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Photo by Kemberly Groue
Pfc. Jonathan Gregory, left, Keesler Marine Corps Detachment, helps 4-year-old Hayley Hancock build a birdhouse at Saturday's fall festival and holiday crafts fair as her mom, Argelia, looks on. Hayley's dad is Tech. Sgt. Lukus Hancock, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron. More photos, Page 16.

Council tackles Airmen issues

By Staff Sgt. J.G. Buzanowski

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs
WASHINGTON — Officials of the Force Management and Development Council recently met under its revitalized structure and is now better organized to address issues facing all Airmen — enlisted, officer and civilian.

The 27 senior leaders who make up the council have met biannually since 2004, and in the most recent assembly, the council made key decisions that will affect everyone in the Air Force.

"Force development is a strategic priority," said Gen. William Fraser III, Air Force vice chief of staff, who chairs the council. "Resources are tight and we need to be efficient, but I am committed to ensuring we have this right. We need to make this group a feeder of information to four-star councils."

The FMDC is administered by the Air Staff A1 Force Development Directorate headed by Joseph McDade Jr. Within the council are six panels:

Civilian force development
Enlisted force development
Officer force development
Air Force learning committee
Expeditionary skills senior review group

Nuclear enterprise advisory panel

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Peaceful transition of leadership sets American government apart

By Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

Thousands of people seek citizenship in the United States each year. They do so for a variety of reasons, but ultimately these reasons boil down to the fact that they treasure some aspect of our society. One of the things that all Americans should treasure is the peaceful transition of leadership at all levels of our government.

As citizens, we all play an important role in that transition of leadership, which is not something that all countries can claim. I've had the privilege to travel around the world and have met folks from many countries. They marvel at the seamless transition of power that our country has enjoyed since its inception more than 230 years ago.

I submit this seamless transition of power stems from the fact that we military members and government civilians all take a solemn oath to support and defend the Constitution. We don't take an oath swearing our allegiance to an individual or a political party. We treasure the principles articulated in our Constitution. Here in America, when "the people have spoken" we all rally together to take our country to success. When "the people have spoken," it is our responsibility as military members to advise when consulted and carry out the directions given.

As part of the peaceful transition of power, there are things that military members can specifically not do.

Article 88 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice makes it a crime for any com-

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missioned officer to use contemptuous words against the president, the vice president, Congress, the secretary of defense, the secretary of a military department, the secretary of homeland security, or the governor or legislature of any state, territory, commonwealth or possession in which he on duty or present. Also, Department of Defense Directive 1344.10, which is applicable to all military members, prohibits any activity that may be viewed as directly or indirectly associating the DOD with partisan politics. Engaging in partisan wrangling while in uniform would be considered failure to comply with the DOD Directive and a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

America's Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and Airmen are professional and owe their allegiance to the

Constitution, not to any political party or individual. We don't make disparaging remarks about our elected leadership or tolerate those in uniform who do.

Isn't it amazing that Americans can go to the ballot box to vote and set a course for our country? Isn't it amazing that every four years our country can peacefully transition from one administration to another?

America has set a wonderful example for the rest of the world and continues to do so. It is incumbent on each and every one of us to continue to protect the peaceful transition of power and the principles spelled out in our Constitution. We pledged our lives to protect this treasured aspect of American society. Now is the time for us to once again unite to carry on this honored American tradition.

ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. 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).



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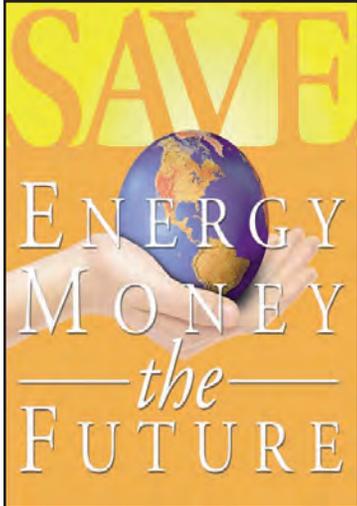
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DRAGON ON THE STREET

By **Kemberly Groue**

Keesler News photographer

If you could relive any moment in your life, what would it be?



My military life.

Kevin Knight, 81st Force

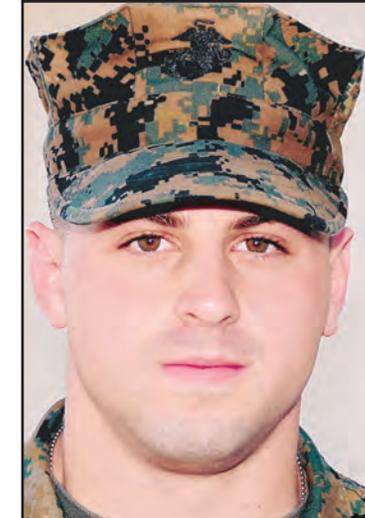
Support Squadron



The birth of my son.

Gary Kostmayer, U.S.

Postal Service, Keesler Post Office



My first tour to Iraq — I got to help with a lot of medevacs.

Sgt. Tony Shaffer, Keesler Marine Corps Detachment

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Dark Knights charge to drill down victory

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The 338th Training Squadron claimed its first overall drill win of the season Friday, placing first in both open ranks inspection and regulation drill.

The Dark Knights' victory made the quest for the annual drill down title to be announced in January even more interesting. The 334th TRS Gators earned the top spot in the February and September competitions, and the 332nd TRS Mad Dogs came in first in the April drill down. Each category and placement carries a different number of points.

In Friday's contest, the Gators came in second overall and was the only team to place in all three categories – first in freestyle drill and third in open ranks and regulation drill.

The 336th TRS Red Wolves finished third overall, with a second in regulation drill and third in freestyle.

The 335th TRS Bulls took second place in open ranks and freestyle.

The Mad Dogs didn't place in any category this time around.

Maj. Gen. Al Flowers, 2nd Air Force commander, was the officiating officer

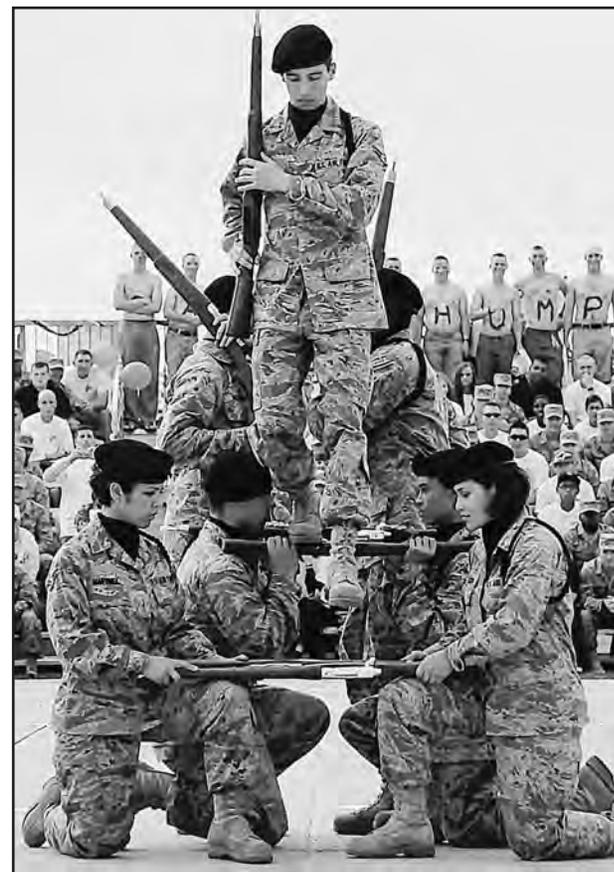
Winning team members for the Dark Knights are Airmen Basic Joseph Baran, Justin Bowden, Helena Frye, Nathan Grilley, Daniel Groff, Bryan Kelley, John Magee, Andrew O'Malley, Randolph Patterson and Kimberly Walton; Airmen Corey Houpt and Joshua Udem, and Airmen 1st Class Christine Hinshaw, Adalys Ramirez-Amador and Stephen Tercino.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Top, Airman Corey Houpt, drillmaster for the Dark Knights, twirls his rifle during Friday's freestyle competition.

Right, the Red Wolves' team performs a stunt during the freestyle competition. The team placed third overall, as well as third in freestyle.



Information center in Iraq eases base operating support transition

Master Sgt. Laura Cain, left, proctors a college exam for Army Sgt. John Meyers in the Red Tail Education Center at Joint Base Balad, Iraq. A joint-service initiative called Base Operating Support-Integration took effect Nov. 6, moving responsibility for many life-support service functions from the Joint Base Balad Mayor Cell to the 332nd Expeditionary Mission Support Group. Sergeant Cain, an education adviser assigned to the 332nd Expeditionary Force Support Squadron, is deployed from the 81st Medical Group. Sergeant Meyers, assigned to the 9th Psychological Operations Battalion, is deployed from Fort Bragg, N.C.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Epley



Parking lot closed for drills

The parking lot on the southeast side of the Mathies NCO Academy Building is closed until 2 p.m. Tuesday and until noon Dec. 17 for drill practice and evaluations.

In the event of inclement weather, the hours may change, or the

For more information, call Master Sgt. Greg Jackson, 377-2740.

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connected.**

TRAINING, EDUCATION NOTES

USM spring term

The application deadline for the University of Southern Mississippi's spring term is Dec. 1.

Classes begin Jan. 12.

For more information, call Ashley Christian, 376-8479

Special testing dates

The education office has announced application deadlines and dates for special testing for fiscal 2008.

Test time is 7 a.m. Scheduling deadlines and test dates are:

ACT — Dec. 5 for Jan. 5; March 27 for April 27 and May 22 for June 22.

PRAXIS I and II — Dec. 15 for Jan. 12; March 16 for April 13 and June 14 for July 13.

SAT — Dec. 26 for Jan. 26 and April 24 for May 25.

For more information, call the education office, 376-8708.

Student TMO

Short sheet briefings at the technical training traffic management office are 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Briefings are held in Room 213, Levitow Training Support Facility in the Triangle.

For more information, call 377-3147 or visit Room 211 in the Levitow building.

Student health center

The student health center in the Levitow Training Support Facility is open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday.

The front desk phone numbers are 376-0324 or 0325.

CCAF online

Visit the Air Force Virtual Education Center, <https://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod>, to create MyAFVEC accounts to access online customer service tools.

People can request and track Community College of the Air Force transcripts, view degree progress reports and see if a course counts toward a CCAF degree.

Dark Knights' commander earns public affairs award

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Lt. Col. John Thomas, commander of the 338th Training Squadron, has received the annual "Best of the Best" award from the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association.

The annual award for 2007 recognizes the outstanding officer, civilian or enlisted person from all nominated band members, broadcasters and public affairs professionals based on professional excellence and significant contributions to the Air Force mission.

The award includes a trophy and a \$1,000 check.

"The Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association is made up of many of our public affairs luminaries and most of my mentors over the years — these are my 'PA heroes,'" Colonel Thomas. "So this means an awful lot coming from a group I truly respect and who continue, many of them already long retired, to care about their Air Force enough to stay actively involved."

Colonel Thomas, who served as director of the Air Force's national media outreach office in New York City, spent 16 years in the public affairs career field before assuming command of the Dark Knights in June. Prior to joining the Air Force in 1992, he was an award-winning civilian newspaper reporter.

His previous assignments included chief of internal information at Langley Air Force Base, Va.; chief of public affairs at Hill AFB, Utah, and the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Texas; public affairs staff officer at Pacific Air Forces headquarters, Hickam AFB, Hawaii; and instructor at the Defense Information School, Ft. Meade, Md. At DINFOS, he was the only instructor to



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— Colonel Thomas

teach each of 62 different courses, including journalism, public speaking and military public affairs.

At Langley, his base newspaper was the best in the Air Force for two years and placed second in the Defense Department's media competition. At AFPC, his office was named the best small unit for 2003. He was also recognized as PACAF's top company grade public affairs officer.

While in New York, his office won the Air Force's top award for media relations in 2006 and best public affairs issue management campaign

in 2008. He was also recognized as the Air Force's top field grade public affairs officer earlier this year.

Colonel Thomas deployed to Saudi Arabia, Panama, Iraq and Afghanistan on public affairs assignments.

In Afghanistan, he served as spokesman for NATO's International Security Assistance Force in Kabul, where he spoke for its 37 member nations in live, taped and background interviews with international, radio, print and television outlets. He managed media interviews for the four-star NATO commander and organized media embeds with U.S. and NATO troops for CNN, Fox News, the New York Times and international news media.

In Iraq, he ran media operations for the Coalition Provisional Authority in Baghdad, where he was involved with Saddam Hussein's first hearing and served as point man for the United Nations' Iraqi elections public information and operations effort.

In 2005, he spent a month in Louisiana to set up the Federal Emergency Management Agency's 20-person national and international media operations center in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

"The Air Force gave me lots of those 'opportunities to excel' in 2007, but I never expected this honor," the colonel said. "It's humbling, really, because if anyone deserves recognition, it's the teammates I served with in Kabul and in New York City ... you certainly don't accomplish much by yourself in these fast-paced situations. I may be getting the credit, but they're the ones who deserve it."

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IN THE NEWS

Government travel card transition

It's necessary for people who've received the new Citibank government travel cards to verify receipt, according to Maj. Bob Paleo, 81st Comptroller Squadron commander.

"Members can't use the cards until Nov. 30, but they still need to verify receipt," the major said.

Anyone who hasn't received a card yet should notify the unit GTC coordinator to make sure the address in the database is correct. Deployers should have their spouse, friend or unit GTC coordinator forward their new card to the deployed location.

Construction reroutes traffic

New student dormitory — Z Street south of L Street and north of the access drive to Building 4420 closes for about one more week for underground utility work for the ninth new student dormitory in the Triangle.

Bay Breeze Events Center — access to Bay Ridge housing area from Ploesti Drive is rerouted to Curtis Drive, then to Patton Drive, and finally to Vandenberg Drive and other streets as desired. Detour signs are in place.

As part of the same project, the housing tie-in for the new Pine Lawn Boulevard requires relocation of the existing walkway used by children to access Rodeo Drive on the way to Jeff Davis Elementary School. Children are directed along the detour behind traffic barriers to temporary access to Rodeo Drive so they won't have to cross the street or come in contact with any construction equipment. When the new road is completed, new access will be provided.

Flu shots available

Free flu shots are available at Keesler Medical Center's immunization clinic for Department of Defense beneficiaries, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays. No appointment is necessary.

For more information, call 376-3553.

Early Keesler News deadline

The deadline for the Wednesday issue of the Keesler News is noon today because of Thanksgiving Day.

The newspaper is published and distributed a day early because of the holiday.

Cell phone restrictions for drivers

It's a primary offense to use a cell phone while driving on base without a hands-free device.

Violators can be stopped and ticketed for this offense by the 81st Security Forces Squadron.

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.

Volunteer — get connected.

Flags unfurled



Photo by Kemberly Groue
The Biloxi Bay Chamber of Commerce recently posted American flag banners along White Avenue leading to Keesler's main gate as a daily reminder of community support of the Gulf Coast's military men and women.

Make a
holiday
difference —
ask your
first sergeant
about
Project
Cheer.

Council,

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“Important decisions need to be made for the Air Force in a time of resource constraints,” Mr. McDade said. “Our six panels report to the council about the issues and concerns around the Air Force so senior leaders are better informed to make appropriate and effective human resource decisions.”

One of the primary concerns the council addresses is education. While there are several leadership courses for military Airmen, there aren't as many opportunities for civilians, Mr. McDade said.

“Civilians fill 60 percent of field grade officer equivalent assignments, more than ever before,” he said. “We need to ensure those civilians are best prepared to be successful, not only for themselves, but for the people they supervise as well. Air Force civilians need to be more than just technical experts; they need to be leaders.”

The council also addressed officer and enlisted force concerns.

“We need to think about the training needed for the Airmen today, not training based on past requirements,” said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney McKinley, another council member. “We should deliberately develop Airmen to operate in today's environment and prepare them for the mission-critical leadership and followership roles they will be filling in their future.”

In addition, council members discussed how professional military education course curricula could be enhanced to better develop Airmen. They approved improving education on:

Nuclear mission responsibilities

Combating human trafficking

Addressing the media

Another responsibility of the council is to examine

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expeditionary skills training and ensure that when Airmen deploy, they're ready to contribute to the fight, Mr. McDade said.

“The oversight the FMDC provides will ensure that Airmen are trained appropriately with the important skill sets they need,” he said. “And if another organization wants to add to that development, the FMDC will help determine the who, what, when, where, why and how to make that development happen.”

With further council meetings, the FMDC will have the people in the room to make necessary decisions for the future of the Air Force. The next council meeting is scheduled for spring 2009.

For more information, click on the FMDC link on the Air Force Portal.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Health care questionnaire deadline

The deadline for participating in the Military Health System questionnaires is Nov. 28.

The questionnaires, one for wounded, ill or injured service members and one for family members, are available at <http://www.health.mil/Pages/Page.aspx?ID=18>.

Applicants sought for attache duty

Air Force News Service

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Applications are accepted until Dec. 5 from senior captains, majors and lieutenant colonels to fill various attache positions.

Officers selected for attache duty will attend training for advertised positions starting in January 2010.

Attaches are selected from line officer career specialties and officially represent senior leaders when dealing with the defense ministries of host countries. They build and sustain key international relationships that support the Department of Defense's global operations. An operations background, foreign language skills and experience in the region are highly desired for attache positions.

Eligible applicants must be released from their functional manager to compete for an assignment, take or have taken the Defense Language Aptitude Battery Test and be a U.S. citizen with all immediate family members U.S. citizens as well.

Officers selected for an interview are notified by Jan. 31.

For more information, a job summary or to request an application, call the Air Force Contact Center, 1-800-616-3775, or visit the Air Force Personnel Center's "Ask" Web site. In the search function, type "international affairs specialist" and click on the international affairs specialist assignments link.

Health benefits open season

Federal employees health benefits open season runs through Dec. 8.

You can enroll or change your plans in the EBIS system by logging on to <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil>.



Tall walls

Construction workers pour concrete for the linear accelerator vault walls at Keesler Medical Center's new diagnostic imaging center Sept. 30. James Martin, Air Force Civil Engineering Support Agency Katrina Recovery project manager, said the reinforced concrete walls are 2-3 feet thick and about 23 feet high. A convoy of cement trucks made dozens of trips throughout the day to pour about 698 cubic yards of concrete using two large pumping booms. Construction is about 13 percent complete. July 1 is the scheduled occupancy date.

Photo by Steve Pivnick

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sexual
assaults,
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sexual
assault
response
coordinator
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DRAGON OF THE WEEK

Name — Senior Airman Capri Shand

Unit — 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron

Position — diet therapy technician

Time in Air Force — four years

Time at Keesler — two years

Hometown — Long Island, N.Y.

Noteworthy — unit fitness program manager, self-aid and buddy care instructor, victim advocate.

Why did you join the Air Force? to further pursue my education

What are your short- and long-term goals?

short-term, to earn my Community College of the Air Force degree; long-term, to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing.



Photo by Steve Pivnick

What's your favorite quote? "Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel

that you, too, can become great." — Mark Twain

What are your hobbies? spending time with my son and being around good friends.

DIAMOND NOTES

Starching of the Airman battle uniform is prohibited.

The permanent press and near-infrared features of this uniform are damaged by starching, commercial pressing and additives in the washing process.



Senior Master Sgt. Roger Coates, 366th Training Squadron first sergeant

MEMORABLE MOMENTS



Feb. 8, 1957

Tactical Air Command's Air-Ground Operations School arrived from Southern Pines, N.C. Its T-33s were the first jets assigned to Keesler.

Families invite Airmen for Thanksgiving

Keesler News staff

Monday is the deadline for people to sign up for the chapel's Home Away from Home program for nonprior service Airmen.

Host families volunteer to provide a holiday meal for two or more students. Active-duty, civil service and retirees are invited to participate.

Tech. Sgt. Lerry Forester, 81st Medical Support Squadron, has never participated in the program before. He wanted to get involved this year because he recalled that when he was an Airman, a military family invited him into their home for the holidays when he didn't know anyone.

"When I was living overseas, I always got invited to someone's home or invited co-workers into my home," he said. "I would just like to get the Airmen out of their element when things can be lonely when they're missing home."

Sergeant Forester, who's invited three Airmen, said he and his wife, Kathy, plan to cook turkey, ham and other traditional dishes such as mashed potatoes, collard greens and cornbread.

"We have two kids — everyone is looking forward to them coming," he said. "We plan on playing games and talking with them."

Host sign-up forms are turned in at the Triangle Chapel or the Fishbowl Student Center in the Levitow Training Support Facility, by e-mail to charles.mallory@keesler.af.mil, or by calling 377-8256 or 2311.

Host and student registration forms are also available at the Keesler public Web site, <http://www.keesler.af.mil>.



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Sergeant Forester checks out the supply of hams and turkeys at the commissary.

Student sign-up forms are also available at the Fishbowl.

Staff Sgt. Tanya Holditch, Keesler News editor, and Susan Griggs, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.

Expo for veterans



Photo by Kemberly Groue
From left, Beth Sadler from the Biloxi Veterans Affairs Medical Center plays "frog hop" with Cody Hunter, 5, as his dad, Staff Sgt. Cory Hunter, and brother Ryan, 3, watch. Keesler and the VA co-sponsored the picnic and information expo for veterans of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom at marina park Saturday. Sergeant Hunter is from the 81st Security Forces Squadron.

First sergeants launch Project Cheer

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Keesler's first sergeants have launched Project Cheer 2008, a program intended to make the holidays a happier time for Keesler members who need a little financial help.

Donations to Project Cheer are used to provide needy Airmen with a check to buy food at the commissary. Eligibility is determined by a unit's first sergeant and commander.

Individuals, organizations and business may send checks to Project Cheer, P.O. Box 5053, Biloxi, MS 39534-5053 or give donations to any Keesler first sergeant.

Deadline for donations is Dec. 15 so checks can be prepared for distribution on Dec. 19.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Christopher Rash, 376-5675, or Master Sgt. Gordon Comerford, 377-2337, or any Keesler first sergeant.

Computer virus prevention depends on you.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Mr. Snyder demonstrates the use of a fire extinguisher at last year's Fire Prevention Week open house.

Keesler loses veteran firefighter

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Keesler fire inspector Ernie Snyder died unexpectedly Nov. 11 at a hospital in Mobile, Ala.

"Ernie was a firefighter's firefighter and will be deeply missed by all who were blessed to have met him," said J.D. Donnett, Keesler's fire emergency services chief.

Mr. Snyder, 49, a native of Wood County, Ohio, retired from active duty with the fire department at Hurlburt Field, Fla., as a technical sergeant with 22 years of service.

Five years ago, he joined the fire emergency services team at Keesler. In addition to his fire inspector responsibilities, he also served as the unit's logistics officer, assistant chief of hazardous materials safety and a member of the 81st Training Wing's exercise evaluation team.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Jo

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— Chief Donnett

Ann Snyder. He's survived by his wife, Teri, and two daughters, Mary and Jessica.

Friday, a memorial service was held at the chapel of Mobile Memorial Gardens Funeral Home.

That same day, fire emergency services flights at Keesler and across the Air Force, both stateside and overseas, conducted a final alarm ceremony for Mr. Snyder.



Photos by Kemberly Groue
Dana Carlson, 15, daughter of retired Maj. Perry and Andrea Carlson of Biloxi, admires the jewelry at Saturday's fall festival and holiday crafts fair.



Fall festival offers holiday gift ideas



Airman Basic Kyle Baranyk, 336th Training Squadron, makes and sells wreaths at the craft fair.

Main exchange ready for holidays

Army and Air Force Exchange Service Corporate Communications

The early bird gets the worm, and this holiday season is no different. The main exchange opens at 4 a.m. Nov. 28 to kick off an early start for three days of savings.

The store features all the high-demand popular items from flat screen high-definition televisions, to computers, laptops and the ever-popular global positioning system units all weekend long.

Merchandise tickets are distributed to shoppers in line outside for the most popular items the morning after Thanksgiving to avoid the rush when the store opens. Special events are planned throughout the day, including a Coach purse sale, 6-7 p.m.

Authorized exchange shoppers pick up sales flyers specific to each day to start planning a full weekend of shopping and saving.

In addition to activities at the main exchange, the furniture store will be home to a host of great deals on holiday decorations such as Christmas trees and decorative blow-ups for the yard. The furniture store also has a limited toy department.

Main exchange holiday hours

Nov. 28 — 4 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Nov. 29 — 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Nov. 30 — 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Dec 1-23 — extended hours; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Dec. 13 — early bird sale, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Tops in Blue searches for band members

Air Force Services

Everybody loves a great drum solo, but many musicians enjoy the sound that can only come from a well-rehearsed group. At the same time many musicians are reluctant to compete as a soloist when their true skill is most notable when they are "in the groove" with other musicians.

A new band category was created for the 2009 Air Force Talent Search for individuals that have submitted their application for the search, but feel their performance is better showcased by performing with others.

"We want to see more musicians this year," says Jeri White, production manager for Air Force Entertainment.. "By reviving the popular band category and accommodating musi-

cians that prefer to play with other musicians rather than as soloists, we're anticipating a larger number of musician applicants."

Musicians can apply now by going online to <http://www.topsinblue.com>. The application and audition video deadline is Dec 2. Each application is individually evaluated and the top talent is selected to compete at the higher level competition. Those selected active-duty, Guard and Reserve competitors are offered the choice to compete either as a soloist or with other musicians at the Air Force Worldwide Talent Search competition, Jan. 11-19 at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

For more information, visit <http://www.topsinblue.com> or call DSN 487-6566 or 210-652-6566.

She's preserving Keesler's heritage

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

What did you want to be when you grew up? Doctor, lawyer, teacher, rock star, race-car driver, pro football player ... the possibilities go on and on.

It's unlikely that "historian" was on anyone's list, not even for Tasha Hairston, who became the 81st Training Wing's historian in June.

"I was always drawn to history, but I never thought I could make a living at it," said Ms. Hairston, a Mississippi native who grew up in Ohio.

After earning a bachelor's degree in geology from Central State University in Ohio, Ms. Hairston began her career as a naturalist and outreach coordinator for Cleveland Metroparks.

Her professional path diverged in 1998 when she accepted a job as a National Park Service ranger at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. National Historical Site in Atlanta.

"It was a powerful experience — it really stirred up the historian part of me," Ms. Hairston explained. "The story of the civil rights movement came alive for me."

She met all the members of Dr. King's family as well as Andrew Young, a civil rights activist who was one of Dr. King's top aides. Mr. Young went on to serve three terms in Congress, two terms as Atlanta's mayor and an appointment as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

After conducting tours of Ebenezer Baptist Church, part of the historical site, and listening to tapes of Dr. King's sermons, her job became a faith experience that encouraged her spiritual development, too.

Ms. Hairston returned to Ohio in 2001 to teach history and language arts to middle-school students with special needs before beginning graduate school at Wright State University. She worked as an archeological interpreter for the university's Wright Brothers' Inventing Flight Celebration and an archivist for the university's aviation history processor.

After earning a master's degree in public history, Ms. Hairston went to work for the Air Force through the Palace Acquire program. She became a historian for the Aeronautical Systems Center and Air Force Materiel Command history offices at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. She researched, compiled and wrote histories, conducted oral histories of deployed service members, organized databases and maintained the library and archive.

Those skills have come in handy for Ms. Hairston, who's already developed and standardized a method for requesting information from groups, squadrons, units and offices across the base to include in Keesler's annual history.

She's also trying to fill in the blanks for major events and changes that occurred when the base historian's post was vacant recently.

Mr. Hairston has some ambitious plans for Keesler's history program.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Ms. Hairston's office is in the 81st TRW headquarters building.

She wants to catalog and organize Keesler's photograph and slide collections into something more accessible for historical research. She also wants to convert more paper documents and photographs into electronic files.

She plans to index and organize the base's collection of memorialization documents for its buildings, streets and small monuments. She'd also like to create a digital database system for graduation photos from the 81st Training Group.

"Because Keesler is a training base, I want to make sure I'm collecting and documenting that story," she remarked. "I recently received a call about a graduation photo for Johnny Cash — he trained on our base in the late '40s, but I couldn't help them. My intention is not to become the repository for graduation photos, but technology has made collecting pictures an easier endeavor."

Ms. Hairston is also hopeful that the base's heritage center, the last World War II barracks at Keesler, can be revived and reopened.

"A mix of the old and new is ideal for the long term," she remarked.

She also wants to work with volunteers to identify and safeguard Keesler's old photos and collect donations of old Keesler year-books, graduation books, pamphlets and unique publications.

Other goals are to create a hurricane disaster plan for Keesler's cultural resources, generate a series of articles on Keesler's memorial buildings and streets and find appropriate locations on base to display four remaining pieces of official Air Force art.

She'd also like to commission an official piece of Air Force art that relates to the Tuskegee Airmen who trained as aircraft mechanics at Keesler.

"Just because it's overwhelming and difficult doesn't mean it's not worth trying," she emphasized.

KEESLER NOTES

Thanksgiving guests

The chapel is sponsoring the Home Away from Home Thanksgiving dinner program for nonprior service Airmen.

Host families volunteer to provide a holiday meal for two or more students. Active-duty, civil service and retirees are invited to participate.

Host sign-up forms must be turned by Monday to the Triangle Chapel or the Fishbowl Student Center in the Levitow Training Support Facility, by e-mail to charles.mallory@keesler.af.mil, or by calling 377-8256 or 2331.

Host and student registration forms are also available at the Keesler public Web site, <http://www.keesler.af.mil>.

Student sign-up forms are also available at the Fishbowl.

Help for assault victims

The sexual assault prevention and response program is sponsoring a book back drive for the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence.

Each bag has a new set of clothing to give to sexual assault victims after a forensic exam at an area hospital.

In addition to back packs, sweat pants, T-shirts, flip flops, sports bras ranging from small to extra-extra large and monetary donations are needed.

Drop off items at the SAPR program office on the third floor of Locker House, using the stairse closest to the intersection of Third and D streets.

For more information, call 377-8635 or 7278.

Pediatric dentistry

The 81st Dental Squadron's pediatric dentistry clinic is looking for patients for the advanced education in general dentistry residency.

Children 4-12 are evaluated for restorative needs. No orthodontic treatment or use of oral sedation is available. Patients must be available for treatment on Thursday mornings.

For more information, call 376-5144.

Air Force announces NASCAR sponsorship

By **Christa D'Andrea**

Air Force Recruiting Service

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Air Force officials announced Nov. 12 that it will begin a new NASCAR partnership with Gillett Evernham Motorsports when it sponsors the No. 10 car driven by Reed Sorenson for the 2009 NASCAR Sprint Cup season.

The Air Force is both a primary and associate sponsor for the car driven by Sorenson, a 22-year-old three-time winner in the Nationwide Series. As a primary sponsor, the car will feature the Air Force paint scheme in four of 38 NASCAR races this season.

For the 2009 season, the Air Force is changing their marketing strategy to rebalance their sponsorship and activation programs to increase public awareness about the Air Force and to attract more recruits.

“Advertising and marketing that goes beyond the race track will help us connect with fans and emphasize the speed, power, precision and team work that is common to both NASCAR and the Air Force,” said Col. Timothy Hanson, Air Force Recruiting Service strategic communications director.

The Air Force has had a long-standing relationship with Wood Brothers Racing and the No. 21 car.

“They are perhaps the most respected team in NASCAR and they have been strong supporters of the Air Force,” Colonel Hanson said. “While our sponsorship has changed, we will always value the services they have provided us.”

Over-30 League hits the court

Thomas Love, left, 81st Force Support Squadron, drives the ball down the court with Michael Averill, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron, in hot pursuit during the first game of the Over-30 League season, Monday. The 81st FSS won, 54-39. The Over-30 League plays at 11 a.m. and noon Mondays and Wednesdays at Dragon Fitness Center. Play begins next week for the base's intramural league.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

Monday Night Budweiser (as of Nov. 10)

Team	Won	Lost
DOG Squad	44	19
Hit 9 Get 9	42	21
New Meat	39	24
Robbie's Rejects	38	25
All Screwed Up	37	26
Martini's	36	27
Perry's Refrigeration	36	20
Ricky's Rookies	34	29
403rd Strykers	32	31
Pot Luck	31	32
Wrong Foot Forward	31	32
Man On!	31	32
Sandy's Gang	30	33
Hang Chucky	30	33
Team 15	28	35
Slater's Shooters	28	35
Our Gang	27	36
Unpredictables	17	46
Team 18	16	40
Hoops Gang	16	47

Wednesday Night Mixed (as of Nov. 12)

Team	Won	Lost
Dee's Crew	43	27
Clyde's Crew	40	30
Wild Gang	40	30
Any Takers	39	31
Neighbors Plus 1	36	34
MUDD	34	36
Team 6	34	36
Guys and Dolls	30	40
70s Plus	29	41
Ichi Ban	25	45

Thursday Retired Seniors (as of Nov. 13)

Team	Won	Lost
6-Pack	52	18
Kitty and Kats	49	21
TBB Express	43	27
Team 13	38	32
Team 14	37	33
Team 16	36	34
Two He's and a She	36	34
Team 12	34	36
CHMATO	32	38
Team 8	31	39
Team 5	31	39
Team 11	31	39
2 Kings and A Queen	29	41
Three's Company	28.5	41.5
3-70s Plus	28	42
Lucky Trio	24.5	45.5

Friday Night Mixed (as of Nov. 14)

Team	Won	Lost
Fun Timers	49	21
3 Guys and a Babe	40	30
We Take Ugly	40	30
Mixed Nuts	37	33
Sandbaggers	37	33
Lady and the Tramps	35	35
Frustrated	35	35
Rose and Her Thorns	34	36
Pin Busters	33	37
The Strikers	28	42
Beyond Control	26	44
Pin Pals	26	44

Other

Registration — continues for Keesler Youth Bowling Association at Gaudé Lanes. Any child old enough to

throw the bowling ball down the alley is eligible. League meets 9:30 a.m. Saturdays. Instruction available. For more information, including fees, call 377-2817.

Golf

Dragon fun league — Thursdays. Meet at 4 p.m., shotgun start 4:30 p.m. Four-person teams; two-person blind draw. Sign up as twosome or single. \$20 per person including greens fee, cart, food, beverages and prizes. Format decided by draw each week. Limit 44 golfers.

Twilight golf special — 2 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays. Pay nine-hole fee and golf until course closes.

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

Driving range — 40 balls, \$2.

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

Outdoor recreation

Back Bay fishing trip — 7 a.m. to noon Saturday. \$20 per person; bring your own food and drinks. Mississippi fishing license required. Minimum four, maximum seven people.

Turkey casting contest — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday; winner receives a \$50 savings bond.

Discount on skiff rental — bring a friend, get 10 percent discount.

Fish of the month — weigh in largest flounder for the month and win \$100 savings bond.

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Mitchell Aguilar, Don Baize, Erik Berg, Aaron Beydoun, Neema Borji, Trevin Brecheisen, Cory Brown, David Bruening, Royce Bruggeman, Travis Buckner, Cody Bucy, Sean Bundles, Taylor Buse, Joseph Butler, William Canfield, Joshua Cantrell, Brandon Capley, Paul Carpenter, Dustin Castellanos, Benjamin Catt, Majed Chaaban, Michael Chrisholm, Jordan Cisar, Jessica Clark, Jonathan Clay, Dale Coy, Jeremy Dautat, Zachary Donelson, Joshua Dunklin, Sean Eaton, Seth Evans, Brandon Everett, Miguel Flores, James Fong, Charity Gary, Michael Gonzales, Christopher Green, Nathan Grilley, Evan Hall, David Harper, Geoffrey Harpst, Robert Hayes, Chad Heimbecker, Michael Henderson, Richard Hiort, Jeremy Hoagland, Montgomery Huus, Anthony Jackson, Daniel Jones, Bryan Kelley, Hamzah Khan, Michael Kilburn, Dana Knight, Dwayne Koch, John Koenig, Kara Kyle, Matthew Lavalleur, Donald Leavell, Ashley Lechner, Corey McLaughlin, Shayna Myers, Andrew Parks, Jesus Passapera-Hernandez, Brandon Poling, Mark Pomory, Mathew Porten, John Robert, Mark Robideau, Eric Rodriguez, Louis Rodriguez, Ruben Sanchez, Dominick Santopietro, Bryan Senger, Matthew Sherman, Cody Shreve, Shawn Sikes, Arron Stamey, Joseph Stinnett, Jesse Taylor, Anthony Thornton, Caleb Toney, Mitchel Upson, Marco Valdez, Amalya Velez, Walter Weller, Ezra Williams, Kyle Wilson, Ryan Wilson and Demarko Wright; Airmen Orville Bongat, Joshua Coop, Steven Fingold, Michael Harrold, Justin Hemsworth, Quaye Meisenhelder, Matthew O'Connell, Sean Purcell, John Reynolds, Alejandro Rodriguez, Justin Rosen, Ramadhanu Soedomo and Jacqueline Willison; Airmen 1st Class John Ainsworth, Michael Allday, Steven Archibald, Aaron Azar, Mark Babjak, Kellen Barnes, Christopher Barrera, William Barton, Eric Bauman, Timothy Beasley, Kori Beaulieu, Luke Beckwith, Brian Bernal, Jeffrey Briggs, Jason Britten, Travis Burke, Benjamin Byers, Jose Calle-Vega, Joseph Carrigan, Joshua Cato, Rudy Corpus, Shawn Cummins, Ian Daniel, Benjamin Dellheim, Timothy Ellis, Christopher Farris, Michael Fetterly, Owen Filion, Nathaniel Gillette, Jared Glyshaw, David Green, Lynnrae Grisham, Matthew Harbin, Bryson Harley, Daniel Hayes, Justin Henricks, Michael Huss, Nathan Hutsky, April Jasso, Jeremy Jones, Justin Jones, Dennis Kim, Ethan Labonte, Brett Lawrence, Nathan Lewellen, David Lindsay, Steven Linscott, Lauren List, Derek Lopez, Joshua Lopez-Zamudio, Vincent Lowman, Nicholas Madonna, Ryan Marcum, Jacob McDonald, Janacyn Mertilien, Christopher Miles, Matthew Mitchell, Jerad Morgan, Alexander Nichols, Bryan North, Eric Otero-Hernandez, Corey Paden, Jose Perez-Brunet, Jordan Perschino, Steven Piper, Jean Rivera, Kendall Robinson, Joel Rodriguez, Joshua Royce, Richard Sadowski, Thomas Sanchez, Tyler Sancho, Paul Sanders, Troy Sanders, Andrew Senica, Jason Skelton, Samuel Smith, Kristopher Stanage, Michael St. John, Matthew Struble, Lance Vandervoort, Matthew Weber and Bryce Wenger; Pfc. David Malinowski and Daniel Ortiz; Senior Airmen Rachel Chamberland, Thomas Elliott, Brian Gunkelman, Judson Hickey, Matthew Lee, Charles Minatrea, Collin Ossiander, Marlon Patterson and Austin Simons; Staff Sgts. Glenn Brackin, Joseph Gormely, David Jacobson, Lawrence Santos and Jonathan Westberg; Tech. Sgts. James Moore and Barbara Jean Nesbitt; Master Sgt Paul Gunnoe; Senior Master Sgt. Edward Williams.

Metrology basic course — Airmen Basic Brian Coleman and Mathew Harrington; Airman 1st Class Brian Field.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Nathaniel Cannon, Todd Cole, Colby Hawker, Curtis Joshua, Benjamin Morin, Adam Palmer, Devin Peatt and Amanda Saylor, Airman Bryan Crawford, Jonathan Kolsters, William Moore and Creighton Piper; Airmen 1st Class Osborn April, Steven Breedlove, Brandon Burgess, William Olson, Jason Rusk and Jason Turner; Staff Sgt. Anthony Richey.

Airfield management apprentice course — Airman Basic Jonathan Hillyard and Brooke Young; Airman 1st Class Glen Graham; Staff Sgt. Larissa Uyenishi; Tech. Sgt. Clarence Johnson; Master Sgt. Thomas Goodwin

Command post apprentice course — Airman Whitney

Byers; Airman 1st Class Jennifer Jones; Senior Airmen Brittany Faulk, Chad Green, Victoria Hascall, Angela Hines and Shauna McMahon; Staff Sgts. Jeremy Blunt, Katelyn Langerman, Andre Nesbeth, Julitssa Ortiz, Michael Schutte, Terrence Spann, Creston Saul and Michael Torbett; Master Sgts. David Derenski and Ivan Yelverton; Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Bell; Brian Ailinger.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Alicia Allmer, Jon Candelario, Zachariah Lowe, Sarat Luewongopas and Scott Proefrock; Airmen Jonathon Tovey and Amanda Wilson; Airmen 1st Class Terence Bow, Yaohue Chen, Benjamin Debacco, Haley Johnson, Aslin Leger, Gillermo Lopez-Young, Duane Robinson and Katherine Smith; Senior Airmen Jennifer Anderson and Brittany Willey; Staff Sgts. Jon Farley, Anthony Pistella, Ryan Tovar and Maylin White; Tech. Sgts. Cassandra Richardson and Cecilia Speigner; Master Sgt. Diana Aragon.

Weather training flight — Navy Airman Apprentice Sarah Brest; Airmen Basic John Belcher, Nicole Corcoran, Sarah Doyle, Patrick Knapp, Melissa Nelson, William Smith, Zachary Sura nd Brian Zwiers; Airman Molly Ahmann; Navy Airman Daniel Dewalt; Airmen 1st Class Carlos Calle, Thomas Heath, Cristina Hough, Syrille Manacop, Aaron Reeves and Sean Roth; Senior Airmen Chris Dobyne, Amanda Lund and Christopher Price; Sgts. Patrick Kinsella and Harry Polenychko; Staff Sgts. Aaron Stein and Rudolph Williams; Petty Officer 1st Class Jeffrey Wenciker; Senior Master Sgt. Loay Rejah; Chief Petty Officer William Stewart.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems flight — Airmen Basic Charles Beaver, James Kulikowski, Joshua Leffler, John Marchetti, Alexander Palmer, Andrew Pratt and Donald Smith; Airmen 1st Class Daniel Boggs, Zach Cahill, Christopher Marcelli, Robert Robinson and David Vennen; Staff Sgts. Christopher Carder and Matthew Meyers; Senior Master Sgt. Mohammed Alraq.

Communications and information management flight — Airmen Basic Christopher Barrow, Gregory Bowman, Wilmer Rivera Bruno, Steven Campbell, Daniel Chaffee, Daniel Chung, Darren Diones, Ian Fischer, Bryan Napier, Alexis Rivera, Ana Anya Segura, Francisco Serrano, Brandon Smith, Evan Soriano, Cody Trenda, William Twomey, Luchia Warfield, Gary Williams, Collin Wilson and Daniel Yockey; Airmen Eric Byrne, Randall Ciardetti, Gregory Jordan, Eric Leyva and Mark Quinlan; Airmen 1st Class

CHAPEL SERVICES

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

Protestant

Sunday worship

Larcher Chapel traditional with children's ministry.....8:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel contemporary 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 Master Sgt. Michael Raff, 377-5235 or 273-2226.

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 801-787-1990.

Austin Carroll, John Delarma, Benjamin Harmon, Jasmine Harmon, Chelsea Kline, Jonathan Martin, Kevaughn Murray, Ryan Poster, Juan Rivera-Puig, Luis Rodriguez, Michael Trum, Patrick Weller and David Whittaker; Senior Airmen Jeni Ahearn, Jose Alvarez-Vargas, Christopher Enright, Hyun Lee, Maurice Miller, Teresa Baker-Opland, Victor Pineda and Tamara Thompson; Staff Sgts. Shadrick Bowe, Pedro Cancel, Jayson Maxwell, Valerie Mrzyglod, Erica Neubauer, Mark Schramm and Nicanor Vigil; Tech. Sgts. Jesse Carter, Jay Goodman, Herry Stallings and Miguel Valdivia; Master Sgts. Lorri Heneveld, Timothy Norton, Jascha Patton and Daniel Whalen; Senior Master Sgt. Terry Rigelman.

338th TRS

Airfield systems — Airmen Basic Todd Newlin, Roby McCool, Anthony Leonor, Creston Moon and Brittney Servais; Airmen Dylan Gaudette, Joshua Udem and Justin Young; Airmen 1st Class Andrew Knoll, William McClosky, John Shumate, Carl McQuillen, Chad Zucchetto, Stephanie Richardson and Christopher Smith; Senior Airman Luke Gregory.

Ground radar — Airmen 1st Class Jeffrey Alexandre, Ryan Frankland, Jennifer Hurlley, Casey Raynes, Eugene Smith and Mark Woodfin; Senior Master Sgt. Daniel Fincham.

Ground radio — Airmen Basic Tyler Coleman, Joshua Ervin, Kristofer Lee, Cameron Pierce, Michael Sprouse and Dustin Williams; Airman Wesley Nelson; Airmen 1st Class Joshua Huckstep and John Ward; Senior Airman Gary Ervin; Staff Sgts. Carl Denuna, John Jackson and Samuel Turman; Tech. Sgts. Daniel Howard and Jeremy Roering.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 09-1 — graduation Dec. 16.

Mathies NCO Academy

Class 09-1 — graduation Dec. 18

Arts and crafts center

Specials

Teen time crafts — 3:30-5:30 p.m. Thursdays. Today, bake holiday cookies. Call for prices.

Holiday bread making — Saturday. Make refrigerator rolls; call for time and price.

Bob Ross painting workshop — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Wet-on-wet technique on 16x20-inch canvas. \$65 includes materials, instruction and light lunch.

Multicraft shop

Fall and holiday crafting — 5-7:30 p.m. Thursdays. Make project for holiday gift-giving.

Holiday moose ceramic project — 5-7:30 p.m. today. \$27 includes supplies and instruction. Preregistration required.

Wood hobby shop

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. Saturday. \$20 including all materials and tool use; new project each month.

Frame shop

Customized picture framing and military flag and show box design — self-help framing area is available for certified hobbyists, or pick matting and molding and shop will do the work.

Engraving shop

Perfect gifts — personalized mugs and coasters, laser-engraved pen and desk sets and prints by local artists.

Auto hobby shop

Open shop use.

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

Vehicle storage lot — for a secure place to store your vehicle, call 377-3872.

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24-hour coin-operated car wash — features vacuum and tire air pump, features foamy brush wash, high pressure rinse, wax system, towelettes, 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; \$10 per month per vehicle per stall. Registration, license and proof of insurance required. To place a car on the lot, call 377-2821.

Chapel

All classes are held at the Triangle Chapel Annex. 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.

Keesler Medical Center

Pediatric subspecialty clinic

Baby Boot Camp — 11 a.m.-1 p.m. second Thursday of the month in conference room BF 400, located off the outpatient clinic entrance. Classes cover infants from birth to 6 months of age. Classes address common concerns of new parents such as booking appointments, colic, immunizations, safety, feeding issues, developmental milestones, dental care and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Gifts, prizes and refreshments are included. Classes open to members of all branches of the military and their dependents. To sign up, call Capt. Romeatrius Moss, 376-5375. For more information, call Capt. Moss, Maj. Muriel Gatlin, 376-5387, or Staff Sgt. Jihan Brown, 376-5579.

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.

McBride Library

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

Fax special — 50 cents a page this month.

Orientations for commanders, instructors and first sergeants — 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Available for use — children's library and meeting, audio and typing rooms.

Free wireless Internet — check at circulation desk.

Tours/orientations — call 377-2181.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

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

Football frenzy — 7 p.m. Mondays. Club members are eligible for prizes.

Free shuttle service — 6-9:30 p.m. Thursdays before nonworking Fridays; 1-11 p.m. nonworking Fridays and Saturdays and 6-11 p.m. working Fridays. Also stops at Muse Manor, McBride Library, arts and crafts center, Tyer House, Gaude Lanes, outdoor recreation, Katrina Kantina and Bay Breeze Golf Course.

Legends Café — open 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, 5-9 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 5-11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

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

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

Luncheon specials — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays; \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers. For more information, call 377-2219.

Tuesday special — red beans and rice, \$1 bowl.

Martini and jazz night — 5 p.m. Thursdays before non-working Fridays.

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

Youth center

Fun night — 5-9 p.m. Saturday, ages 6 and older. Skate, dance, games and video games. \$3 includes snacks and prizes.

Basketball registration — throughout month for ages 6-15. Play begins in January; volunteer coaches needed. For more information, call 377-4116.

Power hour — 4-6 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. Homework help and tutoring, ages 6-12. No charge for those registered in the youth program.

Torch Club — 6-7 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, ages 6-12. Focus on club and community service, education, athletics and fitness.

TRAIL (Keystone Club) — 6 p.m. every other Monday; leadership club for teens.

Book collection — drop off new and used children's books to be distributed to the Keesler Medical center's pediatric clinic.

Classes — register for dance, gymnastics, piano, tennis and assorted sports clinics.

Youth employment service — earn money for college tuition; call for more information.

Congressional Award program — ages 14-21; self-directed merit program promoting personal development, physical fitness and community involvement.

Volunteers needed — for sports, open recreation, crafts, cooking, computers, arts, reading, sewing and general cleaning and decorations. Must be 18 or older. For more information, call 377-4116.

TICKETS AND TRIPS

Trips to Saints games at New Orleans Superdome — Monday, Green Bay Packers, game time 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 7, Atlanta Falcons, game time noon; Dec. 28, Carolina Panthers, game time noon. \$60 per person including admission; limit two tickets per trip. Sign up at the Vandenberg Community Center customer service desk. Limit 20 passengers; first come, first served.

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 Thursdays in Room 111, Sablich Center, 1 p.m. for those who are separating and 2:30 p.m. for those who are retiring. Those 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. For more information, call Jackie Pope, 376-8505.

Transition assistance program — 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 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.

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

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

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

Friday

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

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

Saturday

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

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

Sunday

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

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

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

Wednesday

Lunch — lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken cacciatore, noodles, baked potatoes, baked beans, green beans, simmered squash, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, chili, cheese fish-wich and cheese pizza

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

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Military retirement benefit seminars — 8-10:30 a.m. 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.

Air Force Reserve opportunities — for members separating within 180 days, call Master Sgt. Charlene Morse, 377-7116; e-mail charlene.morse@keesler.af.mil or visit Room 125-F, Sablich Center.

Palace Chase — for information about how to apply for a program to attend college full time and work part time, visit Room 125-F, Sablich Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Charlene Morse, 377-7116; e-mail charlene.morse@keesler.af.mil or visit Room 130, Sablich Center.

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. Rich Striggow, 377-4800, 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 — For more information, call Staff Sgt. Aaron Eden, 377-1907; Staff Sgt. Brad Mills, 377-1714, or call 377-SAVE.

Asian Pacific-American Heritage Committee — 11:30 a.m. first Wednesday of month, Room 111, Sablich Center. For more information, call Lucy Belles, 376-8500, or Master Sgt. Ernesto Alvendia, 376-8501.

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; Arleen Stewart, 377-2440, 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.

Civil Air Patrol Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron — 7 p.m. Tuesdays upstairs in Hangar 3 for youth and adults. For more information, call 1-601-528-4337, e-mail Camo.princess92@gmail.com or visit <http://www.keeslercap.org>.

Company grade officers council — meets first Wednesday of the month. For time and location, call Capt. Ted West, 377-7343.

Keesler 5.6 — 3:15 p.m. third Wednesday of the month; location varies. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Toyshaline Young or Tech. Sgt. Jodi Evans, 377-4885.

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 Leanne Ramsay, 377-3217, or visit <http://www.KeeslerSpousesClub.com>.

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.

Top III — 3 p.m. third Thursday of the month, Katrina Kantina. For more information, call Master Sgt. Michael Krejci, 377-4451.

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.

MOVIES

Editor's note: Movies are shown at Welch Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 adults and \$1.50 children for regular features, and \$2.50 adults and \$1 children for matinees.

Friday — 6:30 p.m., Eagle Eye (PG-13, 118 minutes).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Lakeview Terrace (PG-13, 110 minutes); 6:30 p.m., Quarantine (R, 89 minutes).

Sunday — 1 p.m., Beverly Hills Chihuahua (PG, 91 minutes).