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Second Air Force expands mission, revamps structure

Second Air Force and Keesler News staff

Second Air Force has expanded its mission and reorganized its operating structure to mirror an air and space operations center.

Second Air Force is responsible for the execution of basic military and technical training in Air Education and Training Command, which produces more than 200,000 graduates each year.

Due to the realignment of some training processes Maj. Gen. Mike Gould, 2nd Air Force commander, directed the reorganization of his headquarters staff to align with the Air Force's command and control enabling concept of a warfighting headquarters.

"I tasked a team of my training experts to draw parallels from the AOC model, and develop the framework for a training operations center here at 2nd Air Force."

General Gould chose Jamie

Correll, chief of current operations; Curtis Greer, chief of resources and budget; and Jerry Bartosik, qualitative branch chief of production operations, to lead the 20-member reorganization team.

Prior to this transformational effort, no single commander had control over the entire process, according to Mr. Greer.

"The numbered Air Force didn't have command and control of the operational training processes," he said. "We had pieces of it here, but most processes were actually up at our major command".

As a result, the process of getting the right Airmen with the right skills at the right time was fragmented and inefficient at times, with all the entities declaring success, Mr. Greer said.

"The major command mis-

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'Pinwheels for Prevention'



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Paula Tracy, left, family advocacy outreach manager, and Susan Pyles, family advocacy social worker, place "Pinwheels for Prevention" outside the outpatient clinic entrance to Keesler Medical Center. The pinwheels are reminders that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.

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Air Force Smart Ops For The 21st Century

Keep swinging, Team Keesler — that's how we succeed

By Col. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

With spring training over, the new baseball season has begun and I'm excited about the prospects of my beloved Boston Red Sox in the upcoming year.

They're a team a lot like the men and women at Keesler: time-tested professionals used to success and willing to do what it takes to get the job done.

Just like the Red Sox, those of us at Keesler have a long season ahead of us, with challenges that come on a daily basis. It's been said that no team ever won the World Series in a single game, and similarly we have to face each of the challenges we encounter in this upcoming season as they come, one at a time, and do our best to overcome them.

Working together

For us to be successful in the season ahead, Team Keesler needs to learn to work together, and we can take note that the most American game of baseball has a lot to say about working together. The great Babe Ruth (a Red Sox before going to Yankees) once said, "You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime." Baseball teaches that through working together we can reach a common goal.

Over a season you learn valuable skills working together, not only from the experience of winning but from sharing defeat as well. Overcoming shortcomings is something that can be accomplished through the advice and observations of our fellow team members, as well as personal efforts on our part.

Best players are 'coachable'

Another baseball analogy we can apply to Team Keesler is the best ballplayers are the best learners. One aspect common to the best ballplayers is that they are always "coachable," always trying to learn more about being successful. They listen and apply what they hear from their fellow teammates and coaches to their conduct, and usually come out on top.

But the game really isn't about winning and losing, it's about being able to walk off the field knowing you've given your all regardless of the outcome. The great Cleveland Indians (never a Red Sox, but I have his autograph anyway) pitcher Bob Feller put it this way, "Every day is a new

opportunity. You can build on yesterday's success or put its failure behind and start again. That's the way life is, with a new game every day, and that's the way baseball is."

The beauty of baseball is when pursued full speed, with relentless effort, you have the opportunity to *pursue* excellence, although you may not always hit the mark. This pursuit is its own reward, so we must strive to both win with humility and lose with dignity, and always remember that there is always a new game the next day.

Unique opportunity

Baseball is a game that offers the unique opportunity for a single person to come to bat and make all the difference in the world. In parallel, our mission can't be sustained by a single person, but as individuals we have it within ourselves to stand out and make difference, in our life and the lives of others. Jackie Robinson of the Brooklyn Dodgers (who was never a Red Sox, but I wish he was) put it best, "A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives."

As of this writing, the Red Sox are leading the American League East, ahead of the dreaded Yankees. I foresee another great season for them. I expect there are those of you who have your favorite teams you'll root for over the next several months, too. While America is so great we can disagree on which baseball team is the best, one thing we can all agree on is that Team Keesler has a great season ahead of us.

Keep swinging

It's been said that the difference between batting .250 and .300, which is the difference between playing in the bush leagues and playing in the big leagues, is just one extra hit a week — an extra hit at bat every week will land you in Fenway Park. The only way to get that extra hit a week is, as Hank Aaron (another great man whom the Red Sox should have signed) said, "to keep swinging."

That's what I expect everyone on Team Keesler to do this season: keep swinging, strive for excellence in all you do and we will surely charge through the challenges ahead and end up on top of the standings as we reach our goals.

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



Colonel Touhill

phone number. Items of general interest may appear in this column.

Hazardous parking lot

Comment — People are parking outside the designated lines in the temporary base exchange parking lot.

They're also parking between the cart racks and curb, blocking the entrance to the building. These are safety issues.

Response — There are several areas in the parking lot where old painted lines are still visible, although they're no longer used.

To eliminate the confusion and potential safety hazard resulting from this situation, our civil engineers have blacked out those old lines.

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Leadership

Confidence in your people is critical

Editor's note: The following is the second in a three-part series of commentaries on "confidence."

By Col. Richard Pierce

81st Training Wing vice commander

In my experience, I can honestly say I've met very few people who really don't care about performing well.

I estimate the number is way less than 1 percent. Face it — we all enjoy being recognized for our contributions. Everybody likes a pat on the back and a "well done" from the boss.

I personally have never met anyone who displayed an attitude of "I am going to mess things up today on purpose to willfully hurt my boss, my co-workers and ruin my career." We just don't think like that. Humans have an internal desire to succeed, not fail.

Leadership and attitude

Having said that, we've all probably met folks who appear to lack motivation and desire. But is this attitude totally their fault? The first thing I consider when I see folks displaying this type of behavior is that leadership or the lack thereof is likely the problem.

I'm immediately suspicious of any leader who says, "Thirty percent of the people in my unit are a bunch of unmotivated lazy bums." If you accept my personal experience that less than 1 percent of people are truly like that, what are the odds these folks have congregated or been assigned to one organization? Yet I've heard this a dozen times in my career.

The outgoing commander of a squadron I was about to command said almost these exact words to me in 2002. While I nodded politely, I seriously doubted the problem was the people. Turned out I was right. After making a few adjustments with flight commanders — bringing in enthusiastic, energetic leaders — ours became the squadron others wanted to join. We started winning more than our share of awards, folks got promoted and morale was at its highest point in a decade.

Impact of climate change

All I asked of my new flight commanders was to follow my "Cs" by showing their members how valued and respected they were and giving them the tools and authority to succeed. In six months, a unit climate assessment showed "trust in leadership" went up from 54 percent (lowest in the wing) to

98 percent (best in the wing). Same personnel, different leadership approach.

I mentioned earlier you may not be "the best" in your organization.

Generally speaking, your team members know how to do their work better than you do. For example, although I'm an experienced pilot, my airfield managers know how to operate an airfield much better than I do. The point is, when you show your folks you have strong confidence in them to do the work properly, you're telling them, "I trust you."

Of course, you need to provide your team with all the tools and training they need to be fully successful, but assuming you've done that, you'll be amazed at how hard they'll work for you and each other. Your confidence in them provides each member with a purpose to continue on, especially during the tough times. The fact that you recognize their accomplishments adds to their desire to perform at their best.

Empower your people

Your team deserves your trust. Trust must also be accompanied by empowerment of your folks. A huge part of displaying confidence in your people is your willingness to hand over significant amounts of control and authority. Allow your members to be decision makers and not just option providers. Since they're likely more knowledgeable than you in their areas of expertise, why would you keep decision-making authority from them?

You need to tailor the level of empowerment provided to each individual and situation, and the amount of direct authority you hand over is based experience, position currently held and past history of achievements to name a few considerations. You need to create an environment where the delegation of authority is an integral part of your unit's culture.

Communication improves

An interesting exchange occurs when you willingly turn significant control over to your people. I found rather than taking advantage of their new-found "power," my squadron tended to increase their communication flow with me and among themselves. I firmly believe this was due to the fact for the first time in years, our folks really understood leadership had so much trust in their ability we willingly put the success of the organization — and my job — in their hands. With our display of

confidence in them, they didn't want to disappoint us. They kept us aware of their decisions and often sought our opinions on the best way to proceed.

You may experience a similar situation, depending on how much or how little authority a previous supervisor delegated to his members. Don't be surprised if at first you're inundated with their desire to seek your approval on even small issues.

Once your folks truly understand you've empowered them with decision-making authority, they'll adjust. Everyone understands the ultimate responsibility for the organization still rests with you, but when you share the authority with the rest of your team, "buy-in" occurs throughout the unit. Your people feel valued, trusted, and respected.

No confidence is destructive

Just consider your past experiences. If you've ever worked for a boss you truly respected, the last thing you wanted to do was make him look bad. You kept communication channels open to ensure you and the organization were going in the right direction. One of the reasons you had so much respect for your boss was he showed a great deal of confidence in your ability to do the job and gave you the authority to do it.

Just as showing confidence in your team results in overwhelmingly beneficial results, the exact opposite philosophy absolutely destroys opportunities to build positive relationships with your team.

I had a supervisor who told our squadron, "I am not a micro-manager, but I need to be micro-informed." He was elected to the Micro-Manager Hall of Fame!

When someone micro-manages his folks, he's telling them he doesn't trust them. Micro-management is a death spiral in any organization. Avoid it like the plague. You cannot afford its unintended consequences.

Avoiding tragedy

I hope you've never been in such an organization. I have, and it was devastating.

This tragedy can easily be avoided by showing people you have confidence in their abilities and empowering them with a level of authority that's commensurate with their positions.

Next week I take up the topic of confidence in you by your people.

Tasers

Cops get another alternative to deadly force

By Staff Sgt. Tanya Holditch

Keesler News staff

Members of the 81st Security Forces Squadron are training on the use of Tasers, another alternative to deadly force as they patrol and protect the base and its people.

Many military and civilian law-enforcement agencies use the Taser as a complimentary part of their non-lethal weapons program.

Filling the gap

Tasers fill a void when negotiation techniques fail and other non-lethal weapons offer no safety against the violent threats of a perpetrator, said Maj. Joseph Musacchia, 81st SFS commander.

“The Taser is a great tool to protect our officers because it gives them a non-lethal way to subdue subjects who act aggressively or continue to resist arrest,” said Major Musacchia. “This provides safety for our security forces personnel, while causing the least amount of physical harm or damage to our adversaries or suspects.

When other methods fail

“Pepper spray can get in the eyes of security forces members, as well as the perpetrators, when used indoors or in windy situations,” said Major Musacchia.

In addition, people on narcotics are often immune to the effects of pepper spray, he said.

The use of a baton requires officers to be near a perpetrator, which can be dangerous if the suspect is armed or has intentions of harming the officer. The Taser can be used on perpetrators at 25 feet, he said.

“You are freezing time for five seconds — you can’t do that with the pepper spray,” the major said. “The five-second duty cycle incapacitation of the Taser subdues the suspect immediately, allowing security forces personnel to



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Sergeant Nadler aims a taser at a target.

make the arrest safely.”

Security forces undergo an extensive training process to be qualified to carry a Taser. Training includes classroom instruction, Taser familiarization and voluntary exposure to a portion of the Taser’s duty cycle, said Major Musacchia, who was the first person at Keesler to be tased.

“I wanted to demonstrate its non-lethal capabilities, but also its effectiveness in neutralizing a threat,” he said.

“Those were the longest seconds of my life,” said Senior Airman Derik Hoskins, 81st SFS, about being tased during training April 8. “It definitely made me think twice. I’d do whatever I could to avoid using the Taser, but at the same time it’s really good to have it as a tool because of its capabilities.”

“You can’t control anything. You tense up, you scream — you can tell yourself and try your hardest not to scream, but you will scream,” said Staff Sgt. Brian Nadler, 81st SFS unit scheduler and trainer, who was also tased for training purposes.

“Effective training establishes officer credibility by giving him or her the knowledge

and confidence to correctly and effectively employ the Taser,” said Sal Hernandez, Air Force Security Forces Center non-lethal weapons branch chief. “Often, communication from the officer to the suspect, in terms of having this capability, will defuse a hostile situation.”

Accountability in place

Multiple safety and accountability mechanisms are used with the Taser. Each time a Taser is fired, “confetti” containing a serial number corresponding to the cartridge is expelled and allows tracking back to the Taser unit and the individual to which the Taser is assigned. Each Taser also has a computer tracking capability, which captures the time and duration of discharge from each Taser system.

“Each time a Taser is utilized, or any lethal or non-lethal device is used, a complete ‘use of force’ review is conducted to ensure the conduct of the security forces member and the actions taken were within the Air Force approved use of force continuum,” Major Musacchia said. “The review ensures all uses of force are within Air Force Security Forces guidelines.”

Air Force approves use

“Extensive testing in the Air Force and joint community, as well as Taser International use, has been completed,” said Mr. Hernandez. “Approval for use in the Air Force by security forces has been granted.”

Taser International has tased more than 247,000 volunteers for training purposes and reports more than 325,000 field uses. Taser International reports that any injuries sustained are usually secondary in nature.

The bottom line for obtaining Tasers, said Major Musacchia, is safety: for the officers, the base populace and even the perpetrators.

Deployment performance earns kudos for instructor

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Senior Airman Tobiah Walter has received two awards during his current deployment to Camp Spann, Afghanistan.

Airman Walter, 338th Training Squadron's network infrastructure systems instructor, earned the Army Achievement Medal and was the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing's top performer in the airman category in March.

In the tactical operations center, he tracked 120 mounted combat patrols and was responsible for issuing significant incident reports to ensure the safety of ground forces.

Airman Walter monitored three sites with 38 workers to assure base security. He provided vital assistance to the air transportation officer by logging 407 air movements.

Airman Walter also served as



Airman Walter

the contracting officer's representative for new camp housing, and coordinated and tracked a humanitarian assistance mission for the commander.

He also planned a five-week poker tournament and a bingo night to entertain warriors assigned to the camp.

Academic aces



Staff Sgts. Jeffrey Guttveg, left, and Gary Walters received perfect scores in their courses. Sergeant Guttveg graduated from the personnel apprentice course in the 335th Training Squadron April 7. He's assigned to Patrick Air Force Base, Fla. Sergeant Walters graduated April 8 from the 338th TRS' network infrastructure systems course after earning a 100-percent average in the 332nd TRS' electronic principles course. He cross-trained into network infrastructure systems from his former career field as a musician (saxophonist). A California Air National Guard member, he's assigned to March Air Reserve Base.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

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 — 8 a.m. Friday and Nov. 14; 6 p.m. July 17 and 7 a.m. Sept. 19.

Parades — 9 a.m. May 29; 6 p.m. 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.

ASMC scholarships

Monday is the deadline to apply for \$1,000 scholarships from the Mississippi Sound Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers.

Scholarships are awarded to two graduating high school

seniors entering a financial or resource management course of study.

For more information, call Marcella LeBlanc, 377-7280.

HHA scholarships

May 31 is the deadline to apply for the Swan 38 Memorial Scholarship from the Hurricane Hunters Association.

One or two \$500 scholarships are awarded, depending on funds raised.

For eligibility requirements, call Capt. Kaitlyn McLaughlin, 377-3457, or visit <http://www.hurricanehunters.com>.

Academic counseling

For college counseling, call 376-8708 and 8710.

Officer records

For officers to update their academic records, the Air Force Institute of Technology

requires an official transcript sent to this address:

AFIT/RRE, 2950 P St., Wright-Patterson AFB OH 45433-7765.

Tuition aid online

Air Force members can request tuition assistance online from the workplace through the Air Force Virtual Education Center at <https://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod>.

Triangle clinic

The mental health clinic in the Triangle is open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

For more information, call 377-7016.

GI Bill benefits

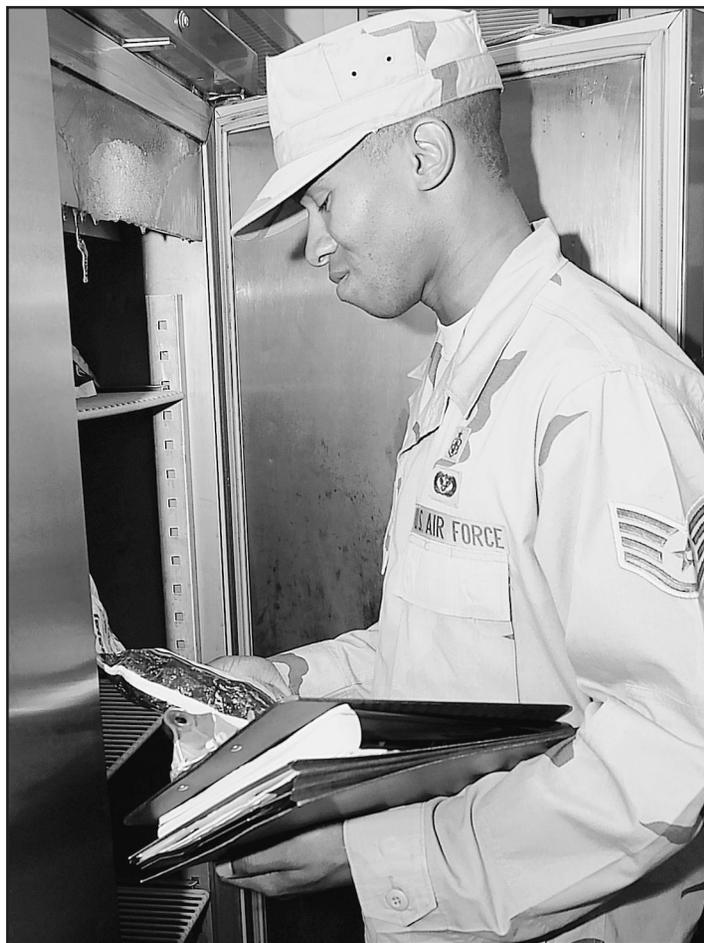
Montgomery GI Bill benefits may be used in conjunction with tuition assistance.

For more information, call the education office, 377-7059.

Deployed medic keeps food safe

Staff Sgt. LeCorey Jones, deployed from the 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, inspects frozen food in Southwest Asia. Assigned to the 379th Expeditionary Medical Group's public health team, he was recently named Warrior of the Week for the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing.

Courtesy photo



Welcome home

AETC Services offers prizes for Airmen who've deployed

AETC Services and Keesler News staff

Air Education and Training Command Services welcomes home those returning from deployment by offering them the chance to win a free cruise or other prizes.

AETC military personnel who have been deployed more than 120 days in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom may be eligible to register for the drawing. Eligibility may be verified at the airman and family readiness center.

The grand prizes are \$2,500 travel vouchers, which may be redeemed for a cruise vacation package. Follow-on drawings for additional prizes are planned for AETC military personnel deploying in 2008.

Entry forms are available at the airman and family readiness center, outdoor recreation,

Gaudé Lanes, Bay Breeze Golf Course, arts and crafts center, Katrina Kantina and information, ticket and travel office.

The AETC Welcome Home Program is a Services program, done in cooperation with the airman and family readiness center. Sponsors are Edgerton, Germeshausen and Grier, Inc./Lear Siegler Services, Inc., a defense contractor that provides a variety of support on Air Force installations, and United Services Automobile Association, a military-oriented insurance company with a variety of services available to its members.

For more information about Services programs, sponsorship or employment at Keesler, visit <http://www.keeslerservices.us>.

Staff Sgt. Tanya Holdtich, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.

IN THE NEWS

AFAF exceeds goal

Keesler's Air Force Assistance Fund campaign has raised \$72,263, 4 percent more than the goal.

Although the campaign has ended, donations are accepted through May 4 by unit representatives.

New squadron stands up today

A ceremony marking the unification of the 81st Mission Support Squadron and the 81st Services Division into the 81st Force Support Squadron is 1:30 p.m. today at Welch Auditorium, followed by a reception at the marina.

Unit recycling champs

The 81st Supply-Transportation Squadron is the unit recycling champion after collecting 2,525 pounds of glass bottles, cardboard, paper and aluminum March 11-April 11.

Twelve organizations competed and collected 9,131 pounds of recyclables.

The 81st SUPS-TRANS received a specially-designed plaque made from recycled materials.

Urgent care clinic opens Monday

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler Medical Center's internal medicine clinic opens an urgent care clinic Monday.

Appointments are 10 minutes long and address acute medical conditions or medication refills. An acute medical condition is an ailment that needs non-emergency, urgent care.

All beneficiaries enrolled to the internal medicine clinic are eligible for care in the urgent care clinic.

For appointments, call 1-800-700-8603.

National Prayer Breakfast

Keesler's National Prayer Breakfast is 7 a.m. Wednesday at the Vandenberg Community Center.

The guest speaker is Chaplain (Col.) Howard Stendahl, Air Education and Training Command's command chaplain.

Tickets are \$3 for pay grades E-1 to E-4 and \$5 for others.

For more information or tickets, contact your first sergeant or call Triangle Chapel, 377-2520.

Parking lot closes

The parking lot of Welch Auditorium is closed Tuesday through 5 p.m. April 25.

A temporary bus stop is at the corner of Ploesti Drive and Galaxy Street near the Triangle Pool.

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; Bunksmall Apartments and H&H Hideaway in Pascagoula and Toni's Lounge in Moss Point.

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sion was to organize, train and equip, and they did that. Air Force Recruiting Service's responsibility was to go out and bring in the young men and women into the Air Force, and they did that. We told our training wings to train these folks, and they did that," said Mr. Greer.

"But at the end of the day, we didn't always have what the Air Force needed as an institution, despite the fact that everyone met their goal. It was clear that we needed centralized command and control of key training processes."

As the team studied more about the AOC, with the help of the Air Force Warfare Center's AOC schoolhouse at Hurlburt Field, Fla., it found obvious parallels which could be implemented in a TOC. Adapting the AOC model allows for more effective and efficient command and control of the training process, according to Ms. Correll.

"One of the simplest parallels for a 2nd Air Force TOC comes from examining the process where the AOC, which is at the operational level, plans and executes the air tasking order," she said.

For example, she explained, a commander can effectively put bombs on target if he or she has command and control of all aspects of the air campaign. Part of being able to do that consistently and accurately requires the ability to analyze the mission's failures and successes, redirect assets and make necessary process improvements in a timely manner.

"An AOC can do this because the players all report to one boss, and they own everything involved in conducting the mission," said Mr. Bartosik. "One of the reorganization team's goals was to structure the training process in a similar way, where it will be operated by the 2nd Air Force TOC, centralized under a single commander."

"I am extremely proud of the work this team did," said General Gould. "With the help of Headquarters AETC

leadership and staff, together they assessed the facts and devised a plan to implement a TOC that will take our training operations to the next level.

"We need the ability to bring in a new recruit, get him or her through basic military training and into the right technical training class seat, and then to their operational commander in the most effective and efficient manner," he continued. "I now have a TOC that gives me visibility into the entire pipeline process and enables me to make real-time, informed decisions on the execution of that mission.

"Now, more than ever, we simply can't afford to be inefficient in how we train our Air Force's Airmen," the general added. "Implementing this TOC is the right next step to ensure we make the most of the resources we are entrusted with to sustain the Air Force with the world's best trained, combat ready Airmen — above all."

Maj. Pete Gryzen, 2nd Air Force, and Staff Sgt. Tanya Holditch, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Web site for retirees

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The Air Force has a new Web site just for its retiree community.

The Air Force Retiree Services site is located at <http://www.retirees.af.mil/>.

Self-service for civilians

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The Air Force Personnel Center recently introduced a new self-service application — electronic civilian record update — as part of its ongoing commitment to civilian force development.

ECRU gives civilians preparing to meet a development team panel the ability to perform Web updates on certain civilian career information, such as developmental and professional military education, and duty titles.

The Air Force is working an initiative, in conjunction with the Department of Defense, to give all Air Force civilians the ability to update their education, training and special qualifications (certifications, professional licenses) through MyBiz. Using MyBiz, civilians have the capability to update work e-mail addresses, work/home telephone numbers, handicap codes, ethnicity and national origin, and language.

For more information, visit AFPC's "Ask" Web site and search for "ECRU."

ID cards without SSNs

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — As a means of combating identity theft, the Defense Department plans to issue identification cards without full Social Security numbers.

Plans are to remove the Social Security numbers from identification cards issued to military family members by the end of this year. Those cards would still display the sponsor's SSN, for now. Between 2009 and 2010, all department-issued identification cards feature only the last four digits of a holder's Social Security number.

WAPS test schedules

Weighted airman promotion system test schedules:

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.

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.

Civilian career information

Air Force civilians can access the virtual civilian career brief through the Air Force Personnel Center's secure Web site, <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afpcsecure/default.asp>.

Once on the AFPC secure Web site, select "Civ Career Brief" from the button menu.

New CCB users need to establish an account.

Updating LeaveWeb

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

For more information, call 81st Mission Support Squadron customer service, 377-5455.

Some reservists may reach man-day limit later in 2008

By Master Sgt. Chance Babin

Air Force Reserve Command

ROBINS Air Force Base, Ga. — Later this year, hundreds of reservists nationwide could reach the limit on the number of man-days they can serve in Air Force Reserve Command.

Reservists through the rank of colonel received permission 3 1/2 years ago to serve up to 1,095 man-days of the previous 1,460 days in a rolling four-year calendar.

Before Oct. 28, 2004, they couldn't work more than 179 days in a given year without an approved waiver.

Department of Defense officials and congressional staffers worked together to develop the 1,095-day provision, said David Chu, under secretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

It eliminates one of the biggest "impediments to effective Reserve force use and total force integration — the '180-day rule,'" he said.

The program encourages reservists to volunteer and makes service more predictable for them, their families and their employers.

"Now, a waiver is not required until a member has

reached 1,095 days, which helps streamline the waiver process," said Ed Turner, a technician in the readiness operations branch of the directorate of manpower and personnel at AFRC. "We have numerous volunteers and we want to encourage volunteerism."

Before the 2005 National Defense Authorization Act made the program law, Air Force officials would have to take volunteers off active duty if their tours crossed fiscal years so they wouldn't count against the regular Air Force end strength. This process didn't guarantee there would be funds the next fiscal year to pay the reservists.

Since the law has been in effect less than four years, no reservists are affected by the program's restrictions until October.

Mr. Turner said potentially 2,000 reservists on military personnel appropriation man-day orders or Reserve personnel appropriation man-day orders reach or exceed 1,095 days by September. He expects that number to grow in the future.

"This program affects the whole gamut of career fields,"

he said, "but the majority of those affected come from security forces, operations and maintenance."

Although all MPA man-days, except mobilized days, count toward the 1,095 rule, there are exceptions for reservists on RPA orders.

RPA man-days that count against the 1,095 rule are active duty for operational support, active duty for training for other commanders or due to reimbursable funds, and funeral honors duty.

RPA man-days exempt from the rule are annual tours, initial active duty for training, active duty for training for their commander and non-reimbursable funds, and active Guard or Reserve duty.

If a reservist reaches 1,095 days in a 1,460-day period, a waiver is required to work beyond the 1,095 days. Waivers for MPA and RPA man-days are approved by the secretary of the Air Force for manpower and Reserve affairs.

Mr. Turner said the timeline for the Air Force to tell people about the results of this round of waivers is June.

DRAGON OF THE WEEK

Name — Airman 1st Class Audrey Gordon

Position — medical inpatient journeyman

Unit — 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron

Time in Air Force — almost two years

Time at Keesler — 15 months

Hometown — Layton, Utah

Noteworthy — first in her field at Keesler to receive her 5-level skill upgrade since Keesler Medical Center reopened after Hurricane Katrina.

Why did you join the Air Force? for education to achieve career goals and health benefits.

Your favorite quote? “You never know what you have until it’s gone.”

What are your short- and long-term goals? short-term, complete an associate’s degree in nursing; long-term, earn a bachelor’s degree in nursing, become an officer and retire as a colonel.

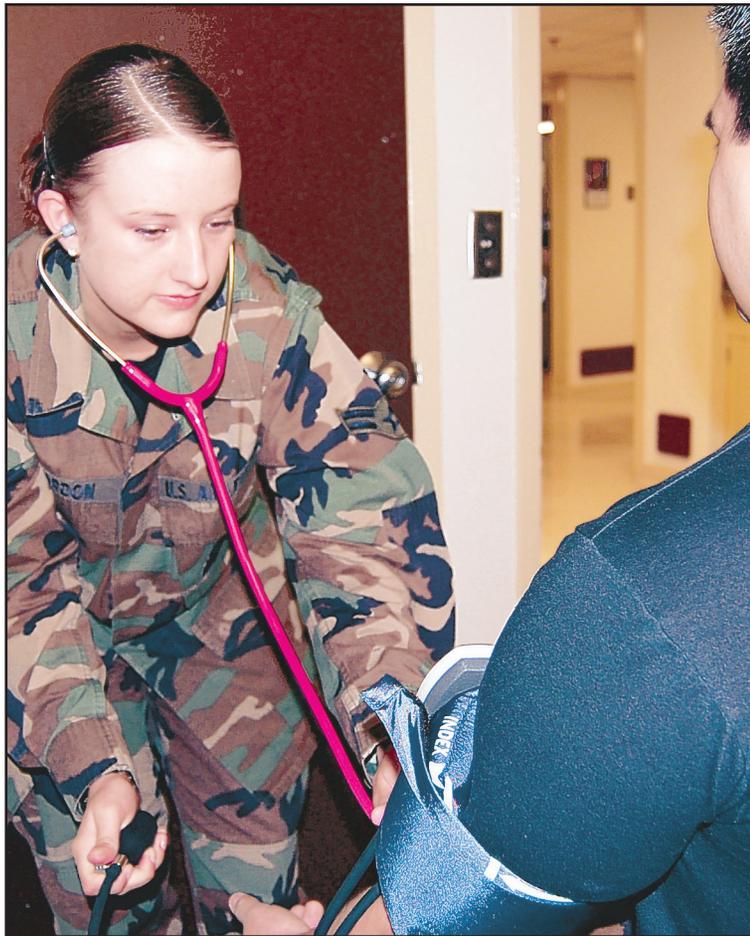


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DIAMOND NOTES

Integrity first is the bedrock on which our leadership principles rest, and we must display this value in our everyday actions.

Are you a leader or playing one?

— Master Sgt. David Brown, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron first sergeant



Sergeant Brown



MEMORABLE MOMENTS

March 9, 1943

The 1002nd Quartermaster Company, Keesler’s first boat rescue unit, was headquartered at the Biloxi Yacht Club.

Status

Big BOS — The 30-day public review period of the new reduction-in-force procedures ends Friday. National union leadership is reviewing the new procedures.

A video teleconference originally planned for Monday has been rescheduled for April 24. The teleconference with Air Education and Training Command and Air Force Personnel Center officials discusses current A-76 status and firms up the RIF and contract transition timelines.

Little BOS — The decision remains in litigation in federal court.

Key phone numbers

Civilian personnel flight — 376-8722.

Competitive sourcing office — 377-4848.

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

Could your work center run more efficiently?

Is time being wasted where you work?

Do you have an idea to save money or streamline your job?

If so, we want to know.

Call the 81st Training Wing Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century Office:

Capt. Ted West, 377-0123.

Victim advocates Volunteers bolster survivors

Editor's note: These stories are the third of a four-part series in conjunction with the observance of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Victim advocates are the lifeblood of Keesler's sexual assault prevention, response and education program.

Keesler has 39 trained victim advocates who provide around-the-clock direct response to victims to help them navigate the military's response network. They ensure that victims get accurate and comprehensive information on available options and resources so they can make informed decisions about their care and involvement in the investigative process.

"We provide victims with options," explained Capt. Millie Ziebell, a victim advocate from the 81st Supply-Transportation Squadron. "We're with victims during the entire legal process if they choose unrestricted reporting. We escort

them to interviews and hearings.

"Often victims just want someone to talk to, and as victim advocates, we try to be that person," the captain added. "We don't pass judgment or try to sway them in any way. We try to be the shoulder the victim can lean on."

"By giving our survivors lots of information and allowing them to make choices, it empowers them and enables them to regain some power that was taken from them when the assault occurred," Chris McGill, a victim advocate from the 81st Training Support Squadron, pointed out.

"We work very closely with Keesler emergency services, mental health, chaplains, security forces, Office of Special Investigations and base leadership, as well as area hospitals and the Gulf Coast Women's Center. However, it's always the survivor who chooses the option of

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Ms. McGill helps post flags at the corner of Meadows Drive and Larcher Boulevard for a Sexual Assault Awareness Month display. The flags represent a daily average of 746 people sexually assaulted each day in 2006, the most recent year for which statistics are compiled.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Keesler to Kyrgyzstan — SARC skills in demand

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Sexual assault survivors need somewhere to turn, whether at Keesler or Kyrgyzstan.

Second Lt. Stephanie Lutz, Keesler's deputy sexual assault response coordinator, is on her first deployment. She left in January for a 120-day rotation to the Kyrgyz Republic, where she's heading the SARC office at Manas Air Base.

Keesler is her first assignment since joining the Air Force nearly two years ago.

"Lieutenant Lutz completed the victim advocate in October 2006 and was a perfect candidate for the deputy SARC position when it came open last May," said Liz Waters, Keesler's SARC.

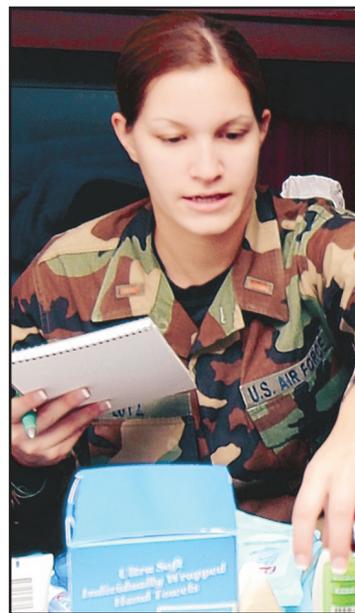
"I had experience with sexual assault through friends and family members, and I wanted to help," Lieutenant Lutz said. "I like helping people and being a voice for causes that most people might consider 'lost.' It's

rewarding to help sexual assault victims to see that there are people who believe them and want to help them through the traumatic process without passing judgment or making decisions for them."

Lieutenant Lutz, who grew up in Gulfport, said that being a SARC in a deployed location is very different than at Keesler.

"One big difference is that we don't have all of the same resources," she pointed out. "This includes civilian services for victims if they don't want to see a military counselor. We're very lucky at Keesler to have the Gulf Coast Women's Center to partner with in our efforts to help victims.

"Another big difference is that we have several protective factors here at Manas," the lieutenant commented. "There's a limit on alcohol — two drinks in a 24-hour period, and only beer or wine. We're not allowed in the living and sleeping quarters of the opposite sex. This poten-



Lieutenant Lutz

tially reduces the number of assaults by limiting alcohol, because most involve alcohol, as well as limits the places in which someone can be isolated by an attacker.

Another difference is the way victim advocates are assigned to assist sexual assault survivors.

"At Keesler, we have victim advocates on call for a week at a time," she explained. "If we have a case at Manas, I have to consider certain victim advocates over others because some of them have very busy schedules in very important positions. It's not as easy, but we have so many advocates here that someone's always available."

Doing briefings and a lack of resources are the biggest challenges she's faced at Manas.

"Everyone here is so busy, and because most had training before they left on deployment, they don't want to hear things again," Lieutenant Lutz reported. "But overwhelming when I speak at newcomers' briefings every Friday and ask the audience questions about the program, no one remembers. It's a battle to get people to understand that just because we're all here together at Manas doesn't mean that there's no need to practice good common sense and safety measures.

"At Keesler we have the funds and access to have brochures to distribute and promotional items to advertise our hotline number," she stated. "Resources are scarce here. For instance, when conducting victim advocate training here, we don't have the video clips or guest briefers like we do at home, but we make do with what we have and press forward."

Lieutenant Lutz, who's currently training 30 new advocates, planned a full month of events to observe Sexual Assault Awareness Month at Manas.

Activities on the schedule included a 5-kilometer run-walk; an appreciation luncheon for victim advocates; a "Stomp Out Sexual Violence" step/dance contest; "Manas Monologues," a dramatic presentation of anonymously-submitted stories of child abuse, sexual assault or domestic violence; and a movie review of how rape is portrayed in pop culture films.

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what services they may need.”

Both Captain Ziebell and Ms. McGill emphasize that compassion and caring are essential qualities for victim advocates.

“My bachelor’s degree is in psychology, and I’ve always wanted to help people wherever I can,” the captain stated. “Being a victim advocate gives me an opportunity to help others that have experienced one of the worst offenses imaginable. If I can provide some level of comfort or reassurance that human decency still exists in the midst of such ugliness, then I’ve done a good thing.”

Ms. McGill said one of her biggest surprises in the program is the stereotype of what people believe a “victim” is.

“There is no ‘cookie-cutter victim,’” she stressed. “Each person is different and reacts to trauma in different manners. Each survivor is treated with respect and given the opportunity to make decisions based on when they are ready to move forward.”

Ms. McGill is a volunteer trainer for about 100 to 200 nonprior service Airmen each week in the second part

of the Air Force’s mandatory sexual assault for new accessions. The first part takes place during basic training.

“We discuss the impact of sexual assault, constructive responses and being a good wingman, prevention and effective gender relations, including asking permission, setting clear boundaries and listening to and respecting those boundaries,” she said. “It amazes me that most of these Airmen don’t think sexual assault can happen to them, even though they know someone or may already be a survivor themselves. I don’t think they realize how vulnerable they really are.”

Captain Ziebell emphasized that sexual assaults can happen in all different types of environments, and perpetrators aren’t always what might be expected in a suspect.

“The person may have been a friend once upon a time,” she commented.

“The act doesn’t just affect the victim and the alleged perpetrator — it affects families, friends and coworkers. Relationships are changed forever.

“What I’ll never get over is the smugness that exists among some of the alleged perpetrators. Some of these people don’t think unwanted touching, groping or kissing is a big deal, when in actuality they’ve just violated someone’s mother, wife, sister or friend.”

Remaining professional and objective when working with a survivor is a big challenge for victim advocates, according to Ms. McGill and Captain Ziebell.

“I’m a wife, mother and grandmother, and I instinctively want to ‘mother’ my survivors — bad idea,” Ms. McGill admitted.

“It can be very emotional at times,” Captain Ziebell remarked. “Some-times I want to cry or scream or reprimand the perpetrator, but then I remember it’s not about me. I have to stay focused and be the ‘level head’ for my victim, and it’s up to me to make sure emotional and physical needs are met to the best of my ability.

“Instinctively I want to tell the victim whatever I can to make them feel better, but you can’t always do that because it isn’t always the case,” she continued.

“It’s easy to be able to tell them that everything will be OK, that the perpetrator will be prosecuted, that their life will return to normal in no time,” Ms. McGill agreed.

“The reality is that sometimes things won’t be OK immediately — healing takes time,” she admitted. Not all perpetrators will be prosecuted — unfortunately, some will never be known, or the courts take too long and the survivor just wants out.

Returning to ‘normal’ may never happen to some survivors — they’ll develop a ‘new normal,’ and time is all they can hope for.”

Just because Keesler is a protected installation doesn’t mean it’s shielded from sexual assault, Ms. McGill stated.

“Sexual assault is happening right here, right now,” she said. “It may not be the stranger rape that’s in the news — it could be unwanted physical contact or an acquaintance assault. We have to use our wingmen — we need to watch out for each other regardless of rank, service or gender.”

Captain Ziebell encouraged people at Keesler to educate themselves and others during April’s observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

“Ignorance is not an excuse,” she insisted. “Sexual assault is a violation that rocks our community to the core. It’s a blatant defiance of the Air Force’s core values.

“I would encourage anyone who’s a victim of sexual assault to report the crime, even if it’s a restricted report,” she said. “There are many services that can help people deal with this devastating occurrence — not getting help can make things worse. They don’t have to deal with this alone — they have wingmen, even if they haven’t met them yet.”

Earth-Arbor Day

Today's Earth-Arbor Day events are a tree planting, 9 a.m. in the field west of the child development center, and a household hazardous waste turn-in, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the recycling center

Energy conservation awareness training is also planned.

For more information, call Angel Hays, 377-1262.

Road closure

Chappie James Avenue from the circle drive exit of Locker House to Z Street is closed for approximately two weeks for water line replacement.

A recommended detour is a

parallel road by the recycling center and housing maintenance.

For more information, call 377-5857.

Operation Hero

Operation Hero is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the deployment facility.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Jessica Woodruff, 377-2593.

Child Pride Day

Child Pride Day is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 26 in marina park.

The free event includes food, demonstrations, displays, rides, entertainment, games, inflatable jumpers, costumed characters, prizes and giveaways.

Registration is 8 a.m. for the 1- and 2-mile run-walk that starts at 9 for ages 18 and younger on the track adjacent to the park.

Due to limited parking at the park, shuttles run from the youth ballfields, youth center and child development center every half hour from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a final pickup at the park between 3-3:30 p.m.

In case of rain, activities move to the youth center.

For more information, call 377-5935.

New phone numbers

Keesler Medical Center Patient Registration, located in room 1A 235, has new tele-

phone numbers: 376-4742 or 4743.

The former numbers, 377-6149 and 6276, are no longer in service.

Auditions

Wall Studio is conducting auditions for people to go on camera for a series of video projects in support of the 81st Training Group.

Positions are open to military members and civilians.

For more information and to schedule an audition, call Bruce Norton, 377-2793.

Airmen's Attic hours

Airmen's Attic is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays and 3-5 p.m. Fridays during

May and June.

For more information, call or e-mail Master Sgt. Steven Dickinson, 377-3814, steven.dickinson@keesler.af.mil.

Patients sought

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

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

For more information, call 376-5144.

Data disposal

To make appointments to shred personal data, call the records management office, 377-2571.

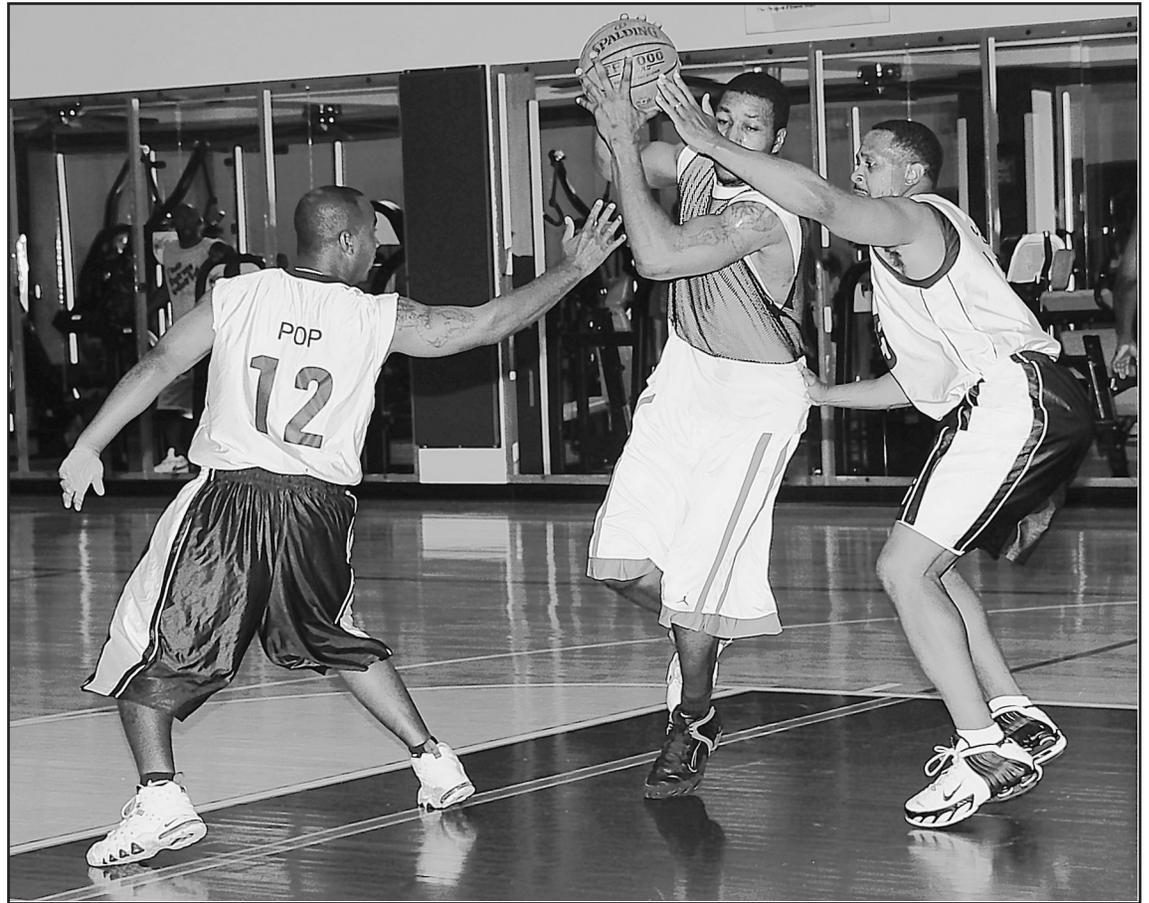


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Civil engineers Grayling Bocage, left, and Robin Sikes, right, surround Thomas Love, 338th TRS, as he drives toward the basket April 8.

Over-30 basketball playoffs Dark Knights rebound, force one more game

By Senior Airman Carlos Rodriguez

Keesler Public Affairs

The 338th Training Squadron gained a measure of revenge over the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron April 8, overpowering the civil engineers, 55-40, in the Over-30 basketball championship playoffs.

The Dark Knights' victory set up a third meeting of the two to decide the title. That game was scheduled for Tuesday in Dragon Fitness Center.

The 338th TRS' perfect record of 14-0 was spoiled by the civil engineers the previous week, 50-49. Had the 81st CES won again April 8, the title would've been theirs.

"We started the game aggressively and we stayed aggressive throughout," said William

Mays, player-coach of the Dark Knights.

The 338th TRS powered to a 23-11 first-half lead, which included two unanswered runs of eight and seven points each.

"We need to switch up our defensive tactics, using man-to-man and zone," said Robin Sikes, player-coach of the civil engineers. "We need to capitalize on their mistakes."

The start of the second half proved to be more of the same. Picking up where they left off, the Dark Knights continued to dominate, going on a 13-0 run over the two periods.

The 338th TRS was led by 25 points from Ed Simpson, 15 from Theyer Castro and a dominant defense that grabbed the most steals and rebounds.

For the civil engineers, Theodore Rayon scored 17 points and Ricky Nichols added 10.

Air Force Marathon — AETC seeks fastest feet for its teams

AETC Services

The 12th annual Air Force Marathon is Sept. 20 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

Events include the marathon, wheelchair marathon, half marathon, and individual and team 10-kilometer runs.

Two teams of four members (one all-female and one all-male team) and four individual runners (two men, two women) represent Air Education and Training Command in the men's and women's open relay and individual categories, respectively. The selection board meets in late July.

Teams and individuals are selected based on past performance. All competitors must be active-duty Air Force members assigned to AETC.

Teams are comprised of four members from the same base. Participants are authorized permissive temporary duty.

AETC provides a personal maintenance allowance for command team members and pays race entry fees, transportation, lodging, warm-up suits and running shirts.

Candidates submit their team and individual nominations on Air Force Form 303 to local fitness centers. Directors submit their most qualified team and individuals for each of two relay categories and the two full-marathon categories.

For more information, go to <http://www.usafmarathon.com>.

CORRECTION

Danny Nwaelele was incorrectly identified as a civil engineer in an article in the April 10 Keesler News.

Actually, he's assigned to the 81st Contracting Squadron.

SCORES AND MORE

Basketball

Intramural

Games at Blake Fitness Center.

West Division

(as of April 9)

Team	Won	Lost
81st MDG	2	0
336th TRS	1	1
332nd TRS	1	1
81st CS	1	1
81st CES	1	1
81st MSS	0	2

April 7 — 336th TRS 10, 81st MSS 0; 332nd TRS 35, 81st CES 28; 81st MDG 50, 81st CS 47.

April 9 — 81st CES 31, 336th TRS 30; 81st CS 10, 81st MSS 0; 81st MDG 44, 332nd TRS 30.

Monday — 6 p.m., 336th TRS vs. 332nd TRS; 7 p.m., 81st MDG vs. 81st MSS; 8 p.m., 81st CS vs. 81st CES.

Wednesday — 6 p.m., 336th TRS vs. 81st SUPS-TRANS; 7 p.m., 332nd TRS vs. 81st MDSS.

East Division

(as of April 10)

Team	Won	Lost
335th TRS	2	0
338th TRS	2	0
81st DS	1	1
81st SFS	1	1
81st MDSS	1	1
81st SUPS-TRANS	0	2

April 8 — 338th TRS 51, 81st SUPS-TRANS 24; 335th TRS 72, 81st MDSS 28; 81st SFS, 81st DS 41.

April 10 — 338th TRS 72, 81st MDSS 34; 81st DS 58, 81st SUPS-TRANS 58; 335th TRS 45, 81st SFS 33.

Today — 6 p.m., 338th TRS vs. 81st SFS; 7 p.m., 81st DS vs. 335th TRS; 8 p.m., 81st MDSS vs. 81st SUPS-TRANS.

Tuesday — 6 p.m., 338th TRS vs. 335th TRS; 7 p.m., 81st SFS vs. 81st SUPS-TRANS; 8 p.m., 81st DS vs. 81st MDSS.

Bowling

League standings

Monday Budweiser

(as of April 7)

Team	Won	Lost
Our Gang	108	67
Perry's Refrigeration	106	69
Gannon's Cannons	102.5	72.5
Old Skool	102	73
Wayne's World	102	73
3 Steps Forward	102	73
Man On	99	76
Slater's Shooters	93	82
Why Not	92	83
Hoops Gang	84	91
Pin Heads	83	92
Team 2	79	96
The Corner Pins	79	96
Ghost Riders	78	97
Endangered Species	71.5	103.5
Martini's	66	109
Unpredictables	64	111
B-Busters	62	113

Tuesday Hospital Mixed

(as of March 18)

Team	Won	Lost
Bed Buddies	130	54
Pill Pushers	129	55
Radiology Renegades	125	59

Special Olympics fundraisers set

Torch run fish fry — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 25, Lopez-Quave Public Safety Center, 170 Porter Ave., Biloxi. Fish or hamburger plates, \$5. Drive-through pickup available; delivery available for orders of five plates or more.

For advance orders, call 435-6124 or fax 436-3083.

Bowling tournament — noon May 1, Gaudé Lanes.

Cost: \$10 per person for five-person teams.

To register, call Keith Trahan, 377-3572, or Chris Frieman, 377-5857.

Concessions — May 1 is the deadline for units to sign up to run concession stands in the Olympic Village May 17.

For more information, call Rick Harmon, 377-0649, or Matthew Jackson, 377-3868.

Drug Dealers	114	72
Pediattack	104	80
Team 6	32	152
Team 8	26	158
Team 7	16	168

Wednesday Mixed

(as of April 9)

Team	Won	Lost
Oceans Eleven	129	67
Jokers Wild	119	77
Hang Chucky	134	83
Misfits	110	86
Ichiban	109	87
3DR	108	88
Clyde's Crew	108	88
2 Old 2 Bowl	105	91
MUDD	95.5	100.5
Lucky Strikes	91	105
Neighbors + 1	84.5	111.5
70s Plus	79	117

Thursday Retired Seniors Mixed

(as of April 10)

Team	Won	Lost
6-Pack	132.5	70.5
Three is Company	116.5	86.5
Team 16	116	87
Dummys Dummies	127	91
Team 12	110	93
Team 1	105.5	97.5
Amy's Bunch	105	98
2 Bees & a D	102	101
Freda's Kids	102	101
The Very Best	100	103
Delema	99.5	103.5
Friends	98	105
Full Speed	91	112
T-N-T	90	113
Barb's Boys	89.5	113.5
Guys and Dolls	87	116
Team 15	84.5	118.5
Team 2	84.5	118.5

Thursday Federal Intramural

(as of March 20)

Team	Won	Lost
85th EIS	144	80
Team 3	143	81
Team 5	141	83
332nd TRS	138	86
Team 14	128	96
81st CPTS	126	98
403rd Rolling Thunder	118	106
Team 4	116	108
403rd MXX	114	110
81st TRSS	114	110
338th TRS	113	111
Misfits	106	116
Team 10	94	130
GCCS Squad	91	133
81st MSS	86	136
Ghosts	16	206

Friday Mixed

(as of Friday)

Team	Won	Lost
Lady and the Tramps	138	72
Team 10	137	73
Team 3	115	95
Sandbaggers	111	99
Jax Hax	107	96
3 Guys and A Babe	95	115
Pin Busters	94	116
Pin Pals	89	121
Harry's Team	88	115
Dreamers	69	141

Other

League registrations — for Monday trio, Tuesday family, Thursday intramural and Thursday morning seniors; call 377-2817.

Penny a pin — Tuesdays. Your score is what you pay rounded out to the nearest nickel. Bowl 225 or over and game is free.

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.

Fitness centers

Slugfest V — 7 p.m. May 9, Hangar 4. Light, middle and heavy-weight divisions for men; women's divisions to be announced. Cash prizes, entertainment between rounds, food and beverages available. Tickets \$15 (on-base price reflects military discount), \$225 for reserved tables of 10, \$250 ringside tables of 10. Sponsored by Rex Distributing and presented by Bomber Productions.

For more information, call 377-3705.

Massage appointments — at Triangle Fitness Center, call 263-5515.

Wall of Fame — powerlifting event, 1-4 p.m. first compressed work schedule Friday of every month, Triangle Fitness Center. Squat, bench press and dead lift; one attempt in any or all three events; 12 weight classes

for men, 10 for women. Set a record for most pounds lifted or break an existing record and get your picture on the wall of fame. Open to all Department of Defense personnel 18 years of age and older.

For more information, call 377-3056.

Golf

Keesler vs. Biloxi Bay Chamber of Commerce annual tournament — 12:30 p.m. shotgun start May 23, Bay Breeze Golf Course. Registration deadline May 16. Twenty Keesler teams available; first-come, first-serve, must sign up as twosomes. \$50 per player in advance includes green fees, carts, prizes, food and beverages, giveaways and two mulligans.

To register, e-mail tama.manu@keesler.af.mil or billy.bell2@keesler.af.mil, or call 424-0479.

Free beginners lessons — 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday for nonprior or service students.

Outdoor recreation

Camping special — 10 percent discount on No. 1 camping package this month.

Preregistration for swimming lessons — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through April 17, outdoor recreation building. Lessons begin in June.

Delacroix, La., fishing site — two self-contained trailers for rent for \$50 per night; maximum four per trailer. Bring linens and cooking utensils; Louisiana fishing license required.

April fish of the month — weigh in largest white trout and win \$100 savings bond.

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

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.

Back bay fishing trips — Saturday. \$15 per person. Maximum eight people; call for time.

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.

Softball

Women's varsity team — is recruiting players. For more information, call Jody Deknikker, 377-0222 or 376-6354.

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Ashley Banta, Christopher Coe, Nathan Cortes, Jeffery Cottingham, Danial Cox, Benjamin Cristofich, Robert Crosier, Blane Defriend, Stephen Fain, Efrain Hernandez-Montijo, Jason Hlavaty, Justin Ivey, Kelly Jellison, Jessica Johnson, Joshua Johnson, Benjamin Kanoff, David Klein, Chad Kolle, Andrew Latta, Jordan Lydy, Kyle Meister, Joshua Miller, Brandon Mitchell, Ruben Mullins, Nathan Munford, Travis Niles, Todd Paquin, Eric Peterson, Paul Pittman, Andrew Pohlman, Corey Vial, Jacob Walker, Bryce Weaver and Jeremy Young; Pvt. Mark Plummer; Airmen Armando Castro, Andrew Clarke, Danny Crandall, Paul Hoffman, Jonathan Snell, Scott Stump, Armon Taylor, Joseph Tidwell and Jacob Woods; Pfc. William Sitnik; Airmen 1st Class Andrew Allen, Alexander Bastow, Eric Berry, Robert Bukowski, Oscar Calhoun, Alexandro Carmona, Robert Crow, Jody Cruz, Richard Derby, Christopher Derocher, Eric Franklin, Kenneth Fredell, Steven Gershowitz, Rafael Gonzalez, Kevin Heesh, Emond Hill, Zachary Hughes, Derrick Jazwinski, Micahel Kretschimer, Brandon Kuehmichel, Whitney Maloney, Benjamin Mellon, Andrew Mielcarek, Marc Montreuil, Willard Moran, Jeffery Phillips, John Pinillos, Michael Ramsey, Christopher Sagayo, Danielle Seitz, John Schofield, Steven Sihrer, Michael Snarr, Kareem Stroman, James Twidt and David Watts; Senior Airmen Bradley Dial, Dillin Nickson, Henry Padilla, Wayne Peeples, Joshua Ratcliff, Christopher Rosenzweig and Clint Williams; Staff Sgts. Randall Black, Paul Clampet, Dwayne Crisp, Daniel Gagnon, Adam Mundy, Robert Murphy, James Riley, Andrew Vantress and Richard Williams; Technical Sgt Craig Bailey and Christopher Thibeault; Capt Mansour AbuHazeem; Henry May and Phillip Tibbs.

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Aerospace control and warning systems course — Airmen Matthew Carlson; Airmen 1st Class Hallie Ballow, Vernal Dowsett, John Jacoby and Jordan Schaefer; Senior Master Sgt. Byron Piggott.

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Brently Abilez, Lauren Benge, Brandi Bowman, Cody Caughron, Brandon Caulkins, John Curtiss, Katie Demetzsky, Victor Gugler, Joshua Hoar, Samantha Kelso, Erin Leon, Thomas Moore and Daniel Reda; Airmen Daniel Bates, Daniel Cutrell, James Fox, Sean Greenwell, Erik Nelson, Fabien Ramirez and

Patrick Smith; Airmen 1st Class Garret Boyer, Lean Guidry, Trevor Hansard, Daniel Hesson, Brenda Lua, Myke McAfoose, Chase Ribble and Arlington Terry; Senior Airman Matthew Warner; Sgt. Vija Kruma; Capt. Miroslav Burcik.

Aviation resource management apprentice course — Airmen Basic Nichelle Casell-Mills and Alicia Perry; Staff Sgt. Matthew Comiskey.

Command post apprentice course — Airman Basic Steven Bock; Airmen 1st Class Benjamin Ekblad, Kristin Garland, Jessica Robillard, Scott Roy and Holly Turner; Senior Airmen Melissa Eklund, Melissa Kitchens and Stuart Madison; Staff Sgts. Charles Hageman, Thomas Hansen and Angela Tate; Tech. Sgts. Charles Bartosh, Brian Benson, Kevin Edwards, Wendy Hood, Glenn Petersen, Mark Schmidt, Spellmon Quinn and Morgan Young.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Mark Atkinson, Gregory Clark, Amanda Compton, Tiffany Holmes, Johnathan McEachin and Emily Stormfeltz; Airmen Crystal Cotton and Willie Hogan; Airmen 1st Class Marcus Ayala, Nicholas Gidaly, Kenneth Leavell, Jeremy McCray, Corrine Miller, Tobey Newby, Clinton Pettey, Mark Rosone, Christina Sanchez, Jaclyn Scott, Jason Wiggins and Daniel Wisniewski; Senior Airmen Mildred Cassidy and David Warner; Staff Sgts. Jeffrey Brooks, Alisha Caton, Samantha Hren, Jaime Roberts, Rhonda Souter and Stephen Swanson; Tech. Sgt. Kevin Dreibelbis.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Carey Bowman, Edward Schafer, Bryan Smith and Rudi Vogel; Navy Airman Recruit Caroline Petty; Navy Airman Apprentice Soweto Hawkins; Airman Sam Tompkins; Navy Airmen Zachary Boyer, Matthew Lobaugh and Sharon Smith; Marine Lance Cpl. James Bragg and James Pratt; Airman 1st Class Blake Medler; Marine Sgts. Jessica Cavender, Nathan Pennington and James Scott; Staff Sgts. Adan Garcia and Adam Hernandez.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems flight — Airmen Basic Levi Farstad, Charles Handley, Nicholas McVay, Kurt Rotzler and Derek Wilson; Airmen 1st Class Steven Jensen, Matthew Killion and Paul Wilson; Staff Sgts. Frederick Dacanay, Reuben Deal, Eric Gish, Joshua Hawkins and Tiffany Moore; Tech. Sgts. Kevin Camp and Jodi Habbinger; Master Sgts. Timmy Burgett, Brian Haase, Kevin Monahan, Michael Nickerson and Dwain West.

Communications and information flight — Airmen Basic Bradley Allen, Brent Dority, Ernest Leon, Jerell Leonard, Yolanda Lopez, Phillipe Sekula and Alexander Sims; Airmen Samuel Cox, Tyler Perez and David Su; Airmen 1st Class Susan Benson, Luke Bullard, Nicholas Campbell, Jessica Capp, Adam Falcsik, Tyler Gibson, Timothy Guerin, Mercy Mamman, Matthew Martinez, Sean O'Daniel, Misty Roane, Joshua Russell, Christopher Shaad, Nathan Shideler, Steven Su, George Walker and Desiree Williams; Senior Airmen Jared Cooke, Aaron Gentry, Richard McDonald, Caleb Sears, Juan Gonzalez-Seda, William Stevenson, Nathan Svenkerud, Timothy Turner, Shaun Wehe and Dylan Wolfe; Staff Sgts. Donald Abell, Genarie Dellossie, Shawn Dillard, Mark Finney, Mark Jackson, Darrick Moitoso, Dylan Turner, Daniel West and Charles Yurkin; Tech. Sgts. Jeffrey March and Judy Wren; Master Sgt. Wendy Shovlin; Ma.j Mohamed Sarhan.

338th TRS

Airfield systems — Airman Daniel Egert; Airmen 1st Class Carrie Boyle, Christopher Kenney, Andrew Knippenberg, William Reynolds, and Drew Strandness; Senior Airman Brian Fackler; Franz Koenig.

Ground radar — Airmen Basic Matthew Anzures, Jonathan Johnson and Randall Pierce; Airmen Drew Bellah, Kelly Darr and Jason Dommer; Airman 1st Class Patrick Timmerman; Staff Sgt. Jackson Parnell; Master Sgt. Daniel Huffman.

Ground radio — Airmen Charles Cox, Preston Flolo, Joshua Hausenfluck, Ian Hitchcock, Troy Howard, Randy Martinez, Adam Meyer, Nathaniel Robinson, Thomas Schaffer, Josiah Schmidt and Donald Weber; Airmen 1st Class Corey Benford, Bryan Cardona, Trayse Cook, Keith Dengel, Curtis Dowless, Nicholas Fitzgerald, Rigel Forte, David Huntsberger, James Johnson, Kevin Leonard, James McKenzie, Erin Miller, Jameson Seymour, John Shauri, Janell Stokes, Lawanda Washington and Nickolas Youmans; Senior Airman Callie Rios; Staff Sgts. Donald Adkins, Bradley Beard,

SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

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

Minutes after hour	Bus stop	
:00	:30	332nd TRS, Building 6957
:01	:31	338th TRS, Building 6965
:02	:32	Welch Auditorium
:04	:34	AAFES Furniture Store
:06	:36	Jones/Bryan/Hewes Hall at gazebo
:08	:38	Thomson Hall
:09	:39	New Cody Hall
:11	:41	Supply, civil engineering
:12	:42	Rental store
:13	:43	Shaw House
:14	:44	Old base exchange
:15	:45	McBride Library
:16	:46	Credit union, Blake Fitness Center
:17	:47	Medical center, Tyer House
:18	:48	Sablich Center
:19	:49	Dental clinic
:20	:50	Allee and Wolfe Halls
:21	:51	Base operations
:22	:52	Hangar 4

Technical training route

5:10-5:37 a.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:10	Building 5025
:12	Building 5022
:14	Shaw House
:16	Muse Manor
:18	Tyer House
:20	TLQ east side 2000 block
:21	TLQ east side of Locker House
:25	332nd TRS
:28	Welch Auditorium
:33	Thomson/Dolan/Cody Halls
:34	McClellan Hall
:36	Allee/Wolfe Halls
:37	Stennis Hall/Weather

Prior-service students lodged off base

Call vehicle operations, 377-2432, to coordinate taxi service to and from the base.

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.

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

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.

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Michael Forte, Christopher Gourlie and James Hastings; Tech. Sgts. Michael Bieberle, Michael Goth and William Walsh; Master Sgt. Michael Walsh.

Network infrastructure systems — Airman Basic Daniel Baker; Airmen Donald Langley and Michael Taylor; Airmen 1st Class Greg Arrigotti, John Carroll, Savaldor Cruz-Reza, Xylina Dilley, Kyle Dresen, Mathew Elam, Coty Fishburn, Timothy Gill, Monica Jones, Ezra Kiihn, David Lake, Ryan Martinez, James Newbrough, James Spain, Brandon Stitt, Benjamin Sweigart, Christopher Wagner, Dustin Wahlen and Christopher Zappa; Senior Airmen Jerome Danan, William Eichenberger and Adam Rivera; Staff Sgts. Kevin Demlow, Juan Salinas, Gary Walters and Carolyne Smette; Tech. Sgts. Christopher Cummings, Kenneth Sims and Kasper Kolbe; Master Sgts. Jose Lopez, Clark Lohse, Jimmie Schell and Kevin Bengs; Senior Master Sgt. Michael McCleary; Michael Gaaney.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 08-4 — graduates May 21.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 08-4 — graduates May 22.

Airman and family readiness center

Caregiving seminar — 5:15-7 p.m. May 8, Triangle Chapel Annex.

Arts and crafts center

Multi-craft shop

Pottery-clay handbuilding — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday; \$40 includes five pounds of clay and project firing. Bring bag lunch; must preregister.

One-stroke painting with acrylics — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday; \$32 including project and paint. Decorative painting technique doesn't require previous experience.

Auto hobby shop

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

Free auto care briefing — 4:30-6 p.m. today.

Auto cruise-in show — May 10, base cruise and youth obstacle course; registrations being accepted from auto and motorcycle hobbyists and youth bikers.

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.

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, towelettes, Armorall and vacuum.

Wood shop

Beginning intarsia — 10 a.m. Saturday; \$15 includes project and tool use. Intarsia is the art of cutting and shaping wood pieces in decorative patterns for wall hangings.

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. April 26; \$20 including materials and tool use. New project each month.

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 pre-school, 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.

Dinner and the Bible — 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Triangle Chapel Annex.

McBride Library

Open house — 2-4 p.m. April 24; refreshments served.

Free wireless Internet available — check at circulation desk.

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

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

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

April fax special — 50 cents a page.

Easier access to fiction books — now filed together.

Overdrive — information available at front desk.

Tours/orientations — call 377-2827.

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.

Guitar hero contests — 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. For more information, call 377-2219.

Thirsty Thursday — 5 p.m. April 24. Cook your own steak or chicken. Members price \$6 for steak and \$5 for chicken; nonmembers add \$2.

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.

Teen hot-shot competition and 3-on-3 basketball tournament — 7-11 p.m. Friday. \$5 members, \$7 nonmembers. Refreshments and prizes.

Saturday night shots — 6-10 p.m. Hot-shot competition and 3-on-3 basketball tournament, ages 6-12. \$5 members, \$7 nonmembers. Refreshments and prizes.

Free job ready class — 6 p.m. April 28, ages 13 and older. Introduction to the youth employment service program and information on what to expect in the workplace.

Baseball registration — throughout April, ages 6-12. \$25 for members, \$35 for nonmembers. Volunteer coaches needed; call 377-4116 or 2826.

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

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 — Chinese five-spice chicken, beef and broccoli stir fry, Cantonese spareribs, vegetable egg rolls, shrimp fried rice, stir fry vegetables, chow mein noodles, fried cabbage, chicken gravy, lemon sesame green beans, Mexican coleslaw, pasta fagioli soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and pizza.

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

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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.

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

Gulf Islands Water Park — season tickets available.

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.

Free day at Anheuser-Busch parks — Anheuser-Busch launched "Here's to the Heroes" to acknowledge the service of military members and sacrifices made by their families. The program provides a single day's free admission to any one Sea World or Busch Gardens park, Sesame Place, Adventure Island or Water Country USA for any active duty, active reserve, ready reserve service member or National Guardsman and as many as three direct dependents. Register online at <http://www.herosalute.com> or in the entrance plaza of a participating park and show Department of Defense photo identification. Also included are members of foreign military coalition forces in Iraq or Afghanistan or attached to American units in the U.S. for training.

For more information, visit <http://www.4adventure.com> or call toll-free 1-800-4ADVENTURE.

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 in Room 108A, Sablich Center, 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, call 376-8728 for individual counseling appointment. To register, call 376-8728.

Transition assistance program — planned dates are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 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, Room 108A, Sablich Center. 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. To sign up, call 376-8728.

Military retirement benefit seminars — 8-10:30 a.m. May 1, June 5, July 10, Aug. 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4, Room 108A, Sablich Center. 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 376-8728.

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 in Room 108B, Sablich Center. For an appointment, call Ron Bublik, 376-8502 or 376-8728, or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

MEETINGS

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 — 4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month, Katrina Kantina. 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.

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.

Asian Pacific-American Heritage Committee — 11:30 a.m. first Wednesday of month, Room 111, Sablich Center. 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; 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.

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.

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 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; location varies. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Toyshaline Young, 377-0591, or Tech. Sgt. Jodi Evans, 377-2835.

Top III — 3:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month, Katrina Kantina. For more information, call Master Sgt. Michael Krejci 376-6346.

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, or Charles Bowers, 860-3665.

MISCELLANEOUS

Movies

Editor's note: Movies are at Welch Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 adults and \$1.50 children for regular features, and \$2.50 adults and \$1 children for matinees. For recording about current features, call 377-6627.

Friday — 6:30 p.m., The Bank Job (R, 110 minutes).

Saturday — 2 p.m., 10,000 BC (PG-13, 109 minutes); 6:30 p.m., Doomsday (R, 109 minutes).

Sunday — 12:30 p.m., Jumper (PG-13, 88 minutes).