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## Keesler hosts international soccer play

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Exactly six months from today, Keesler hosts the 2009 Women's Armed Forces World Soccer Championship.

Announcement of Keesler's selection as the host site for the Conseil International du Sport Militaire event was a thrill for the base organizers who've worked for many months to secure the event.

"The CISM women's 'football' championship is a key part in our 'Renewing

the Community' mission area," stated Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander. "Not only does it give our Airmen training in operational planning and execution, it gives us the opportunity to show the world what a great base Keesler is and what a great home the Gulf Coast community presents."

"I am excited to be a part of this event — the CISM championship will put an international spotlight on Keesler and the Mississippi Gulf Coast region," said Brian Mooers, the wing's project officer

for the 10-day tournament. "We have an excellent opportunity to showcase not only Keesler, but our surrounding communities as well."

Lt. Col. Paul Valenzuela, former commander of the 81st Force Support Squadron, got the ball rolling after he received an e-mail soliciting bases to bid for the 2009 CISM events.

"Knowing our interest in soccer, he contacted Lt. Col. George Budz (81st Mission

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## Santa's helpers

Master Sgt. Robert Worley, left, and Staff Sgt. Stephanie Meda, 334th Training Squadron, ring the bells outside the base exchange Friday to collect donations for Project Cheer as Army retiree James Willcockson makes a contribution. For more information about the project spearheaded by the first sergeants council to assist Airmen in need, see Page 8.

Photo by Adam Bond

## Policies, processes, precision refine our rebuilding focus

By Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill  
81st Training Wing commander

I had the opportunity to spend some time this past weekend with Lt. Col. Steve Ray, our former 81st Training Group deputy commander who is currently the 20th Air Force deputy director of logistics. He was back in the area on Thanksgiving, and he shared with me their efforts on what 20th Air Force is doing to strengthen and rejuvenate our nation's nuclear enterprise. It's a critical effort and focused on what the Chief of Staff has termed our "back-to-basics approach in accountability, compliance, precision, and reliability."

Here at Keesler, we share that focus. As you have heard me say, our "Rebuilding the Base" mission area is not just about the brick and mortar. In fact, most of our physical rebuilding has already been completed! Now is the time to rebuild our policies, our customer-oriented processes and

the precision that made our Air Force great.

Why should our rebuilding efforts focus on policies, processes, and precision? The answer is found in our desired results.

After reviewing our self-inspections, staff assistance visits reports, and our metrics, we've found several areas that need improvement. One of these is in understanding and following policies. This is not unique to Keesler personnel. We've found that well-intentioned people around the Air Force have been inadvertently operating under rescinded or changed policies. When challenged by customers or inspectors, they've said they were not aware of the changes. Guess what? That's not the way our Air Force does its business! We need to be experts in the policies of our mission areas and stay current. I challenge all Keesler Airmen to "know the book" inside and out and be an expert in the policies that apply to your area to make

sure we are best prepared to serve each other.

Similarly, we need to make sure we are employing well-defined, documented, and efficient customer-oriented processes. This too is an area that we have to rebuild not only here at Keesler, but everywhere. Nobody likes red tape or rules that are always changing or are arbitrarily applied. Our great Air Force was built on disciplined procedures that clearly spelled out what rules to follow, and how to execute them. We are faithful to a proud heritage. In the Air Force I grew up in, Airmen followed their checklist and always looked for better ways to deliver to their customer. When you found that better way, you followed the process to change the checklist to ensure everyone benefited from the new and better way. The need for this discipline is no different today than it was when I first entered the ranks. I challenge every supervisor to help us rebuild and make disciplined

## 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).



processes the foundation of our daily operations.

Finally, precision is what makes our Air Force stand out as the premier air, space, and cyberspace power in the world. In World War II, if we had to take out a target, we had to send an air armada to attack it. Now, with the precision of today's Air Force, our nation is rightfully proud that we can launch a single airplane to send a single weapon through a window to achieve the desired effect rather than having to send that huge air armada. Precision enables you to achieve repeatable, predictable

desired effects. Regardless of what unit you serve in at Keesler, you can deliver with that same kind of precision. Our nation needs you too!

We need you to know the policies, have the disciplined customer-orient processes and checklists, and deliver them precisely in order for us to achieve our mission successfully. The results will make us the best, and isn't that what our core values stand for? As we head into 2009, let's take ourselves, our base, and our Air Force to higher levels. Let's Rebuild with a focus on policies, processes, and precision!

## Gratitude boosts loyalty, dedication, results

By Lt. Col. Tracy Jackson

85th Engineering Installation Squadron

We were all reminded on Thanksgiving to give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy. We don't have to wait until next Thanksgiving to remember all the blessings in our lives. I find myself telling others that they can find many things to be thankful for, even if they face challenges. However, I know I should also express gratitude to others throughout the year. I'm truly thankful for the outstanding Airmen I work and serve with each day. I'm thankful for their dedication and sacrifice. I'm also thankful for family and friends. However, I must admit, I don't say thank you as often as I should.

I was listening to a radio program last week as I drove home. Dr. David Jeremiah, an author and pastor, stated that being thankful doesn't come naturally. We have to discipline ourselves to be thank-

ful. I realize I sometimes must make a concerted effort to be thankful and to say a simple heartfelt thank you to others.

I believe effective leaders are those who are thankful. How does a thankful leader impact those he or she leads? Simple, heartfelt expressions of thanks can motivate individuals to work hard and strive for excellence. Also, being able to express gratitude for the many blessings in one's life can have a positive impact on others. Positive people are contagious. Often when we give a smile, we'll get a smile in return. People want to emulate the positive aspects of leaders. They'll be reminded to express gratitude as well.

Executive coach Leila Bulling Towne states that managers fail to say thank you to their personnel correctly and often enough. She offers four keys to expressing gratitude: make it personal, be specific, don't rush it and consider writing it down in a note or e-mail. A thank you must be genuine. The

results of effectively expressing gratitude often, according to Towne, are increased loyalty, dedication and productivity.

I believe the key to positive impact is that the expression of thanks is from the heart. It must be sincere. Yes, it shouldn't be rushed, but it can be a simple, heartfelt thank you. Expressions of gratitude don't have to be elaborate or require lots of planning or resources. Leaders can extend their appreciation for hard work and outstanding performance beyond quarterly and annual awards and certificates of appreciation by simply expressing heartfelt thanks more often. Awards and recognition programs are extremely important, but verbal thanks are just as important. You can't give awards to every deserving individual, but you can say thank you. So don't forget to say a heartfelt thank you to others, and say it often. Reflect daily on the many blessings you enjoy — don't wait until next Thanksgiving to do it.



## DRAGON ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

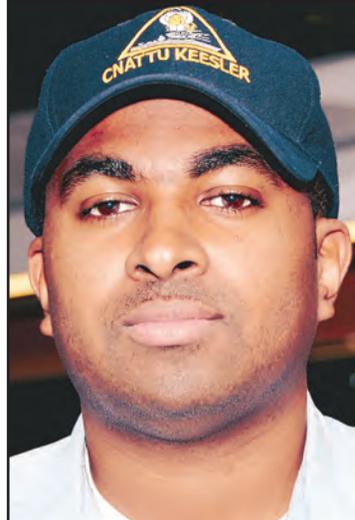
Keesler News photographer

If you could be like anyone in your family, who would it be and why?



My wife, because she's so strong and supportive.

**Juan Cobar, 332nd Training Squadron**



My dad — he's an overall good person, kind hearted, a role model. If I had to mold myself after anyone, it would be him.

**Aviations Electronics Technician 2nd Class Terry West, Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit.**



My dad, because he was hard-working all his life and gave us five kids good morals.

**David Bond, 81st Force Support Squadron**

## Economic, political, scientific environmentalism

By Lt. Col. Chris Wegner

81st Contracting Squadron commander

I've never been the type of person I would consider an "environmentalist." Like most Americans, I've also never been overly preoccupied with energy conservation or global warming. I'm somewhat embarrassed to admit those always seemed to be topics that "others" would handle or resolve.

The spike in energy costs (specifically gas prices) over the past couple years, however, coupled with our recent downward trend in the economy, has caused us to rethink many aspects of our daily routines. In addition to altering some of my habits, I recently tried to expand my knowledge of global climate and energy-political issues by reading (which, by the way, is never a bad thing) Thomas Friedman's "Hot, Flat, and Crowded."

In his book, Mr. Friedman explains the issues that threaten to make our earth dangerously unstable and he challenges the United States to be the global leader in the "green revolution."

Right about now, you might be thinking, "I'm just one person; how can I make a difference?" Noted children's rights activist Marian Wright Edelman is quoted as saying, "We must not, in trying to think about how we can make a big difference, ignore the small daily differences we can make which, over time, add up to big differences that we often cannot foresee."

How often do you walk into a bathroom or vacant conference room on base, only to find the room magnificently lit for no one to enjoy? If you live in base housing, do you find yourself less likely to conserve energy in the home just because you don't directly pay the bill? If you own a home off-base, is your house equipped with a programmable thermostat, or energy-efficient appliances and light fixtures? Are you doing what you can to reduce consumer waste and recycle as often as possible? When you go play golf, do you consider the benefits of walking (beyond the obvious health aspects) instead of renting a cart? These are all examples of small things we can consider in our daily lives that, when combined across a large population, can result in significant savings to natural resources and reductions in energy consumption.

Mr. Friedman also makes compelling arguments regarding how our energy consumption and dependence on foreign oil are indirectly financing many of the enemies we're facing in the global war on terrorism. He quotes Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice as saying "...the politics of energy... has given extraordinary power to some states that are using that power in not very good ways for the international system, states that would otherwise have very little power."

As oil prices soared this past summer, the prospect of correlating my fuel consumption with providing terrorists the means to further their objectives gave me a new mindset on energy savings — beyond the obvious pain to my pocketbook. This revelation brings to light how even those who don't deploy in direct support of the global war on terror can take steps at home to diminish the capabilities of organizations determined to do us harm. Now that the market price of oil has come down dramatically, we have an opportunity through continued frugality to make an even more significant impact on the oil-rich nations' bottom line.

We must all resist the temptation (brought on by temporarily low gas prices) to reverse our trends towards conservation and fuel-efficient attitudes. We each have an opportunity to become leaders for a better tomorrow. Start by asking yourself what kind of future do you want to create for your children, or their children.

Follow that up with educating yourself on the political and scientific issues facing our nation and our planet. Then, don't think it's "not cool" to have a discussion about the environment with your friends. You'll find you become respected for your concern and knowledge. And finally, turn off the light, car-pool with your friend and go play golf ... walking, of course.

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## Special recognition boosts CDC test scores

By Staff Sgt. Tanya Holditch

Keesler News editor

It's been nearly a year since a Keesler Airman failed a career development course test twice.

In addition, the average pass rate has improved from 93 to 97 percent in the last year, with 71 of 443 Airmen scoring 90 or higher.

All base units have an incentive program to encourage Airmen to do well on their CDCs, according to Master Sgt. James Messer, 81st Training Wing education and training manager. Rewards in each unit can vary from days off to certificates of accomplishment.

But when Chief Master Sgt. Alex Perry became the 81st Training Wing command chief, he said he wanted to recognize high-scoring Airmen in front of their peers for a job well done. Airmen scoring above 90 on their tests each receive a personal visit, a certificate and his coin for excellence.

Airmen were recognized in the past for their high scores, but it wasn't done publicly.

"It is more meaningful to recognize Airmen in front of their peers," said Chief Perry. "Everyone wants to be appreciated."

"Taking this recognition to the wing-level is changing the culture of how we do business," said Sergeant Messer. "Airmen are excited, motivated

and want to excel in their CDCs. This is their first step in learning their job and setting themselves apart from their peers."

Chief Perry said he remembered the reaction of Airman Susan Mangeno, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, who seemed particularly motivated when he recognized her for her high CDC score.

Airman Mangeno still had another end of course test to take for her second volume of CDCs. After congratulating her in front of her peers, she confidently told the chief that he would be back after she took her second test.

"It was a big honor to meet the command chief of the base," explained Airman Mangeno. "It was definitely good motivation."

"I'm very proud of her," Chief Perry said about Airman Mangeno. "Once we reach a level of excellence, we can't go backward. We can only go forward."

The chief has also recognized a large number of people in the fire department.

"It's very good to see a program like theirs," said Chief Perry. "They are lucky to come into a program where everyone is excelling, and everyone is recognized."

A sign hanging in the fire department hallway reads, "Excellence is not the goal — it's the standard." This sets the tone for Keesler firefighters, said J. D. Donnett, 81st TRW fire chief, who said

that the fire department takes an active role in all aspects of training their people.

"Everyone here puts eyes on every individual's training," Mr. Donnett pointed out. "Coupled with the chief's program, this adds to our success."

The chief's program, which recognizes individuals in front of their peers, encourages others to excel, said Mr. Donnett. Not everyone will get a coin or above 90, but the fact that they strive for a 90 may result in some passing Airmen who might have otherwise failed, he said.

"This might be the first time an Airman gets recognized," said Mr. Donnett. It's just another way to recognize young Airmen before they get to Airman Leadership School and for those who might not be quarterly award winners, he said.

"There is no greater feeling in the world when I am speaking to Airmen at the first term airmen's center about CDC progression and they tell me, 'Sergeant Messer, I will see Chief Perry and you in four months,'" said Sergeant Messer. "Then when the time comes they pull me aside and say, 'I told you!'"

"I think the program motivates a lot of people," said Airman Mangeno. "I talk to Airmen at other bases, and they said they would have studied a lot harder if there was a program like this one at their base."

# Home Away from Home reaches out to Keesler students for Christmas

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The chapel is sponsoring the “Home Away From Home” Christmas dinner program for Keesler’s nonprior service Airmen.

The program is designed to bring together students, many spending their first holiday season away from home, with members of the Keesler community for Christmas Day.

Host families are limited to active-duty, retired or Civil Service employees. They provide a “Home Away From Home” experience for two or more airmen by inviting them to their homes to provide them hospitality and a Christmas meal. No gift exchange is required or expected.

“The airmen benefit by experiencing genuine warmth and hospitality, while hosts benefit by getting to know some of the Air Force’s brightest and best,” Chaplain (Capt.) Charles Mallory pointed out. “This is a wonderful way to enjoy Christmas Day as the extended Air Force family.”

Host registration forms are available at the Fishbowl Student Center in the Levitow Training Support Facility and Triangle Chapel. The forms can also be downloaded off the Keesler Website, <http://www.keesler.af.mil>. Potential hosts may also register by e-mailing [charles.mallory@keesler.af.mil](mailto:charles.mallory@keesler.af.mil) or calling 377-8256 or 2331.

Forms must be turned in by Dec. 23.

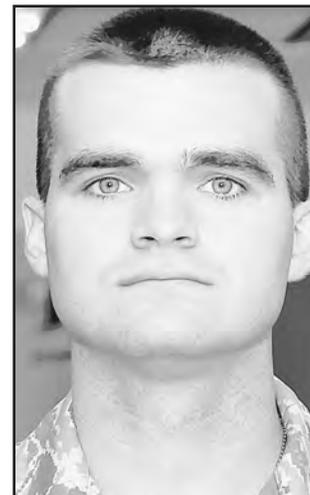
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**tornado  
warning**  
— take cover.

To report sexual assaults,  
call Keesler's sexual assault response coordinator hotline,  
377-7278.

## Academic ace



Airman 1st Class Justin Jones, an F-16 avionics system apprentice, graduated from the electronics principles course in the 332nd Training Squadron Nov. 26 with a perfect score. After 19 weeks of training at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, he'll be stationed at McEntire Joint National Guard Base, Columbia, SC.

## TRAINING, EDUCATION NOTES

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### Special testing dates

Application deadlines and dates for special testing are:

**ACT** — Friday 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.

Test time is 7 a.m. for all.

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

### Parking lot closed

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

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

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

## Project Cheer

### Goal is to support Airmen in need

By Staff Sgt. Tanya Holditch

Keesler News editor

Project Cheer, an annual holiday fundraising drive for Airmen facing hardships, kicked off recently with a bowling tournament and bell-ringers collecting donations in various locations on base.

The project's goal is to add a little holiday cheer to those less fortunate Airmen whose supervisors have identified them to a first sergeant, according to Master Sgts. Christopher Rash, 81st Security Forces Squadron, and Gordon Comerford, 338th Training Squadron, both first sergeants and Project Cheer organizers.

Members of the first sergeants council organize the annual event and run it in conjunction with the Salvation Army's annual Angel Tree project. While Project Cheer gives checks for use at the commissary to Airmen, the Angel Tree provides toys for the Airmen's family.

When a supervisor submits a name to a first sergeant, the name goes on both lists.

"Ideally, the Airmen won't know they are nominated (for the project) since we work through their supervisors," said Sergeant Rash. "They could be our lowest ranking Airmen, single parents or someone who has experienced hardships throughout the year."

The cause of the financial hardship isn't as important as taking care of all Airmen, regardless of rank, according to Sergeant Comerford.

Last year, Sergeant Comerford made a Project Cheer delivery to an unsuspecting senior airman and his wife who told him that before the donation arrived, they weren't sure if they were going to have a Christmas at all.

"It was a very tearful moment," Sergeant Comerford recalled. "They couldn't believe anyone would think about them. We exchanged hugs and tears — that's what this program is about."

The project, which began in 2004, issued 115 checks last year to Keesler members who were in a financial bind at holiday time.

Single mother Staff Sgt. Marlana Gordon, 81st Dental Squadron, received a check and toys from the Angel Tree for her two children.

Sergeant Gordon, who said she hadn't even heard of the project at the time, received a box of food, a check for the commissary and five or six gifts for each child.

"It was a feeling I can't explain because I knew my kids were going to have a good Christmas," Sergeant Gordon recalled. "I didn't know I was going to get anything."

She said the day she received the package, she and few others were told to meet at the front of the dental squadron before lunch.

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"There are more people requesting essentials this year due to the economic situation. The more folks donate, the more we can give back to Keesler Airmen."

— Sergeant Rash

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None of them were told why. Sergeant Rash met them there where he handed out a few unexpected packages. He then told everyone to take the packages home.

"Once I explained to them that this was all for them, you could see the impact," Sergeant Rash explained. "It was measureable. First it was a smile, and then you could see the shock as they looked through their bags."

"To know people care is a feeling you can't describe," said Sergeant Gordon, who said the best part about last year's Christmas after receiving the donations was seeing the smiles on her children's faces.

"There are more people requesting essentials this year due to the economic situation," said Sergeant Rash. "The more folks donate, the more we can give back to Keesler Airmen."

"We are just asking that people reach into their pockets and give what they feel they can give, whether it is 25 cents or \$100," said Sergeant Comerford. "Every penny is appreciated."

"It's not the size or the cost of the gift that matters," he added. "It's that someone stopped, took a moment and cared about them (the Airmen receiving the gifts)."

"We want people to be genuine and their donations to be heartfelt," said Sergeant Rash. "That's what means the most."

Money isn't the only thing Project Cheer needs to accomplish its mission. Also needed are volunteers to work shifts ringing bells, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday until Dec. 14 at the main exchange, the gas station and the furniture store.

Those wishing to donate, but who can't do so while bell ringers are working, can give money to any first sergeant. Additionally, checks and money orders can be mailed to Project Cheer P.O. Box 5053, Biloxi, MS, 39534-5053.

For more information, contact any first sergeant.

## IN THE NEWS

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### Wing calls next week

Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Alex Perry, command chief, have scheduled wing calls next week at Welch Auditorium:

**Monday** — 10 a.m., Airmen; 4 p.m., noncommissioned officers.

**Tuesday** — 2 p.m., senior NCOs.

**Dec. 11** — 2 p.m., officers.

**Dec. 12** — 9 a.m., make-up call for personnel unable to attend during their scheduled time due to duty requirements.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Caleb Rose, 377-8874.

### Cold weather garments authorized

Air Force leaders have developed a list of approved mix-and-match deviations for undergarments and cold weather gear to be worn with the Airman battle uniform.

"Although ABU undergarments and cold weather gear are being produced, there's no way to ramp up production in order to meet demand," Chief Master Sgt. Alex Perry, 81st Training Wing command chief.

Authorized combinations can be found on the Air Force Portal at <https://www.my.af.mil/gcss-af/USAF/ep/globalTab.do?channelPageId=-1361111&command=org>

### New government travel cards

**American Forces Press Service**

The switchover to the government-issued Citibank official travel charge card took place Sunday.

Eligible defense military and civilian travelers should have received their new Citibank travel charge cards in August or September.

"The way the new Citi card will be used is exactly the same as the (previous) Bank of America card," said Nina Richman-Loo, Defense Travel Management Office's chief of special programs and outreach. "The cardholder agreement is the same cardholder agreement that our travelers read and signed when they got their Bank of America card."

Travelers were required to call and verify receipt of their new Citibank cards, and personal identification numbers for the new Citibank cards should have arrived by Nov. 1.

The Citibank card will offer some of the same features Bank of America cardholders are accustomed to, including an online payment option.

Bank of America government travel card holders were required to pay off any outstanding balances by Saturday.

For more information, access the DTMO Web site or contact your travel program manager.

### 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.

### Keesler News holiday publication

Dec. 18 is the last issue of the Keesler News for 2008.

The newspaper isn't published Dec. 25 or Jan. 1.

Jan. 8 is the first issue of 2009.

# Gates gives continuity for warfighters, Obama says

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — President-elect Barack Obama cited the need for continuity Monday in announcing that Defense Secretary Robert Gates will remain at the Pentagon when his administration takes over next month.

“At a time when we face an unprecedented transition amidst two wars, I have asked Robert Gates to continue as secretary of defense, and I’m pleased that he’s accepted,” President-elect Obama said at a news conference in Chicago.

“He restored accountabili-

ty. He won the confidence of military commanders, and the trust of our brave men and women in uniform and their families,” he said. “He earned the respect of members of Congress on both sides of the aisle for his pragmatism and competence. He knows that we need a sustainable national security strategy, and that includes a bipartisan consensus at home.”

The president-elect said he will tell the secretary to end the war in Iraq through a successful transition to Iraqi control.

“We will also ensure that we have the strategy — and resources — to succeed

against al-Qaida and the Taliban,” he said. “As Bob said not too long ago, Afghanistan is where the war on terror began, and it is where it must end.”

Secretary Gates thanked the president-elect for his confidence.

“I am deeply honored that the president-elect has asked me to continue as secretary of defense,” Secretary Gates said. “Mindful that we are engaged in two wars and face other serious challenges at home and around the world, and with a profound sense of personal responsibility to and for our men and women in uniform

and their families, I must do my duty as they do theirs.

“Serving in this position for nearly two years, and especially the opportunity to lead our brave and dedicated Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and (Defense Department) civilians has been the most gratifying experience of my life,” the secretary continued. “I am honored to continue to serve them and our country, and I will be honored to serve President-elect Obama.”

President-elect Obama said the national security challenges facing the country are as grave and urgent as the economic crisis.

“We are fighting two wars,” he said. “Old conflicts remain unresolved, and newly assertive powers have put strains on the international system. The spread of nuclear weapons raises the peril that the world’s deadliest technology could fall into dangerous hands. Our dependence on foreign oil empowers authoritarian governments and endangers our planet.”

The United States must be as strong at home as it is overseas, and American economic power must sustain military strength, diplomatic leverage and global leadership, he said.

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Support Group deputy commander) and me to see if we were interested in heading up the effort to apply to host the event,” Mr. Mooers explained. “We met with area officials to get approval to host games at the Biloxi and Gulfport Sportsplex.”

“Then we developed a PowerPoint presentation highlighting on- and off-base amenities,” he continued. “The selection committee liked it so much that it’s being used as an example for other bases to follow when applying to host these events.”

Keesler was selected by the Air Force Sports Office to host the women’s football (soccer) championship. A maximum of 10 teams can compete in the tournament. Mr. Mooers said in addition to the U.S. team, he’s already expecting teams from Belgium, Germany, France and Canada.

“The event is open to all of CISM’s 138 member nations, so we could even see a team from China or South Korea, which would really be exciting,” he pointed out.

Mr. Mooers brings a passion and knowledge of soccer to Keesler’s organizational efforts.

“I started playing soccer for middle school in 1974, and I’ve

been playing, coaching and refereeing the sport ever since,” he remarked. “I’m a certified Grade 7 U.S. Soccer Federation referee upgrading to Grade 6 next year. I’m a member of the National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association refereeing at the collegiate level, and also I’m the vice president for the Mississippi Coast Soccer Referees Association which is affiliated with the Mississippi High School Activities Association — we referee for Gulf Coast schools.”

Hosting a sports event of this magnitude will require strong support from the base, as well as from leaders and organizations along the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Air Force Sports provides the funding for the event. The total cost will be prorated among the four services. The top three expenses, according to Mr. Mooers, are lodging, food and local transportation to the sporting venues for the approximately 300 team members expected.

Mr. Mooers heads an organizing committee of officials from across the base and area chambers of commerce to make the preparations run as smoothly as possible. He’s recruiting Keesler volunteers to help in a variety of different capacities.

Tanja Smith, Keesler’s commercial sponsorship coord-

inator, is the special events project officer. She’ll chair a committee that is responsible for planning and executing all the special events associated with the championship.

“Each team in the tournament will be assigned an escort officer — although not a requirement, we’ll be looking for people that can speak the language of the team they are escorting,” he pointed out. “We’ll need people to work in the operations center — initially, it will be staffed 24 hours a day and later during normal duty hours. There are several events, such as the opening and closing ceremonies, award ceremonies and closing dinner that will require volunteers to make it happen.”

One event Mr. Mooers is excited about is Cultural Day.

“This is our opportunity to share our Gulf Coast culture with all the participants,” he said. “The planning committee will be working with all the area chambers of commerce to pull this off. We’re still in the early planning stages, but I’d like to take the participants on a tour of local historical and cultural sites and end up in marina park or the Biloxi harbor for a crawfish or shrimp boil.”

For more information, call Mr. Mooers, 377-0123, or e-mail [brian.mooers@keesler.af.mil](mailto:brian.mooers@keesler.af.mil).

# PERSONNEL NOTES

## Health benefits open season

Federal employees health benefits open season ends Monday. You can enroll or change your plans in the EBIS system by logging on to <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil>.

For more information, call Cece Schefsky, 376-8326.

## Applicants sought for attache duty

Air Force News Service

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

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.

## 2009 selection board

The schedule for selection boards convening in 2009:

**Jan. 12-16, May 18-22, Sept. 21-25** — special selection boards.

**Feb. 2-20** — senior master sergeant.

**March 9-20** — colonel line of the Air Force; lieutenant colonel and major biomedical sciences corps/nurse corps.

**June 8-26** — lieutenant colonel and major BSC/NC.

**July 13-24** — senior noncommissioned officer supplemental.

**Aug. 17-28** — command screening.

**Sept. 14-18** — colonel medical service corps, medical corps and dental corps; lieutenant colonel and major MC/DC.

**Oct. 13-26** — chief master sergeant evaluation.

**Nov. 2-13** — colonel and lieutenant colonel judge advocate and chaplain; major LAF, judge advocate and chaplain.

**Dec. 1-11** — colonel LAF/BSC/NC, lieutenant colonel and major BSC/NC.

## Online seminars for civilians

Air Force News Service

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Air Force officials now offer online seminars on retirement, benefits and financial literacy to civilian appropriated fund employees.

**The retirement seminar** includes details on the Thrift Savings Plan, Social Security, insurance and flexible spending accounts. This seminar also helps with planning for employees covered under special retirement like air traffic controllers or law enforcement officers.

**The employee benefits orientation** provides an understanding of each federal benefit program.

**The financial literacy seminar** explains taxes, investment options, insurance, investment planning and estate planning.

Employees can access these eSeminars as an additional module on the Web-based Employee Benefits Information System. Employees can access EBIS at their convenience in the office or at their home. The eSeminars are for user convenience and aren't mandatory activity.

For more information, contact local military personnel sections or call the Air Force Contact Center, 1-800-616-3775.

## Phone numbers for military personnel

Military personnel section phone numbers are:

**Customer support** — 376-8738.

**Career development** — 376-8739.

**Force management** — 376-8740.

**Student personnel center** — 377-4111.

**Testing** — 376-4111.

## Chosen for chief



Air Force photo

From left, Senior Master Sgts. James Morrison, Charles Watson and Danny Ogas have been selected for promotion to chief master sergeant. Sergeant Morrison is from the 81st Comptroller Squadron, Sergeant Watson is from the 85th Engineering Installation and Sergeant Ogas is from 2nd Air Force.

# During October, one court-martial, 10 alcohol-related Articles 15

## Legal office

One summary court-martial was convened in October.

An airman basic from the 81st Security Forces Squadron pleaded guilty to two specifications of dereliction of duty under Article 92, Uniform Code of Military Justice by failing to request to be relieved of sentry duties and by failing to remain alert by sleeping while on sentry duty. He was found guilty and sentenced to 15 days confinement and 15 days of hard labor without confinement.

Ten Airmen assigned to Keesler units received Article 15 punishments in October for alcohol-related offenses.

**332nd Training Squadron** — Three airmen were punished for alcohol-related offenses. An airman first class received 10 extra duty days and forfeiture of \$793 pay for two months for consumption of alcohol at off-base hotels while being under the legal age of 21. An airman basic received a forfeiture of \$673 for one month when a blood alcohol test showed positive results while the member was on duty. Another airman first class received a forfeiture of \$793 for one month for underage drinking of alcohol at an off-base apartment.

**334th TRS** — An airman first class was reduced to airman and a forfeiture of \$754 for one month for underage drinking at the Vandenberg Community Center.

**336th TRS** — Three airmen were punished for alcohol-related offenses. An airman was reduced to airman basic and forfeited \$673 for two months for providing alcohol to minors at off-base hotels. The reduction to airman basic and one month of pay forfeiture was suspended for six months, pending good behavior. An airman basic was reduced to airman and forfeited \$673 for two months, the reduction in rank and one month's forfeiture being suspended for six months, for providing alcohol to minors and engaging in sexual activity in the presence of others in an off-base hotel room. An airman basic received a forfeiture of \$673 for one month, which was suspended for six months, for underage drinking off base.

**338th TRS** — Two airmen were punished for alcohol-related offenses. An airman basic received a forfeiture of \$300 for two months for being drunk in the Vandenberg Community Center and disobeying a lawful order. An airman first class received a reduction in rank to airman basic and a forfeiture of \$100 for one month for underage drinking in the dormitory area and having alcohol in the member's room.

**85th Engineering Installation Squadron** — A staff sergeant received a reduction in rank to senior airman, forfeiture of \$750 for two months, and a reprimand for getting another person drunk and committing assault and battery on that person.

## ENERGY AWARENESS

The Air Force is committed to energy efficiency. Everyone -- servicemembers, civilians and family members -- can help save energy and work toward a cleaner future. Here are some "Energy Facts" to think about:

- Each winter, the equivalent of of all the oil in the Alaskan oil pipeline is lost as heat through American windows
- "Energy Star" makes a difference. Energy Star tagged appliances typically use 50 percent less energy than their older counterparts
- Every time an oven door is opened, 25-50 degrees of temperature is lost
- Each ton of recycled paper saves the energy equivalent of 380 barrels of oil
- Ceiling fans cost about \$2.40 a month to run 10 hours a day; they can reduce energy bills by \$10
- Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a television for three hours

Make energy awareness  
a part of your day ... everyday



# DRAGON OF THE WEEK

**Name** — Staff Sgt. Keri Hartmann

**Unit** — 81st Training Wing Legal Office

**Position** — noncommissioned officer in charge of the civil law division

**Time in Air Force** — 12 years

**Time at Keesler** — 2½ years

**Hometown** — Du Quoin, Ill.

**Noteworthy** — selected to fill the paralegal position for the Area Defense Counsel

**Why did you join the Air Force?** — to travel and learn about all the different cultures around the world.

**What are your short- and long-term goals?** to finish my remaining time in the service to retirement and share every minute possible with my son and



Photo by Kemberly Groue

ensure he has a happy upbringing.

**What's your favorite quote?** ““Life goes on” — a reminder anytime I'd find

myself facing a brick wall.

**What are your hobbies?** staying home with my son watching his favorite shows and reading suspense novels.

## DIAMOND NOTES

It is unauthorized to wear the lightweight blue jacket with the Air Force symbol while in civilian clothes.



Master Sgt. Charles Gallaher, 333rd Training Squadron first sergeant

## MEMORABLE MOMENTS



**Dec. 1, 1941**

The post exchange opened its first full service store at Keesler Field.

For more news, information and photos,  
visit Keesler's public Web site,  
<http://www.keesler.af.mil>.

## Symposium deadline extended

### AETC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Registration deadlines for the 2009 Air Education and Training Command Symposium were extended to offer more opportunities to participate in the interactive technology expo at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio Jan. 15-16.

Keesler personnel interested in attending, call Sam Foster, 81st Training Wing director of staff, 377-3890.

Members of all commands are invited to take a sneak peek at demonstrations of the next generation of warfighting technology presented by more than 70 military and civilian booth and demonstration exhibitors.

Symposium organizers plan an Air Force Association expo with demonstrations by the nation's leading defense contractors including Northrop Grumman, Lockheed Martin, Accenture and many more.

Air Force Recruiting Service national assets including the Monster Truck, NASCAR and Orange County Chopper will be scattered across the expo site.

Seminars coordinated by Air University are organized around five tracks pertaining to the Air Force and its current and future role in America's defense. Discussion on topics from the threat posed by a nuclear Iran to challenges for the Air Force in standing up Africa Command are on the agenda.

Participants can choose lectures and discussions, tailoring their experience at the symposium to their own professional needs and interests.

An AETC/AFA Ball celebrating warriors throughout the command. Retired Gen. Lloyd "Fig" Newton, former AETC commander, emcees the ball.

For more information about the symposium and registration instructions on how to register, visit <https://www.aetcsymposium.com>.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Sergeant Woodruff paints Russell Hawley's face during April's Operation Hero, a deployment familiarization program for children. His parents are Tech. Sgt. Laurence and Carrie Hawley, 81st Medical Operations Squadron.

## Airman and family readiness center gets grant from American Red Cross

By Tech. Sgt. Chuck Marsh

Keesler Public Affairs

Tech. Sgt. Jessica Woodruff has a simple mission — take care of the families of those deployed from Keesler. Execution of that mission is the opposite — complex and logistically exhausting.

Sergeant Woodruff and the airman and family readiness center team have received a \$9,865 grant from the American Red Cross to step up their events for families of deployed members.

Sergeant Woodruff worked with the American Red Cross on other projects and spoke with them about how she accomplished the mission. The conversation shifted to how projects are funded.

“We put our heads together and wrote up a grant proposal to Red Cross regional,” she said.

The other person represented in the “we” is Raemona Welder, director of development for the Mississippi Gulf Coast American Red Cross.

“I met Raemona when we

were working in old Cody Hall — she had some young Red Cross volunteers that wanted to help with some of my programs,” said Sergeant Woodruff. “I told her about all the different programs we do for deployed families. She seemed surprised by the amount of things we did, but equally surprised that all the things we did were done through fundraising or donations.

“One day she asked if I would write up some of my main programs and how much money it took to get those done,” she continued. “I sent her an e-mail with an explanation of all my programs, who they benefited and how much they cost. Raemona did all the rest.

“I was elated when it was approved,” she said.

The first event to benefit from the grant was a turkey bingo for families of deployed members on Nov. 18. Sergeant Woodruff was able to purchase 50 holiday food boxes from the commissary as prizes.

“The boxes have items to

help you cook a Thanksgiving dinner like pie mix, mashed potatoes, things like that,” she explained. “Also, each box had a gift certificate to the commissary for \$25 so the winner could purchase a ham or turkey. At the end of the night we had one last game where one winner won a \$50 and another won a \$100 gift certificate — everyone left with something.”

Next, Sergeant Woodruff plans to buy \$5,000 worth of toys to give away at Christmas in the Park, an annual event scheduled for Dec. 11 that benefits the whole base.

Sergeant Woodruff said she's thankful to be able to have the extra income to allow the center to do more for the families and their deployed loved ones.

“I love doing these things for deployed family members and Keesler personnel, but sometimes if money was low or fundraising wasn't great, I had to cut back,” she pointed out. “At least for the next few months I don't have to worry about that.”

# Today's the deadline to 'Adopt an Airman'

By Staff Sgt. Tanya Holditch

Keesler News editor

Nearly 300 Keesler Airmen are deployed, and today is the deadline to mail holiday packages to ensure they arrive on time.

Adopt an Airman is a program run by Tech. Sgt. Jessica Woodruff, airman and family readiness center, and connects Airmen deployed from Keesler with people who want to send them a holiday package.

Sergeant Woodruff has already paired 52 deployed Airmen with people on base, but there are 18 Airmen still waiting to be adopted. Not all of Keesler's deployed Airmen have requested care packages since they already have family and friends mailing holiday items to them. However, many of the Airmen don't have someone to send care packages, especially the single Airmen, she said.

Sergeant Woodruff's goal in organizing the project is to ensure that every Airman who wants a holiday care package gets one, she said.

“This fosters camaraderie on base and might even establish a friendship later,” she said.

Anyone can request a name from Sergeant Woodruff. Some people have requested names of Airmen in a specific squadron while others have requested multiple names.

Airmen are requesting unexpected things, according to Sergeant Woodruff. She said that Airmen aren't requesting hygiene items, but are asking for things to make their deployed time more fun. Frequently requested items include hand-held electronic games and party hats, decorations and noisemakers for New Year's Eve.

Flat-rate boxes with no weight limitations are available at any post office, and postage is \$9.80. Military mailing kits are also available at <http://www.usps.com>.

For more information, call Sergeant Woodruff, 376-8508.

**LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND**

**SUICIDE WARNING SIGNS**

- Trouble eating or sleeping
- Drastic change in behavior
- Withdraws from friends >
- Gives away possessions
- Makes out a will
- Preoccupied with death
- Takes unnecessary risks
- Had a recent severe loss
- Lost interests in personal appearance
- Increased use of alcohol or drugs
- Loss of interests in hobbies, work, school, etc.

**1-800-SUICIDE**

# Dreaming of a green Christmas

By Marcella Whitfield

## Base energy manager

Bills climb during the holiday season for excessive energy and resource consumption. Here are some hints from the Sierra Club to save money and help out the environment.

**Make your own wrapping paper** — even cheap wrapping paper costs around \$5 per roll and is barely noticed by the recipient. Most wrapping paper isn't recyclable and ends up in landfills. Wrap presents with the comics section of the newspaper or brown paper grocery bags. Buy some blank newsprint rolls leftover from your local newspaper and have your children create "custom" wrapping paper. Newspaper end rolls are sold by The Sun Herald for only \$2. If every U.S. family wrapped just three gifts this way, it would save enough paper to cover 45,000 football fields.

**Visit your local farmers market** — to add products to your holiday table from local farmers and businesses. Biloxi's farmers market is under the I-110 overpass on Howard Avenue, 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Ocean Springs Fresh Market open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays near the intersection of Washington Avenue and Highway 90.

**Plug decorations into a timer** — that will shut off indoor and outdoor lights during the day to save money.

**Think green with your holiday tree** — artificial trees are reusable for years to come. If you prefer a living tree, you can do several things to "green" your holiday tree. Try to find a pesticide-free tree; those grown with lots of pesticides and artificial colors can amplify allergies in certain individuals. Recycle your tree after the season is over. Each year, 10 million holiday trees end up in the landfill. Recycling your tree saves landfill space and creates mulch or wood chips that can be reused in landscaping around your area. In south Mississippi, tree recycling programs offer convenient tree drop off locations. Base housing residents can drop off their trees at the compost yard across from the Building 4705 on M Street.

**Check into a home energy audit** — many electric providers offer free energy audits to customers and this is an easy way to find some easy ways to cut the fat out of both your energy bill and your electric load. It's an easy starting point for getting a greener perspective in 2009.

For more information on saving energy, e-mail marcella.whitfield@keesler.af.mil.

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

## Services sets stage for season

### 81st Force Support Squadron Services

There's no time for "Bah, Humbug" at Keesler, with an abundance of activities to stir up that holiday spirit.

### Arts and crafts center, 377-2821

**Today** — 5-7:30 p.m., candle making. Call for price.

**Saturday** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., candle dove ceramic project. Make a dove with gold trim. Call for price.

1-4 p.m., youth gift workshop. Make gifts and goodies for giving. \$24 for four projects.

**Dec. 11** — 5-7:30 p.m. — holiday crafting. Call for price.

6-7 p.m. — candle dove ceramic project. Make a dove with gold trim. Call for price.

Framing deadline for stocked molding orders.

Engraving deadline for in-stock item orders; pick up by Dec. 19.

**Dec. 13** — 10 a.m. to noon, holiday bread making. \$15 including supplies. Bring a mixing bowl.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Christmas platter painting. Select your own dish at registration. Call for price.

Last day to leave items for ceramic firing; pick up by Dec. 19.

**Dec. 18** — 5-7:30 p.m., holiday crafting. Call for price.

### Bay Breeze Golf Course, 377-3832

**Dec. 19** — holiday gift basket drawing; register each time you play golf to win a golf holiday gift basket valued at \$100.

**Christmas and New Year's Day** — free golf; golf carts and rental clubs not available.

### Fitness, 377-4385

**Dec. 17** — 7 a.m., free Jingle Bell 5-kilometer race, Blake Fitness Center. Register day of the race.

### Gaudé Lanes, 377-2817

**Dec. 31** — 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., New Year's Eve party. Bowling, music, dancing and prizes. Party favors, finger foods and nonalcoholic midnight toast included. \$30 adults, \$25 chil-

dren ages 6-17, free ages 5 and younger. Purchase tickets early.

### Katrina Kantina, 377-2219

**Wednesday** — 6-8 p.m., Christmas dinner. Dinner, drink specials, karaoke with DJ Wayne, door prizes. Free for Keesler Club members, nonmembers \$3. Contractors welcome.

### Marina park, 377-3160

**Dec. 11** — Christmas in the Park and tree lighting. Starts at 3:30 p.m. with train rides, live nativity scene, holiday music, complimentary food and beverages. Tree lighting at 6 p.m. followed by a visit with Santa. Free photos with Santa while supplies last. Sponsored by Coldwell Banker, GEICO, Keesler Federal Credit Union and Rex Distributing.

### McBride Library, 377-2181

**Last two weeks in December** — Christmas book display.

### Project Elf Vandy

**Dec. 8 -19** — commanders and first sergeants sign up people working after 6 p.m. Christmas Eve or on Christmas Day to receive special goody bags. To register your personnel, call 377-3308 or e-mail 81SVS.SVYR@keesler.af.mil by 5 p.m. Dec. 19 with the number of bags needed. Bags can be picked up 2-4 p.m. Dec. 24 at Vandenberg Community Center. Sponsored by Keesler Federal Credit Union and National Productions.

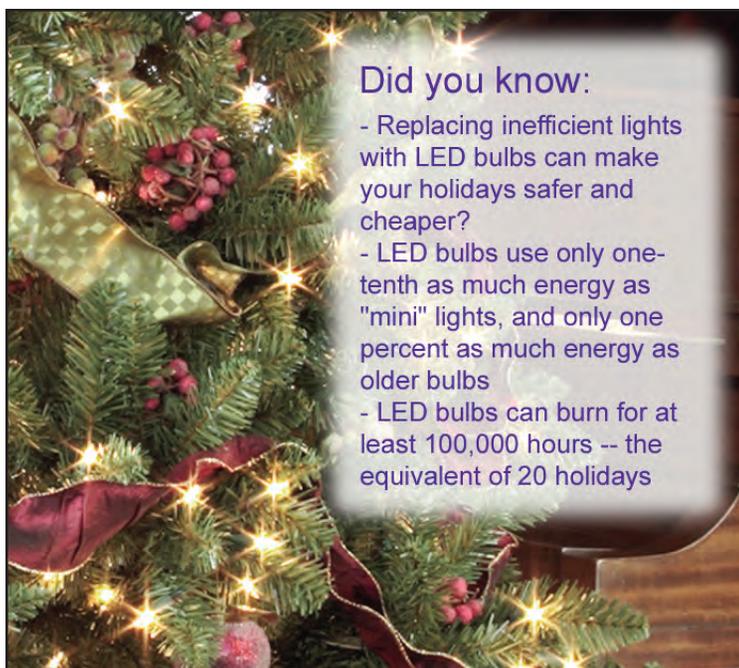
### Youth center, 377-4116

**Dec. 20** — 5-9 p.m. holiday celebration, ages 6 and older. \$5 admission. Snacks, games, fun for all.

**Dec. 22-23** — Christmas camp, ages 6-12. Daily fees range from \$17 to \$29 according to total family income. An application must be completed on each child attending. Call for more information.

### Vandenberg Community Center, 377-3308

**Dec. 31** — 8 p.m. to midnight, New Year's Eve party for nonprior service students; free admission, entertainment and party favors.



### Did you know:

- Replacing inefficient lights with LED bulbs can make your holidays safer and cheaper?
- LED bulbs use only one-tenth as much energy as "mini" lights, and only one percent as much energy as older bulbs
- LED bulbs can burn for at least 100,000 hours -- the equivalent of 20 holidays

# Musicians thank troops with free CD

By Kristen Ward

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## TriWest Healthcare Alliance

A number of top musical acts want to thank service members for the sacrifices service members with the release of a new “For the Troops II” compact disc, available for free download at the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Web site, <http://www.aafes.com>.

Active duty service members or veterans use your valid military identification card to log on to the site.

“I’m excited that the CD is back with a new roster of fantastic artists and great songs,” said John Ondrasik who performs under the pseudonym Five for Fighting and spearheaded the CD’s development. “After the response from last year’s effort, creating a sequel was a no-brainer. This CD has a bit more rock and a few surprises, but at its core is a thank you to those whose sacrifice secures our freedom and that of our children.”

This is the follow-up to CD to “For the Troops” released last fall. Mr. Ondrasik partnered with AAFES, TriWest Healthcare Alliance and the Recording Industry Association of America to produce and release both CDs.

In addition to Five for Fighting, performers include Three Doors Down, Daughtry, Good Charlotte, Gretchen Wilson, Isaac Hayes, Joe Perry, Josh Groban, Jude, Keith Urban, Maroon 5, Roy Orbison, Alan Jackson and Trace Adkins.

“We strongly believe that music can be an effective and healthy mental break during times of stress or family separation,” said TriWest President David McIntyre Jr. “We’re exceptionally grateful for individuals (these) artists who are driven to thank our troops in memorable ways and who encourage others to do the same.”

For more news, information and photos,  
visit Keesler's public Web site, <http://www.keesler.af.mil>.



## Holiday worship schedule set

The chapel has announced  
its holiday worship schedule.

### **Protestant**

**Dec. 21 and 28 and Jan. 4**  
— 8:30 a.m., traditional service,  
Larcher Chapel; noon, gospel  
service, Triangle Chapel.

**Dec. 24** — 7 p.m., candle-  
light service, Triangle Chapel.

**Dec. 31** — 10 p.m., watch  
night service, Triangle Chapel.

### **Catholic**

**Dec. 21 and 28 and Jan. 4**  
— 9 a.m. Mass, Triangle Chapel.

**Dec. 24** — 5 p.m., Christmas  
Eve Mass, Triangle Chapel.

**Dec. 25** — 9 a.m., Christmas  
Mass, Triangle Chapel.

# KEESLER NOTES

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## Help for assault victims

Wednesday is the deadline to donate to the sexual assault prevention and response program's book bag 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 stairs closest to the intersection of Third and D streets.

For more information, call 377-8635 or 7278.

## Housing maintenance

The new phone numbers for family housing maintenance service calls are 377-5561, 5562 and 5563.

## Thrift shop

The Keesler Thrift Shop, in the former chapel building adjacent to Sablich Center, is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Consignments are accepted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays. Donations are accepted during regular hours.

For more information, call 377-3217.

## Airman's Attic

The Top III is looking for volunteers to support Airman's Attic, a program that assists junior enlisted members with free basic household supplies.

Airman's Attic, in the former chapel building adjacent to Sablich Center, is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays and 3-6 p.m. Wednesdays when enough volunteers are available.

The program also needs donations in good condition and volunteers with trucks to assist with occasional pick-ups.

For more information, call 377-3814 or 7801.

## Intramural hoops revived

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Intramural basketball made a comeback at Keesler Wednesday at Blake Fitness Center.

Regular league play was dropped for the past few years because of Hurricane Katrina's aftermath and a funding shortfall for hiring officials. Last year, the Over-30 League used a fee-per-team system to hire referees.

Of the 17 teams signed up to play this year, two represent Navy organizations from Pascagoula — Truxton and MK Island in the Eastern Division.



Other Eastern Division squads that face off on Mondays and Wednesdays are the 81st Communications Squadron, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, 81st Logistics

Readiness Squadron, Keesler's Marine Corps Detachment and 332nd, 336th-B and 338th Training Squadrons.

Western Division teams that play on Tuesdays and Thursdays are the 81st Medical Group, 336th TRS-A, 81st Medical Support Squadron, 403rd Wing, 81st Security Forces Squadron, 81st Force Support Squadron, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron and 81st Dental Squadron.

For next week's schedule, see Scores and More, Page 20.

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

**THE AIRMAN'S CREED**

I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN.  
I AM A WARRIOR.  
I HAVE ANSWERED MY NATION'S CALL.

I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN.  
MY MISSION IS TO FLY, FIGHT, AND WIN.  
I AM FAITHFUL TO A PROUD HERITAGE,  
A TRADITION OF HONOR,  
AND A LEGACY OF VALOR.

I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN,  
GUARDIAN OF FREEDOM AND JUSTICE,  
MY NATION'S SWORD AND SHIELD,  
ITS SENTRY AND AVENGER.  
I DEFEND MY COUNTRY WITH MY LIFE.

I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN:  
WINGMAN, LEADER, WARRIOR.  
I WILL NEVER LEAVE AN AIRMAN BEHIND,  
I WILL NEVER FALTER,  
AND I WILL NOT FAIL.

An American is sexually assaulted every 2 1/2 minutes.

One in five American women has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape.

One in 10 sexual assault victims are men.

At least 2/3 of sexual assaults are committed by someone the victim knows.

44 percent of rape victims are under age 18, and 80 percent are under age 30.

# SCORES AND MORE

## Basketball

### Intramural Over-30 League

(as of Nov. 19)

Team	Won	Lost
81st FSS	1	0
81st TRSS	1	0
81st CES	1	0
81st SFS	1	0
81st LRS	0	1
403rd Wing	0	1
81st MSGS	0	1
81st FSS-B	0	1

**Nov. 17** — 81st FSS 54, 81st LRS 39; 81st TRSS won by forfeit over 403rd Wing.

**Nov. 19** — 81st CES won by forfeit over 81st MSGS; 81st SFS 57, 81st FSS-B 37.

### Intramural Eastern Division

**Today** — 6 p.m., 332nd TRS vs. 81st CES; 7 p.m., MK Island vs. 81st CES; 8 p.m., 81st LRS vs. MARDET.

**Tuesday** — 6 p.m., 332nd TRS vs. MARDET; 7 p.m., 338th TRS vs. 81st CES; 8 p.m., 336th TRS-B vs. Truxtun.

### Intramural Western Division

**Monday** — 6 p.m., 81st SFS vs. 81st FSS; 7 p.m., 81st MDG vs. 403rd Wing; 8 p.m., 85th EIS vs. 81st DS.

**Wednesday** — 6 p.m., 336th TRS-A vs. 81st FSS; 7 p.m., 81st SFS vs. 81st MDSS; 8 p.m., 81st MDG vs. 85th EIS

## Bowling

**New Year's Eve party** — 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dec. 31. Adults \$30, ages 6-17 \$25, free ages 5 and younger. Ages 14 and younger must be accompanied by adult. Cost includes bowling, shoes, finger foods, non-alcoholic beverages, midnight toast, party favors, prizes, giveaways, music and dancing. Alcoholic beverages sold separately.

**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.

**Glow bowling** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, \$1 per game and \$1 for shoes; 9 p.m. Fridays, 7 p.m. Saturdays, \$5.50 adults, \$3.50 ages 17 and younger, including shoes.

**Lunch and bowl special** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. Bowl for \$1 a game plus \$1 for shoes.

**Team building special** — 1-5 p.m. weekdays. Bring your employees bowling for \$1 a game plus shoe rental. Call 377-2817 for reservations.



**Open bowling** — limited on league days; first come, first served. Reservations accepted with groups of 20 or more. Discounts available with groups of 25 or more.

**Club member special** — show current club card Thursdays and bowl for \$1.50 per game; free shoe rental.

**Birthdays party package** — 1:30-3 p.m. or 3:30-5 p.m. Saturdays. 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.

## Fitness centers

**Free Jingle Bell 5-kilometer run** — 7 a.m. Dec. 17, Blake Fitness Center. Register on race day.

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

**Wall of Fame** — powerlifting event, 1-4 p.m. first compressed work schedule Friday each 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 record for most pounds lifted or break an existing record and get your picture on the wall. Open to all Defense Department personnel 18 years of age and older.

For more information, call 377-3056.

**Free fitness classes** — yoga, step aerobics, turbo-core, spin/cycle, boxing workout and fencing at Dragon Fitness Center. For more information, call 377-2907.

**Computerized fitness assessments, counseling** — available by appointment at Dragon Fitness Center. To schedule, call 377-2907.

**Triangle Fitness Center** — open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays and weekends; closed holidays. For

more information, call 377-3056.

**Blake Fitness Center** — open 4:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays; 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekends and holidays.

**Dragon Fitness Center** — 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays. Parent-child fitness room has workout equipment and play area for ages 6 months to 7 years.

## Golf

**Family month** — free greens fees, ages 6-12; must be accompanied by adult. Youth ages 13-17 and golfers' spouses pay half-price greens fee. Offer good during December.

**Holiday gift basket** — register every time you play golf to win a golf holiday gift basket valued at \$100; drawing Dec. 19.

**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** — Tuesday. \$20 per person; bring your own food and drinks. Mississippi fishing license required. Learn where, when, what and how to fish Biloxi's Back Bay. Maximum eight people. For time and reservations, call 377-3160.

**Christmas in the Park** — Dec. 11, marina park. Train rides start at 4 p.m., live nativity scene, music, food and beverages. Tree lighting at 6 p.m. followed by visit from Santa. Free photos with Santa while supplies last. Sponsored by Coldwell Banker, GEICO, Keesler Federal Credit Union and Rex Distributing.

**Discount on fishing equipment** — save 10 percent Dec. 17-19.

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

**Big buck contest** — bring in a deer with the most points and win \$100 savings bond. Points are calculated by placing a ring on the antlers; if an antler supports the ring, it's considered a point.

**Fish of the month** — weigh in largest speckled trout for the month

and win \$100 savings bond. Minimum three participants.

**One-day fishing trips** — to Horn, Ship or Cat Islands; pick the date. Charter trip in Delacroix and Reggio, La. with professional fishing guide. For more information, call 377-3160.

**Camping packages** — for rent include sleeping bags, lanterns, camp stoves and tents. For more information, call 377-3160.

**RV, boat and trailer storage** — \$20 per month.

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

**Pontoon boat training** — to rent a pontoon you must take a test and be certified. Call for information.

**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.

**Deep sea fishing trips** — compressed work schedule Fridays and Sundays on the Keesler Dolphin II. \$75 per person includes everything you need to fish. Payment due upon reservation. Minimum 15, maximum 22 people. For reservation, call 377-3160.

**Deep sea fishing private charter** — rent Dolphin II, \$850 for first six people, \$60 each additional person. \$350 deposit required.

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

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

**Disk golf** — distance, fairway, multi-purpose, putt and approach disks for sale or rent.

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

**Paintball course** — open by reservation only; for reservations or more information, call 377-3160.

**Whatever your game ...**

**Play it safe!**

Air Force Safety Center illustration  
by Felicia Moreland

## HONORS

### Student honor roll

#### 332nd Training Squadron

**Electronic principles** — Airmen Basic Leonardo Alviz, Bryan Barnbrugge, Luke Beckwith, Brian Bernal, Andrew Blair, David Brackett, Steven Bright, Cody Bucy, Sean Bundles, Taylor Buse, Joseph Butler, Joshua Cantrell, Michael Chrisholm, Jonathan Clay, Bradley Cradic, Lequonne Curry, Richard Dale, Zachary Donelson, Amanda Dumlao, Jeffrey Estes, Christofer Floyd, Patrick Forbes, Terry Frampton, Jason Freeman, Charles Giordano, Daniel Gossett, James Gray, Nathan Grilley, Christopher Haley, Cody Hall, Brian Heslor, Ryan Hill, Benjamin Howell, Brad Jacobs, Daniel Jones, Scott Kababik, Nicholas Kadish, Steven Knisel, Christopher Kugler, Jacob McDonald, Jeremy Miller, Matthew Morgan, Herbert Mullens, Jarrad Myers, James Owen, Corey Paden, Andrew Parks, Joseph Pierro, Bryson Purcell, Branden Randall, Albert Rivera, Blaine Shakoor, Tyler Shatzer, Ashley Smith, Brandon Smith, Micah Sowders, Michael Spencer, Brandon Stanley, Ryan Swiderski, Micahel Tully, Robert Turner, Dyrek Williamson and Kyle Wilson; Airmen Adam Blanchard, Scott Blankenship, Patrick Debano, Lori Dentremont, Andrew Emmons, Dale Haegler, Michael Koenig, Dorothy Litoff, Justin McCormick, Matthew OConnell, Pratul Patel, William Ramirez, Alejandro Rodriguez, Matthew Sharp and Courtney Spruiell; Airmen 1st Class Justin Adams, John Ainsworth, Mark Babjak, Christopher Barnes, Kellen Barnes, Christopher Barrera, Benjamin Byers, Marcone Cagnussu, Francis Carcel, Joseph Carrigan, Jason Clukey, Tomas Correa-Crespo, Ira Cummins, Shawn Cummins, Ian Daniel, Theodore Ehrhorn, David Hammett, Zachary Hand, Matthew Harbin, Bryson Harley, Jonathan Hartsfield, Robert Hubbard, Michael Jaquier, Alexander Johnson, Jeremy Jones, Justin Jones, Jennifer Kuehn, Matthew Lafreniere, William Ledbetter, Seth Lindo, David Lindsay, Derek Lopez, Robert Mattix, Asa McQueen, Christion McQueen, Patricia Mead, Christopher Murphy, James Pennington, Steven Piper, Brett Reeve, Todd Rodan, Octavious Sams, Thomas Sanchez, Bradford Schroeder, Romane Sillon and Stephen Tercino; Senior Airmen Narada Adams, Rachel Chamberland, Chad Colvin, Kristen Montano, Collin Osslander, Alex Szwet and Damion White; Staff Sgts. Glenn Brackin, Mark Brizzi, Thomas Elliott, Brian Gunkelman, David Jacobson, Christopher Porraro, Robert Quinn, Jason Wagner and Forrest Wyble; Tech. Sgt. James Moore; Master Sgt. Paul Gunnoe; Senior Master Sgt. Edward Williams.

**Metrology basic course** — Airman Basic Garrick Sliney and Jason Bain; Airman Benjamin Branta.

#### 334th TRS

**Aerospace control and warning systems apprentice course** — Airmen Basic Brett Dickinson, Denise Greenidge, Nicole Hartvigsen, Derrick Kennard, Kyle Leger, Christopher Rowe, Brianna Tozer, Daniel Walters and Ashley Witcher; Airman Sharmaine Popa; Airmen 1st Class Elizabeth Brown, Jose Rivera-Berrios, Brent Wardrip and Robert Williams; Senior Airman Derek Wetlaufer; Staff Sgt. Ryan McCray.

**Command post apprentice course** — Airman Basic Erik Krausen; Airman 1st Class Joshua Carandang, Senior Airman Victoria Hascall and Angela Hines; Staff Sgts. Jeremy Blunt, Katelyn Langerman, Jaime Montano, Julitssa Ortiz, Andre Nesbeth, Creston Saul, Michael Schutte, Terrence Spann, Michael Torbett and William Willey; Tech. Sgts. Matthew Hartweg and Elwin Weeks; Master Sgts. David Derenski and Ivan Yelverton.

#### 335th TRS

**Weather training flight** — Airmen Basic Jesse Clark, Melissa Nelson, Zachary Sura and Arielle Washington; Airmen Brian Esrud and Steven Francisco; Navy Airmen William Edholm; Pfc. Thomas Nelson, Danny Robledo and Anwar

Sheridan; Airman 1st Class Justin Givhan, Thomas Heath, Cristina Hough, Kyle Meade, Chris Nies and Sean Roth; Marine Cpl. William Stewart; Senior Airman Amanda Lund and Christopher Price; Marine Sgts. Patrick Kinsella and Harry Polenychoco; Staff Sgts Daniel Mickley and Jennifer Powell; Master Sgt Alshomrani Mansou; Senior Master Sgt Rajeh Loay; Petty Officer 1st Class Jeffrey Wenciker .

#### 336th TRS

**Communications-computer systems flight** — Airmen Basic Charles Beaver, James Kulikowski, John Marchetti, Jordan Moore, Lacey Poore, Donald Smith and Chayne Vandezande; Airmen James Frazier, Timothy Hagberg and Scott Shaffer; Airmen 1st Class Zach Cahill, Kyle Hayward, Kala Kirk, Christopher Marcelli David Vennen and Michael Wray; Senior Airman Paul Hite; Staff Sgts. Christopher Carder and Matthew Meyers; Master Sgt. Keith Brooks; Senior Master Sgt. Mohammed Alraqa.

**Communications and information management flight** — Airmen Basic Ana Anaya-Segura, Christopher Barrow, Sean Bell, Gregory Bowman, Wilmer Rivera Bruno, Michael Butler, Steven Campbell, Daniel Chung, Darren Diones, Ian Fischer, Matthew Frego, Quintin Gilmore, Matthew King, Bryan Napier, Joshua Perry, Julian Pfister, Alexis Rivera, Francisco Serrano, Brandon Smith, Evan Soriano, Cody Trenda, William Twomey, Gary Williams, Sean Williamson and Daniel Yockey; Airmen Eric Byrne, Randall Ciardetti, Eric Leyva and Mark Quinlan; Airmen 1st Class Raeann Batz, Matthew Benoit, Austin Carroll, Michael D'Amico, John Delarma, Joshua Deville, Benjamin Harmon, Chelsea Kline, Jonathan Martin, Kevauhn Murray, Richard Owens, Ryan Poster, Juan RiveraPuig, Jared Silva, Michael Trum, Patrick Weller and David Whittaker; Senior Airmen Jose Alvarez-Vargas, Christopher Enright and Hyun Lee; Staff Sgts. Pedro Cancel, Aaron Copeland, Donna Doyon, Tremaine Joseph, Jayson Maxwell and Russell Warren; Technical Sgts. Jay Goodman, Harry Stallings; Master Sgt. Jascha Patton.

#### 338th TRS

**Airfield systems** — Airman Basic Roby McCool; Airman Brian Stephenson; Airmen 1st Class Andrew Knoll and Joshua Udem.

## 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.

**Ground radar** — Airmen 1st Class Ryan Frankland, Ross Malcolm, Casey Raynes, Khalid Rodriguez, Michael White and Mark Woodfin; Senior Master Sgt. Daniel Finchum.

**Ground radio** — Airmen Basic Steven Edmun and Joshua Ervin; Airmen Charles Canfield and Christina Johnson; Airman 1st Class McKenzie Lauber; Senior Airman Gary Ervin; Staff Sgt. John Jackson; Tech. Sgt. Daniel Howard; Master Sgt. David Miller.

**Network infrastructure systems** — Airmen Basic Joshua Atencio, Justin Bowen, Martin Ortiz and Cameron Rockey; Airmen Jared Sieldschlag and Philip Wolfe; Airmen 1st Class Joshua Loatman, Joseph Trapani and Marc Vallee; Tech. Sgts. Terence Darte; David Ferreira, Stephen Mathews, Rickey Slone and Rodney Wright.

## CLASSES

### Airman Leadership School

**Class 09-1** — graduation Dec. 16.

### Mathies NCO Academy

**Class 09-1** — graduation Dec. 18

### Arts and crafts center

#### Specials

**Youth gift workshop** — 1-4 p.m. Saturday. Make gifts and goodies for giving. \$24 for four projects.

**Holiday crafting** — 5-7:30 p.m. today, candle making; Dec. 11 and 18, holiday crafting. Call for prices.

**Holiday bread making** — 10 a.m. to noon Dec. 13; \$15. Bring a mixing bowl.

**Project Elf Vandy** — commanders and first sergeants sign up people working after 6 p.m. Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to receive goody bags. To register, call 377-2821 or e-mail 81SVS.SVYR@keesler.af.mil Friday through Dec. 19. Bags may be picked up 2-4 p.m. Dec. 24.

#### Multicraft shop

**Candle dove ceramic project** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday or 6-7 p.m. Dec. 11. Make dove with gold trim; call for price.

#### Wood hobby shop

**Beginning intarsia** — 10 a.m. Dec. 12. \$15 including materials. Intarsia is the art of piecing wood in a decorative pattern.

**Advanced intarsia** — 10 a.m. Dec. 13. \$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.

**Holiday order deadlines** — picture framing, order by Dec. 11 afor stocked molding. Engraving, order by Dec. 11 for items in stock, pick up by Dec. 19. Ceramic firing, last day to leave items is Dec. 13; pick up by Dec. 19.

#### Auto hobby shop

**Open shop use.**

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

**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.

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## 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 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays; \$10 per month per vehicle per stall for regular vehicles, \$20 per month for RVs and boats. Registration, license and proof of insurance required. To place a car on the lot, call 377-2821. No registration Dec. 20-Jan. 5.

## 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.

## Health and wellness center

**Tobacco cessation program** — the next four-week session of the American Cancer Society's Fresh Start program begins Jan. 7, with one-hour sessions at noon or 5 p.m. Prescription medications are available. To sign up or for more information, call 376-3170.

## Keesler Medical Center

### Family advocacy

**Dads 101: A Class for Dads, By Dads** — 7:30-11:30 a.m. Friday, family advocacy classroom in Suite 3D, Keesler Medical Center. This fun, relaxed class is designed to give new and expectant dads an opportunity to practice diapering, feeding and bathing skills, as well as discuss concerns, issues, fears or expectations about fatherhood. Attendees wear civilian clothes. To register, call 376-3457 or 3459.

### 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. Romeatrus 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

**How to select a personal computer orientation** — 6:30 p.m. Dec. 17.

**National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day** — Sunday. Book display.

**Christmas book display** — 6:30 p.m. Dec. 17.

**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.**

**Free New Year's Eve party** — 8 p.m. to midnight for non-prior service students only; entertainment, party favors.

**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.

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

## Katrina Kantina

**Christmas dinner** — 6-8 p.m. Wednesday. Dinner, drink specials, karaoke with DJH Wayne, door prizes. Free for club members, \$3 nonmembers, contractors welcome.

**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. Dec. 11.

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

## Youth center

**Editor's note: All children registered in a youth center program receive free membership.**

**Free basketball camp** — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 13. Maximum 30 players; 15 ages 5-8, 15 ages 9-14. Basketball drills include dribbling, passing, footwork, attitude, hustle, defend and rebound.

**Christmas camp** — Dec. 22-23, ages 6-12. Daily fees range from \$17-\$29 depending on total family income. An application must be completed for each child attending. For more information, call 377-4116.

**Holiday celebration** — 5-9 p.m. Dec. 20, ages 6 and older. \$5 per child.

**Open recreation** — 5-8 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. Exciting Boys and Girls Club programs.

**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, karate and guitar. For more information, call 377-4116.

**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.

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# DINING HALL MENUS

## Today

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

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

## Friday

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

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

## Saturday

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

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

## Sunday

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

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

## Monday

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

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

## Tuesday

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

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

## Wednesday

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

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

## TICKETS AND TRIPS

**Editor's note: Now located in arts and crafts center.**

**Trips to Saints games at New Orleans Superdome** — Sunday, Atlanta Falcons, game time noon; Dec. 28, Carolina Panthers, game time noon. \$60 per person including admission; limit two tickets per trip. 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. Monday through Dec. 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.

**Air Force Reserve opportunities** — for members separating within 180 days, call Master Sgt. Charlene Morse, 377-7116; e-mail [charlene.morse@keesler.af.mil](mailto: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](mailto:charlene.morse@keesler.af.mil) or visit Room 130, Sablich Center.

### 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](mailto:ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil).

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

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

### Web sites

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

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

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

**Civilian job certification and licensing requirements for mil-**

**itary personnel and veterans** — <http://www.dol.gov/dol/vets>.

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

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

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

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

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

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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., Body of Lies (R, 128 minutes).

**Saturday** — 2 p.m., Max Payne (PG-13, 99 minutes); 6:30 p.m., Pride and Glory (R, 129 minutes).

**Sunday** — 1 p.m., High School Musical 3 (G, 110 minutes).

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