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Dragons deployed  
— 256

## Keesler raises \$5,000 for USO



Photo by Kemberly Groue

From left, Airman 1st Class Bryan Cardona, Airman James Gold, Deanna Attaway and Master Sgt. Jessica Liebegott sort items purchased for the USO with funds raised by Keesler members last week. The Airmen and Sergeant Liebegott are from the 338th Training Squadron. Ms. Attaway is director of USO Gulf Coast.

## 332nd TRS leader takes pie in face for cause

By Staff Sgt. Tanya Holditch

Keesler Public Affairs

Ask and you shall receive.

That's what Deanna Attaway, USO Gulf Coast director, hoped for Feb. 26 when she e-mailed Ann Owens, 338th Training Squadron, for Keesler's help restocking supplies for a swarm of military members expected to arrive on the coast soon.

Ms. Owens forwarded the e-mail to Master Sgt. Jessica Liebegott, 338th TRS first sergeant, who then contacted Keesler's Top III for help rallying Airmen.

Keesler Airmen responded quickly. In just three days,

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Air Force Smart Ops For The 21st Century

## Running, riding, driving — are you always thinking?

By Col. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

My daily routine starts before the sun comes up.

I hit the track or the gym to get a good workout before diving into another busy 81st Training Wing day. Even in the gloom of the early morning I'm not usually alone, as there are usually a few other hearty souls getting a good start to their day as well.

Just the other morning I ran across an oncoming jogger whose dark running clothes made him nearly invisible. Making a quick U-turn I caught up with him to remind him in the future to make sure he wore the proper gear so he could be seen in the dark.

### Wear something bright

I learned the importance of wearing reflective gear while stationed in the Middle East — on a dark road near our perimeter, a truck nearly ended my early morning workouts for good. Now I'm a lot more careful, wear my reflective "disco belt" and make sure to wear something bright so I can be seen. As an added precaution, I run only on the track, out of traffic. Do you?

There's nothing I like better than spicing up my workout by listening to some favorite tunes on my iPod, but there's a time and place for everything. A couple of days ago I was driving the "White Top" staff car around base when I saw a runner racing along Chappie James Avenue near the Dragon Fitness Center at a pretty good clip, listening to his iPod. When I slowed and rolled down my window to try chatting with him, wouldn't you know he couldn't hear me, even when I yelled?

### Don't make my mistake

I used to be a bonehead, wearing my iPod while jogging, but even if your head swivels or you have eyes in the back of your head, if you can't hear the world around you, you're potentially in for a world of hurt. A couple of years ago, while jogging with my iPod, I almost learned the hard way while crossing an intersection. I let a car sneak up on me and nearly ruin my day. Don't make the same mistake. In the weight room the iPod's fine, but it is a bad idea to wear an iPod while running down a public street — it's also against Air Force Policy.

That's not all. I was driving home very slowly through base housing after sundown last night when I was nearly hit head-on by two children on bicycles. When they came

out of the darkness and into my headlights, my foot on the brake was all that was between them and a trip to the hospital. While they had no lights or reflectors on their bikes or clothing, at least they were wearing helmets. They are great kids and, after we had a little chat, they got on the sidewalk and got home safely. Even if you are not a serious cyclist, you need to have lights and reflectors in order to be seen by traffic. If you have children, please make sure they do as well.

It's not just people on the street, walking or biking causing safety problems. Getting behind the wheel of a car can be dangerous, especially when you're not paying attention to the rules of the road.

### Laws are for our safety

Just the other day I saw a car coast through a two-way stop sign, then speed across a busy intersection in front of oncoming traffic. As I slowed to turn around, I also noticed this driver all the while was talking away on his cell phone. I never got a chance to point out his lack of safety awareness because one of our security forces cruisers pulled him over. I bet that security forces patrolman got a cramp writing out that ticket trifecta.

Traffic laws are in place for our safety, so proceed with caution and stay within the limits. Using a cell phone in a moving vehicle means you don't have both hands on the wheel. If you must talk on the phone in your car, either pull over or get a hands-free device. If you talk on a cell phone in a moving vehicle, you'll be ticketed. No exceptions!

### Situational awareness

I'm sure by now you've noticed a trend here. These are all real examples of the kind of dangerous activities I've seen on base when people ignore proper safety precautions. I'm sure you have seen them too. Too many injuries and deaths are caused by such thoughtless behavior. You've heard the phrase "Look out for the other guy." If you think about it and take the proper safety precautions, you can avoid being that "other guy."

The point I'm trying to make is it all boils down to situational awareness — good, old-fashioned thinking. Be a good neighbor and think about how your behavior affects others. Be a good Airman and think about how you can remain safe and healthy, not only at work but off-duty as well. Safety is something we should all think about. Are you thinking?

## ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Col. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

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

Suggestions to help make this a more valuable and useful tool are welcome. 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 personal responses, include your name, address and phone number.

Items of general interest

**A-76 hotline** — 228-376-8176  
**Airmen and family readiness center** — 377-2179  
**Base locator** — 377-2890  
**Base operator** — 377-1110  
**Base taxi (official use)** — 377-2430  
**Career assistance adviser** — 377-3697  
**Central medical appointments** — 1-800-700-8603  
**Child development center** — 377-2211  
**Civil engineering** — 377-5561  
**Civilian personnel** — 377-2268  
**Military personnel flight** — 377-2276  
**Keesler Federal Credit Union** — 385-5500  
**Emergencies** — 911  
**Family campground** — 594-0543  
**Finance** — 377-4212  
**81st Communications Squadron help desk** — 377-0066  
**Housing** — 377-9741  
**Identification cards** — 377-3203  
**Inspector general** — 377-3010  
**Legal assistance** — 377-3510  
**Library** — 377-2181  
**Lodging (reservations)** — 377-9986



Colonel Touhill

may appear in this column.

For your convenience, here are some key customer service phone numbers at Keesler:

**Medical center information** — 376-2550  
**Military equal opportunity** — 377-2759  
**Military pay** — 377-7272  
**Pass and registration** — 377-3844  
**Pharmacy (refill call-in)** — 376-1000  
**Satellite pharmacy** — 377-9791  
**Public affairs** — 377-2783  
**Red Cross** — 377-0732  
**Sexual assault prevention and response team** — 377-8635  
**SARC 24-hour hotline (to report sexual assaults)** — 377-7278  
**Law enforcement desk** — 377-3040  
**SARC 24-hour hotline** — 477-7278  
**Shoppette, Class Six** — 432-2367  
**Telephone trouble** — 377-2130  
**Traffic management (outbound)** — 377-2446  
**Traffic management (inbound)** — 377-7813  
**Visitor center** — 377-2595  
**Youth center** — 377-4116

## Thumbs up, medic!

**Comment** — First Lt. Vicki Bateman, a physician assistant in the family practice clinic, consistently treats my mother with optimal care and understanding.

My mother comes from Korea. Doctors often leave her feeling incompetent or insignificant. Lieutenant Bateman sees past that and has her at her best health in more than 20 years.

**Response** — Thank you for sharing your positive experiences with one of the caregivers at Keesler Medical Center.

We're extremely fortunate and proud to have such a highly capable, caring medical staff delivering first-rate treatment to all our beneficiaries.

No. 1 in Air Force,  
2004, 1997.

No. 1 in AETC,  
2004, 1998, 1996;  
No. 2, 2006, 2003,  
2001, 1999, 1997,  
1991, 1989, 1986;  
No. 3, 2005, 2002,  
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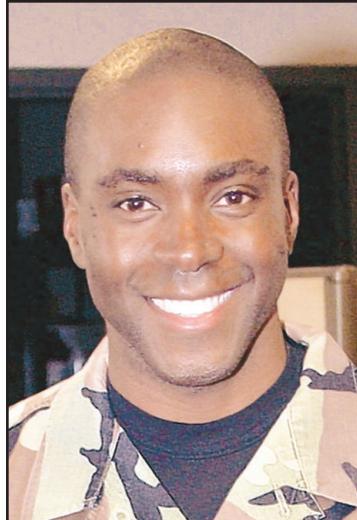
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I want to continue being a physician's assistant, a mother and a wife.

— Staff Sgt. Angelica  
Worsham, 81st Surgical  
Operations Squadron.



I want to become a sports broadcaster.

— Tech. Sgt. Steven  
Joyce, 81st Training  
Support Squadron.



I want to move back to Cleveland, Ohio, and become a police officer like my father.

— Airman 1st Class  
Amanda Merrifield, 81st  
MSGS.

# DRAGON ON THE STREET

What are your

plans for after

the Air Force?

## 10 tips for staying out of trouble

By Maj. Conrad Huygen

### Senior defense counsel

As an area defense counsel five years ago, I shared my observations of what I'd seen during my first six months on the job and gave tips on how Airmen could stay out of trouble.

Today, I'm revisiting those observations and tips in the hope it helps at least one Airman.

**Observation 1:** Too many Airmen drink far too much. A large proportion of the cases that ADCs deal with involve alcohol. I'm not telling you not to drink at all, but the volume of alcohol I hear about can be shocking. If you drink underage or drink yourself into a stupor every weekend, you need help — please get it before you and an ADC have to talk about your Article 15.

**Observation 2:** Drug use remains the most common court-martial offense, and it often follows drinking. If you use drugs, you'll get caught because one of your friends will rat on you — drug use tends to be a group activity and someone always ends up talking about it. I'm not an expert on human nature, but if you think your friends are different, you're kidding yourself.

**Observation 3:** Commanders, first sergeants and the legal office staff aren't out to get you. These are men and women of great integrity who take adverse action only when presented with evidence. Sometimes that evidence proves an offense, sometimes it doesn't, but nobody is out to get you.

**Observation 4:** Airmen who face adverse action are generally good people. I've had the best clients in the world and will do everything in my power to defend you if you become one of them, as will the ADCs who work under my supervision.

An honorable discharge and the GI Bill opened every door that I've walked through as an adult, from college to jobs to law school. I want you to succeed and the Air Force wants you to succeed; the choice is yours.

Here's my updated list of 10 things you can do to complete a successful enlistment.

**10** — Quit getting sloppy drunk. Otherwise, you'll end up doing something really stupid.

**9** — Never use drugs. Ask yourself if it's worth your career, \$40,000 GI Bill, and the potential of a criminal record.

**8** — Don't steal or lie, even a little. The first rules you learned as a kid apply to this day.

**7** — Live within your means. I still can't afford a Porsche — you can't afford a Porsche.

**6** — Be likeable and valuable. Good troops get breaks because they've earned them.

**5** — Always be squared away and 10 minutes early. Your uniform, haircut, military bearing and punctuality really do reflect who you are.

**4** — Don't engage in sexual activity without consent. If you're not sure, ask.

**3** — Never misuse computers. Things you download or send could come back to haunt you.

**2** — Don't hang out with idiots. You'll eventually get blamed for what they did.

**1** — Ask for a lawyer when read your rights. You can always make a statement after you've consulted with counsel and receive the full benefit of their sound advice. You can never be punished for exercising this right, so never be afraid to ask for your base ADC.

To report suspicious activity at Keesler, call 377-3040.

## Lorenz succeeds Looney as commander of AETC

By Tech. Sgt. Mike Hammond

### AETC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Air Force leaders named the commander of Air University as the future leader of Air Education and Training Command Feb. 28.

President George Bush has nominated Lt. Gen. Stephen Lorenz for appointment to the grade of general and assignment as commander of AETC, which is responsible for the free world's largest training system.

General Lorenz is scheduled to replace Gen. William Looney III, who retires after leading AETC since June 2005.

In fulfilling its mission to develop America's Airmen today for tomorrow, AETC recruits, trains and educates Airmen throughout their careers. Every Air Force officer and enlisted member is



**General Lorenz**

touched by the command at some point.

More than 84,000 people, including active duty, Guard and Reserve Airmen — along with government civilians and contractors — make up AETC. The command is also responsible for an inventory

of more than 1,500 aircraft.

AETC includes two numbered Air Forces, as well as Air University and Air Force Recruiting Service. The annual budget for fiscal 2008 is more than \$6.9 billion.

General Lorenz has led Air University since October 2005. Air University provides the full spectrum of Air Force education including degree-granting and professional continuing education. As Air University commander, he's also responsible for officer commissioning through Officer Training School and the Reserve Officer Training Corps.

The president also nominated Maj. Gen. Allen Peck, Air University vice commander and Air Force Doctrine Development and Education Center commander, to the grade of lieutenant general and to command Air University.

# 'You Made the Grade' rewards good students

## AAFES Corporate Communications

DALLAS — The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is extending a host of special savings to military students who are demonstrating above-average academic achievement.

As part of the AAFES "You Made the Grade" effort, students who maintain a "B" average are eligible to receive a variety of complimentary exchange offers for every qualifying report card they bring home.

The current "You Made the Grade" booklet includes coupons for a free Burger King hamburger kids meal, complimentary admission for two to the nearest Reel Time movie theater and a free magazine from the local Book-Mark.

In addition to money-saving offers, the booklet also

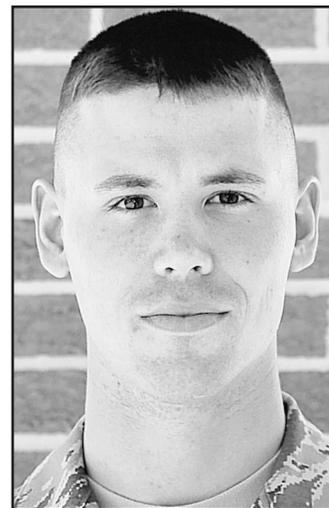


contains an entry form for a quarterly savings bond drawing in which three winners are randomly awarded bonds of \$2,000, \$3,000 or \$5,000.

"'You Made the Grade' offers a practical learning experience for AAFES' youngest shoppers," said Brig. Gen. Keith Thurgood, AAFES commander. "The coupons and the sweepstakes are tangible examples of how it pays to be smart and work hard in school."

To receive the AAFES "You Made the Grade" booklet, students present a valid military identification card and proof of an overall "B" or better average to their local exchange.

## Air National Guard aces



From left, Senior Airman Amber Helsel, Airman 1st Class Eric Rueth and Staff Sgt. Joseph Scott recently completed courses with perfect averages. Airman Helsel, a graduate of the five-week personnel apprentice course in the 335th Training Squadron, returns to the Michigan Air National Guard's 110th Fighter Wing in Battle Creek. Airman Rueth and Sergeant Scott completed the 37 academic days of the electronic principles course in the 332nd TRS with 100-percent averages in all five blocks. Airman Rueth, who serves with the Wisconsin ANG at Truax Field in Madison, is headed to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, for F-16 avionics system apprentice school. Sergeant Scott, a member of the 104th Fighter Wing at Barnes ANG Base, Westfield, Mass., is going to Sheppard for F-15 avionics test station and aircraft component apprentice school.

## Drill downs, parades

The 81st Training Group holds drill downs and parades on the drill pad behind the Levitow Training Support Facility.

The schedule:

**Drill downs** — April 18 and Nov. 14; 6 p.m. July 17 and 7 a.m. Sept. 17.

**Parades** — 6 p.m. March 20, June 12, Aug. 21 and Oct. 16.

For drill down information, call Tech. Sgt. Trina Girley, 377-2737. For parade information, call Staff Sgt. Donald McNair, 377-9527.

## Parking lot closure

The parking lot on the southeast side of the Keesler

NCO Academy is closed until 8:30 a.m. Tuesday and until 11 a.m. April 2 for drill practice and evaluations.

In the event of inclement weather, the lot is open.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Lisa Arnold, 377-2740.

## KOSC scholarships

April 11 is the deadline to apply for six scholarships being offered by the Keesler Spouses' Club.

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

Defense Department civilian employees are eligible.

Applications are available at high school counselor offices and the Keesler Thrift Shop and online at the KSC Web site, <http://www.keesler spousesclub.com>.

## Master's online

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas -- Eligible Air Force civilians have until March 14 to apply for a new online master's degree program offered this June by Air University's Air Command and Staff College.

For more information, call 1-210-565-2524 or DSN 665-2524.

## 2nd Air Force names top performers of 2007

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Headquarters 2nd Air Force recently announced its annual award winners for 2007.

Recipients and their directorates are:

**Noncommissioned officer** — Staff Sgt. Chiquita Green, command section.

**Senior NCO** — Master Sgt. Robert Register, training operations.

**Company grade officer** — Capt. Scott Crum, in-lieu-of training. Captain Crum is currently deployed.

**Civilian category 2** — Curtis Greer, mission support.

**Civilian supervisor 2** — Jeanna Pruitt, training operations.

## New command chief named

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Chief Master Sgt. Alexander Perry has been appointed 81st Training Wing command chief master sergeant by Col. Greg Touhill.

Chief Perry was chosen by Colonel Touhill, 81st TRW commander, to replace retiring Chief Master Sgt. Ronald Owens.

The wing command chief advises the wing commander on all aspects related to the utilization, training, management and morale of 6,200 enlisted members. The chief also serves as a liaison for civic, base, Air Education and Training Command and other Air Force agencies to enhance support for enlisted programs.

Chief Perry comes to the



Chief Perry

position from the 81st Medical Group where he was the superintendent. As the medics' senior enlisted leader, he was personal adviser to the

commander and staff of the Air Force's third largest medical group on matters concerning the welfare, effective utilization, training, career progression and organizational performance of 850 enlisted members.

Chief Perry arrived at Keesler in August 2007 and was 81st Medical Operations Squadron superintendent until January when he was named 81st MDG superintendent.

He entered the Air Force in August of 1986. In 2002, he retrained into the first sergeant career field and served with four units, leading groups of 152 to 600 members in a multitude of Air Force Specialty Codes. In 2006, he returned to the medical career field.

## Medical center gets nurse-call system

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Patients and staff benefit from a new, state-of-the-art nurse call system being installed in Keesler Medical Center's inpatient units.

The project to set up the Provider 680 Nurse Call System began in mid-October and is expected to be completed by the end of March.

Medical and surgical units on the second, fourth and fifth floors have been completed. The third-floor family birthing center should be finished within 30 days, according to Tommie Hopkins, southern regional sales manager for contractor Jeron Electronic Systems of Chicago.

Patients have a call cord at their bedside. When activated the call is received at the nurses' station. The ward clerk or secretary determines the level of service required and dispatches the information to the appropriate pager.

Wiring for the system is

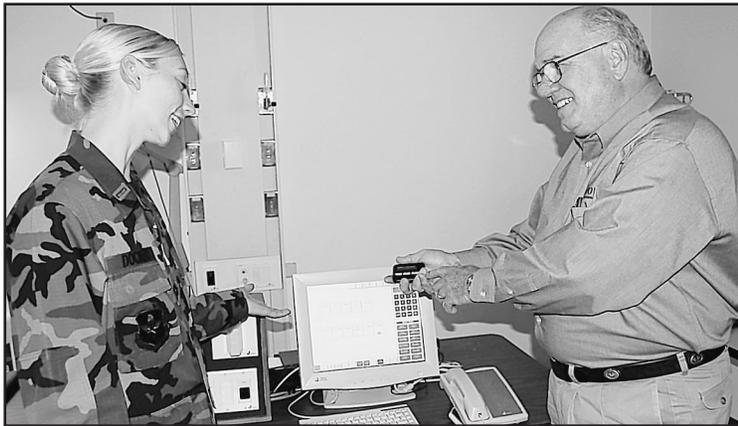


Photo by Steve Pivnick

**Second Lt. Jan Dockery, a nurse in the 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron, is briefed on the operation of a pocket pager by Mr. Hopkins.**

similar to that used to operate computers. Touch-screen technology is available at nurses' stations on each unit. In addition, nurses have radio pocket pagers to receive information.

Mr. Hopkins said a local area network-based, centralized "Code Blue" system for medical emergencies is included. An executive information system also allows staff

to review call data.

"The project has gone very well," Mr. Hopkins said. "The medical center staff has been very accommodating, making rooms available so the installation could be done in a timely manner."

Mr. Hopkins said actual installation has been done by Electronic Controls, Inc., Brookhaven, Miss.

## IN THE NEWS

### Set clocks forward Saturday

Daylight Saving Time begins this weekend.

Turn clocks forward one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

### General speaks at banquet

Lt. Gen. Michael Peterson, former 81st Training Wing commander, speaks at the annual membership banquet of the D'Iberville/St. Martin Area Chamber of Commerce, 7 p.m. Friday at Beau Rivage Casino in Biloxi.

The social hour begins at 6.

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

The chamber board of directors is installed at this event. Larry Tabor, the incoming president, is chief of 81st TRW plans and programs.

Tickets are \$30 and are available to the public at the chamber office.

For more information, call 392-2293.

### Mini-concert at main exchange

Teen actress-singer KeKe Palmer performs a free 20-minute concert, noon Sunday in the south parking lot of the base exchange. She's be available inside the store until 2 p.m. to sign photographs.

She starred in Akeelah and the Bee and had roles in BarberShop 2, Strong Medicine, Cold Case, ER, Law and Order SVU, The Wool Cap, Madea's Family Reunion and Knights of the South Bronx. She has a recording contract with Atlantic Records.

### Clinics closed for warrior training

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler Medical Center clinics are closed 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. the second Thursday of each month for warrior training.

Family practice and pediatric clinics have limited access on warrior training afternoons. Acute care appointments are available in the morning, but clinics close at 11 a.m. and reopen the next day at 7 a.m.

Pharmacy, radiology and laboratory services are available with reduced staffing, so be prepared for longer waits.

### Tinker deaths investigated

Air Force Print News

TINKER Air Force Base, Okla. — Three people, an adult and two children, died following an apparent homicide and suicide in the military housing area here Feb. 25.

The incident is under investigation by Air Force Office of Special Investigations and the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office.

### 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.



## Everybody on?

Airman 1st Class Sarah Coble, 886th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, plays with children visiting family and friends detained in the theater internment facility in Camp Bucca, Iraq. Airman Coble, who's assigned to the 81st Security Forces Squadron at Keesler, was recently named the 886th ESFS "hero of the week." The 886th ESFS operates the TIF's vigorous visitation program which houses detainees determined to be a security threat against Iraqi citizens or coalition forces. More than 1,700 friends and family members visit the detainees each week.

Photo by Capt. Jason McCree

## USO,

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they collected more than \$5,000, shopped for snacks, sodas and toys and loaded trucks with the donations.

"Keesler is always instrumental in anything we've done," said Ms. Attaway.

Lt. Col. Steven Ramsay, 332nd TRS commander, told his squadron if they raised more than \$1,000, he'd take a pie in the face. By Friday morning, the Airmen had raised \$1,200.

"To me, it shows the generosity of Keesler," said Colonel Ramsay. "The USO sends out a call on Tuesday and lo and behold, here it is Friday, and we have risen to the occasion.

"That's one of the nice things about Keesler. This

base reacts. This base supports. It never ceases to amaze me," he said. "It's mind-boggling how generous these Airmen are, for as little as they make."

Ms. Attaway said she never expected the kind of support that came pouring in from Keesler Airmen.

"I literally thought we'd get enough for 500 people," she said as she looked around the room at all of the donations. Keesler Airmen collected enough snacks and drinks for thousands of people. There were so many donations a second truck had to be enlisted to transport everything.

"Seriously, this is overwhelming," said Ms. Attaway, who oversees the USO at both the Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport and Naval Construction Battalion Center-Gulfport.

One challenge she said she

faces is keeping both locations stocked with drinks and snacks, and maintaining the various electronic resources such as telephones, Internet and televisions in the facilities. The USO is funded 100 percent by donations and staffed by volunteers.

Ms. Attaway estimated more than 3,000 service members have used its services since the USO opened at the airport Dec. 19. She said approximately half of their guests are Airmen.

"We pride ourselves on the fact that we provide a home away from home for the troops," Ms. Attaway said. "It's always touching when we are there with the families and they are waving their 'Welcome Home' flags. We can't provide grants or money to troops, but the services we provide, there's no value you can place on them."

# PERSONNEL NOTES

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## MPF customer service changes

The military personnel flight customer service office has new system requirements for a variety of services, including issuance of identification and common access cards.

For example, customers must now bring two forms of identification to be scanned before a new ID card can be issued.

For more information or specifics about particular situation, call 377-3018 or 377-3203.

## Reduced manning for reenlistments

The reenlistment office is operating with reduced staff until June 1 because of a deployment.

Appointments only are accepted on work days from 8 a.m. to noon. Walk-in customers are accepted in the afternoons.

## WAPS test schedules

Weighted airman promotion system test schedules:

**Master and technical sergeant** — through March 31.

**Staff sergeant** — May 1 to June 15.

Members should be prepared to test on the first day of the cycle.

For more information, contact unit WAPS monitors.

## Retirement annuity information

Personnel affected by A-76 can get estimates of their retirement annuities at the Air Force Personnel Center secure Web site, <https://wwa.afpc.randolph.af.mil/AFPCSecure/Main-Menu.asp>.

Click the link for the entitlements and benefits section. First-time users are required to register.

Personal retirement computations are also available by calling 1-800-616-3775.

For more information related to A-76, call 376-8176.

## Pre-separation counseling

Military members are required to receive pre-separation counseling from the airman and family readiness center no less than 90 days before separating, retiring or outprocessing to go on terminal leave.

Briefings are 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 122, Hangar 2, for separations and 2:30 p.m. for retirements.

Those with medical retirements, less than honorable discharges or force-shaping transition benefits, call 377-8645 or 8593.

## 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.

## Virtual outprocessing

### Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — All Airmen undergoing permanent change-of-station moves, retirements or separations are now required to use the virtual outprocessing application available through the virtual military personnel flight.

For more information, contact the military personnel flight.

## 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.

# Lithium batteries can be hazardous

By Tech. Sgt. Chuck Marsh

Keesler Public Affairs

They power flashlights, cell phones, portable compact disc players and a multitude of other devices people rely on every day.

They're lithium batteries.

As beneficial as they're intended to be, lithium batteries can be hazardous if used improperly.

A recent incident where minor injuries occurred was the product of mixing two different brands or styles of batteries in a small flashlight. The individual didn't read the fine print on the flashlight that urged consumers to use a certain brand of battery or on the battery itself stating it wasn't for use in flashlights.

The results of the carelessness were minor abrasions to his chest. The flashlight was in his shirt pocket. Had he been facing the flashlight, he could've easily lost his vision or worse.

Safety representatives urge anyone handling batteries to read the packaging for proper use and care.

"I would like to add that it is also important to check the inside of the battery compartment of any battery operated device to ensure that you are using the correct type of bat-



tery that is recommended by the manufacturer," said Virgil Mitchell, 81st Training Wing chief of safety. "Many of our latest devices are designed to operate safely only with the proper type of batteries installed."

Lithium batteries can be used in place of ordinary alkaline cells in many devices, such as clocks and cameras. Although more costly, they provide a greater life, minimizing replacement. However, it's essential attention be given to the higher voltage developed by lithium cells before using them in devices that normally use ordinary cells.

For more information, call the safety office, 377-2910.

# DRAGON OF THE WEEK

**Name** — Master Sgt.  
Lloyd Alston

**Unit** — 81st Aerospace  
Medicine Squadron

**Position** — noncommis-  
sioned officer in charge of  
flight medicine

**Time in Air Force** —  
more than 20 years

**Time at Keesler** — 19  
months

**Noteworthy** — being  
promoted to master ser-  
geant

**Hometown** — Darien,  
Ga.

**Why did you join the  
Air Force?** I was looking  
for direction, travel and to  
see the world.

**What's your favorite  
quote?** "Work smart, not  
hard."

**What are your short-  
and long-term goals?**  
Short term, I'd like to com-  
plete my Community



Photo by Steve Pivnick

College of the Air Force  
degree and retire. My long  
term goal is to own and  
operate a restaurant.

**What are your hobbies?**  
Spending time with my fam-  
ily, watching football and  
baseball, and playing golf.

## DIAMOND NOTES

Adversity isn't your enemy.  
Seek it out and use it  
to strengthen and sharpen  
your character and resolve.  
It's not about surviving ...  
it's about thriving.



Sergeant Wise

— Master Sgt. Steven Wise, 81st Medical Operations  
Squadron first sergeant



## MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Sept. 8, 1941

The 310th Technical School Squadron  
was the first squadron to move from  
Tent City to the new barracks.

**Editor's note:** This weekly feature presents developments in Keesler's A-76 studies.

## Status

The A-76 reduction-in-force is on hold due to changes in the law that governs how RIF actions are conducted for civilian employees.

The current assessment is that the changes require integrating National Security Personnel System and General Schedule RIF actions. Due to the changes, the Department of Defense must adjust and update RIF procedures and policies.

The Air Force Personnel Center estimates a 120-day delay in the RIF timeline, which affects the contract transition timeline. This delay affects military and civilian employees in units directly impacted by A-76.

Senior leaders at Air Education and Training Command headquarters are working to come up with reasonable timelines for both RIF and contract transition. Milestone dates are published as soon as they are known.

## Key phone numbers

**Civilian personnel flight**  
— 377-8176.

**Competitive sourcing office**  
— 377-4848.

For more information, go to <http://www.keesler.af.mil> via the Air Force Portal.

Exceptions to Keesler's 25 mph speed limit are:

**15 mph**

in housing areas,  
flight line

and unpaved surfaces;

**10 mph**

in close proximity to  
marching formations

and when waved  
through base gates;

**5 mph**

in parking lots,

and **35 mph**

in some sections  
of perimeter roads.



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Airman De Castro Pretelt screens a patient's plasma in the Keesler Medical Center blood bank.

## New citizen Airman aims for title 'Doc'

By Steve Pivnick

### 81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Airman 1st Class Mauricio De Castro Pretelt is unique.

He recently became a U.S. citizen and can be addressed as "Dr. De Castro Pretelt."

A native of Colombia, Airman De Castro Pretelt sought political asylum in the U.S. four years ago with his family. Then 23 years old, he'd recently completed medical school as a general practice physician.

"Due to the situation in Colombia at the time, we feared political persecution because my family was involved with the government," he explained.

His parents subsequently returned as the nation became more stable.

He's been working toward acquiring a license to practice medicine in the U.S., taking and passing two of three required exams.

He takes the final medical board exam Friday. If successful, Airman De Castro Pretelt hopes to receive an

Air Force commission as a physician.

As a member of the military — he enlisted in the Air Force in June 2006 — the citizenship process was accelerated and he took the oath Oct. 7 at the Department of Homeland Security office in Metairie, La.

Becoming a U.S. citizen is the "greatest achievement of my life," the 81st Medical Operations Squadron laboratory technician said.

He enlisted in the Air Force for the opportunity it offers him and to serve his new country.

"The U.S. has been so great to me and my family," he said. "I want to repay the country I love and also become an Air Force physician."

Airman De Castro Pretelt's brothers also are in the U.S. military. One, already a U.S. citizen, is in the Army serving in Iraq. His other brother is in the Air Force assigned to Bolling Air Force Base, D.C., and recently applied for citizenship.

# BIG help

## Regional organization aids Keesler member in refurnishing hurricane-damaged home

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

George Daniel got some BIG help in restoring his home destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

Mr. Daniel recently received a \$700 check from Blacks in Government Region IV, which covers Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina and South Carolina.

A life member of BIG's Mississippi Gulf Coast chapter, Mr. Daniel joined the civilian ranks 18 years ago after 22 years in the Air Force. He's worked at Keesler for 20 years and currently serves as the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron's natural cultural resource manager.

### Help still coming

"South Mississippi residents and the Keesler community need to know that kindness continues to come to the coast from many areas, even after more than two years into the recovery process," said Florence Clay, 334th Training Squadron, chapter president. She accepted the contribution at a recent BIG regional council meeting in Atlanta.

"Mr. Daniel was selected from all members of our chapter and the Stennis Space Center chapter because all other members in south Mississippi were back in their homes and their recovery process was well under way, so they no longer needed additional assistance," Ms. Clay explained.

### Surge slams home

The Biloxi home that Mr. Daniel shared with Judith, his wife of 35 years, was inundated with up to seven feet of water from Katrina's storm surge.

"The brick walls at the back of the house, windows and



Mr. Daniel

doors were knocked out, and water destroyed everything inside," Mr. Daniel recalled. "Not only did we lose our home and possessions, but we also lost two vehicles that were under the carport."

His homeowners' insurance policy didn't even pay enough to get the roof repaired because the company said flood water did the damage.

### 'Totally overwhelmed'

"When I looked at the damage, I was totally overwhelmed — I didn't know what to do or where to turn," he said. "I was ready to just walk off and leave the ruined structure to the mortgage company."

The Daniels received assistance from Mississippi's homeowner grant program, but until their 2,200-square-foot home was repaired, they spent nearly two years in a 220-square-foot FEMA trailer.

Mr. Daniel said it was very hard to stay focused at work when he was trying to rebuild his home and his life.

"My primary thoughts were trying to get our lives back to some normalcy," he commented. "When I was at work, I worried not knowing if a contractor was doing repairs cor-



### Want to join?

The Mississippi Gulf Coast chapter of Blacks in Government meets at 5:15 p.m. the second Thursday of the month in the Taylor Logistics Center conference room.

Regular membership is open to all federal, state and municipal government employees in current or retired status.

For more information, call Ms. Clay, 377-8681, or e-mail [florence.clay@keesler.af.mil](mailto:florence.clay@keesler.af.mil).

rectly or thoughts of how the insurance company did me."

Faith and human kindness stepped in for the family through church organizations.

"Volunteers from all across the nation, even Canada, came to give us assistance in recovery," he pointed out.

The Daniels were able to move back into their home in mid-November.

"We had a Thanksgiving that literally brought home the true meaning of being thankful," he said.

The donation from BIG meant a lot to Mr. Daniel.

"In the vast scheme of recovery and rebuilding, the donation helped us to do a little more in getting furnishings back in the house," he said. "At a time like this, believe me, every little bit helps a lot."

# Warm, damp weather wakes sleeping spores

By 1st Lt. Jennifer Lepper

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron

As summer approaches and humid weather settles in, mold makes its annual appearance in homes and buildings.

Mold is all around south Mississippi, but prevention and control can mitigate its effects.

Mold that's normally in the air becomes challenging when it settles on moist surfaces and begins to grow, causing structural damage and potential health problems for building occupants. It's important to take action to prevent mold growth in homes or offices well before summer begins.

Building occupants can prevent or eliminate most mold growth. The first step is to create an atmosphere that's not conducive to growth:

**A dehumidifier** goes a long way toward minimizing the mold-friendly environment.

**Keep windows** and doors closed to avoid excess humidity and condensation.

**If the contaminated area** is less than 10 square feet, it can be wiped



down with a solution of one part bleach and 10 parts water.

**Don't mix bleach** with ammonia — it creates harmful vapors.

**Wear gloves** and eye protection to shield skin and eyes from irritation.

**N-95 respirators** can be purchased at local hardware stores. They look like dust masks but are designed to fit snugly around the mouth and nose to provide more adequate protection from spores. However, they don't protect

against chemical gases or vapors.

Large porous items are very difficult to thoroughly clean and mold is likely to return, so it's a good idea to dispose of heavily-contaminated items.

If the moldy area is larger than 10 square feet, it may be necessary to hire a professional to remove the water-damaged area, but be wary of businesses claiming to test or sample mold. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Environmental Pro-

tection Agency don't advocate mold testing because test results provide little useful information. No matter what species or how many spores are present, the remediation process is the same. In addition, every person has a different threshold for mold sensitivity, so a higher quantity of airborne mold does not necessarily mean more health problems.

Anyone who experiences symptoms that may be caused by mold should visit their physician to be evaluated. If necessary, the doctor can direct an evaluation of the patient's on-base house. Those with no symptoms who see mold should notify their building manager so he can take appropriate action.

For an easy-to-use flowchart, including phone numbers to call for mold problems, visit <https://kafb310.keesler.af.mil/information/amds/flights/BIO/index.html> under the "Occupational Health" section.

For more information, visit <http://www.epa.gov/mold> or <http://www.cdc.gov/mold/default.htm>.



## Soul food for all

From left, Michael Curry, 81st Mission Support Squadron, and Paulette Powell, 81st Supply and Transportation Squadron, prepare dishes for the soul food sampling Friday at the Larcher Chapel. The soul food sampling was open to everyone. This was the Final even of Keesler's Black Heritage Month.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

# Housing office joins service to provide national support

The housing office has joined a nationwide real estate location service.

Service members can visit the automated housing referral network at <http://www.ahrn.com> to find rental housing and home buying and selling assistance in the Keesler area or any other stateside location serviced by a military installation and AHRN.com.

Sponsored by the Defense Department, <http://www.ahrn.com> is a one-stop destination to locate apartments, rental homes, shared

rentals, temporary lodging (less than six-month leases), or military for sale by owner listings. Included are property descriptions, pictures, maps, links to local schools and contact information.

Service members can also receive free advice on how to buy or sell a home through "military moving station".

For more information or assistance, call 377-9741.

## Stephen Ministry

In March, Keesler Chapel Protestant Parish is implementing Stephen Ministry classes.

Stephen Ministry is a caregiving ministry that reaches out to individuals who are facing life challenges or difficulties, such as grief, divorce, loneliness, hospitalization or other crisis.

To sign up to be a volunteer Stephen Minister, call Delphine McIntyre or Glenda Woodard, 377-2523.

## Internal medicine

Keesler Medical Center's internal medicine clinic now provides a full scope of med-

ical care, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on working Fridays.

The clinic is closed compressed work schedule Fridays.

For non-urgent appointments on CWS Fridays, call 1-800-700-8603. For same day care, report to the emergency room. For emergencies, proceed to the nearest emergency room.

## Clinic services

Adult appointments for group therapy, individual and marital counseling and medication management are available at the mental health clinic.

Space-available therapy appointments are also open to children age 10 and older.

Clinic hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. working Fridays.

For more information, call 376-0385.

## Trash, recyclables

Monday and Thursday are garbage pickup days in East and West Falcon Park, with Monday as the recycling day.

Tuesday and Friday are garbage pickup days in Bay Ridge and Pinehaven, with Tuesday as the recycling day. Items must be at the curb by 6 a.m.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Carlos Padro, 377-2781.

For details, call 377-8612.

## Supply source

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office is a source of supplies.

For more information, visit, call or e-mail the 81st Supply Squadron's customer service element, Room 126, Building 4002, 377-2005, 81LGSCD@keesler.af.mil.

## Cycle courses

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

## Military rental

Force One Rental, 211 Larcher Blvd., Building 4818, offers truck and trailer rentals, package shipping and name

tag engraving.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

## Patients sought

The pediatric dentistry clinic is looking for patients for the advanced education in general dentistry residency.

Eligible are children ages 4-12. Patients must be available for treatment Thursday mornings.

For more information, call 376-5144.

## Thrift shop hours

The Keesler Thrift Shop is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

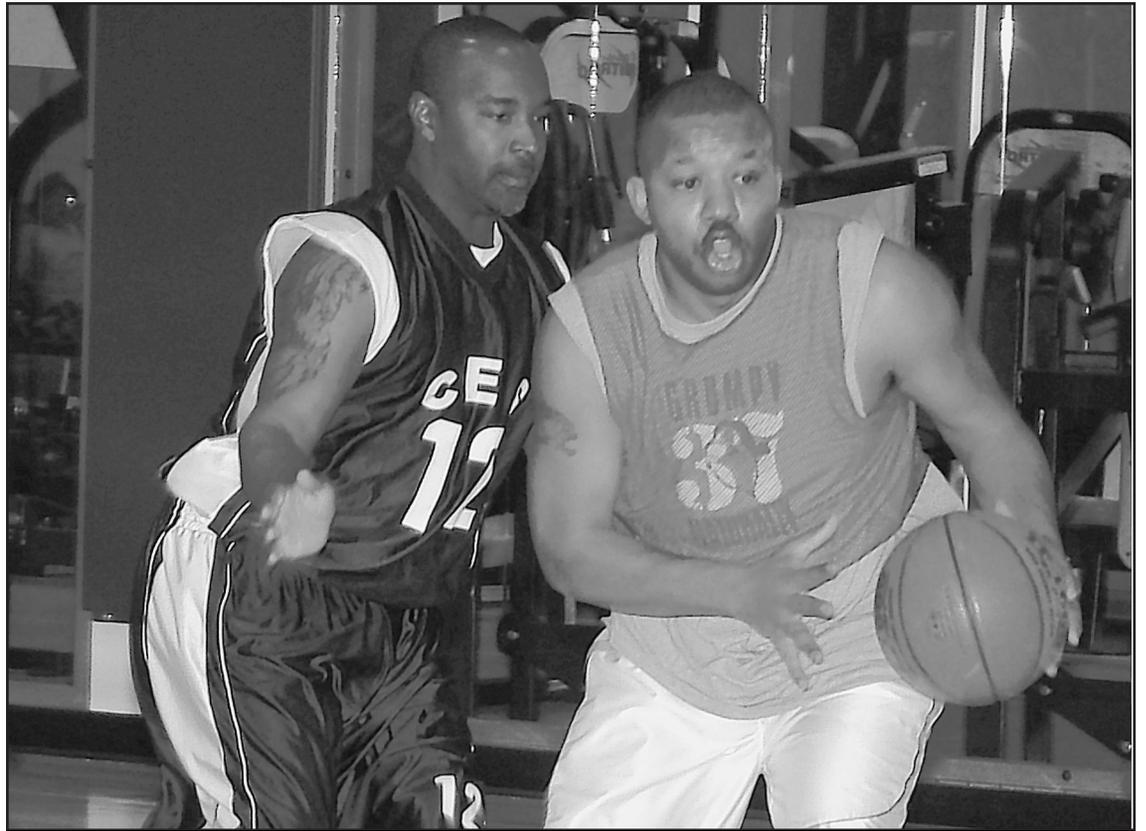


Photo by Adam Bond

Croyling Bocage, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, left, tries to steal the ball from Henry Bell, 2nd Air Force, in Over-30 action Friday. The 81st CES won, 51-22.

## Dark Knights continue march to perfect season

By Airman 1st Class David Salanitri

Keesler News staff

The 338th Training Squadron continued its dominating march through the Over-30 Basketball League last week.

The Dark Knights boast the best record in the league, undefeated in 10 games. Their closest competitor, the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, has a record of 6-3.

In the last two weeks, the powerhouse 338th TRS outscored its opponents 159-90. The only games the 338th TRS won by less than 10 points were in two outings against the 81st CES. The first time they played, the 338th TRS bested the 81st CES, 56-49. Last week,

the Dark Knights routed the civil engineers in a rematch, 51-22.

If the two meet again it will be in the post-season playoffs.

“The league is going great this year,” said Laurence Wilson, sports director. “Everyone is having fun, and we are looking forward to an exciting playoff.”

The regular season ends March 18. In the postseason, the league holds a double-elimination playoff, where the teams battle for this year’s base championship.

For complete scores and standings, see Scores and More, page 20.

For more information, call Mr. Wilson, 377-2444.

# SCORES AND MORE

## Basketball

### Men's Over 30 League Standings (as of Feb. 28)

Team	Won	Lost
338th TRS	10	0
81st CES	6	3
81st TRSS	3	5
85th EIS	1	6
2nd Air Force	0	7

### All games at Dragon Fitness Center

**Feb. 26** — 338 TRS 75, 2nd Air Force 52; 81st CES over 85th EIS (forfeit.)

**Feb. 28** — 338th TRS 84, 81st TRSS 38; 81st CES 51, 2nd Air Force 22.

**Today** — rescheduled games; 11 a.m., 85th EIS vs. 2nd Air Force; noon, 81st CES vs. 81st TRSS.

**Tuesday** — rescheduled games; 11 a.m., 338th TRS vs. 85th EIS; noon, 2nd Air Force vs. 81st TRSS.

## Other

**March Madness five-on-five basketball squadron challenge** — 6 p.m. March 24, Blake Fitness Center; single elimination tournament.

## Bowling

### League standings

#### Monday Budweiser (as of Feb. 25)

Team	Won	Lost
Perry's Refrigeration	89	41
Our Gang	77	56
Old Skool	77	56
Gannon's Cannons	76.5	56.5
3 Steps Forward	76	57
Wayne's World	72	61
Man On	72	61
Pin Heads	72	61
Slater's Shooters	68	65
Why Not	66	67
Team 2	65	68
Hoops Gang	65	68
Endangered Species	60.5	72.5
The Corner Pins	60	73
Ghost Riders	56	77
Martini's	53	80
Unpredictables	49	84
B-Busters	41	92

#### Tuesday Hospital Mixed (as of Feb. 19)

Team	Won	Lost
Radiology Renegades	113	39
Pill Pushers	109	43
Bed Buddies	102	50
Pediattack	92	60
Drug Dealers	84	68
Team 6	32	120
Team 8	18	134
Team 7	16	136

#### Wednesday Mixed (as of Feb. 27)

Team	Won	Lost
Oceans Eleven	104	57
Ichiban	95	66
Hang Chucky	95	66
Misfits	94	67
Jokers Wild	94	67
Clyde's Crew	92	69
3DR	84	77
2 Old 2 Bowl	84	77
Lucky Strikes	79	82
MUDD	75	86
Neighbors + 1	73	88
70s Plus	72	89

## Puck power

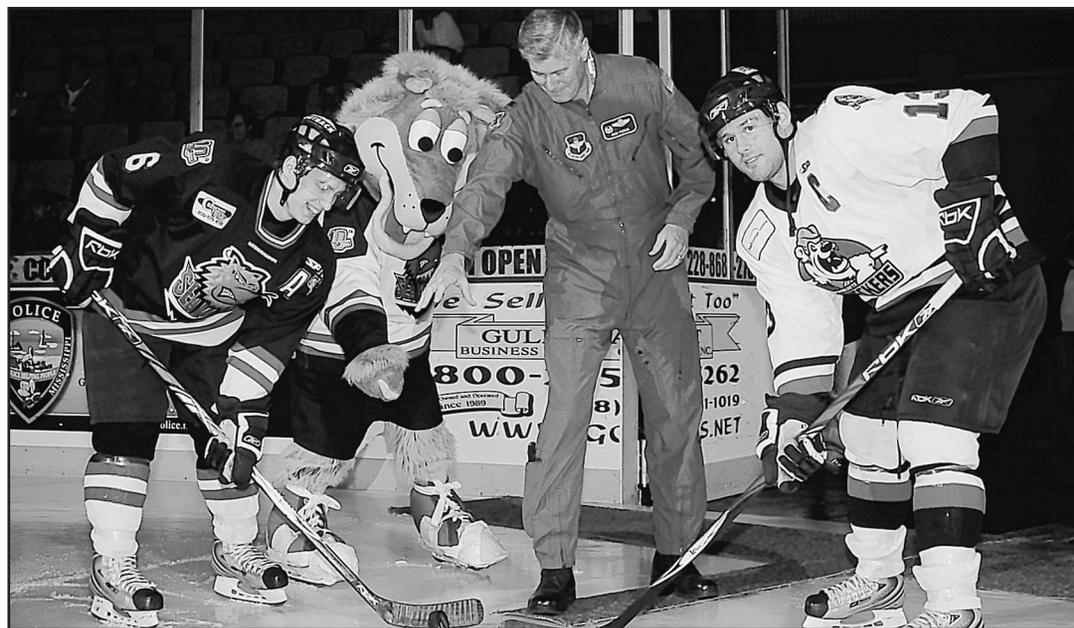


Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chuck Marsh

From left, Mississippi Sea Wolves center Jason Teichma and Hook, team mascot, get ready as Rick Pierce, 81st Training Wing vice commander, drops the ceremonial first puck as he stands next to Charlotte Checkers center Blake Bellefeuille before Friday's soccer game at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi. Fifty technical training students and about 30 family members of deployed Keesler personnel were on hand to see the Sea Wolves beat Charlotte, 1-0.

#### Thursday Retired Seniors Mixed (as of Feb. 28)

Team	Won	Lost
6-Pack	103.5	57.5
Three is Company	96.5	64.5
Dummys Dummies	88	73
Team 16	88	73
Freda's Kids	86	75
2 Bees & a D	85	76
The Very Best	85	76
Team 12	85	76
Team 1	84.5	76.5
Delema	81.5	79.5
T-N-T	80	81
Amy's Bunch	77	84
Barb's Boys	75.5	85.5
Friends	74	87
Team 15	70	91
Full Speed	68	93
Team 2	64.5	96.5
Guys and Dolls	57	104

#### Thursday Federal Intramural (as of Feb. 7)

Team	Won	Lost
85th EIS	110	50
332nd TRS	104	56
Team 3	98	62
403rd Rolling Thunder	92	68
Team 5	91	69
338th TRS	90	70
Team 14	86	74
403rd MXS	84	76
Team 4	84	76
81st CPTS	84	76
81st TRSS	72	88
Misfits	70	82
GCCS Squad	69	91
81st MSS	64	80
Team 10	62	98
Ghosts	10	142

#### Friday Mixed (as of Friday)

Team	Won	Lost
Team 10	110	58
Lady and the Tramps	107	54
Team 3	94	74
Jax Hax	83	85
Pin Busters	83	85
Sandbaggers	82	86
3 Guys and A Babe	82	86
Pin Pals	75	86
Harry's Team	72	96
Dreamers	45	123

## Other

**Limited open play** — Saturday, Sunday, March 15 and 16.

**Bowling ball drilling** — by appointment with 48 hours advance notice; Mondays and Wednesdays, 12:30-3 p.m., and working Fridays 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Walk-in only Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Closed** — March 23 for Easter.

**Birthday party package** — Saturdays 1:30-3 p.m. or 3:30-5 p.m., and Sundays 2:30-4 p.m. Basic party with bowling and food \$8.95 per child. Mid party, including table supply and T-shirt, \$11.95 per child. Premium party with games and a pin, \$15.95 per child. Reservations required.

**Nonprior service students special** — 5-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, all nonprior service students bowl for \$1.50 game including shoe rental.

**Glow bowling** — 9 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays.

**Hurricane alley, fundraisers** — for more information, call 377-2817.

**Logo apparel** — wear your col-

lege logo clothing on Saturdays and get \$1 off shoe rental. Wear Mississippi Sea Wolves apparel anytime and get \$1 off shoe rental.

**Open play on league nights** — first come, first served. For lane availability, call 377-2817.

## Golf

**Driving range** — 40 balls, \$2.

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

**Free women's clinics** — 3-4 p.m. March 11, Bay Breeze Golf Course. Limit 10 per clinic. Fundamentals of golf swing. For reservations, call 377-3832.

**Course and pro shop** — 7 a.m. to dusk daily. For tee times, call 377-3832.

## Martial arts

**Editor's note:** Classes at Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call 377-3308.

**Shaolin pentjak silat** — 7-8 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, all ages. \$65 month. Striking, kicking, grappling, weapons and internal energy; sash ranking system.

**Pukulan pencak silat tempur** — 6-7 p.m. Monday, Tuesdays and Thursdays. \$65 month. Closequarters combat class; used for personal protection.

**Mixed martial arts** — 8-9 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays. \$65 month; muay thai, western boxing, kung fu, wrestling, judo and jujitsu.

**Women's self defense** — 6-7 p.m. Wednesdays. \$25 month. Men-

tal, physical and tactical training.

## Outdoor recreation

**Easter egg hunt and parade** — March 15; parade 9 a.m., Easter Bunny photos 9:30 a.m., egg hunt 10 a.m. Prizes and bicycle giveaways in three age groups. Rain date March 22.

**St. Patrick's Day special** — March 17. Wear green and get 10-percent off equipment rental.

**March fish of the month** — weigh in largest croaker and win \$100 savings bond.

**Bicycles for rent** — 3500 Trek seven-speed bikes, \$3 day, \$15 week.

**Fish of the month** — weigh in largest croaker for March; win \$100 savings bond.

**Wet slip fees** — monthly, boats more than 32 feet, \$3.75 per foot; less than 32 feet, \$2.50 per foot. Overnight, \$5 per boat.

**Deep sea fishing trips** — compressed work schedule Fridays and Sundays aboard the Keesler Dolphin II. \$60 per person includes everything you need to fish. Payment due upon reservation. Minimum 10, maximum 22 people. For reservation, call 377-3160.

**Deep sea fishing private charter** — rent Dolphin II, \$700 for first six people, \$35 each additional person Mondays-Thursdays, \$40 weekends and holidays. \$350 deposit required.

**Back Bay cruiser** — 17-foot vessel for rent. Mississippi boater registration card required. For prices, call 377-3160.

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

**Recreational vehicle, boat and trailer storage** — \$15 per month. For more information, call 377-3160.

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

## Running

**St. Patrick's Day 5K fun run/walk** — 3 p.m. March 14 at the marina; register 2 p.m. Prizes awarded; token gift to anyone wearing something green. Green beer and cabbage served at the Katrina Kantina following event.

## Softball

**Home run derby and softball tournament** — Saturday; sign-up deadline 3 p.m. today, with entry fee and lineup due to Joe Hudson, joseph.hudson@keesler.af.mil, 860-8040, or Nickie Lozano, lozano.johnetta@keesler.af.mil, 383-2066.

## Special Olympics

Keesler hosts the Mississippi Special Olympics, May 16-18.

Project officer is Capt. Millie Ziebell, 377-9522.

Squadrons interested in sponsoring food booths, call or e-mail Rick Harmon, 377-7351, rick.harmon@keesler.af.mil.

## HONORS

### Student honor roll

#### 332nd Training Squadron

**Electronic principles** — Airmen Basic Alex Alegria, Lucas Brazell, Brandon Bryant, Jeffrey Burgess, Steven Cabot, Joshua Caver, Luwed Cifuentes, Jonathon Davis, Gavin Delphia, Bernard Dona, Matthew Dyer, Mark Entwistle, Douglas Field, Zachary Francis, Jason Fritch, William Garrett, Douglas Geiger, Mathew Golden, Mitchell Green, Christopher Grumbine, Steven Hall, Ryan Huck, Nicholas Johnson, David Jones, Brian Josefowicz, Joe Kim, MandyMae Kimura-Romero, Christian Louer, Daniel McKay, Kyle McKelvey, Cassandra Moore, Michael Morrison, Kristy Myers, Richard Nelson, Zachary Northcutt, William O'Hare, Ryan O'Leary, Ronald Paramore, Daniel Ramsden, Matthew Reffler, Michael Ryder, Cody Schaffer, Brandon Scott, Brandon Solonka, Erik Sturm, Kristen Szabo, Theodore Teague, Joshua Thomas, Kevin Thomas, Michael Viau, Timothy Viles, Jessica Yeadon and Michael Zapp; Airmen Arabo Babakhani, Anthony Betzina, Lucy Decker, Jordan Fiebelkorn, Jordan Huff, Donald Langley, Justin Pinard, Matthew Ribbey, Nathaniel Smith and Erik Webster; Airmen 1st Class Jefferson Aguiar, Kenneth Applewhite, James Atkins, Christopher Audi, Justin Brown, Emanuel Cargle, Joshua Champlin, Vincent Clark, Phillip Clement, James Derbyshire, Robert Diveley, Sean Dowd, William Dowling, Paul Farr, Eric Fay, Braden Ferrin, Kyle Gomes, Justin Gresavage, Steven Hayward, Scott Henderson, Aaron Hwang, Monica Jones, Brian Knight, David Lazaro, Marco Lopez, Robert Manoff, Ryan Martinez, Joseph McCauley, Jacob Miller, Jeffrey Moody, Mychal Mulhall, Jeremiah Nicholson, Andrew Oetzel, Bryan Peebles, Jeremy Reece, Stacy Renson, Eric Rueth, William Schull, Charles Silva, Andrew Snyder, Chanreaksmei Sok, William Sovitsky, Michael Sturgill, Ian Wamboldt, Roderick White and Benjamin Wright; Senior Airmen Steven Arons, Stephen Ely and Joseph Salazar; Staff Sgts. Abigail Cahoon, Landon Elfstrom, Jaren Koga, John McLaughlin, Jason Mitchell, Charles Pittman, Ruben Sandeson, Michael Scoggins, Joseph Scott, Gary Seymour, Charles Shelton, Anthony Thomas and Justin Thomas; Tech. Sgts. Mohammad Ali and Michael Goth; Master Sgts. James Hyers and David Lucier.

## CHAPEL SERVICES

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

### 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

#### Ash Wednesday service

Larcher Chapel..... 11 a.m.

### Roman Catholic

#### Sunday Mass

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

#### Weekday Mass

Medical Center chapel.....11:15 a.m.

### Jewish

For worship opportunities, call Tech. Sgt. Michael Raff, 377-5235.

### 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 1-801-694-8900.

**Metrology course** — Airman Basic Christopher Holloway; Airman Bobby Link; Airmen 1st Class Douglas Hamilton, Patrick Hilker, Timothy Sheldon and Jessica Witzke.

### 334th TRS

**Air traffic control operations training flight** — Airmen Basic Daniel Giddens, Chris Hopek, Trevor Huddleston, Jordan Landavazo, Ryan Longwill, Charles Norris, Justin Purcey and Matthew Tarpley; Airmen Michael Butler, Brandon Fritcherj, Adam Lewis and Jared Sinchak; Airmen 1st Class Steven Farley, Misty Flores, Geoffrey Ikert, and Chad Maniace; Senior Airman Paul Arbogast; Staff Sgts. Clint Campbell, Lester Frye, Stefan Jorgenson and Alex Miller; Tech. Sgt. Ronald Helm; Paul Kito.

**Command post apprentice course** — Airman Basic Willie Sloan; Airman Jillian Trujillo; Airmen 1st Class Alexandra Calderon and Tamera Shaw; Staff Sgts. Brian Acuavera, Patrick Atkinson, Andrew Fraser, Robert Koon, Rosanne McConnell, Phillip Saunders and Carl Schoemann; Tech. Sgts. Ted Gladden, Chester Greenhalgh, Sherry Fincham, Joseph Gentile, Roger Loesch, Robert Parris, Nickolas Reed, Edward Richer, Michael Stutlien and Joseph Wilson; Senior Master Sgt. Charles Bryant.

### 335th TRS

**Comptroller training flight** — Airmen Basic Christen Abner, Mindy Bolton, Kendra Curtis, Erica Redmon, Robert Sharpe and Steffon Smith; Airmen Heather Lippert, Nathan Sharpless and Marcus Zachary; Airmen 1st Class Tonya Crook, Elizabeth Hallett, Patrick Maldonado, John Mendiola, Jeffry Phillips and Ryan Simbro; Senior Airmen Ceasal Clyburn, David Warner, Crystal White and Dorothy Wilson; Staff Sgts. Robert Dietrich, Jameal Hollis, Daniel OHara and Lori Presnar; Tech. Sgts. Christopher Kamholz and Laurie Kelsey.

**Weather training flight** — Airman Basic Carey Bowman, Keith Croteau, Matthew Meinen, Edward Schafer, Jerrod Smith, Jonathan Todd and Victor White; Navy Airmen Recruit Bryan Boone, Grace Gallegos and Andrew Gutierrez; Airman Apprentice Michael Williams; Airman Cody Nichols; Navy Airmen Jeremy Baily, Michael Champlin, Christopher Riley and Emmanuel Sanchez; Airmen 1st Class Winston Alspaugh, Bracey Blair, Mitchell Emrick, Christopher Gwerder, Jared Lindley, Joseph Park and Sara Sanderson; Marine Pfc. Lawrence Abee, Jonathan Istre and Matthew St. John; Marine Lance Cpl. James Bragg; Marine Cpl. Gary Stein; Marine Sgts. Jessica Cavender and Nathan Pennington; Tech. Sgts. Judy Foley, Brian Roell and Thomas Weideman.

### 335th TRS

**Communications-computer systems flight** — Airmen Basic Joshua Palfrey and Steven Putnam; Airmen 1st Class Steven Jensen, Savanthi Kem, Patrick McJury, Michael Nicholson and Andres Rivas; Staff Sgts. Reuben Deal, Wesley Fennel, Micah Huber and Jason Kallandsrud; Tech. Sgts. Joseph Crane, Daniel Jones and Kent Niebuhr; Master Sgts. Tommy Gray and Thomas Nestor; Katreina Huff.

**Communications and information systems flight** — Airmen Basic Karla Burns, Joshua Gonzales, Kendall Haynes and Stephanie Wahl; Airman Vanessa Mims; Airmen 1st Class Nicholas Earl, Eugene Evans, Michael Fowler, Timothy Guerin, Caleb Johnson, Aaron Lovely, Joshua Robertson, Justin Warner and Ian White; Senior Airmen Joshua Bartholomew, Aaron Gentry, Richard McDonald, Nathan Svenkerud, Shaun Wehe and Dylan Wolfe; Staff Sgts. Kevin Cornish, Shawn Dillard, Mark Finney, Mark Jackson, Mandy Martin, Darrick Moitoso, Benjamin Willock and Charles Yurkin; Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey March; Master Sgts Lisa Clayton and Wendy Shovlin.

### 338th TRS

**Airfield systems** — Airman Basic Saben Leignbaugh; Airmen Joshua Mathes and Neil Barrett; Airmen 1st Class Andrew Knippenberg, Nicholas Holsclaw-Rusho, Daniel Ackeret and Patrick Lott.

**Ground radar** — Airmen Drew Bellah and Kelly Darr; Airman 1st Class Adam Jorgensen; Senior Airman Benjamin Brown; Staff Sgt. Jackson Parnell; Master Sgt. Troy Mitchell.

**Ground radio** — Airmen Basic Nicholas Fitzgerald and Nickolas Youmans; Airmen Jose Cortes, Kellen Hughey, Laurence Hunt and Alyssa Wetzel; Airmen 1st Class Daniel Balcarcel,

## SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

### 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30
:01	:31
:02	:32
:04	:34
:06	:36
:08	:38
:09	:39
:11	:41
:12	:42
:13	:43
:14	:44
:15	:45
:16	:46
:17	:47
:18	:48
:19	:49
:20	:50
:21	:51
:22	:52

### 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 and 5:30 p.m., street side of Hewes Hall for Bryan, Jones, Hewes and Garrard Halls; 3:33 and 5:33, Cody Hall bus stop for Hangar 3, Thomson, Cody and Dolan Halls; 3:36 and 5:36, E Street side of McClelland Hall; 3:38 and 5:38, back side of Allee Hall for 7-level building, weather training center and Allee, Wolfe, and Stennis Halls; 3:41 and 5:41, front of Muse Manor.

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.**

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Brandon Barone, David Comstock, Damon Daniels, Edwin Floresalvarado, Brian Freund, Carlos Gomez-Henriquez, Bryce Holman, Mathew Lindsey, Shane Mehaffy, Sara Mesenbrink, William McCabe, Enrique Nieves, Michael Turnell and Daniel Vrabel; Senior Airmen Gregory Bourey, Michael Boyce and Christopher Marx; Staff Sgts. David Alexander, Brian Bennett, James Hastings, Bryan Massey, David McCarra, Jonathan McLennan, Kenneth Nelson, Nichole Shearer and Gary Won; Tech. Sgts. Michael Bieberle, Casey Harris and Michael Lyons; Master Sgt. Gordon Bosie.

**Network infrastructure systems** — Airmen Basic Samuel Martin and Oscar Romero-Enriquez; Airmen 1st Class Kenneth Ashworth, Matthew Baker, Darius Harper, Kyle Hartry, Eugenio Juarbe, Ian Norburg, Joseph Richardson, Lucas Rider, Jerry Robbins, Dustin Speelman, Justin Vest, Jason Wiggins and Timothy Wingate; Senior Airman Jerome Danan; Staff Sgts. Keven Demlow, David Foy, Robert Perez and Gary Walters; Tech. Sgts. Matthew Artis and Robert Gilmore; Master Sgts. Clark Lohse, Jimmie Schnell and Allen Wolfe; Senior Master Sgt Michael McCleary.

## CLASSES

### Airman Leadership School

Class 08-3 — graduates March 27.

### Keesler NCO Academy

Class 08-3 — graduates April 3.

### Arts and crafts center

#### National Craft Month

**Open house** — 4-7 p.m. today and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday. Demonstrations, discount coupons, program information.

**Youth craft day** — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 15. \$25 for four projects. Bring a bag lunch. Pre-registration required.

**Airmen's view** — 5-7 p.m. March 20 at Vandenberg Community Center. Demonstrations, prizes.

**Family bingo and crafts for fun** — 1-3:30 p.m. March 29.

**Prize drawing reception** — enter all month for prizes to be awarded at noon March 29. Free cake and punch.

#### Multi-craft shop

**Editor's note: open until 8 p.m. Thursdays.**

**Ceramic mini class** — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., March 1. Clean project for firing and paint. Perfect for student Airmen. \$20 including all supplies plus firing.

**Ceramics technique** — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 8. \$37.50. Spring garden plate. No prior ceramic experience needed.

**Pottery on the wheel** — March 15. Two hours for beginners. \$40 includes five pounds of clay and project firing. Must preregister; space limited. Call for time.

**One stroke painting with acrylics** — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 15. Decorative painting technique. Doesn't require previous painting experience. \$32 including project and paint.

**Spring craft camp** — April 8-10. To register, call 377-2821.

#### Auto hobby shop

**Editor's note: open shop use, preregister for classes.**

**Free auto care briefing for spouses of deployed troops** — 4:30-6 p.m. March 20 in the auto hobby shop.

**Qualified mechanics** — can assist with vehicle maintenance.

**Oil collection site** — for personal vehicles.

**24-hour coin-operated car wash, vacuum and tire air pump** — wash, rinse, wax system, towleettes, Armorall and vacuum station.

**Vehicle resale lot** — one block west of Larcher Boulevard on Tingle Street north of the 81st Security Forces Squadron building. Register at multi-craft shop. Registration, license and proof of insurance required. To place a car on the lot, call 377-2821.

#### Frame shop

**Framing and matting** — one class, four sessions, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays. Matting, frame building and glass cutting. \$60 including materials, shop use and completed framing.

## Chapel

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

**Catholic religious education** — after 9 a.m. Sunday Mass.  
**Protestant Sunday School** — 10:30-11:30 a.m. for preschool, elementary, teens and adults.

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

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

**Tuesday Bible study** — 6-7:30 p.m. at the Haven.

## McBride Library

**Free wireless Internet available** — check at circulation desk.

**Online research data bases orientations** — 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

**Story time** — 10 a.m. Wednesday, ages 3-5.

**Overdrive** — information available at front desk.

**Gale data base reference orientations** — 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

**Tours/orientations** — call 377-2827.

**Orientations for commanders, first sergeants and instructors** — 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

**African-American History Month** — poster and book display.

## Mental health clinic

**Post-traumatic stress disorder** — 1:30 p.m. Mondays.

**Healthy thinking** — 2 p.m. Tuesdays.

**Stress management techniques** — 10 a.m. Wednesdays.

**Relaxation techniques** — 9 a.m. Mondays.

To register, call 376-0385.

## CLUBS AND CENTERS

### Vandenberg Community Center

**Editor's note: All events, except dances, are open to all Keesler personnel.**

**Guessing games** — guess the weight of the blarney stone and the number of jelly beans in the pot of gold. Winners announced March 17. Prizes for first and second place.

**Easter egg hunt** — noon March 23 for nonprior service students.

**Guitar hero contests** — 6 p.m. Thursdays before working Fridays.

**Karaoke and music videos** — 7 p.m. Thursdays before working Fridays.

**Karaoke** — 6 p.m. Thursdays before working Fridays.

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

**Movie night** — 6 p.m. Wednesdays. New releases, popcorn.

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

### Katrina Kantina

**Editor's note: In the marina building overlooking Biloxi's Back Bay.**

**All ranks invited** — open 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays. Snacks, beverages and music.

**Luncheon specials** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays. New menu each week. \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers.

**St. Patty's party** — 4 p.m. March 14. Beer, brats, corned beef, cabbage and music. Free for members.

**Crawfish boil** — 5 p.m. March 27. \$6 for club members, \$8 nonmembers.

**Karaoke night** — 5 p.m. Thursdays before compressed work schedule Fridays.

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

**Catering** — experts can assist with planning weddings, holidays, birthdays, official functions and other special occasions.

### Youth center

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

**TRAIL financial seminar** — 6 p.m. Monday, ages 13 and older. Learn basics about checkbook balances and entries. Snacks and prizes.

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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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**St. Patty's Irish jig dance and flashlight Easter egg hunt** — 7-11 p.m. March 14, ages 13 and older. Dance contest, games, prizes, snacks, live DJ and more. \$5 members, \$7 nonmembers.

**Before- and after-school program and all-day camp** — 5:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 21, ages 6-12. Pre-registration and shot record required. Cost based on parent's income.

**Art, FitFactor, sewing clubs** — 4-7 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, ages 9 and older. Free for members; pr-registration required.

**Cooking club** — Tuesday, ages 9 and older. Call for times. Free for members; space limited. Preregistration required.

**Open recreation** — 4-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, ages 9 and older.

**Friday night frenzy** — 6:30-11 p.m. ages 13-17. Games, skating, music, snacks. \$5 members, \$7 nonmembers.

**Super Saturdays** — 1-5 p.m. Saturday, ages 6-12.

**Classes** — 9 a.m. Saturdays. Dance and gymnastics, \$50 for members, \$55 nonmembers, ages 3 and older. Piano \$70 for members, \$75 nonmembers, ages 6 and older. Karate for ages 6 and older meets one week on Mondays and Tuesdays, following week Wednesdays and Thursdays; \$70 for members, \$75 for nonmembers; call for times.

## TICKETS AND TRIPS

**Trip to Colonial Bel Air Mall in Mobile, Ala.** — March 15; \$15. More than 130 stores. Sign up and pre-pay by Wednesday.

**Gulf Islands Water Park** — season tickets available; call for details.

**Discounted tickets** — for many attractions including Busch Gardens, Sea World, Universal Studios and Disney World in Florida. For price list, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>.

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

## TRANSITIONS

### Workshops, briefings

**Congressionally-mandated pre-separation briefings** — counseling by airman and family readiness center for active-duty military members of any branch of service who'll receive honorable discharges and no extra transition benefits. Briefings are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 p.m. for personnel who are separating and 2:30 p.m. for those who are retiring. Individuals with less than honorable discharges, receiving extra benefits such as second enrollment opportunity in Montgomery GI Bill, Reserve or Guard personnel coming off 180-day deployments or entering the disability system must call 377-2179 for individual counseling appointment. Until the center moves back to Sablich Center, briefings held in Room 151, Hangar 2.

**Transition assistance program** — planned dates, which are subject to change, are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 10-13, April 14-17, May 19-22, June 16-19, July 14-17, Aug. 11-14, Sept. 15-18, Oct. 20-23, Nov. 17-20 and Dec. 8-11. For military personnel who are 12 months or less from separation or 24 months or less from retirement, and Department of Defense civilians; spouses welcome. Military members should complete congressionally-mandated pre-separation counseling in advance. Attire is business casual — no uniforms, jeans, shorts or T-shirts. Until the airman and family readiness center moves back to Sablich Center, programs held in Room 151, Hangar 2, room 151. To sign up, call 377-2179.

**Military retirement benefit seminars** — planned dates, subject to change, are 8-10:30 a.m. March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, July 10, Aug. 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4. Tricare, Survivor Benefit Plan, movement and storage of household goods, military and retired pay issues and other topics covered. Spouses encouraged to attend. To sign up, call 377-2179. Until the airman and family readiness center moves back to Sablich Center, briefings held in Room 151, Hangar 2.

### Employment opportunities

**14th annual Southern Region Military and Civilian Job Fair** — 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 8, Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center, Biloxi. Over 120 employers expected to attend this free event. Individuals should take resumes and information to use when completing on-the-spot applications, including three to five references. Wear business attire; military uniforms acceptable.

The airman and family readiness center offers resume writing/job fair preparation class, 1-3:30 p.m. April 2. To register, call 377-2179.

**Career focus program for spouses** — information on area employment opportunities, job Web sites, human resources contacts, temporary jobs, on-base listings and free training programs. Computer lab available for resume preparation or job search; located in Room 121, Hangar 2 (old Cody Hall). For an appointment, call Ron Bublik at the airman and family readiness center, 377-8592, or e-mail [ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil](mailto:ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil).

**Air Force Reserve opportunities** — for members separating within 180 days, call Master Sgt. Neil Sherman, 377-7116; visit Room 229, Hangar 2 or e-mail [anthony.sherman@keesler.af.mil](mailto:anthony.sherman@keesler.af.mil).

**Palace Chase** — for information about how to apply for a program to attend college full time and work part time, call Master Sgt. Neil Sherman, 377-7116; visit Room 229, Hangar 2 or e-mail [anthony.sherman@keesler.af.mil](mailto:anthony.sherman@keesler.af.mil).

**Air Force Office of Special Investigations** — senior airmen with less than six years time in service, and staff and technical sergeants with less than 12 years time in service are eligible. Foreign language, computer or technical skills are desired, but not required. Those accepted attend the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick, Ga. for training in instruction in law, report writing, forensics, interview techniques, firearms and defensive tactics and other subjects related to the challenges of investigative duty. For more information on applying, contact AFOSI Detachment 407, 377-3420.

## MEETINGS

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

**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 Chapter 652** — 7 a.m. third Tuesday of the month, Live Oak Dining Hall. For more information, call Master Sgt. Kat Hataway, 377-1389, or visit the group's Web site, <http://www.afsa652.org>.

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

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

**Asian Pacific-American Heritage Committee** — 11:30 a.m. first Wednesday of month, Room 151, Hangar 2 (old Cody Hall, Hall). For more information, call Lucy Belles, 377-2179, or Larry McKean, 377-3252.

**At Eze Toastmasters Club** — 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Building 1101 conference room. For more information, call Dewi Clark, 377-2714 or e-mail [dewi.clark2@keesler.af.mil](mailto:dewi.clark2@keesler.af.mil); Fred Blache, 377-1048, or visit <http://www.toastmasters.org>.

**Blacks in Government** — 5:15 p.m. second Thursday of the month, Taylor Logistics Building conference room. For more information call Florence Clay, 377-8681, or Paulette Powell, 377-2270.

**Company grade officers council** — meets first Wednesday of the month. For time and location, call 1st Lt. Michael Newson, 377-7626, [michael.newson@keesler.af.mil](mailto:michael.newson@keesler.af.mil).

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

**Keesler Christian Home Educators Association** — 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month, September-May, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call Heather Melancon, 831-8895.

**Keesler Spouses Club** — second Tuesday of the month. For time and place, call Gretchen Gorline, 374-8024, or visit <http://www.KeeslerSpousesClub.com>.

**Native American Heritage Committee** — for more information, call R.I. Whiteside, 863-0479, or Capt. Elizabeth Tailon, 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; location varies. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Toyshaline Young, 377-0591, or Tech. Sgt. Jodi Evans, 377-2835.

**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** — 5 p.m. first Thursday of the month, McBride Library. For more information, call Glenda Mosby, 243-1992, [gmosby1@bellsouth.net](mailto:gmosby1@bellsouth.net), or Charles Bowers, 860-3665.

## 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.**

### Voting assistance

**Installation voting officer** — Dave Duggins, 377-5799.

**Alternate installation voting officer** — Maj. Sharon Walker, 376-5551.

**2nd Air Force** — Master Sgts. John Scott, 376-6350, and Shannon Gray, 377-1316.

**45th Airlift Squadron** — Capt. Bryan Beck, 377-0663.

**81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron** — Capt. Nicola Perry, 376-3166.

**81st Civil Engineer Squadron** — Master Sgts. Aubrey Goff, 377-4209, and Bruce Dishman, 377-6611; Tech. Sgt. Melvin Jackson, 377-5826.

**81st Communications Squadron** — 2nd Lts. Kanesha Webber, 377-8885, and Trevor Owen, 377-4041.

**81st Comptroller Squadron** — Master Sgt. Sherriann Baldwin-Rash, 377-3711, and 1st Lt. Mishawn Johnson, 377-7251.

**81st Contracting Squadron** — Master Sgt. Kimberley Alvarez, 377-3642, and 1st Lt. Ernest Stewart, 377-1836.

**81st Dental Squadron** — Capt. Eric Ladimer, 376-0511, and Master Sgt. Wendell Thomas, 377-7071.

**81nd Inpatient Support Squadron** — Capt. Erik Vacarelli, 376-3327.

**81st MDOS** — 1st Lts. Maryann Edwards, 376-4459, and John Harrell, 377-0500; 2nd Lt. Sarah Montoya-Ortega, 376-5072, and Master Sgts. Joseph Hebert, 376-3754; Corey Johnson, 376-4839, Vernell Harrison, 376-4954, and Curtis Maley, 376-3810.

**81st Medical Support Squadron** — Capts. Carissa Grant, 376-5055, and Renee McClennon, 376-4727; Master Sgt. Patty Jones, 376-4749.

**81st Mission Support Squadron** — Master Sgts. Kelle Turner, 377-3697; Terrence Hardwick, 377-3647; and Ruby Bordley, 377-3203.

**81st Operations Support Flight** — Staff Sgt. Michael Delgado, 377-3305.

**81st Security Forces Squadron** — 1st Lt. Schneider Rislin, 377-7231 and Master Sgt. Rod East, 377-9096.

**81st Services Division** — Master Sgt. Andrea Turner, 377-1986.

**81st Supply-Transportation Squadrons** — David Weekley, 377-2936; Master Sgt. Kevin Benjamin, 377-7924; Senior Master Sgt. James McClish, 377-4451.

**81st Surgical Operations Squadron** — Master Sgts. Steve Lacy or Robin Pugh, 376-0452, or Capt. Cynthia Myers, 376-5621.

**81st Training Support Squadron** — James Franks, 377-0758; Senior Master Sgt. Richard Skripek, 377-0758, and Sherry Clark, 377-1230.

**81st Training Wing legal office** — 1st Lt. Thomas Greenwood, 377-1077.

**85th Engineering Installation Squadron** — 1st Lt. Jason Rhodes, 377-4076, and Capt. Justin Stoner, 377-1077.

**332nd Training Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. Len Kedrow, 377-0737, and Master Sgt. Jason Harrell, 377-9680.

**333rd TRS** — William Bacon Jr., 377-2469, and Master Sgt. Brian Frazier, 377-7745.

**334th TRS** — Senior Master Sgt. CarolAnn Daniels, 377-3408, and Master Sgt. Lori Derr, 377-0476.

**335th TRS** — Master Sgts. Robert Marlett, 377-0331 and Rolando Espino, 377-2909; Robert Lloyd, 377-7641.

**336th TRS** — Maj. Boyd Cooke, 377-4599.

**338th TRS** — George Landrum, 377-2784; Alexander Verrett, 377-3371; Staff Sgt. Christopher Guertin, 377-1154; Airman 1st Class Nicholas Giulian, 377-3945.

**403rd Wing** — Lt. Col. Kelvin McElroy, 377-5007.

**Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit** — Petty Officer 1st Class Moses Balls, 377-3502.

**Keesler NCO Academy** — Master Sgts. Lisa Arnold, 377-8622, and David Harrison, 377-8623

**Marine Corps Detachment** — Master Gunnery Sgt. William Scott, 377-8762, and Chief Warrant Officer 4th Class James Lewis, 377-0789.