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Dragons deployed
— 188

Operation Hero 'deploys' families



Photo by Adam Bond

Airman Jounel Caceres, a chaplain's assistant, applies camouflage paint to the face of Dustin Vineyard, 13, at the deployment facility Saturday during Operation Hero. Dustin's parents are Master Sgt. Chad and Staff Sgt. Casie Vineyard, 81st Training Support Squadron and 403rd Wing, respectively. More photos, Page 14.

Event offers brief taste of real thing

By Tech. Sgt. Chuck Marsh

Keesler News staff

On this cloudless Saturday morning, more than 40 children, followed by their parents, made their way to Keesler to "deploy" as part of Operation Hero.

The event, sponsored by the airman family and readiness center, brought together various agencies that support Keesler Airmen as they prepare to deploy.

Families arrived at marina park, where they were loaded onto a bus and transported to the deployment facility, Building 1917. They "in-processed" and were issued identification tags and cards.

The group was given a welcome briefing by Col. Richard Pierce, 81st Training Wing vice commander, who thanked the families for coming and urged them to enjoy

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This week in the Triangle

Air traffic control-radar, 9 a.m. today, Cody Hall.

Aircraft control and warning systems, 10 a.m. today, Bryan Hall.

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

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

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

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

Financial management and comptroller, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Wolfe Hall.

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



Student numbers

Total students — 3,059

Non-prior service — 1,816

Temporary duty — 1,129

Joint service — 66

Combat controllers — 21

Medical — 27

Non-prior service arrivals — 95

Guard, Reserve — 674

International — 37

FY07 graduates — 14,329

Total since 1942 — 2,252,301

COMMENTARY

Thanks, Mom, for reminder of how important it is to vote

By Lt. Col. Steven Reese

81st Medical Support Squadron commander

I recently received two important election reminders in the mail. The first was my absentee ballot to vote in the upcoming election. The second was a letter from my mother.

You may wonder why a letter from my mother would be an election reminder.

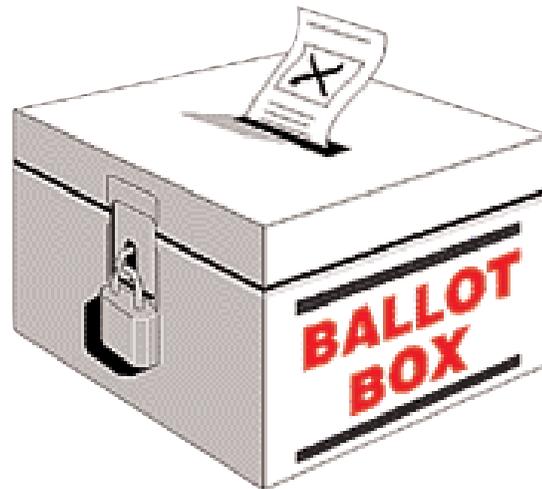
It all started at 4:38 a.m. Nov. 6, 1962, a cold morning in Salt Lake City — the moment I was born. The act of delivering an 8-pound, 3-ounce baby boy should've been enough for one day, but not for my mother.

Once she ensured all my toes and fingers were in place and did all those other tender things that mothers do, she was out the door of the Cottonwood Maternity Hospital to cast her vote. Nov. 6, 1962, was election day.

This was no controversial "big deal" election day. There was no Kennedy or Nixon on the ballot. Still, my mother felt voting was important enough to leave her baby boy for an hour or two to vote.

She taught me a lesson that day ... voting is important.

Sometimes I'd like to forget the red, white and blue shirts she handmade for me whenever my birthday again fell on election day. However, I'll never forget my incredible mother understood her civic responsibility to



vote, even if she'd just given birth to her eighth child — me.

Back to those two election reminders in my mailbox. My absentee ballot was important. The letter from my mother was priceless.

Included in her letter was a small news clip from the Salt Lake Tribune documenting my mother's adventure in childbirth and voting on that cold election day morning 45 years ago. Her nurses just couldn't let the story of the "voting" mother go without being told and called the newspaper.

This year my birthday again falls on election day. You can bet I'll be voting. You?

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:

Base locator — 377-2890	Lodging (reservations) — 377-9986
Base operator — 377-1110	Medical center information — 377-6550
Base taxi (official use) — 377-2430	Military equal opportunity — 377-2759.
Career assistance adviser — 377-3697	Military pay — 377-7272
Central medical appointments — 1-800-700-8603	Pass and registration — 377-3844
Child development center — 377-2211	Pharmacy (refill call-in) — 377-6360
Civil engineering — 377-5561	Satellite pharmacy — 377-9791
Civilian personnel — 377-2268	Public affairs — 377-2783
Military personnel flight — 377-2276	Red Cross — 377-0732.
Keesler Federal Credit Union — 385-5500	Sexual assault prevention and response team — 377-8635
Emergencies — 911	Law enforcement desk — 377-3040
Family campground — 594-0543	Shoppette, Class Six — 432-2367
Airmen and family readiness center — 377-2179	Telephone trouble — 377-2130
Finance — 377-4212	Traffic management (outbound) — 377-2446
81st Communications Squadron help desk — 377-0066	Traffic management (inbound) — 377-7813
Housing — 377-9741	Visitor center — 377-2595
Identification cards — 377-3203	Youth center — 377-4116
Inspector general — 377-3010	
Legal assistance — 377-3510	
Library — 377-2181	

Reducing your chances of being traffic accident victim

By Master Sgt. Mona Ferrell

23rd Wing Public Affairs

MOODY Air Force Base, Ga. — It can happen in a blink of an eye.

The car in front of you stops suddenly. The reason doesn't matter — maybe the driver was talking on a cell phone and wasn't paying attention, maybe a child became disruptive in the back seat and the parent had to intervene — within a split second you're in the middle of a traffic accident.

You're seriously injured and your car is totaled. But the losses don't stop there. Because of the vehicle damage and injuries you sustained, the Air Force also loses productivity and man-hours. Someone else has to take on your duties in an already stressed work environment because

you're on convalescent leave.

Worse yet, the accident could even result in death, leaving lasting and irreparable damage to your family members, friends and co-workers.

"In 2003, motor vehicle traffic crashes were the leading cause of death for those between the ages of 4 through 34," according to the National Traffic Highway Safety Administration. While this fact is alarming on its own, "motor vehicle traffic crashes ranked third overall in terms of the years of life lost, behind only cancer and heart disease."

I recently received a wakeup while on my way to work. I witnessed a multiple-car accident and was extremely close to being a part of it myself. Luckily, I was able to swerve out of the way by going into the next

lane. Several other people weren't as fortunate.

While the injuries resulting from the accident didn't seem to be life-threatening, the lasting effects remain the same for all involved. In addition to those injured having to go the hospital, the cars were damaged and it's likely everyone involved in the accident was unable to report to work. Instead, they spent much of their day on the phone dealing with insurance agents.

I'm sure none of the people involved considered they'd be in an accident. Who does? However, there are some things we can all do to help reduce the chances of being in a vehicular mishap.

Slow down and obey the posted speed limits. Everyone has to be

somewhere, but typically racing from one traffic light to the next doesn't get you there any quicker.

Follow the recommended safe distance behind the driver in front of you. Use the two-second rule to ensure sufficient space if a sudden stop is required; add a few seconds at night or in the rain.

Eliminate cell phone use while driving. Driving while talking on a cell phone is known to be a distraction for the driver, and according to the Department of Transportation, inattentive driving accounted for 6.4 percent of crash fatalities in 2003.

Drive defensively. Keep your eyes on the road and your overall driving awareness up.

Just as in the accident I witnessed, it can happen in a blink of an eye.

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Phone numbers and Web sites
for information and accountability
for Keesler members:

Keesler Accountability Team
1-800-673-9356

Air Force Personnel Center
1-800-435-9941

<http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/ndw>

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

Mississippi Emergency Management Agency

<http://www.msema.org>

National Weather Service

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov>

Keesler Public Web site

<http://www.keesler.af.mil>

**Create a family checklist,
review it often,
make changes as needed
and activate it at the first sign
of a hurricane threat.**



Keesler Air Force Base 2007

Safety Goals
Make Safety a Core Value

**Practice Risk Management 24/7
Provide a Safe Work Environment
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TRAINING AND EDUCATION



Airman Hernandez



Sergeant NeSmith



Sergeant Schmidt



Sergeant Sims



Sergeant DeGuzman

7 receive scholarships at CCAF graduation

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Seven Community College of the Air Force students received special recognition during the spring commencement ceremony April 24.

Four graduates received \$500 Pitsenbarger Awards from the Air Force Aerospace Education Foundation to continue their pursuit of bachelor's degrees. The scholarships were presented by Paul Deitke, representing Mississippi's Air Force Association chapters.

They are:

Senior Airman Kathryn Hernandez, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron, is enrolled in the bachelor's degree preparatory program at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. Her goal is to earn a medical degree through the Airman Education Commissioning Program and

remain in the Air Force.

Staff Sgt. Lashundra NeSmith, legal office, attends classes at MGCCC as she works toward a bachelor's degree in human resources from the University of Southern Mississippi. She wants to earn a master's degree in business administration and work in a hospital.

Staff Sgt. Jodi Schmidt, 335th Training Squadron, holds two CCAF degrees and is an accounting major at USM pursuing a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Staff Sgt. Henry Sims Jr., 338th TRS military training leader, has two CCAF degrees and is enrolled with Park University to earn a bachelor's degree in management of computer information systems. He wants to apply for Officer Training School and become a communications officer.

He also received a \$150 scholarship from William Carey University.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical

University, represented by academic support Director Ann Norris, presented Pitsenbarger recipients with a \$100 excellence award toward the cost of books and materials for one term. ERAU's program is intended to provide extended campus centers a way to recognize military and civilian personnel who earn work-related honors.

Three other ERAU excellence awards went to:

Staff Sgt. Michael DeGuzman, 81st Mission Support Group, who's enrolled the bachelor's degree preparatory program at MGCCC.

Staff Sgt. Chiquita Green, 2nd Air Force, who's pursuing a bachelor's degree in information technology from the University of Phoenix. She hopes to attend Officer Training School and become a communications officer.

Airman 1st Class Nicole Allums, 81st Medical Support Squadron. She's working on her CCAF degree in health care



Sergeant Green

management with plans to earn a bachelor's degree in health service management.

She also received a \$150 scholarship from the Keesler Chiefs Group presented by Chief Master Sgt. Gwendolyn Rucker, 81st Supply-Transportation Squadron. Chief Rucker, group president, said the award



Airman Allums

is given to a student pursuing their first CCAF degree to promote enlisted professionalism.

David Reese, an instructor in the 334th TRS and a retired chief, was the speaker.

Col. Richard Pierce, 81st Training Wing vice commander, presented 166 diplomas to 149 graduates.

602nd Training Group set as provisional unit

By 2nd Lt. Nick Plante

Keesler News staff

Second Air Force leaders reserved space in history April 27 by officially activating a unit that's been performing a unique and vital mission for almost a year.

Under authority of Air Force headquarters, the 602nd Training Group-Provisional was activated, with Col. Mark McClelland as commander.

The 602nd TRG-P unofficially operated as the 2nd Expeditionary Mission Support Group, carrying out the same command and control mission it continues to provide.

The group's primary mission is to provide positive command and control for Airmen undergoing Army

combat skills training prior to being assigned to perform Army missions.

"It is paramount we provide this Air Force command structure to take care of the operational and administrative needs of our Airmen while attending Army training," Colonel McClelland said.

The 602nd TRG-P has seven detachments, one at each Army training location.

"Our detachments have eyes on the training activities that occur; we contact home units to correct any equipment or document shortfalls that individual Airmen may have when they report for training. We deal directly with local Army structure to coordinate billeting

messing, transportation and other issues for trainees," Colonel McClelland said.

"We report and deal with issues such as sick call and injuries, Red Cross notifications, emergency leave, safety issues, as well as disciplinary issues.

"In other words we're there to provide a 'blue lifeline' throughout in-lieu-of training," he said.

Maj. Gen. Mike Gould, 2nd Air Force commander, was the presiding officer at the activation ceremony. He explained the origins of the unit's mission and thanked Colonel McClelland and all

the members of 2nd Air Force.

"You've made it happen during the past year without any authorities, authorizations or anything official," he said. "You've just done it, and your work has made a tremendous impact on all the Airmen who have undergone ILO training."

After assuming command, Colonel McClelland said, "To my knowledge, there's never been any unit established to do this kind of mission. We are very proud to have our role in ensuring our Airmen are given all they can have

during the time they're under my command," he said.

"It's difficult for our Air Force men and women to go through unfamiliar training for possible direct combat engagement," the colonel continued. "The 602nd TRG-P has the mission to make the transition as painless as possible, while at the same time ensuring they have all the combat skills they need to go forward, to do the job and come back home to the Air Force."



403rd Wing photo

NVD training as seen from the cockpit of a C-130J aircraft.

Lights out for training

By 2nd Lt. Nick Plante

Keesler News staff

The 81st Operations Support Flight has paved the way for the 403rd Wing's aircrews to fly using night vision devices.

The 81st OSF began turning off runway and taxiway lights three days a week April 24.

The scheduled training times are sunset to 11 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, according to Capt. Justin Cooper, 81st OSF airfield flight chief.

This is the first time NVD operations have been conducted at Keesler. Previously, this training was done at Stennis Space Center and Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

"The control tower will be turning off all runway and

taxiway lights during times when aircraft are conducting approaches with NVDs," said Captain Cooper. "The control tower will limit access to the controlled movement area during these times."

It's important for all authorized airfield personnel to know the limits during those times, according to Tech. Sgt. Christopher Solomon, 81st OSF air traffic controller.

Access to taxiway and grassy areas is limited during the training hours, Sergeant Solomon said.

The 81st OSF also notifies the flying community via a notice to Airmen broadcast over the Automated Terminal Information Service, the sergeant said.

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 31, 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.langlely.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

Going ... going ... gone!



Photo by Maj. Aldwin Estrellado

Col. Leon and Aline Kundrotas place a bid during the Keesler Spouses Club's annual art auction Friday in Vandenberg Community Center. The event raised \$3,000 for the club's scholarship fund. Colonel Kundrotas is the 81st Medical Operations Squadron commander.

Your opinion counts

Survey targets post-deployment health care

Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON — A telephone survey of ill or injured service members who've returned from operational deployment began Tuesday to examine post-deployment health care experiences.

This health care survey is being conducted in response to the secretary of defense's request to comprehensively assess the quality of health care service members receive since returning from operational deployments overseas.

The Tricare Management Activity sponsors the survey effort.

"This will be a timely and effective way to get the feedback the military health system needs to better respond to the post-deployment needs of our service members," said Ellen Embrey, deputy assistant secretary of defense for force health protection and readiness.

Data collected is used to assess the satisfaction of service members' health care services, including access to care, administrative and personnel support, assistance for family members, and the service member's current health

status. The survey also examines service members' experience while on medical hold or while waiting for medical boards.

Respondents' answers identify key issues relating to service members' access to health care and related benefits and services. Findings assist in the formulation of policies and programs to improve meeting the needs of ill and injured service members, including support to family members, as the sponsor goes through the recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration process.

Ms. Embrey urged all service members who've returned from deployment to use the survey tool to share their experiences about the accessibility, timeliness and quality of health care services they received since their return. All responses are kept confidential.

To verify the validity of this survey, call the Deployment Health Hotline, 1-800-497-6261 between 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. CDT, weekdays.

The survey can also be found on the Web at <http://fhp.osd.mil/healthSurvey.jsp>.

IN THE NEWS

Wing quarterly awards Monday

The 81st Training Wing quarterly awards ceremony is 3:30 p.m. Monday in Welch Auditorium.

Uniform of the day is short-sleeve open collar blues with ribbons and functional badge.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Chip Coleman, 376-4020.

Seabee Day Saturday

The third annual Seabee Day is 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday 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.

Keesler Pride Day

May 11 is Keesler Pride Day.

The event, sponsored by the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, targets general cleanup of the base and completion of ongoing unit projects, according to Lt. Col. Jeff Szatanek, 81st CES operations flight commander.

For more information, call 377-4115.

Armed Forces Day luncheon

Lt. Gen. Michael Peterson, former 81st Training Wing commander, speaks at the Greater New Orleans Armed Forces Day luncheon, noon May 15 at the Hilton Hotel.

General Peterson is chief of warfighting integration and chief information officer for the secretary of the Air Force at the Pentagon.

Wednesday is the deadline to purchase tickets, \$35 each and \$28 for military members.

For more information, call Joan Kuhn, 1-504-522-8946, or e-mail navyleaguenola@att.net.

City observes Air Force anniversary

Biloxi's Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art hosts "Remember the Flyboys," an exhibit of original photographs commemorating the Air Force's 60th anniversary, May 24-31, at the museum's temporary location, 1596 Glenn Swetman Drive.

An opening reception and program, 5:30-7:30 p.m. May 24, features Martha Stephenson, whose late husband flew a B-24 in Europe during World War II and collected dozens of photos from the period, and WLOX-TV anchor Jeff Lawson, who's spearheaded the station's participation in the Veterans History Project.

For more information, call 374-5547 or visit <http://www.georgeohr.org>.

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.

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themselves while they learned about deploying.

“This event is a great effort to show spouses and dependents that this is a Keesler family — an Air Force family — and that is something important to all of us,” he said.

The purpose of Operation Hero is to inform family members about what their military member goes through when preparing for a deployment and while deployed.

“Operation Hero was developed to give them the opportunity to go through the deployment experience,” said Tech. Sgt. Ernesto Alvendia, airman and family readiness center “It lets them see what

their loved ones go through in preparing to deploy and at deployed locations.

“Kids don’t always understand what parents do, so this gives them a better understanding,” he said.

According to Sergeant Alvendia, the success of the event is due to volunteers.

“We couldn’t put this event together without the support of agencies across the base

and community,” he said. “Some agencies involved included the 225th Air Control Squadron, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron, 81st Security Forces Squadron patrol car and K-9 team.”

The Biloxi Police Department showed its support, bringing out a bomb disposal truck and other equipment.

“The families were amazed at some of the stuff on display

and available for them to get their hands on,” said Sergeant Alvendia. “It was great to see the kids enjoying some of the equipment.”

Not only did parents have fun with their children, it was a learning experience for them as well.

“My brother-in-law is in the Air Force and is deployed,” said Becky Green, a civilian employee with the 81st Mission Support Squadron. “This shows the kids what Uncle Michael goes through and gives me a good idea of what my co-workers deal with. I’m definitely glad they put this on.”

The Green children, Megan, 4, and Austin, 2, cheered as they arrived at each station and were reluctant to move on when the time came.

“The best part is painting my face,” said Megan. “I liked climbing all the stairs in the tower and using the binoculars, but I liked my face painted best.”

At the end of the day, families were bused back to the marina for a welcome home ceremony, complete with a band, lunch and “survival certificates.”

For more information on this twice-a-year event, call 377-2593.

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.

Incentive program changes

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The Air Force added an enlisted specialty code and removed two others from the Overseas Tour Extension Incentive Program eligibility list for Airmen serving at long-tour locations.

Airmen in the communication-computer systems control career field and 46 other AFSCs with a date estimated return from overseas of May 1, 2008, or later are eligible to apply for the program.

The Air Force removed the liquid fuel systems maintenance and heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration career fields from the list.

To be eligible for the program, Airmen must be serving an accompanied, unaccompanied or extended tour at a long-tour location in one of the 47 AFSCs designated by the secretary of the Air Force or serving at a short-tour location where all AFSCs are eligible. Airmen must have or be eligible to obtain the required permanent change-of-station retainability and voluntarily extend their overseas tour 12 months.

Program incentives include a \$2,000 lump sum payment, 30 days non-chargeable leave or 15 days non-chargeable leave and government funded round trip transportation for Airmen only from the overseas location to the nearest continental U.S. port.

Airmen who have an approved extension aren't eligible for curtailment except for the following reasons:

Pregnant members at dependent-restricted locations.

Humanitarian or exceptional family member conditions.

Mission-directed changes that prevent completion of the extension.

For more information, contact unit commander support staff personnel.

Adoption leave of absence

Air Force Print News

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

For more information, contact unit commanders' support personnel or call the Air Force Contact Center, 1-800-616-3775, options 1, 2, or DSN 665-5000.

MyPay item processing

For information on processing pay items through myPay, call the 81st Comptroller Squadron, 377-7272 or 4212.

For a personal identification number for myPay, e-mail TRAVEL@keesler.af.mil from a government computer.

Data theft protection resources

Air Force Print News

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

Force shaping preparations

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

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

Grilling safely

Safety office and fire department

It's barbecue time. When you pull out the grill, don't forget these safety guidelines.

Read and follow the manufacturer's instructions for your grill.

Place the grill in an outdoor area at least 10 feet away from buildings, shrubbery, dry vegetation and pedestrian traffic.

Close nearby windows and doors.

Don't use a grill in a carport or on a porch or deck.

Never move a lighted grill indoors, regardless of the weather.

Never leave a lighted grill unattended.

Keep children and pets away from a hot grill.

Make sure everyone knows to "stop, drop and roll" in case a piece of clothing catches fire. Call 911 or your local emergency number if a burn warrants serious medical attention.

If the coals start to flag or are slow to burn, fan them or use dry kindling and rolled-up newspaper to give a boost. Adding liquid fuel could cause a flash fire.

Wear a heavy apron, long pants and an oven mitt. Cover your forearms with a mitt that extends over your elbow or wear a long-sleeved, close-fitting shirt.

Use barbecue tools with long handles to keep hands and clothing away from the flames.

Trim excess fat to reduce grease flare-ups.

Keep a spray bottle of water handy.

As soon as possible, clear away all your cooking equipment such as fire starters, charcoal, forks, tongs and dishes to prevent children from getting into them.

After use, cover the grill, close the vents and allow the coals to cool overnight. If you're in a hurry, douse the fire with water.

Discard ashes into a metal container. "Dead" charcoal can re-ignite hours later. Spray with water for added safety.

Charcoal grills

The Consumer Product Safety Commission reports



about 25 people die and hundreds suffer from carbon monoxide poisoning each year when they burn charcoal in enclosed areas.

Don't build a charcoal fire in an indoor fireplace. The fire produced by the briquettes isn't hot enough to cause the chimney to suck the carbon monoxide out of the room.

Use the starter fluids designated for your grill. Never use gasoline. Keep the can and matches away from the grill.

Gas grills

Have your igniter ready when the gas is turned on to prevent a flash burn or explosion.

If the burner doesn't ignite quickly, shut the valves, leave the lid open, and allow the grill to air out for several minutes before you try to light it again.

Store the gas cylinder outside and be sure the gas is turned off at the tank to prevent accidental ignitions. Check the connections frequently for leaks using a soap-and-water mixture. Escaping gas appears as bubbles. Tighten the connections or call a professional to repair the grill.

Check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line. Make sure the venturi tubes — where the air and gas mix — aren't blocked.

Don't overfill the propane tank.

Newborn intensive care unit readies for rebirth

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler Medical Center's Newborn Intensive Care Unit reopens July 1 to provide state-of-the-art care for critically-ill newborns.

The unit hasn't been available since Hurricane Katrina slammed Keesler Aug. 29, 2005.

Maj. (Dr.) Alfonso Vargas, 81st Medical Operations Squadron neonatologist and interim NICU medical director, arrived in February to help organize and ready the facility. The unit, located near the new family birthing center, undergoes renovations over the next two months.

Major Vargas and Maj. Muriel Gatlin, NICU element leader, have been busy gearing up the NICU for its July 1 opening. They have been inspecting equipment, training personnel, restocking supplies and updating the unit's operating instructions. Their goal is to complement the family birthing center, providing well-rounded care to both mothers and their infants.



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Major Vargas simulates checking a newborn's vitals in one of the NICU's state-of-the-art Versalets, using a training mannequin. The Versalet can serve as an isolet or a baby warmer.

"Families that make the decision to have their babies at Keesler should rest assured that we have excellent medical facilities and highly-qualified medical professionals available to take care of their newborns if higher levels of care are needed," Major Vargas said.

The NICU opens with two intensive-care beds, with plans to expand to a seven-bed

capacity as manning allows and patient demand increases. A second neonatologist, Maj. (Dr.) Susan Dotzler, joins the team in June.

"Everybody involved in the unit's reopening is very excited and eager to begin serving our community and to begin providing specialized care to our acutely-ill newborns," Major Vargas said.

Medicine is family affair

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Medicine runs in the Vargas family.

Maj. (Dr.) Alfonso Vargas, Keesler neonatologist, has both a father and brother who also are physicians. All three were at the Louisiana State University Medical Center in New Orleans at one time.

"My father is a pediatric endocrinologist at LSU, my brother was an obstetrics and gynecology resident at LSU and I was working on my fellowship in neonatal-perinatal medicine at LSU."

Major Vargas entered active duty in January and reported for duty at Keesler Medical Center in February.

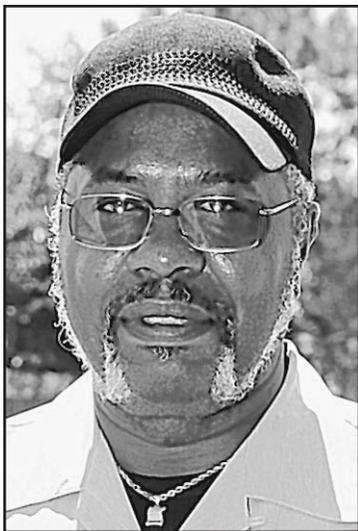
In addition to preparing for the reopening of Keesler's newborn intensive care unit, the major hopes to adapt his fellowship project, The Virtual NICU, for use by military pediatricians and neonatologists, both practicing physicians and residents in training.

"My goal is to have it online (on a secure site) for military pediatricians and neonatologists worldwide," Major Vargas explained. "Among other things, they would be able to see how procedures are done and then perform them."

The major was born in Colombia and grew up near MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

He earned his undergraduate degree at Loyola University in New Orleans and attended medical school at Flinders University in Adelaide, Australia. After completing a three-year pediatric residency at the Albany (N.Y.) Medical Center, he was accepted for the three-year LSU/Tulane fellowship.

Major Vargas, his wife Bethsy and their three sons live in Ocean Springs.



Mr. Maye

Maye ends 37 years of service

**81st Supply Squadron
and Keesler News staff**

Larry Maye, 81st Supply Squadron, retires today after 37 years of active-duty military and federal civilian service.

He also served in the Air National Guard from 1984 to 2006.

Following graduation from 33rd Avenue High School in Gulfport, Mr. Maye enlisted in the Navy, April 20, 1969.

Four years later, he left the Navy, and in 1975, began his federal civilian career at Keesler as a warehouseman in the commissary.

Mr. Maye moved to the 81st SUPS as a warehouseman eight years later. In 1996, he was promoted to warehouse materials handler supervisor.

In 1999, he took a leave of absence from civil service to serve in Kuwait for two years with the 255th Air Control Squadron as a technical sergeant in the Air National Guard.

He returned to the 81st SUPS as a civilian in 2001 as flight service center element chief, the position he held until his retirement.

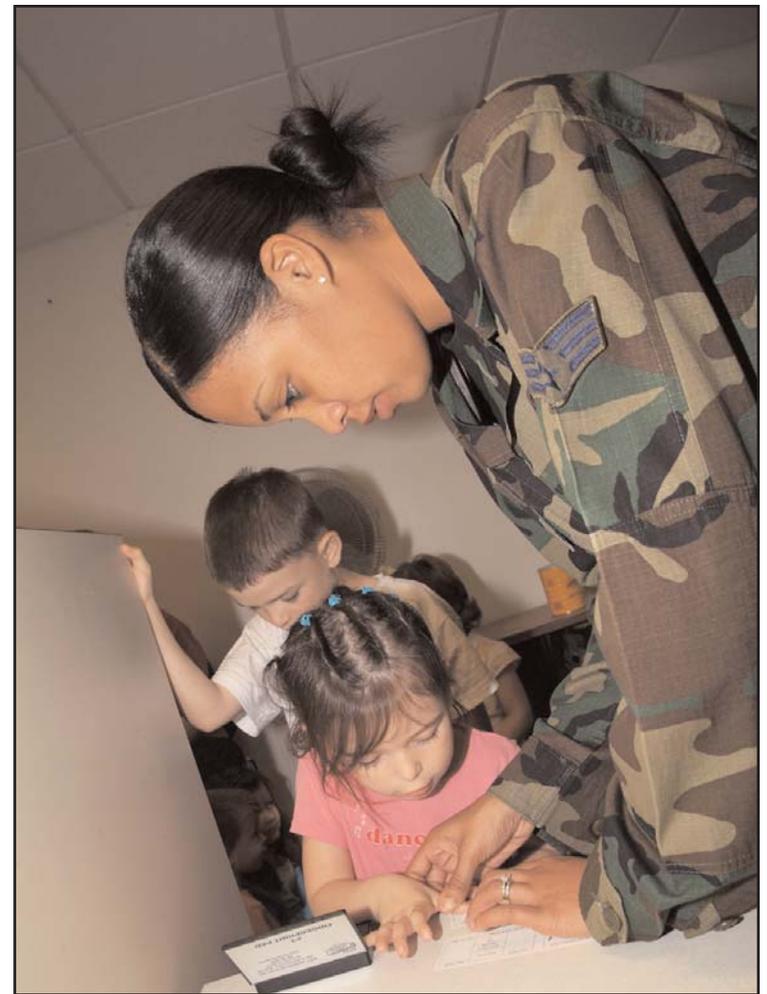
J.W. Woods, 81st SUPS, and Tech. Sgt. Chuck Marsh, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.



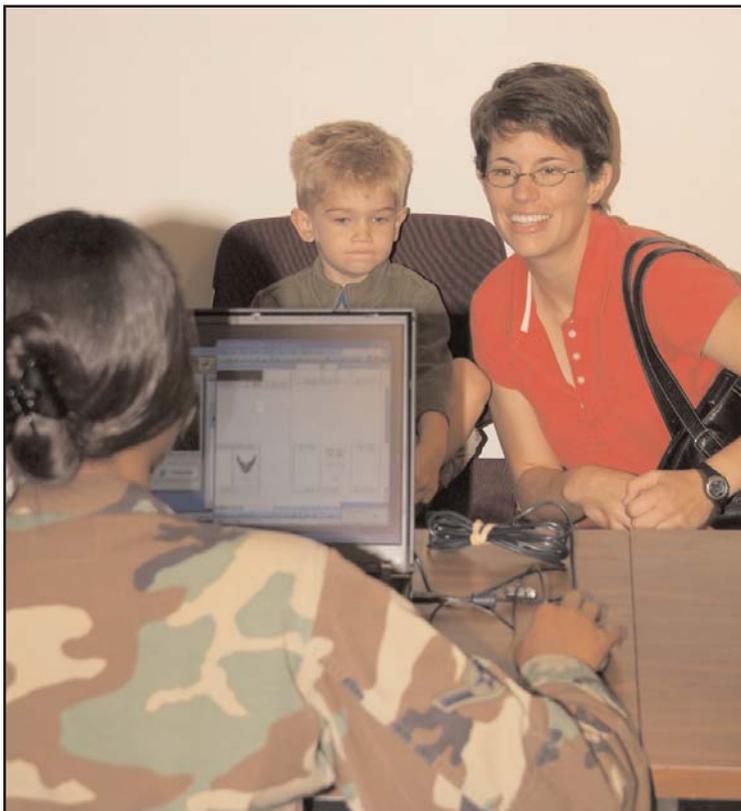
Photos by Adam Bond

Col. Richard Pierce, 81st Training Wing vice commander, answers "deployment" questions after his welcome briefing to families of deployed members Saturday during Operation Hero, sponsored by the airman and family readiness center.

Operation Hero deploys smiles to Keesler families



Richard Miller, 7, waits behind his sister, Adrianna, 4, as she is assisted in putting thumbprints on her Operation Hero identification card by Senior Airman Roslyn Ball, 81st Training Support Squadron. They are the children of Lt. Col. Richard and Yolany Miller, 334th Training Squadron commander.



Airman Stephanie Williams, 81st Training Group, creates an identification card for 4-year-old Thomas Gorline as his mom, Gretchen, watches. His father, Chaplain (Capt.) Jeremy Gorline, is currently deployed.



From left, Clayshawn Deramus, 13, waits for his turn to try on the gas mask 9-year-old Christopher Weary is wearing as his mom, Staff Sgt. Tasha Weary, 81st Mission Support Squadron, watches. Staff Sgt. James LaBelle, 81st MSS, helps to ensure the mask fits correctly. Clayshawn is Sergeant Weary's brother.

McBride Library opens observance with art, artifacts

By 2nd Lt. Nick Plante

Keesler News staff

Four free events and a lumpia sale mark Keesler's observance of May as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month.

Exhibit — Monday through May 31, McBride Library. Art and artifacts.

Food preparation demonstration — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 10, Vandenberg Community Center.

Special meal menu — May 23 at all three dining facilities. Chinese five-spice

chicken, beef and broccoli stir fry, Cantonese spare ribs, egg rolls, shrimp fried rice, steamed rice and lemon sesame green beans.

Food tasting — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 23, youth center. Homemade lumpia, chicken, Mongolian beef, sweet-and-sour pork and Hunan beef.

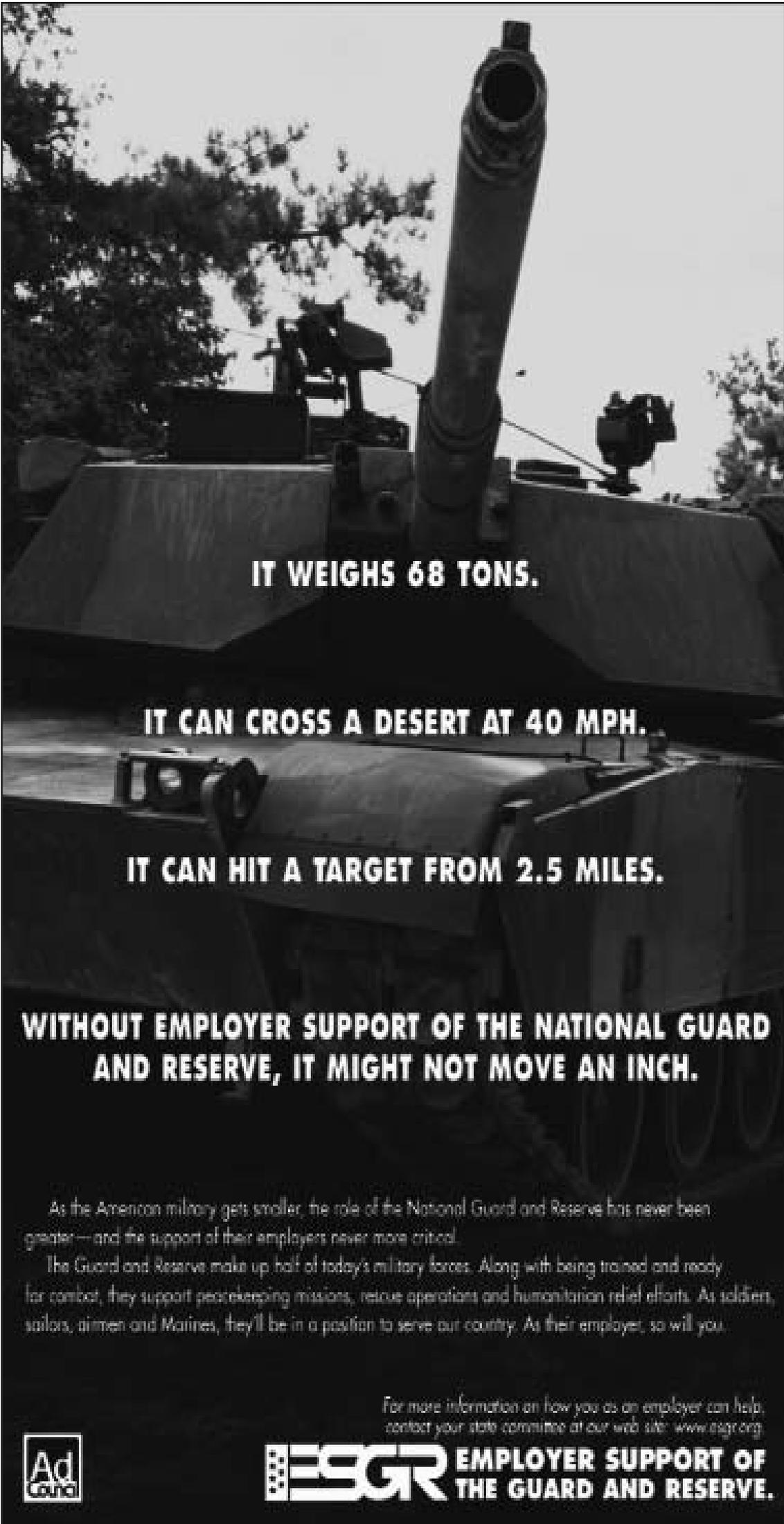
Lumpia sale — place orders for delivery later in the month.

For more information, call Larry McKean, 348-2714, or Senior Airman Rommel Hernandez, 376-3161.

Recognizing nurses, technicians



Photo by Steve Pivnick
Surgical technician Senior Airman Ryan Baxter's sterile gown is secured by Capt. Christy Griffin in Keesler Medical Center's operating room suite. The captain is an ophthalmology operating room nurse manager. Both are assigned to the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron. The 81st Medical Group's 300-plus nurses and medical technicians observe National Nurse-Tech Week, Sunday through May 12, with an ice cream social Monday, luncheon Tuesday, pizza delivery to night staff Tuesday and Wednesday and 10-minute "Touch of Healing" massages for nurses and technicians May 10.



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Mommy's little helper

Three-year-old Emily Moen, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Cathy and Randy Moen, gives her mom a hand in the 81st Training Group command section on "Take Your Son or Daughter to Work Day" April 26. The visits were part of April's Women's History Month observance. In the afternoon, parents and children participated in a program of games, activities, costumed characters and a space walk at the Triangle Chapel Annex. Other events sponsored by Keesler's Federal Women's Program were a luncheon April 18 and a women's health workshop Monday.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



KEESLER NOTES

Spouse appreciation

Tuesday is the deadline to register for the spouse appreciation "pamper me day," 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 10 at the Vandenberg Community Center.

The day features free food, prizes, information tables, demonstrations, free manicures and massages, fashion show, bingo and arts and crafts for spouses of military members.

The event is hosted by the airman and family readiness center and 81st Services Division.

To register, call 377-2179.

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.

Legal office closure

The legal office is closed May 15 for an Air Education and Training Command staff assistance visit.

For more information, call 377-3510.

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.

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.

Cycle courses

For information on motorcycle safety courses, call the safety office, 377-2910.

Supply issues

For supply-related issues or concerns, visit the 81st Supply Squadron's customer service element, Room 126, Building 4002.

Customer service may also be reached by phone, 377-2005, and e-mail, 81LGSCD@keesler.af.mil.

Safe!



Master Sgt. David Muns, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron surgical inpatient flight chief, won the Individual Key to Ground Safety for January-March 2007. He initiated an environment-of-care test for 81st Medical Group personnel, assessing and enhancing their safety skills and knowledge and removing \$200,000 worth of unsafe medical equipment.

SPORTS AND RECREATION



Photos by Kemberly Groue
Leviticus Robinson, left, 81st SUPS-TRANS, and Patrick Jackson, 81st TRG, battle to grab the ball just outside their reach. The game also proved just out of reach for 81st SUPS-TRANS as 81st TRG held a one-point lead as time ran out, 37-36.

81st TRG captures crown

By Tech. Sgt. Chuck Marsh
Keesler News staff

The 81st Training Group emerged victorious over the 81st Supply-Transportation Squadron, 37-36, in the intramural basketball championship game Monday at Blake Fitness Center.

"The SUPS-TRANS team is outstanding," said Jason Sarrett, 81st TRG. "They're probably the best team we played all year. We played them early in the tournament and were sure we'd see them again."

With the 81st TRG coming into the game undefeated and 81st SUPS-TRANS having a strong showing all season, great expectations kept fans on the edges of their seats.

The 81st SUPS-TRANS players outran 81st TRG, but often couldn't get their shots to fall. This didn't escape the 81st TRG players, whose similar failures found them trailing at the half, 19-11.

Midway into the second half, the trainers found the range. They closed to within two points on one possession, and on the next, dropped a three-pointer for a 28-27 lead.

The lead changed hands half a dozen more times.

With one minute left, 81st SUPS-TRANS was back on



Charles Lewis, 81st SUPS-TRANS, jockeys for position under the basket as teammate Leviticus Robinson shoots from between James Lewis and Trymaine Kelley, both 81st TRG.

top, 36-34. As the clock ran to under 20 seconds to play, Mark Green, 81st TRG, sank a 3-point shot for the lead and the game.

"It was a great game — one of the best ones played," said Robert Rempson, 81st SUPS-TRANS coach. "It was well performed by both teams and

came down to the wire."

Sarrett stated the obvious, "It felt good to win. The team put in a lot of work to come together. This was on top of mandatory training and studying (most players are 334th Training Squadron students). The season was very gratifying to watch and be a part of."

Special Olympics volunteers are essential

By Tech. Sgt. Chuck Marsh

Keesler News staff

More than 1,100 athletes, parents and caregivers pass through Keesler's front gate May 18-20 for the 2007 Mississippi Special Olympics Summer Games.

The 21-year Keesler tradition relies heavily on volunteer support.

"The outpouring of support from senior leadership and the base populace has been phenomenal, and we are very excited about this year's event," said Millie Ziebell, 81st Transportation Squadron, Special Olympics project officer. "This year's Special Olympics will be the best to date."

At the center of the event are the volunteers who pledge their time to make the games a success.

"Volunteers are the heart and soul of our operations," said Ziebell.

Volunteers help with everything from preparing and packing lunches, set-up and tear down, concessions, photography, water and ice, and the Olympic Village.

"The overwhelming support from our volunteers is really what makes the Special Olympics of Mississippi look forward to having its event at Keesler," Ziebell added. "Our team is working very hard preparing to make this memorable for everyone involved. Col. Deborah Van de Ven, 81st Training Group commander, and the students really enjoy partnering up with the athletes for the weekend and having that opportunity to bond."

Keith Trahan, 81st Mission Support Group and deputy project officer, noted Keesler's importance in the games.

"It shows the community how involved we can be — if people knew the amount of time, money and resources we put into this event, they'd be amazed," he said.

To volunteer, call 377-1676 and leave a message with con-

SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

League standings

Monday Night Budweiser
(as of April 23)

Team	Won	Lost
Man On!	74	33
Bam! Bam! Bam!	66	46
Slater's Shooters	65	47
Perry's Refrigeration	64	48
Martini's	61	51
Wayne's World	58	54
Hoop's Gang	56	56
Spare Time Pro Shop	55	57
Our Gang	47	65
Gannon's Cannons	44	68
Endangered Species	42	70
Wicked Women	40	72

Tuesday Night Hospital
(as of April 24)

Team	Won	Lost
Team 7	80	24
Scrubs	66	38
Team 5	64	40
Dirty O's	64	40
Team 1	60	44
Team 2	60	44
The Big O	46	42
Spare Ballz	46	58
Juggonauts	12	92
Team 10	8	88

Wednesday Night Mixed
(as of April 25)

Team	Won	Lost
JSOT-B	98	35
MUDD	79	54
WEJUSWANAHAVFUN	74	59
Go Getters	74	59
Select Few	73	60
70's Plus	72	61
Bowling Express	67	66
Misfits	67	66
Whatever It Is	64	69
Beef O'Brady's 1	54	79
David's Rejects	54	79

Thursday Retired Seniors Mixed
(as of April 28)

Team	Won	Lost
Three's Company	83	50
The Big O's	80.5	52.5
RBL	80	53
Team 18	79	54
Team 8	76	57
Team 7	73	60
The Oreos	69	64
B-I-F	65.5	67.5
TIMEX	65	68
Groovy 3	64	69
Team 11	63	70
Stars and Strikes	62	71
FAST	61.5	71.5
Team 5	61	72
WWD	60	73
Team 17	59.5	73.5
Team 1	54	79
Barb's Boys	41	92

Thursday Night Federal
(as of April 19)

Team	Won	Lost
332th TRS-A	86	42
85th EIS-A	80	48
85th EIS-B	78	50
81st TRSS-A	76	52
333rd TRS-A	72	56
81st CES Lite Crew	72	56
332nd TRS-B	70	58
SVS Misfits-A	68	60
335th TRS-A	60	68

Powerlifters face off

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Darrell Evans, 333rd Training Squadron, won overall honors at the Muscle Mania powerlifting competition Friday at Triangle Fitness Center.

"He's a world champion and past member of the Air Force's powerlifting team," said Robert Reville, center manager.

Evans and 12 other men competed in six weight classes in the Amateur Athletic Union-sanctioned event. Unlike past base contests, there were no women participants.

Evans won the 240-pound weight class with a 600-pound squat, 425-pound bench and 600-pound deadlift for a total of 1,625, 230 pounds more than the nearest competitor.

Listed in order are the winners, units, and weight in pounds for squat, bench, deadlift and overall totals in the other five weight classes:

220 pounds — Jerome Adams, 335th TRS, 485, 405, 505 and 1,395, first, and Ian Tanaka, 338th TRS, 225, 295, 410 and 930, second.

198 pounds — Dennis Marcus, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, 320, 240, 440 and 1,000, first, and Marc Gaydem, 338th TRS, 135, 285, 405 and 825, second.

181 pounds — Nick Vanni, 81st Security Forces Squadron, 355, 290, 455 and 1,100, first; Kevin Dupart, 338th TRS, 225, 225, 350 and 800, second; and Christopher Perry, 81st CES, 135, 135, 405 and 675, third.

165 pounds — Joshua Hewitt, 225, 250, 350 and 825, first, and Lawrence Dizon, 338th TRS, 135, 250, 315 and 700, second.

148 pounds — Bobby Harrison, 505th TRS, Hurlburt Field, Fla., 275, 275, 365 and 915, first; Christopher Christensen, 338th TRS, 235, 210, 350 and 795, second; and Nakeon Barrow, 338th TRS, 275, 250, 0, 525, third.

"There's no national Muscle Mania contest this year," Reville stated, "but they'll be able to compete at an American Powerlifting Federation meet at the Triangle sometime in July."

CPTS 5 and Dimes	60	68
338th TRS-A	54	74
81st MSS-A	50	70
81st DS Dental Demons	44	84
333rd TRS-B	34	86

Friday Night
(as of April 27)

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

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

Free tours — every half hour, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 10. Register at front counter.

May special — bowl a score with the number 60 and game is free.

Stars and Strikes — coming soon. For information, call 377-2817.

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

Wellness expo — noon to 4 p.m. May 10, Blake Fitness Center.

Booths, demonstrations, health screenings, fitness assessments, healthy snacks and giveaways. Sign up by Monday for free "last one standing" competition for men and women ages 18.

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

Golf

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.

Outdoor recreation

Swimming lessons — Tuesday through May 10 at outdoor recreation. Pools open May 26.

Mother's Day special — May 13, mothers receive 10 percent discount on boat rental.

Back Bay cruiser — 17-foot vessel for rent. For prices, call 377-3160.

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

Paintball course — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. non working Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays open play, 1-3 p.m. tournaments or group play with reservation. For more information, call 377-3160.

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.

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

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

Running

Training clinics — for runners interested in trying out for the Air Force marathon team, noon today or 4 p.m. Tuesday, health and wellness center. For more information, call 377-8380.

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

Youth center

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

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

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 — coaches needed; call 377-3349.

DIGEST

GRADUATIONS

First Term Airmen Center

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Airmen 1st Class Gregory Bishop, Marcus Dennis, Jacob Klodt, Darren Mercer, Tyler Vasquez and Anthony Weisbrod.

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — Airman Chaneatha Goodine; Airman 1st Class Danuta Krokovay.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Airman 1st Class Lacey Greeley.

81st Mission Support Squadron — Airman Antoine Whims; Airman 1st Class Krystina Schneider.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Airmen 1st Class Annette Davis and Christine Villarreal.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Airman Michael Woods.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Airman 1st Class Eric Ruiz.

HONORS

Quarterly awards, January-March

Angel Awards

Chapel — Kim Jones.

335th Training Squadron — Staff Sgt. Jacqueline Carlisle.

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic William Austin, Bryan Avis, Casey Baker, Adam Boutelle, Nicholas Brown, Darrell Charlee, Michael Cloakey, Kenneth Cook, Dominic Daise, Andrew Doman, Andrew Dorado, John Drabeck, Jonathan Edwards, Jeffrey Elam, Bryan Figueroa-Terrero, Evan Harris, Nicole Hartley, Walter Humko, George Irby, Calvin Lee, Rocky Lewis, Scott Malicoat, Kyle Martin, Arnold Mast, Jonathan Matthews, Cesar Molina, Anthony Neal, Timka Peltonen, Shan Perry, Matthew Petrides, Andrew Relyea, Joshua Rutledge, Ryan Shea, Joshua Stanford, Brandon Swanson, Austin Tapp, Joel Tetreault, Brian Thibodeau, Andrew Turner, Jeremy Vest, Steven Watson, William Weaver, Jerod Weddle and Ryan Yarcho; Airmen Matthew Boorman, Juan Cervantes, Alton Conner, James Evans, Joshua Hettinger, Jesse Howell, Gregory Jas, Joseph Rosenstiel, Andrew Scott and Michael Strombelline; Airmen 1st Class Siobhan Assoon, Jesus Beltran, Tyler Braddock, Corey Brillinger, Nicholas Cole, Richard Cook, Ron Cooke, Thomas Cotton, Brandon Fissette, Wesley Foster, Bradford Gallatin, John Greer, Aaron Grime, Joshua Hoffman, Alexander Kerian, Daniel Ledezma,

Nicholas Lile, Luke McDonald, Alexis Mitchell, Brent Monistere, Nathan Roczen, Daniel Rodgers, Matthew Samecky, Brandon Sewell, Yvonne Vickers, Ronn Wade, Aaron Wasden, Tatton White and Charles Woods; Senior Airmen Aamir Cooper, Lee Hyman, Laura Roybal, Steven York and Pete Wehrly; Staff Sgts. Jonathan Carrasco, Jeffrey Geiger, Daniel Hall, Brent Hollar, Gregory Mills and Todd Williams.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Dustin Brindley, Ryan Chase, Carrie Durbin, Jacob Harvey, Charles Hice, Michelle Hill, Brittney McMurphy, Daniel Roe and Filipino Williams; Airmen Kalan Miller, Ebony Monroe and Bryan Yourkonis; Airmen 1st Class Jesse Barney, Kathryn Dillon, Nathan Hanson, Joseph Lipske, Rick Roller, Brent Spotts and Sarah Titone; Staff Sgt. Peter Hablitzel; Tech. Sgt. Beau McCoy; Senior Master Sergeant Othman Al Zahrani; 2nd Lt. Michal Bromowicz; 1st Lts. Patrick Kuuire, Macie Ruszuk and Daruisz Wadowski; Capt. Daruisz Czyz.

Aviation resource management apprentice course — Airman 1st Class Randi Johnston; Senior Airman Andrea Hernandez; Staff Sgt. Ronald Jordan.

Command post apprentice course — Airman Basic Heather Bosh; Airmen 1st Class Heather Bosh, Nathaniel Eisele and Ryan Pochop; Senior Airman Monique Hipp; Staff Sgt. Joshua Connery; Tech. Sgts. Gary Rehak, Caleb Gibson and Corey Kenney; Master Sgt. Claudette Flathmann.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Jacquette Barnett, Matthew Denos, David Edwards, Michelle Garcia, Joanna Jordan, Teresa Jordan, Joshua Kronwall, James Lewis, Loieni Mounga, Ashley Novak, Jeffrey Polser, Makenzie Tibbetts, Geoffrey White and Allen Williams; Airmen Malissa Deleon, Kacy Lebo; Airmen 1st Class Jessie Babcock, Loni Fields, Flavia Grey, Brian Harding, Jared Martin, Kashia Morse, Phatsalavanh Oukham, Justin Pelham, Christiana Schaefer, George Wolf and Anna Zyska; Senior Airmen Benjamin Blackford and Robert Carman; Staff Sgts. Arkeisha Lawrence and Trisha Nelson; Tech. Sgts. Heather Arnold, Terry Dobbs, Justin Hole and Kevin Nichols.

Personnel apprentice course — Airmen Basic Kristy Baker and Ashley Sias; Airmen Shelly Kerstanski and Kathleen Suan; Airmen 1st Class Allen Eslinger, Lisa Gist, Jennifer Gonzales, Amber Knox and Michelle Polk; Staff Sgt. Gregory Drysdale.

Weather training flight — Airmen Thomas Cothran and Stephen McNeese; Marine Pfc. Matthew James; Airmen 1st Class Jeremy Hale, Brandon Lirio, Daniel McGonigle, Nathan Norvell, Aaron Rackley, Raymond Rugenstein, Edison Schroeder and Ashley Wheeler; Senior Airman Robert Sheldon; Staff Sgt. David Winegar; Tech. Sgts. Steven Bass, James Durio, Michelle Hancock and Melissa Sprague.

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Communications-computer systems training flight — Airman Basic Cody Vore; Airmen 1st Class Martin Evans, Kevin Flanagan, Joseph Hill, Brandon Johns, Jason Plante, Farris Skaff and Jeremy Twidt; Senior Airmen Elizabeth Kerber and Eddie Maltzahn; Staff Sgts. Rex Ching, Nathan Mueller, Eric Sasano, Dustin Simpson and Jason Swenson; Tech. Sgts. Cosme Battalas, David Guy, Dean Peterson and Eric Risner.

Communications and information management flight — Airmen Basic Cassie Anderson, Joshua Bauman, Jennyliz Correa, Loran Harding, Charles Lee, Toreda Smith and Christopher Toney; Airmen Paul Adams and Marina Corsi; Airmen 1st Class Sharorda Alexander, Arthur Buck, Robert Ernst, Ashley Gallegos, Jaysiel Garcia, Ashley Guerrero, Anthony Martin, Roxanne McPhee, David Peek, Everette Pennington, James Shuckenbrock and Jay Vanvranken; Senior Airmen Bren Calpin and Mark Humble; Staff Sgts. Kenneth Braden, Abby Cypfert, Shaun Deegan, Christopher Kerens, Aaron McCoy, Rachel McDowell, Jeffrey Melson, Lindsay O'Bannon, Johnny Stewart and Kara Wilson; Tech. Sgt. Derek Wilson; Master Sgt. George Semanco; Senior Master Sgt. Michael Maggiacomo; Karilyn Wilson.

338th TRS

Ground radio apprentice course — Airmen 1st Class Bryan Alder and Jason Speaker.

Radar systems apprentice course — Airmen Basic Joseph Lewis, Devin Roper, Airman Cornell Jones, Airmen 1st Class Drew Sermon, Senior Airmen Matthew Jackson; Staff Sgt. James Anderson.

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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.....
.....Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 11:15 a.m.

Protestant

Sunday worship

Larcher Chapel traditional service.....8:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel contemporary worship service...10:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel gospel service.....Noon

Islamic

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

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

Latter-Day Saints

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

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CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

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

Keesler NCO Academy

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

American Red Cross

Hurricane assistance training — May 18-20, Mississippi State University Coastal Research and Extension Center, 1815 Popp's 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

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

Sewing — 1:30 p.m. Friday. \$10 including supplies. Make a gardening item.

Free scrapbooking class — 1 p.m. Saturday for spouses of deployed troops. Bring 4x6-inch or smaller photos. Class limit 20 people.

Cooking — 11 a.m. Saturday. \$10 including supplies. Make guacamole and other treats.

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

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

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

Beginning pottery — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 12. \$40 including five pounds of clay and firing for three pieces.

Mold pouring — 10 a.m. May 19. \$25 includes first firing. Ages 13 and older. Pour a garden project.

One-stroke painting — May 19. Clay pot paint-a-thon. \$30 including supplies. For time, call 377-2821.

Lawn and garden project — 1 p.m. May 26. \$10 plus \$3-\$15 cost of individual project.

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

Home schoolers gardening — 2 p.m. May 30. \$10 including supplies.

Advanced matting — May 31. \$25. Beginner framing class is prerequisite. Call for time.

Special for mothers — all moms who register for a craft class this month receive free gift.

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.

New classes coming soon — photography and beading.

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.

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 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

Library services orientations — 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Music and art festival — 10 a.m. today, ages 2-5. Stories and activities.

Fax special — Monday through May 11, military spouses send fax for 50 cents a page.

Book display — new selections for ages through grade 3.

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.

Robert Trent Jones golf getaway — June 8-10. \$265 per person including transportation, lodging, continental breakfast, greens fees, shared golf carts and all applicable taxes. Pay in full by Monday.

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.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

Cinco de Mayo dance — 6 p.m. Saturday. \$3. Games, snacks, drink specials.

Free coffee and donuts for spouses — 9-10 a.m. Wednesday, plus information on family activities. Sign up to win a ticket to the Audubon Zoo and Aquarium in New Orleans.

Pamper your spouse — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 10. Massage therapy, demonstrationss, gifts, prizes and shuttle service to wellness expo.

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.

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

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

Dinner — baked chicken, pepper steak, pasta primavera, mashed potatoes, rice, gravy, mixed vegetables, fried okra, green beans, potato salad, fruit salad, cream of broccoli soup, cheeseburger soup, chicken chili, buffalo wings and roast beef subs.

Friday

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

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

Saturday

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

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

Sunday

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

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

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

Wednesday

Lunch — Mexican baked chicken and pork chops, beef fajitas, jalapeno cornbread, refried beans, corn, gravy, pinto beans, peas and carrots, cole slaw, garden cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

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

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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.

Dr. Dick's karaoke show — 5 p.m. Thursdays.

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

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

Catering — experts can assist with event planning.

Youth center

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

Cowboy day — 1-4 p.m. Saturday. Petting zoo, clown, stick horse races, contests, prizes and awards

sponsored by Klein Brothers Rodeo.

TRAIL Keystone Club meeting — 6 p.m. Tuesday and May 22, ages 13 and older.

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

Home alone workshop — 5 p.m. May 17, ages 10 and older 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 non members.

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 Wednesday.

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

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, 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 4:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, June 18-20, July 16-18, Aug. 13-15, Sept. 10-12, Oct. 15-17, Nov. 13-15 and Dec. 10-12, 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, 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 program at Randolph AFB, Texas.

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

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

Opportunities for medics — the Air Force Reserve needs flight surgeons, doctors, dentists and nurses. Some opportunities are available with the 403rd Aeromedical Staging Squadron at Keesler. Eligible members enjoy many military benefits of

being in the military and earn retirement credit, while serving two days per month of inactive training and two weeks of active-duty training each year. Some members may be eligible for signing bonus or loan repayment. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. George Adams, health professions recruiter, 377-7655, or e-mail george.adams@keesler.af.mil.

Web sites

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

Air Force Blue to Corporate Gray — <http://www.bluetogray.com>.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Computer use

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

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

MEETINGS

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

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 Master Sgt. Kat Hataway, 377-5566 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 Cen-

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

Keesler Christian Home Educators Association — 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 — 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 — meeting times and locations vary. For more information, call Master Sgt. Nicole Pearson, 377-6510.

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@bell south.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., Black Snake Moan (R, 118 minutes).

Saturday — 2 p.m., The Last Mimzy (PG, 98 minutes); 6:30 p.m., Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (PG, 87 minutes).

Sunday — 2 p.m., 300 (R, 117 minutes).