgts. David Banks II and Lecia Hankinson.
81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Senior Airman Abel Silva; Staff Sgts. Jeffery Cardinal and Jason Haddock; Tech. Sgt. Michael Johnson; Master Sgts. Lonnie Bacon and Jacob Peetz.
81st Communications Squadron — Senior Airmen Jeremy Jeffcoat and Kenneth Woltz; Staff Sgts. Christopher Ross and Charles Woolfe; Tech. Sgt. Shawnni Morris.
81st Comptroller Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Thomas Wallace.
81st Dental Squadron — Staff Sgt. Shannon Bryington.
81st Inpatient Support Squadron — Senior Airman Vivianne Jean-Pierre.
81st Medical Operations Squadron — Senior Airmen Zarah Alvarez-Costeno, Hedieh Hemati-Garakani and Katrina Lockhart; Master Sgt. Angelo Plaza.
81st Medical Support Squadron — Airmen 1st Class Yegor Goodyrev Van Dyke and Aaron Gunn; Senior Airman Elizabeth Eddy; Staff Sgt. Adrian Jackson.
81st Mission Support Group — Staff Sgt. Michael DeGuzman.
81st Mission Support Squadron — Staff Sgt. Tammy Williams; Tech. Sgt. Susan Tennant.
81st Security Forces Squadron — Staff Sgt. Travis French; Tech. Sgt. Leonard Ordenez.
81st Supply Squadron — Staff Sgts. Erin Everhardt and Kimberly Langley; Tech. Sgt. Lewis Hansen.
81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Senior Airman Garam Heo.
81st Transportation Squadron — Staff Sgt. Amanda Valentine; Tech. Sgt. Jesus Gelacio.
81st Training Support Squadron — Senior Airman Nathan Olsen; Staff Sgt. Cherie Trosclair.
81st Training Wing — Staff Sgt. Lashundra Nesmith, Master Sgts. Katherine Hataway and Lorne Ryland.
815th Airlift Squadron — Staff Sgt. Stephen Pettross; Tech. Sgt. Thomas Faison.
85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Senior Airman Kathryn Hernandez.
332nd Training Squadron — Staff Sgts. Dale Franklin, James Malone and Kenneth Parker; Master Sgts. Alton Breeden and Jason Harrell.
333rd TRS — Staff Sgts. Christopher Bouker, Lashundra Burgess, Christopher Deakle, Shane Perez and Deanna Smith; Petty Officer 1st Class Rebecca Stidam; Tech. Sgts. Jason Motte, Ivan Smith and George Thompson; Master Sgt. Sidney Hataway.
334th TRS — Senior Airman Jennifer Hickey; Staff Sgts. Peter

Antcliff, Paul Cummings, James Depaolo, Dasima Early, David Hopper Jr., Robert Lupton, Michael May and Gregory Washington Jr.; Tech. Sgts. Jose Espola-Negron, Bobby Hughes, Jonas Paterno, Tracy Truman and John Wylie III; Master Sgt. David Naker.

335th TRS — Staff Sgts. Pamela Abshire, Veronica Bird, Matthew Brown, Nicky Brown, Barney Burr, Mindy Dahl, Michael Garrett, Barney Roberts and Jodi Schmidt; Tech. Sgts. Travis Armstrong, Richard Lopez and Mandy Williams; Master Sgt. Stevie Hinton.

336th TRS — Senior Airman Dustin Beach, Terri Dizon, Jennifer Koehler, Jonathan McCullar, Ariesus Preston, Joanne Simmons, Sarah Smith and Chad Williams; Tech. Sgts. Melinda Fletcher, Matthew Land, Edgar Lopez-Barreto and John Obermark; Master Sgt. Tom Banger.

338th TRS — Senior Airmen Michael Burton, Jesse Campbell, Jason Hanafin, James McCarroll and Tobiah Walter; Staff Sgts. Nickole Arbuckle, Ryan Cote, James Ebbs, Troy Grimes, Christopher Guertin, Omar Hikary, Shane Jackson, Jonathon Murray, Richard Oliver Jr., Ramsey Orr, Christopher Rogers, Adrian Sevilla, Henry Sims Jr., Jack Smith Jr., Jamee Stewart, Christopher Stokes, Jason Sugg and Kevin Young; Tech. Sgts. Jay Horton, Homero Solis Jr. and Jeffrey Thompson; Master Sgts. Kenneth Kennedy and Randy Logan.

366th TRS — Staff Sgt. Thomas Chesnes, Benjamin Johnson and Chad Shaw; Tech. Sgt. Chad Alderson; Senior Master Sgt. Curtis Jennings.

403rd Wing — Airman 1st Class Cornealious McSwain; Senior Airmen Steven Connors and Christopher Hatt; Staff Sgt. Anthony Pittman; Tech. Sgts. Darrell Burch, Thomas Lassabe, Anthony Stewart and Xavier Coronel; Master Sgts. Gary Gray, Patricia Joshaway and Chad Vineyard; Senior Master Sgts. Bernell Nevil and Sheila Richard.

Keesler NCO Academy — Tech. Sgt. Steven Bussard; Master Sgt. Celeste Jones.

Other — Tech. Sgt. Keith Rhodes.

HONORS

Quarterly awards, January-March

81st Training Group

Airman — Senior Airman Joy Baker, 81st Training Support Squadron.

Noncommissioned officer — Staff Sgt. Daniel Wilburn, 338th Training Squadron.

Senior NCO — Master Sgt. Andrew Weldon, 332nd TRS.

Company grade officer — Capt. Michael Zink, 332nd TRS.

Entry-level civilian — Amy Dye, 335th TRS.

Intermediate-level civilian — Chip Wurslin, 333rd TRS.

Senior-level civilian — Jonathan McNelis, 333rd TRS.

Airman instructor — Senior Airman Nancy Rahmaan, 334th TRS.

NCO instructor — Tech. Sgt. Gerald Schlais Jr., 333rd TRS.

Senior NCO instructor — Master Sgt. Krista Landreneau, 335th TRS.

Officer instructor — Capt. Peter Smith, 335th TRS.

Civilian instructor — Peter Leidig, 335th TRS.

Military training leader — Staff Sgt. Dresden Sloan, 335th TRS.

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic William Austin, Bryan Avis, Gregory Best, Matthew Boorman, Phillip Buchsbaum, Trey Clontz, Kenny Sequerira-Dasilva, Andrew Doman, Andrew Dorado, Jonathan Edwards, Ronald Escandon, Ramon Grijalva, Nichole Hartley, Joshua Hettinger, Jackson Huang, Daniel Keeney, Joshua Klapak, Rocky Lewis, Kyle Martin, Cesar Molina, Eric Romero, Edward Schaeffer, Ryan Shea, Joshua Stanford, Joel Tetreault, Bryan Figueroa-Terrero, Nathan Thomas, Andrew Turner, Steven Watson, Kevin Wiese and Richard Witt; Airmen Marc Alexander, James Anderson, Benjamin Cheek, Gregory Jas, Theodore Muenster, Charles Scholle and Andrew Wilkerson; Airmen 1st Class Anneice Allen, Richard Cook, Douglas Cox, Brandon Fissette, Issac Gallard, Nicklaos Giannopoulos, Denis Gotthelf, Joshua Hoffman, James Johnson, Vernon Knox, David Oakley, Vincent Swider, Rafael Vazquez-Diaz, Aaron Wasden and Tatton White; Senior Airmen Jeremy Bork and Michelle Smith; Staff Sgts. Daniel Bailey, Robert Butler, Lesley Carhart, John Cleland, Jeffrey Geiger, Rodrick Greene, Daniel Hall, Robert

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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

Sunday Mass

Triangle Chapel9 a.m.

Daily Mass

Medical Center Chapel.....11:15 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Protestant

Sunday worship

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

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

Triangle Chapel gospel service.....Noon

Islamic

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

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

Latter-Day Saints

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

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Higgins, Brent Hollar, William Hutto, Javier Quintero, James Quiroz, Joseph Schescke and Todd Williams; Tech. Sgts. Bodie Peterson, Richard Potes and Joshua Sutfin; Master Sgt. Robert Edgren; Senior Master Sgt. Minkyu Kim.

Metrology course — Airmen Basic Randy Agee and Matthew Williams; Airmen Matthew Foster and Nathaniel Maidel; Airman 1st Class Tony Morris.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Dustin Brindley, Ryan Chase, Jonathan Clough, Carrie Durbin, Jacob Harvey, Michelle Hill and Daniel Roe; Airmen 1st Class Jesse Barney, Kathryn Dillon, Nathan Hanson, Joseph Lipske, Brent Spotts and Sarah Titone; Senior Airman Jason Herr; Staff Sgts. Estevan Bateman, William Beglund, Deanna Carter, Clinton Dykes, Peter Hablitzel, Roderick Mance, Lemario McPhaul, Andres Montoya and Shannon Vital; Tech. Sgt. Beau McCoy.

Command post apprentice course — Airmen Basic Rebecca Barton, Heather Bosh, Sasha Duban and Benjamin Guyton; Airmen 1st Class Michelle Blanford and Richard Galarza; Senior Airman Monique Hipp; Staff Sgt. Joshua Connery; Master Sgt. Claudette Flathmann.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Jacqueline Barnett, Kevin Briggs, Michelle Garcia, Teresa Jordan, Joshua Kronwall, James Lewis, Lioeni Mouna, Ashley Novak, Jeffrey Polser, Natalie Smith, Geoffrey White and Allen Williams; Airmen Malissa Deleon and Kacy Lebo; Airmen 1st Class Jessy Babcock, Loni Fields, Benjamin Forrest, Flavia Grey, Laprincess Golphin, Brian Harding, Tameka Mann, Jared Martin, Kashia Morse, George Wolf and Anna Zyska; Senior Airman Benjamin Blackford; Staff Sgts. Dawne Crichlow and Trisha Nelson; Tech. Sgts. Heather Arnold, Terry Dobbs, Justin Hole and Kevin Nichols.

Personnel training flight — Airman Basic Nikko McGee; Airman 1st Class Erica Brauer; Senior Airman Olivia Johnson and Oundra Scott; Staff Sgts. David Deniger and Michael Smith; Paul Potwora.

Weather training flight — Airman Basic Jinny Liechti; Airman Teena Robinson; Navy Airman Apprentice Jason Williams; Marine Pfc. John Curran and Joseph Wright; Airmen 1st Class Jarod Bjork, Nicholas Krauss, Joshua Thorn, Warner Watkins and James Wilson; Marine Sgts. Her-mann Kruppa and Esmeralda Ortega; Tech. Sgts. Anthony Brown, Kenneth Eberman and Shaun Erickson.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airman Basic Cody Vore; Airmen 1st Class Martin Evans, Kevin Flanagan, Joseph Hill, Brandon Johns, Elizabeth Kerber, Jason Plante, Farris Skaff and Jeremy Twidt; Senior Airman 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.

Communications and information management flight — Airmen Basic Joshua Bauman, Rebecca Hanson, Tasha Holmes, Mequanint Kassa, Charles Lee, Jerry Nong, Brittany Nussbaum and Christopher Toney; Airman Paul Adams; Airmen 1st Class Arthur Buck, Ji Dae, Jaysiel Garcia, Anthony Martin, David Peek, Everette Pennington, James Shuckenbrock and Jay Vanvraken; Senior Airman Bren Calpin; Staff Sgts. Kenneth Braden, Zaira

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.

For more information, call 896-8080.

Doumerc, Amiee Dunn, Micki Erdelac, Christopher Kerens, Jeffrey Melson, Maynard Peregoy, Staff Sgts. Heather Schaffer and Johnny Stewart; Tech. Sgts. Dennis Brogan and Kent Harms; Senior Master Sgt. Michael Maggiacomo.

338th TRS

Computer, network, cryptographic and switching systems course — Airmen Basic John Clemenson, Rachel Gabbard, Victor Gutierrez, Robert Jepson, Mark Remien, Alex Sielaff, Justin Stack, Andrew Steeves and Nolan Wemett; Airmen Justin Benton, Michael Garner and Ryan Scott; Airmen 1st Class Richard Anderson, Nathan Beer, Jarhid Brown, Christopher Claiborne, Jake Ferroni, Charles Fine, Steven Kulak, Michael Lanning, Clyde Louchez, Alicia Lye, Colin Mayo, Cody McGee, Kevin Mize, George Monroe, Travis Morrison, Scott Ordway, Steven Scogin, Thomas Taylor, Jonathan Tuite, Erish Vega-Viera and Austin Weltha; Senior Airmen Brad Bishop, Aaron Carroll, Richard Charles, Gregory Garcia, Brian Lord, Lorenzo Miller, Michael Nownczyk, Leo Pollack and Regis Williams; Staff Sgts. Irving Brace, Greg Brigham, Nathaniel Bohn, Chunming Dai, Bradford Drake, Tom Flores, Darwin Grossman, Gregory Hiltbrunner, Joshua McLaughlin, Jack Munda, Kendra Norris, Bradin Peasley, James Selig, Joel Slaughter, Jonathan Smith and Micah Weeks.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 07-4 — graduation May 24.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 07-4 — graduation May 24.

American Red Cross

Hurricane assistance training — May 18-20, Mississippi State University Coastal Research and Extension Center, 1815 Poppo Ferry Road, Biloxi. Training designed for people interested in volunteering in their community during hurricane season and other potential disasters. For more information, call 896-4511 or e-mail apierini@redcross-msgc.com or pdesandre@redcross-msgc.com.

Arts and crafts center

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

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

Beginning pottery — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. \$40 including 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.

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

Auto hobby shop

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

Chapel

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

Protestant Sunday school — 9:15-10:15 a.m. for infants, children, teens and adults.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Friday night youth teens — call 377-2520.

Family advocacy

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

1-2-3 Magic — four-class program for effective parenting and discipline of children ages 2-12, 3:30-5 p.m. May 9, 16, 23 and 30, Keesler Medical Center's 1-D life skills classroom. Participants learn discipline without arguing, yelling or spanking; how to control

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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 — fried chicken, cajun baked fish, jalapeno cornbread, barbecue ribs, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, okra and tomato gumbo, fried cabbage, cole slaw, garden cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

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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obnoxious behavior; how to handle six kinds of testing and manipulation; five tactics for encouraging good behavior; what to do about bedtime, messy rooms, lying, chores, homework and other issues, and how to strengthen relationship with your child. For registration and enrollment information, call 376-3457.

McBride Library

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

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.

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.

TRAIL Keystone Club meeting — 10 a.m. Friday, ages 13-17.

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

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. May 3, June 14, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6, in Room 151, old Cody Hall. To pre-register or for more information, call 377-2179.

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

Employment opportunities

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

MEETINGS

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

Upcoming

Weight Watchers — base group suspended after Hurricane Katrina is trying to reorganize. For more information, call Karen Forney, 376-3092, or Genny Friesner, 392-4756.

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.

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

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

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 off-

set. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Justin Meyer, 377-4149 or 324-5806, or e-mail justin.meyer2@keesler.af.mil.

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

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

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

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

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

Top III — 7 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.

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., Dead Silence (R, 89 minutes).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Premonition (PG-13, 96 minutes); 6:30 p.m., 300 (R, 117 minutes).

Sunday — 2 p.m., Zodiac (R, 158 minutes).

Cancellation

Joey and Maria's Family Reunion dinner theater — scheduled for Friday at Blake Fitness Center has been cancelled. Ticket holders may pick up a refund at Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call 377-3308.

May weather outlook

May is a transition month from spring to summer and usually one of the most pleasant months of the year. Frontal passages are less frequent, and there is less fog, stratus and precipitation than any other spring month. When fog restricts flying operations, it's usually at or near sunrise. The number of days with thunderstorms increases slightly and most precipitation comes from rain showers or thunderstorms. The prevailing wind is southerly. Temperatures are warmer than in April and nighttime temperatures rarely go below 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

Extreme maximum temperature (F).....97

Mean daily maximum temperature (F).....82

Mean daily minimum temperature (F).....69

Extreme minimum temperature (F).....48

Mean relative humidity (percent).....72

Mean monthly precipitation (inches).....4.72

Mean number of days with precipitation.....7

Mean number of days with thunderstorms.....8

Maximum 24-hour rainfall (inches).....10.02

Percentage of observations with ceiling less than:

2,000 feet.....7.6

1,000 feet.....1.7

300 feet.....0.0

Percentage of observations with visibility less than:

6 miles.....16.1

3 miles.....1.6

1 mile.....0.1

Percentage of observations with wind:

0-3 knots.....27.4

4-10 knots.....64.6

11-21 knots.....7.9

22 knots or greater.....0.1

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

Summer fun abounds for kids, adults

By Earlene Smith

81st Services Squadron

Finding something interesting, exciting and fun to do during the summer is easy. Check out the programs and events for adults and youth at Services facilities.

May

Trip to Fun Central in Arlington, Texas, May 31-June 3. The \$260 per person cost includes transportation, lodging, and tickets to Six Flags Over Texas and Hurricane Harbor Water Park. Sign up at the information, ticket and travel office in Vandenberg Community Center by May 1.

Yard and garden projects featured in sewing, ceramic and one-stroke classes at arts and crafts center. To register or for more information, call 377-2821.

Intramural and varsity softball begins the first week of May, and beach volleyball starts in mid May. Unit or squadron sports adviser has details.

Cowboy Day, 1-4 p.m. May 9, youth center. Free petting zoo, rodeo clown, stick horse races, contests, prizes, and more.

5-kilometer fun run, 10 a.m. May 10, Blake Fitness Center. Prizes for top finishers.

Wellness Expo, noon to 4 p.m. May 10, Blake Fitness Center. Booths, demonstrations, health screenings, fitness assessments, healthy snack booth, giveaways and a free "last one standing" competition for ages 18 and older.

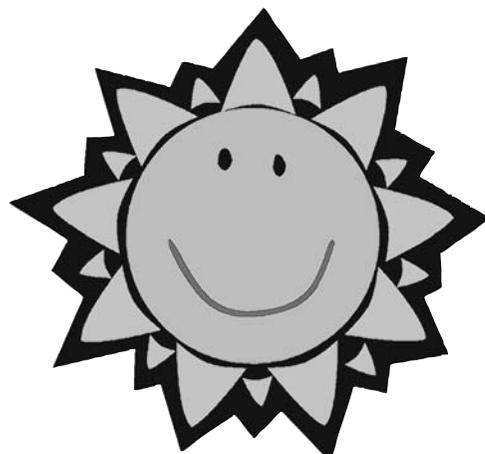
New Orleans School of Cooking trip May 18. Sign up at ticket and travel office by May 16.

Armed Forces Day trip to National World War II Museum in New Orleans, May 19. Reservations accepted through May 16 at ticket and travel office.

NASCAR bowling league, 2 p.m. Sundays, late May through August. Sign up at Gaudé Lanes.

Main base and Triangle pools open May 26. Customers may pay \$1.50 a day or purchase single or family season passes at the pools or outdoor recreation.

Youth center summer camp,



Mondays-Fridays, May 29 through Aug. 3, ages 6 and older. Sports, swimming, field trips, gardening, theater, photography and more. Registration deadline May 19.

The youth center's youth employment service begins May 29. YES gives ages 15 and older work experience by volunteering at various base organizations. If children have one or more active-duty parents, they can earn money toward college tuition. For more information, call 377-4116.

June

Penny-a-pin bowling, 5-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, June-August, at Gaudé Lanes. Bowlers pay the score they bowl.

Arts and crafts center youth summer camp, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays, June 5-July 26. Ceramics, sewing, cooking, paper and wood crafts for ages 8 and older. Pre-registration preferred; call 377-2821.

Nine-pin no-tap family bowling league for 12 weeks begins June 5, Gaudé Lanes.

Summer story time 10:30 a.m. June 6-27, McBride Library, ages 3-5. Summer read club, June 6 and 20, ages 6-12.

Cruise-in Car Show and car parts swap meet. June 9 auto hobby shop.

Free hot shot basketball competition, June 14 at youth center, ages 6 and older.

Strut your mutt, 10 a.m. to noon June 15; Vandenberg Community Center; contests and prizes.

Archery clinic, June 18-21, youth center, ages 6 and older; space limited.

Fish fry, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 22, Katrina Kantina. All invited; nominal fee.

Trip to Pensacola Beach, Fla. June 23. Sign up by June 20 at ticket and travel office.

Dance, pool party and build-a-boat contest for nonprior service students, 5 p.m. June 29, Vandenberg Community Center.

Babysitting/cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification class at youth center for teens interested in earning extra money by babysitting. To register, call 377-4116.

July

A free punt, pass and kick competition, July 12, youth center, ages 6 and older. Winner could advance to regional competition.

A "For Kids, By Kids" fashion extravaganza, July 13 at youth center, ages 3-18. To register, call 377-2821.

Youth artist craftsman and photography contest at arts and crafts center. Entry deadline July 28.

Free pitch, hit and run competition, July 19, youth center, ages 6 and older.

Fish fry, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 20, Katrina Kantina. All invited; nominal fee.

Intramural football starts late July and continues through September.

August

Fish fry, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 17, Katrina Kantina. All invited; nominal fee.

Ice cream social, 1-4 p.m. Aug. 18, arts and crafts center. All invited for banana splits, shakes, sundaes, games and craft projects.

Ongoing

Rent a deep sea fishing boat, Back Bay cruiser, pontoon boat, skiff, kayak or canoe at outdoor recreation.

Classes for adults and youth offered monthly, arts and crafts center.

Camping, fishing and recreational equipment available for rent at outdoor recreation.

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Robert Trent Jones Golf Getaway Weekend June 8-10



\$265 PER PERSON

Sign up by Monday.
Full payment due
by May 7.

Getaway includes transportation, two nights at the Days Inn of Prattville, Ala., continental breakfast and golf package.

Golf package features one day of golf at the Capitol Hill/Judge Course and one at the Legislator Course, including greens fees, shared golf carts and all applicable taxes.

Reservations accepted at information, tickets and tours office in Vandenberg Community Center. A minimum of 12 people required for the trip.

For more information, call 377-3818.



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

11TH FRAME CAFÉ

Editor's note: Located inside Gaudé Lanes. For more information, call 377-2036.

Serving lunch and dinner — enjoy sub sandwiches, hot dogs, buffalo wings, nachos, chef salad, soup, chili, coleslaw, chips, assorted drinks and more. Dine in or take out; call-ins welcome.

Kingpin buffet lunch — 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Eat-in or take-out, \$5.95 for one trip through buffet line.

BAY BREEZE GOLF COURSE

Course closed — for renovation through Sept. 30.

Driving range — open daily 7 a.m. to dusk. \$2 for a bucket of 30 balls.

Golf lessons — \$25 for half hour of instruction. To schedule, call 424-0479.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2211. School age children go to youth center. For more information, call 377-4116.

Give parents a break — 4-10 p.m. May 5. Air Force Aid Society-funded program offers free child care.

Parents night out — 4-10 p.m. May 5, child care for ages 6 weeks to 12 years, \$3.50 per hour per child.

DINING FACILITIES

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2200.

Wondering what's on the menu today? — call the Dine Line at 377-DINE (3463) or log on to <https://www.my.af.mil/gcss-af/USAF/AFP40/Attachment/20070403/Dining%20Facility%20Menu%20%2d%20April.pdf>.

FAMILY CHILD CARE

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3189.

Extended duty child care — providers are available.

Be your own boss — now recruiting military spouses on and off base who wish to care for children in their homes.

Child care giver needed for the mildly ill program — program relieves parents from having to stay home with a mildly ill child, which is especially difficult in families where one parent is deployed, in training, or on temporary duty in another location.

FITNESS

Free "how to run a marathon" seminar — noon to 1 p.m. May 3 or 4-5 p.m. May 8, health and wellness center. Learn to train more effectively. For more information, call 377-8380.

Free aerobic classes — at Dragon Fitness Center. Boxing workout, step aerobics, Turbo-Core, cycle/spin and Slo-Robics available. For schedule or more information, call 377-2907.

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

GAUDÉ LANES

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2817.

May special — bowl a score with the number 60 (60, 160, 260) and that game is free.

Summer leagues — sign-ups continue. Look for new Sunday "have a ball" league with NASCAR theme.

"Stars and Strikes" — coming soon. Call for more information.

Strike up some fun — open bowling lanes are available first come, first served. Some lanes limited due to league bowling.

Seabee special — Seabee personnel bowl for half price Tuesdays.

Tuesday teen special — teens bowl 5-9:30 p.m. for only \$5. Ten lanes available.

Bowling birthday parties — available Saturdays 1:30-3 p.m. or 3:30-5 p.m. \$8.95 per child includes food package and 90 minutes of bowling including shoes. Birthday child is free and receives a Gaudé Lanes T-shirt. Advanced reservations required.

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

Bowl-a-rama — 4 p.m. to closing Mondays-Fridays and all day Saturdays, bowl two hours for \$10.95, shoe rental included.

NPS students' open bowling special — show your UBU Card Saturdays and bowl for \$1.50 per game until 4 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays after 4 p.m., open bowling is \$2 per game. Shoe rental \$1. Not applicable with other discounts or specials.

Fundraising — make money for your organization and enjoy an afternoon of fun and relaxation. Food can be included as part of your event. Call for more information.

Bumpers — on 12 lanes by reservation, ages 11 and younger.

HELP WANTED

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-9032.

Nonappropriated fund jobs — apply noon to 5 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and noon to 4 p.m. working Fridays at human resource office inside Locker House, 505 C St., Building 3101, Room 5417. For current job openings, call the 24-hour job line, 377-9055. Employment information pamphlet and complete job listings are available at the NAF employment Web site, <http://www.aetcsv.us/employment.html>.

INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TOURS

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3818. All tours depart from and return to Vandenberg Community Center.

Information — on area and out-of-state attractions available.

Tickets — discounted tickets available to major attractions in a three-state area. For a complete price list, log on to <https://www.mil.keesler.af.mil/81svs/WhattoDo/ITT/index.htm>.

Gulf Island Water Park season pass special — \$74; call for more information.

New Orleans School of Cooking — back by popular demand. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 18. Expert chefs share secrets of New Orleans cuisine. Sample goodies and take home recipes. Spend the afternoon shopping and sightseeing in the French Quarter. \$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. Celebrate Armed Forces Day at the museum. Walk through history. See one of two films shown daily. Enjoy lunch at a popular New Orleans restaurant. \$45 includes admission, lunch and transportation. Sign up and prepay by May 16.

KATRINA KANTINA

Editor's note: Located in the marina building overlooking Biloxi's Back Bay. For more information, call 377-2219.

All ranks invited — snacks, beverages and music.

Club scholarship program — six scholarships are awarded Air Force wide, \$2,500 to \$6,000. Club members in good standing and their family members are eligible to enter. Entrants must provide an essay of 500 words or less on "Why is Air Superiority Critical Today?" Essay deadline June 15. Scholarships sponsored in part by Chase Bank and Coca-Cola. For more information, stop by the Katrina Kantina, call, or log on to <http://www.afclubs.net>.

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

Wings and things — 5 p.m. May 2. Keesler Club members enter free, nonmembers pay \$3 at the door. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and \$1 domestic beer.

Thirsty Thursday — 5 p.m. May 24. Country and western night with ribs and fixings. \$6 for members, \$8 nonmembers.

Dr. Dick's karaoke show — 5-9 p.m. every Thursday.

It's your choice — select one of two club cards. Dues are free.

We cater — let our expert caterer assist you with planning special occasions and official functions.

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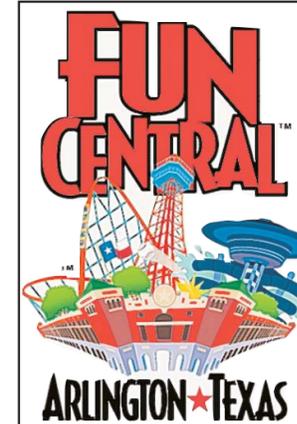
Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2181. Fax service and copy machine available for a nominal fee.

Education open house — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 1. Prospective students can talk to representatives from the education services office and on-base colleges about available classes and programs.

Music and art festival — 10 a.m. May 3, ages 2-5.

Audio books — large selection available.

Free high-speed cable Internet and e-mail — on 40 computers.



Information, tickets and tours takes you to "Fun Central" in Arlington, Texas

\$260 PER PERSON

Trip includes transportation, tickets to Six Flags Over Texas and Hurricane Harbor Water Park; plus two nights* at the Sleep Inn Hotel, complete with deluxe continental breakfast and outdoor pool.

Sign up by May 10.

Depart Vandenberg Community Center 10 p.m. May 31. Arrive in Arlington early June 1. Stay two nights, June 1 and 2. Depart Arlington 7 a.m. June 3. Arrive at Keesler late June 3. No refunds, except for emergencies or deployments; 30 people required for trip.

*Double occupancy, singles share room with same sex.

Sign up at the ITT office, 377-3818.

Free movie rentals — check out up to five movies and keep them for up to two weeks. Large selection of DVDs and VHS.

Paperback book swap — swap one for one. Books must be in good shape and of same genre.

MUSE MANOR MINI-MART

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2752.

Convenience store — snacks, cold drinks, health and hygiene products. Open 24 hours a day.

OUTDOOR RECREATION AND MARINA

Note: Located in the enclosed pavilion in marina park. Recreational equipment rental. Mississippi hunting and fishing licenses for sale.

Mother's Day special — May 13, moms get 10 percent off boat rental.

17-foot back bay cruiser — available for rent.

May fishing tournament — weigh in the largest ground mullet for month and win \$100 savings bond.

Recreational vehicle storage lot — monthly fee, \$15.

PAINTBALL COURSE

Note: Located on 6th Street off Meadows Drive. For prices and more information, call 377-3160.

Equipment — guns, CO2 tanks, and safety masks covering the eyes, ears, mouth and temple may be rented on site. Individuals bringing personal equipment have their guns calibrated before play. Paintballs must be purchased on location.

Hours — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. nonworking Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Military Spouse Appreciation Events

Arts and crafts center

Photo album class — 1 p.m. May 5, make an album to send to your deployed spouse. Bring 4x 6-inch photos or smaller. Receive a computer program to make your own at home.

Gaudé Lanes

Spouses bowl together — two for the price of one, including shoes 5-9:30 p.m. May 7-9, 1-9:30 p.m. May 10, 5-8 p.m. May 11 and 2-10 p.m. May 12. Spouses of deployed troops may bring a guest.

Tours — 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 10, tour of the center offered every half hour. Register at the front counter.

Vandenberg Community Center

Free coffee and donuts — 9-10 a.m. May 9. Information on family activities; sign up to win ticket to the Audubon Zoo and Aquarium in New Orleans

Pamper your spouse — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 10, hosted by 81st Services Division and airman and family readiness center. Massage therapy, demonstrations, gifts, prizes and shuttle service to wellness expo.

McBride Library

Open house — 2-4 p.m. May 2; refreshments, tours and orientation.

Fax special — May 7-11, identify yourself as a spouse and send a fax for 50 cents per page.

Sponsored by AAFES, AutoZone, Blue Cliff Massage Therapy, Chris's Beauty School, Hobby Lobby, Kay's Flowers, Mary Kay, Salvation Army and Sun City.

May is Fitness Month

31 Days of Fitness

Stop by any fitness center and pick up a log sheet. Complete 31 of the activities listed by the end of May and receive a T-shirt.

Health and Wellness Expo

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 10, Blake Fitness Center. 5K run/walk, fitness activities and demonstrations. Door prizes.

Sponsored by AAFES, Abita Springs, Academy Sports, Commissary, E Fitness and Wellness, General Nutrition Center, Hibbett Sporting Goods, Ita Taekwondo Academy, Mississippi Sea Wolves, Planet Beach Tanning and Spa, Red Bull, Smoothie King, The Studio Up Side Down, USAA Military Affairs, Vitamin World, World Gym and youth center.

Last One Standing Competition

2:30 p.m. — women
3 p.m. — men

Competitors draw a number to determine order, then form a circle. The first person performs an exercise of his/her choice for 60 seconds. Other competitors who can't keep up leave the circle. Each remaining person gets a turn until there's only one person left standing. Award for top male and female finishers. Sign up by close of business May 7 at Blake Fitness Center.

Health and Wellness Expo May 10

Join us for an event-filled day at Blake Fitness Center.

- 11 a.m. — "Spring Fling" 5-kilometer fun run/walk; prizes to top finishers.
- Noon — Wellness Expo begins
 - Noon to 4 p.m. — fitness trivia; prizes
 - 1-4 p.m. - activity demonstrations ~ tae kwan do ~ fitness classes
 - 2:30-4 p.m. - "Last One Standing" competition

Expo Festivities

- Medical and vendor booths
- Bone density screenings
- Blood pressure checks
- Smoothies
- Fitness products
- Fitness assessments
- Massage demos
- And more

Door Prizes every 30 minutes!

ARMED FORCES VACATION CLUB

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

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

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

ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

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

Mother's special — moms, register for a craft class in May and receive a free gift.

Air Force arts and crafts public Web Site — explore a gallery of work and access information about craft-related subjects at <http://www.af-artscrafts.com>.

Multi-crafts shop

New stamp card — earn stamps by renting molds or paying for a firing. When card is full, turn it in for a free mold rental or firing costs.

Sewing — 1:30 p.m. May 4. Learn basics and make a gardening item. \$10 including supplies.

Cooking — 11 a.m. May 5. In observance of Cinco de Mayo, make guacamole and other treats. \$10 including supplies.

Beginning pottery — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 12. Learn basics of pottery from a master from the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum. \$40 includes five pounds of clay and firing for three pieces.

Ceramic mold pouring — 10 a.m. May 19, ages 13 and older. Learn to pour your own ceramics. \$25 including first firing. Pour garden project to keep and finish as you like.

One-stroke clay pot paint-a-thon — May 19. Learn this fast, easy painting technique and create a versatile flower pot. \$30 includes supplies. Call for time.

Lawn and garden project — 1 p.m. May 26; choose from several projects. \$10 plus \$3-\$15 for cost of individual project you select.

New classes coming soon — photography and beading.

Youth classes

Smart girls ceramic class — 2 p.m. May 26. Sign up at youth center.

Home schoolers garden art class — 2 p.m. May 30. \$10 including supplies.

Frame shop

New stamp card — earn stamps when you have your framing done in our shop. Fill the card and receive 10 percent off your next order.

Custom shadow boxes — great for retirement gifts.

Beginners framing — one class, four sessions 5:30-7:30 p.m. May 3, 10, 17 and 24. \$60.

Advanced matting — May 31, call for time. \$25. Beginners class is prerequisite.

Engraving shop

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

Gifts to go — great for the last minute office gift. Get a décor mug, gift box, candy dish, or basket filled with goodies; a variety available for \$10 each.

Wood shop

Beginners woodworking — 5-7:30 p.m. May 9. \$25. Earn your safety certification and get your operator's card for future shop use.

Beginning intarsia — 10 a.m. May 5 or 19. \$15. Create something special. Intarsia is the art form of inlaying pieces of wood in a decorative pattern.

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. May 12 or 26. \$20. A new project each month.

Auto hobby shop

Second annual Cruise In Car Show and car parts swap meet — June 9, space is limited, sign up early for best spaces.

Beginner auto care classes — oil changes, tune-ups or brakes, available to groups.

Air conditioning check — make sure your air conditioner is charged before summer arrives.

Qualified mechanics — on staff to assist you with your own vehicle maintenance.

Oil collection site — for privately-owned vehicles.

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

Resale Lot

Buy, Sell or Trade

Cars - Trucks
Motorcycles - RVs
Boats - Jet Skis



Place your vehicle on the lot, \$5 for two weeks.

Register with arts and crafts center prior to parking on the lot. Registration, proof of ownership and insurance required.

Located on Tingle Avenue north of 81st Security Forces Squadron building.

For more information, call 377-2821.

YOUTH CENTER

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

Annual membership — \$25 for ages 9 and older. Discount prices on programs, classes and sports.

TRAIL/Keystone Club, meeting — 6 p.m. May 8 and 22, ages 13 and older. Community service, volunteer opportunities, field trips, and more.

FitFactor aerobics — 5 p.m. May 15 and 29, ages 9 and older. Sign up by previous Friday.

Free home alone workshop — 5 p.m. May 17, ages 10 and older, must be accompanied by parent. Sign up by May 14. Minimum three parent/youth teams.

Super Saturdays — 1-5 p.m., ages 6 and older. Sign up by previous Wednesday. \$4 members, \$5 nonmembers.

Track and field and archery camps — ages 6 and older. Sign up by May 25. \$25 members, \$30 nonmembers.

Gymnastics — Tuesdays. 4 p.m. ages 3-5; 5 p.m. ages 6 and older. \$35 per month members, \$40 nonmembers.

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

VANDENBERG COMMUNITY CENTER

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-5576.

Cinco de Mayo dance — 6 p.m. May 5. \$3. Free chips-n-salsa, drink specials, pinata; \$1 tacos.

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

American Idol night — 7 p.m. Tuesdays.

Board game night — 6 p.m. Tuesdays.

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

Survivor night — 7 p.m. Thursdays.

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

***Birthday dance** — 6 p.m. May 18. People with May birthdays enter free.

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VETERINARY SERVICES

Editor's note: located on 3rd Street, Building 0408. All animals in base housing must be registered with the veterinary office. For appointment, call 376-7495.

Eligible patrons — active-duty, retirees, reservists and National Guard on active duty for more than 72 hours with orders may use the clinic.

Microchip identification — \$20. Protect your pet with this tiny microchip injected under the skin.

Flea and tick control — singles available in popular brands for dogs and cats. Buy one or stock up.

Veterinarian on staff — call for an appointment.

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COWBOY DAY

1-4 p.m. May 9

at the Youth Center

Stick Horse Races

Skits ~ Rodeo Clowns

Animal Petting Area

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