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Keesler bids farewell to commander

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Team Keesler said goodbye to Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander, with a parade and a decoration ceremony in which he was awarded the Legion of Merit medal.

General Touhill, who led the base for 18 months, is headed to Kuwait for a new assignment as chief of the Office of Military Cooperation at the American Embassy.

Col. Christopher Valle serves as wing commander until Col. Ian Dickinson arrives later next month. Colonel Dickinson is the Joint Staff deputy chief information officer at the Pentagon.

"When I think of Greg Touhill, I think of those three words — renew, rebuild, reload," said Maj. Gen. Alfred Flowers, 2nd Air Force commander.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

General Flowers presents the Legion of Merit to General Touhill.

Noting that General Touhill had arrived at Keesler on the heels of Hurricane Katrina, the most devastating natural disaster in U.S. history, the 2nd Air Force commander remarked that Keesler's leader had forged ahead with

rebuilding the base, renewing the enthusiasm and commitment of the base and surrounding community and reloading the Air Force with well-trained Airmen.

"You've made a difference at Keesler every day," General Flowers told General Touhill. "You're leaving this base in better shape than you found it — well done, my friend.

"You'll do your job as the senior military officer in Kuwait and assist the ambassador with the same zeal, pride and a lot of class," he added.

After receiving the Legion of Merit, a military decoration for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services and achievements, General Touhill thanked Team Keesler, including base and community leaders.

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Thunder on the Bay 'amazing success'

By Airman 1st Class
David Salanitri

Keesler News editor

Thunder on the Bay is over and base leadership declares the two-day air show a success.

The air show, which has been in the planning phase for about a year, went into execution mode during the past month as project officers and core committee members executed their plan.

"The air show is an amazing success," said Col. Chris Valle, 81st Training Wing commander. With over 142,000 Gulf

Coast visitors in attendance, Colonel Valle points out the amazement of the event.

"The most important thing to watch was the culmination of effort and energy of everyone to make this happen," said Colonel Valle. "It was nothing short of spectacular!"

This year's air show was the first Keesler has hosted in five years and the first time in 15 years that the Air Force Thunderbirds performed here.

"It's been fun to watch our Gulf Coast family come to Keesler Air Force Base and share in our exciting Air Force mission," Colonel Valle concluded.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Army Golden Knights parachutist Sgt. 1st Class Pete White prepares to jump Sunday. More photos, Page 16-17.

Wingman ... leader ... warrior

By Col. Christopher Valle

81st Training Wing commander

This week we said farewell to our leader, Brig. Gen. Gregory Touhill, as he completed an outstanding 18 months as commander of the 81st Training Wing.

General Touhill departs this weekend for CAPSTONE, an intensive six-week general officer course consisting of classroom seminars and visits to key United States military commands within the continental U.S. and overseas.

Upon his return from CAPSTONE in late May, he, Charlene and Kate will depart for Kuwait City, where General Touhill will become the Chief of Military Cooperation for U.S. Central Command. His leadership will be missed, but his legacy of excellence will continue unabated through you and me.

While I'm sure if you ask him, General Touhill will tell you how quickly his command tour passed, when you stop and consider all that occurred under his command, you cannot help but be amazed.

General Touhill took the reins of the 81st Training Wing in October 2007, in the midst of recovery from this nation's single largest natural disaster. He came to Keesler with a vision to "Rebuild the base, Renew ties with the Community and continue to Reload the Air Force" with highly-trained and motivated Airman. No doubt he succeeded, but this mission continues for us to carry forward.

General Touhill shepherded a \$985 million rebuilding effort that includes the largest military family housing project in Air Force history. Under his leadership, more than 521 projects were started, and 97 percent of them have already been completed. Very soon, the 403rd Wing will take delivery of the consolidated aircraft maintenance facility on the flightline, and the commissary and base exchange complex is looking great, targeting an opening event early next year. Our new events center is taking shape, with the road finished and improved access to Bay Ridge housing. Next golf season we will enjoy this wonderful quality of life improvement.

But as these physical manifestations of 'rebuild' come out of the ground, we must focus on rebuilding the processes and policies that have helped Air Force organizations execute with consistency and excellence.

Keesler continues to lead the way in renewing our ties with the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community and renewing valuable resources along the way. During General Touhill's command, over 7,100 wing personnel volunteered more than 114,000 hours in support of Mississippi Gulf Coast projects and events, helping build houses and playgrounds, painting and cleaning or just helping neighbors who can't help themselves. Through his "Go Green" initiatives, General Touhill created bike

patrols for our security forces, saving almost 15,000 gallons of fuel per year. Keesler recycled more than 2,200 tons of material, including the old concrete from our demolished houses.

And finally, true to our mission, the 81st Training Wing continues to reload the Air Force with the best trained, most highly motivated professional Airman. More than 32,500 Airman have graduated from Keesler programs in the past year, including 274 international students from 41 foreign countries. Keesler even graduated our first-ever all foreign officer class in airfield operations — what a great victory for our training team! Keesler has set the stage for success in cyber training, transitioning courses ahead of the growing demand for this critical enabler.

True to his word and true to his Airman's Creed, General Touhill leaves Keesler 'better than he found it' and on a continued pathway of excellence. We wish him, Charlene and Kate well as they transition to Kuwait — I know Andrew will always remain connected, whether virtually or in person.

I know that the Touhill family has enjoyed calling the Mississippi Gulf Coast home three times already — hopefully they will grace us with their presence again soon. Until then, as they say in the Navy, fair winds and following seas, God Bless the Touhill family, and thank you for your leadership.

Eliminate gossip to boost workplace morale

By Col. Cassandra Salvatore

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron commander

Dictionary.com defines gossip as "to talk idly, especially about the affairs of others; go about tattling." Morale is defined as "the state of the spirits of a person or group as exhibited by confidence, cheerfulness, discipline and willingness to perform assigned tasks."

It amazes me how gossip can damage a unit's morale. Rumors, innuendos and half-truths can spread through an organization like wildfire and take on a life of their own. Invariably, this gossip becomes "fact" and leaves behind hurt feelings, ruined relationships and can even destroy individual lives.

How many of us have heard something about a friend or co-worker and later learn the thing we heard was not true, yet we believed it and even told others about it?

How can we stop gossip? One way is to try a filter test of what we hear. I found the following story on the Internet explaining this filter concept in a story about the philosopher Socrates:

In ancient Greece, Socrates was widely lauded for his wisdom. One day Socrates came upon an acquaintance who ran up to him excitedly and said, "Socrates, do you know what I just heard about one of your students?"

"Wait a moment," Socrates replied. "Before you tell me, I'd like you to pass a little test. It's called the Triple Filter Test."

"Triple Filter?" the acquaintance asked.

"That's right," Socrates continued. "Before you talk to me about my student, let's take a moment to filter what you're going to say."

"The first filter is truth," he continued. "Have you made absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is true?"

"No," the man said, "actually I just heard about it and..."

"All right," said Socrates. "So you don't really know if it's true or not. Now let's try the second filter, the filter of goodness. Is what you are about to tell me about my student something good?"

"No, on the contrary ...," he said.

"So," Socrates continued, "you want to tell me something bad about him, even though you're not certain it's true?" The man shrugged, a little embarrassed.

Socrates continued, "You may still pass the test though, because there is a third filter — the filter of usefulness. Is what you want to tell me about my student going to be useful to me?"

"No, not really," the man admitted.

"Well," concluded Socrates, "if what you want to tell me is neither true nor good nor even useful, why tell it to me at all?"

The man was defeated and ashamed. This is the reason Socrates was a great philosopher and held in such high esteem.

The Air Force is a mixture of officers, enlisted members and civilians working together to protect this nation. In order to be successful, we need to have trust and confidence in our co-workers, subordinates and leaders. I urge you to use the "Triple Filter" test at work when you hear gossip. I guarantee that you will see a direct correlation between a decrease in gossip and an increase in morale.

ACTION LINE 377-4357

By Col. Christopher Valle

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, 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).

Keesler making strides in the 'green' arena

By Marcella Whitfield

Base resource efficiency manager

The other day I asked a car dealer if he had any green cars on his lot. He asked me what shade of green I wanted. I thought that was pretty funny, considering the fact that I was looking for a hybrid automobile.

That statement does make one thing very clear. In some regards, South Mississippi is just now jumping on board with the rest of the country's green streak. And while it seems like many other places in the world are leaps and bounds above the Mississippi Gulf Coast in the "green" arena, we're catching up quickly.

As a leader in the community, Keesler initiated the largest Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certified residential project in the United States, with 736 homes going for LEED certification. Before the project began, there were only 80 LEED homes in the entire country!

Not only is a LEED home safer and more durable, but it also has lower energy and water bills, reduced greenhouse

emissions and fewer problems with mold and indoor toxins.

On another front, recycling has come back to the coast, and many of our businesses participate by doing their share of diverting massive streams of recyclables from the landfills in our state. Driven by economic times, these same businesses are relying on being green to help them cut some costs. Business owners are using energy and water-saving operating measures to trim the fat from their bills. For many businesses, being green is also helping them stay in business.

On the home front, we are seeing more commercials that tout "green messages." One local news station even has a weekly "green segment." In some homes, our children are teaching us how to be green. They're encouraging us to unplug unused appliances and asking us to buy the reusable grocery bag at the checkout aisle. Some children understand that what they do right now to help the environment will help affect the world they live in tomorrow, and that's a special message for all of us.

If you're curious about how you can be

green, come to Keesler's Great Green Expo, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 22. The entire base is encouraged to bring their lunch out to marina park and take a look at the 29 exhibitors and enjoy music from our live DJ.

The expo will offer lots of great information on the local environment and wildlife, saving energy and water, living more sustainably and other important "green" topics.

Trees will be given out to the first 200 visitors. The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks is bringing in a few wild friends to share. Mississippi Power will be giving out energy-saving light bulbs. There will be "green cars" and solar panel demonstrations — you can even sign up for a tour of a LEED home.

Kermit the Frog has said on numerous occasions, "It's not easy being green." This may have been true for Kermit, but lately it's getting a whole lot easier to be green. The new question is now not "Are you going green?" but "What shade of green are you?" Come out to the expo and try to find what shade of green you are.

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Seabee Base Airmen awarded Bronze Stars

By Senior Master Sgt.
Curtis Jennings

366th Training Squadron
Detachment 6

Two Airmen assigned to Naval Construction Training Center-Gulfport were awarded Bronze Stars March 30 for actions while deployed to Afghanistan.

Tech. Sgts. Timothy Bayes and Wendell Snider work as structures instructors at NCTC, teaching apprentice level vertical construction methods in the Air Force-unique portion of the Army, Navy and Air Force combined training institution.

The Air Force unique portion hones the member's skills in the sheet metal fabrication and welding portions of the required training. Sergeant Bayes also instructs the roof, installation, maintenance, inspection and repair advance level course.

Both instructors were deployed in 2008 for 365-day mission assignments to two different locations in Afghanistan supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

Sergeant Bayes was recognized for exceptionally meritorious service as Superintendent, S-5 Engineer for the Laghman Provincial Reconstruction Team.

Sergeant Bayes provided engineering expertise to more than 50 projects valued in excess of \$250 million that provided security, governance and employment opportunities to 473,000 Afghan people.

Sergeant Bayes mentored the Afghan locals in areas of design, construction phasing and contract review, and anti-corruption practices leading to the development of a critically needed quality control



Photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Corey Self

Sergeant Snider, left, and Sergeant Bayes were awarded Bronze Stars March 30 during a ceremony at the Naval Construction Training Center in Gulfport. The medals were presented by Col. Tony Pounds, 782nd Training Group commander, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, the home base of the 366th TRS.

program. His efforts heightened relationships between provincial government engineers and construction contractors, and verified masonry contractors capabilities for 100 percent construction improvements.

He also participated in more than 140 ground assault convoy missions through the most intense improvised explosive device areas covering 3,800 square kilometers of battle space in Afghanistan.

Sergeant Snider served as noncommissioned officer in charge of PRT Gardez; Combined Task Force 82, International Security Assistance Force.

Sergeant Snider led the \$120,000 security system enhancement project for the governor's compound, improving safety and security for the Paktya governor and numerous

district leaders that worked inside the compound.

Sergeant Snider supervised and ensured quality construction of a 19,000-square-foot \$1.3 million Center of Education Excellence in Gardez; the first of its kind in the city. The center is intended to positively influence more than 200 children each year in an effort to mitigate Taliban and Al-Qaida dominance in the city of Paktya. Currently, hundreds of children migrate to Pakistan to fulfill their educational needs.

He also conducted 130 civil engineer quality assurance and site survey missions spanning 55 convoys that ensured precise scopes, accurate estimates and \$13.3 million dollars worth of quality construction in central and western Paktya.

Air Force's former top enlisted leader visits Keesler

By Staff Sgt. Tanya Holditch

403rd Wing Public Affairs

Synergy was the word the fifth Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Bob Gaylor used to describe Keesler after arriving Thursday to speak at the Mathies NCO Academy graduation.

"Wow! What a tremendous picture," said Chief Gaylor. "At Keesler, there's a synergistic effect of each particular unit doing its job to contribute to the total mission of Keesler — I think it's great how it all comes together," he said in describing the teamwork among the 81st Training Wing, 2nd Air Force and the 403rd Wing.

The synergy between active-duty Airmen and "citizen Airmen" at Keesler and across the Air Force is "seamless," the chief pointed out. "I can neither tell them apart, nor do I even ask if they are Guard, Reserve or active duty. All I want to know is, 'What is the mission, and what do you do?'"

Chief Gaylor said the teamwork between the Reserve and active-duty hasn't changed since he joined the Air Force in 1948.

"When the Korean War broke out in 1950, we were caught by surprise and our active force literally was not pre-

pared to fight the war by itself," he recalled. "The Reserve and the Guard literally fought the air war early on. Without the Guard and the Reserve, we would not be able to do the job we do."

Among the changes he said he's seen since he was chief master sergeant of the Air Force include training, technology and the addition of family programs.

"What impresses me is highly trained Airmen working on a sophisticated piece of equipment or system and knowing how to do it," he said. "Training and technology come together because technology is no good if you don't have someone who knows how to operate (the equipment or system).

"The Airmen of today are better trained," said Chief Gaylor, who never went to an Airman Leadership School because they didn't exist. "I didn't go to an NCO Academy until I was a senior master sergeant. The training today comes at the right time to prepare Airmen before they make mistakes.

"We've also recognized the importance of family — we didn't always do that," he said, praising the number of programs and services designed to support the family. "When I went to

Korea in 1956, there was no program available to my wife and family — they were simply on their own."

In addition to an enlisted call, the chief visited the 81st Security Forces Squadron, the 81st Training Group, the 81st Medical Group and base operations. He lunched with Keesler base council members and ended the day with the Air Force Thunderbirds, who were in town for the Thunder on the Bay Air Show.

He advised Airmen he encountered throughout his stay to develop a passion for the Air Force if they don't already have it.

"The Air Force is not a job — it's a way of life," he said as he talked about the opportunities available to Airmen that aren't available in other jobs. "I just felt that I was a part of something special, and I was very proud that the Air Force allowed me to serve."

Chief Gaylor said he realizes not everyone is going to stay in 31 years like he did, but his goal is for each Airmen to feel that the time they did spend was time well spent.

"I am just very proud that the Air Force and I are linked together," he said. "I gave the Air Force the best years of my life."

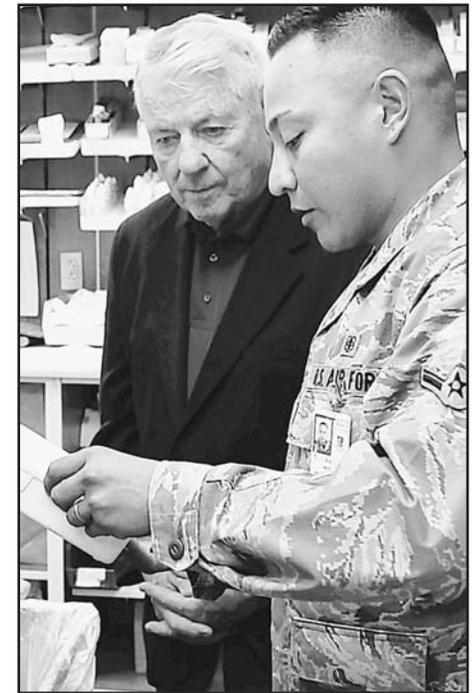


Photo by Steve Pivnick
Chief Gaylor learns from Airman Hugo Agurcia-Reyes how the pharmacy uses the PharmAssist robot to fill hundreds of prescriptions each day. Airman Agurcia-Reyes is a pharmacy apprentice with the 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron.

Job well done



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Airman Basic James Gerdt, left, 334th Training Squadron, along with Airman Kwasi Appiah, 335th TRS, and Airman Basic Andrea Iverson, 336th TRS, were coined by Maj. Gen. Alfred Flowers, 2nd Air Force commander, right, March 30. General Flowers commended the students for the professionalism during the chiefs' induction ceremony March 27.

Air show fever overtakes Red Wolves classroom

By Tech. Sgt. John Obermark

336th Training Squadron

It was a random Wednesday afternoon and my programming class had just finished its progress check. Well, maybe not so random. It was, after all, air show week!

My students were exhausted and dragging, trying to get through those last boring minutes of class. All through their progress check, we heard the whooshing of a jet engine and I saw the sneers on their faces — we're stuck inside a classroom, and outside there's this magnificent piece of machinery just zipping around!

So I caved. I told them, "Grab your hats and your bags and let's go outside!" This isn't a rare occasion for me. I've been known to take random field trips when the week seems to just drag on.

Outside, we couldn't see anything other than the usual C-130s. There's nothing wrong with that — we love our Hurricane Hunters — but we knew the cream of the Air Force crop was out there on the flightline somewhere — all we had to do was find them!

We trekked around and eventually wound up by the fire station. We maneuvered



From left, Airman Basic Jeremy Vaughn, Airman 1st Class Ryan Woods, Airmen Basic Brian Gardner, Christopher McMahon and Joshua Perlow and Airman Sean Michaels got an up-close-and-personal view of Thunderbird No. 8.

through and eventually wound up by the flightline fence. We were standing there drooling, like kids peeking into a candy store, at Thunderbird No. 8; when a

Master Sergeant on a forklift came zooming by! He said, "Take them out on the flightline for a closer look."

Keep in mind, we're programmers and have no idea

how to act on the flight line. We're out there with our hats on and goofy grins on our faces, clearly out of place. We were about 30 feet from this beautiful F-16 when another

master sergeant asked if we wanted to help unload the "pods" from the jet.

My Airmen's face lit up and I could tell that I was now officially the coolest instructor ever.

So they unloaded the pods, which are a pretty nifty inventions of themselves. They're hollowed-out bombs used to transport the pilot and crew chief's supplies — like luggage racks for an F-16.

I reunited with an old colleague from Gunter Annex, Ala. Tech. Sgt. Timothy Brown turned out to be the crew chief.

In less than an hour, our detail was over, but the memories that all of those involved left upon my Airmen won't be soon forgotten.

My students and I are grateful to everyone involved in making this experience a memorable one. My students made me proud with their attention to detail in regards to customs and courtesies towards the crew chief and pilot. They're a great class who will mature into a great set of Airmen!

Photo by Tech. Sgt. John Obermark

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

KSC scholarships

Friday is the deadline to apply for six scholarships being offered by the Keesler Spouses Club.

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

Applicants must enter an accredited two-year or four-year college this fall.

Applications are available at high school counselor offices, Keesler Thrift Shop and online at <http://www.keeslerspousesclub.com>.

Drill downs, parades

The 81st Training Group conducts drill downs and parades on the parade field behind the Levitow Training Support Facility.

Drill downs — 8 a.m. April 17; 7 a.m. June 12 and Aug. 7; 8 a.m. Oct. 2.

Parades — 6 p.m. June 25 and Sept. 17.

For drill down information, call Tech. Sgt. Malcolm Summers, 377-2103. For parade information, call Staff Sgt. Donald McNair, 377-9527.

Quarterly awards

The 81st Training Group's quarterly awards ceremony is 3:30 p.m. April 20 at Welch Auditorium.

Awards are presented to outstanding military, civilian and training instructor categories.

For more information, call Master Sgts. Peter Anthony, Christopher Mossor, 377-5528.

Special testing dates

Application deadlines and dates for special testing are:

SAT — April 24 for May 25.

ACT — May 22 for June 22.

PRAXIS I and II — June 14 for July 13.

Test time is 7 a.m. for all.

For more information, call 376-8708.

Student health center

The student health center

Academic ace

Airman 1st Class Tara Reyna graduated March 30 from the personnel apprentice course in the 335th Training Squadron with a perfect score. Airman Reyna, who hails from Radcliff, Ky., is headed to an assignment with the 366th Force Support Squadron, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho.



in the Levitow Training Support Facility is open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and

7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday.

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

Chill out

Robbie Neault from Talley Construction dismantles a chiller in the old chiller plant west of Keesler Medical Center March 30. Demolition of the facility began in mid-March and was expected to be completed this week. Demolition of the adjacent steam plant, which is expected to take four to six weeks, should start in early May. A new parking lot will be created in the cleared demolition site.

Photo by Steve Pivnick



IN THE NEWS

Air Force Assistance Fund report

As of Friday, Keesler has pledged \$40,486.25 in this year's Air Force Assistance Fund campaign.

That's 54.5 percent of the base's \$74,281 goal.

The AFAF drive ends April 24.

Meadows Gate construction

From Monday through May 13, only two lanes of Meadows Drive from will be open from 6th Street to the gate.

The two gate lanes on the south side, the exiting lanes, will be closed for upgrades to Keesler's denial barriers. For access, the two remaining lanes will be used as one entrance and one exit lane.

When the barriers on the south side are complete, the barriers on the north side entrance of the gate must be installed. Then, the two lanes on the south side will become one entrance and one exit lane.

Updated terminology

Air Force officials at the Pentagon are recommending that future documentation should avoid or minimize the use of "global war on terror" in favor of more current terminology such as "current operations in Iraq and Afghanistan" or "overseas contingency operations."

Top leaders discuss Air Force issues

Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON — Air Force senior leaders discussed key issues facing the service during Corona South March 27-28 at Bolling Air Force Base, D.C.

Corona meetings, hosted by the secretary of the Air Force and Air Force chief of staff, are held several times a year to bring together major command commanders, Air Staff civilian leaders, Air Force combatant commanders and the chief master sergeant of the Air Force. The purpose is to advance discussion or make decisions on challenges facing the Air Force.

Air Force Secretary Michael Donley and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz also use Corona as a forum to solicit feedback on major Air Force initiatives prior to implementation and keep senior leaders informed on Department of Defense and administration issues.

Secretary Donley opened the "Executing the Joint Fight" themed-conference with a general update on the current status and timeline for the president's budget and subsequent related congressional hearing schedule.

General Schwartz told participants he welcomed their "frank discussions" on the issues.

Attendees received an update on the process for the Defense Department's upcoming Quadrennial Defense Review, as well as briefings on counterinsurgency/irregular warfare, Air Force network command and control and a case study on readiness.

Air component sizing was also a discussion item, including how to best use the manpower authorizations committed to that mission set. Attendees were advised that this topic would be further examined in the coming months, with a proposal expected for delivery this summer.

Key Air Force priorities also were addressed,

including progress reports on nuclear enterprise and acquisition excellence initiatives.

A status update on the Air Force nuclear roadmap, now six months into implementation, was briefed. Both the secretary and the chief expressed support to engage unit commanders now that the major policy pieces have been addressed and as Global Strike Command-related activities move ahead.

The Corona agenda also included discussion of significant initiatives to address the Air Force's priority to recapture acquisition excellence, together with progress on the development of the service's acquisition improvement plan.

"The Air Force has taken a close look at itself and has been working the issue hard," said Secretary Donley. "We recognize how complex the acquisition enterprise is and we must continue to strengthen our workforce and internal procedures so we can deliver products and services that perform as promised, on time, within budget."

Developing Airmen was another priority area addressed through numerous personnel and manpower briefings. Personnel issues included an update on Air Force diversity efforts, advanced academic degree consideration and the command chief selection process.

On the enlisted side, senior raters will play a larger role in the command chief selection process, helping to widen the list of chief master sergeant candidates considered for these leadership positions.

Regarding Air Force organization, attendees were briefed on organizational thresholds and criteria for defining squadron, group and wing units. The group decided major commands must re-certify all non-standard organizations to ensure structures of each doesn't exceed the established manpower standard for unit size without a waiver.



Photo by Kemberly Groue
General Touhill's command was his third Keesler assignment. He pinned on his first star in September.

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“Even though I’m transitioning on to wherever the nation needs me, your mission of ‘renew, rebuild, reload’ will not subside,” he emphasized. “It’s more than brick and mortar — it’s the attitude of taking on any challenge and doing better than anybody else. Have a plan and execute it with precision.”

General Touhill challenged Team Keesler to renew the base and surrounding area because “it doesn’t matter where you came from — while you’re stationed at Keesler, in this community, it’s your home.

“For my fellow Dragons, our principal mission here is to reload the Air Force — we’re the world’s finest warriors, and every Airman here reloads the Air Force by remaining deployment-ready,” he continued.

He had glowing praise for Colonel Valle, “a fabulous vice commander and architect behind our air show. Keesler, you’re in very good hands.”

The departing commander encouraged Keesler to continue to embrace an attitude of championship.

“Soar over obstacles — you can surmount whatever life brings,” he concluded. “Our base, our community is back better than ever. Strive to be champions — do ordinary things in an extraordinary way.”

PERSONNEL NOTES

Involuntary NCO retraining

Phase II of the fiscal 2009 noncommissioned officer retraining program for retraining from Air Force Specialty Codes with overages to AFSCs with NCO shortage runs through May 31.

For more information and a list of the affected AFSCs, visit the military personnel section or call 376-8739.

2009 selection boards

May 18-22, Sept. 21-25 — special selection boards.

June 8 — lieutenant colonel and major BSC/NC.

July 13-24 — senior noncommissioned officer supplemental.

Aug. 17-28 — command screening.

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

Oct. 13-26 — chief master sergeant evaluation.

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

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

Military personnel contacts

Military personnel section phone numbers:

Customer support — 376-8738.

Career development — 376-8739.

Force management — 376-8740.

Student personnel center — 377-4111.

Testing — 376-4111.

Medical appointments

People needing appointments at Keesler Medical Center can book them online instead of calling the central appointment desk.

Log on to <http://www.tricareonline.com> and click on “My Health” to complete registration. Common access card holders may use their cards and personal identification numbers, while others must set up a username and password.

The site allows users to book urgent and non-urgent appointments based on their needs.

Appointments are automatically booked with the individual’s primary care manager. If the PCM is unavailable, the user is given the option to make the appointment with another provider in the same clinic.

All active-duty members should register themselves at the online site when they arrive at Keesler.

Identity theft is
a personal nightmare
and security risk.

Shred bills, statements,
letters, old journals,
records, outdated
application forms and
any documents that
contain your full name,
Social Security number,
duty title
and job information,
credit card,
bank account numbers
and names of
family members.

If you see documents
being removed
from trash cans,
call the
81st Security Forces
Squadron
law enforcement desk,
377-3040.

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

Barksdale named preferred site for new command headquarters

Air Force News Service

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Quicker process in place for filling acquisition positions

By 2nd Lt. Gina Vaccaro

AFPC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — In an effort to speed up hiring in the critically manned acquisition career fields, Air Force Personnel Center officials announced a streamlined process to fill key civilian jobs in half the time.

The growing shortage in acquisition positions resulted in Department of Defense officials authorizing components to forego the typical hiring process in order to fill the vacancies more quickly.

There are about 16,000 shortage acquisition positions in the Air Force in various career fields including auditing, business, financial management, contracting, information technology, logistics, engineering, and science and technology management. The accelerated hiring policy pertains to mid- and senior-level positions and will be in effect through September 2012.

“Across DOD, the acquisition workforce was short and needed to be rebuilt,” said Michelle Siples, an AFPC human resource specialist. “The Air Force has seen a loss of experienced civilian employees due to retirements and other reasons and has been faced with critical skills gaps in filling mid-level and higher positions in the acquisition fields.”

The updated policy makes the civilian application process easier and more efficient for specified unmanned jobs. Interested parties will be able to submit their applications directly to the organization they would like to work for. In turn, the organizations will be able to appoint qualified personnel directly to an open position without going through the typical application process.

“This accelerated hiring process will save a considerable amount of time for employers and applicants,” Ms. Siples said. “The policy will assist the Air Force in filling these critical positions and make it easier for a qualified individual to be hired on the

spot, cutting down the recruitment process significantly.”

“Speeding up the hiring process does not negate the qualifications an individual has to meet to be hired,” she added. “It is a priority for the Air Force to fill these vital positions quickly to fill the needed space and reduce the workload for the current employees. All job-specific requirements, certifications, and qualifications still apply.”

While applicants will submit

their resumes and supporting documents to the specific installations, all vacancy announcements will be posted on the Office of Personnel Management’s USAJOBS Web site.

Individuals may contact the civilian personnel flight at the nearest installation for more information. Applicants also may visit the civilian employment Web page on AFPC’s “Ask” Web site to view the public notice. The site has information about how to apply, a list of

vacancies and locations, a link to the qualification standards, and a link to the USAJOBS vacancy announcement.

Court martial conviction; 19 receive Articles 15

Legal office

Courts martial

Three Airmen were tried by court-martial during January and February.

81st Security Forces Squadron — A special court-martial found a staff sergeant guilty of conspiracy and violation of a lawful general order by compromising the integrity of the Weighted Airman Promotion System testing program. The court sentenced the member to a reduction to airman basic, a fine of \$777 and a bad conduct discharge.

336th Training Squadron — Another special court-martial found that an airman first class was not guilty of consuming alcohol under the age of 21 and engaging in sexual contact with another Airman.

338th TRS — A general court-martial found an airman first class not guilty of forcible sexual acts with another Airman.

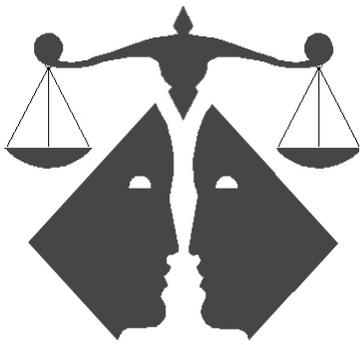
Articles 15

Nineteen Airmen assigned to Keesler units received Article 15 punishments in January and February for alcohol-related offenses.

81st Communications Squadron — A senior airman received a reduction to airman first class and a forfeiture of \$800 pay for two months, one month of which was suspended, for driving under the influence. An intoxilizer test showed 0.10 percent blood alcohol level, which exceeded the legal limit of 0.08 percent.

81st Diagnostic and Therapeutic Squadron — An airman first class received 14 extra duty days, reduction to airman and forfeiture of \$250 pay for two months (suspended for six months) for drinking with a group of friends while under the legal age of 21.

81st Training Wing legal office — An airman first class was punished by reduction to airman and forfeiture of \$784 pay for one month for provid-



ing alcohol to minors. The pay forfeiture was suspended for six months pending good behavior.

332nd TRS — Seven Airmen were punished for alcohol-related offenses.

An airman first class was reduced to airman for driving under the influence of alcohol after registering 0.11 percent on the intoxilizer.

Another airman first class, after being convicted of assault and battery while intoxicated, received 10 extra duty days, 10 days restriction and forfeiture of \$824 pay for two months. The days of extra duty and restriction were suspended for six months.

An airman basic received 10 extra duty days and forfeiture of \$622 pay for two months for underage drinking at an off-base bar.

Another airman basic received 10 extra duty days and forfeiture of \$622 pay for two months for underage drinking at a local bar.

A third airman basic received 10 extra duty days, 10 days restriction and a pay forfeiture of \$673 for two months for underage drinking at a bar on base.

After being stopped at the Pass Road Gate for an identification check, an airman basic was punished for underage drinking and received 10 extra duty days, 10 days restriction and forfeiture of \$699 for two months. The days of extra duty and restriction were suspended for six months.

An airman basic received 20 extra duty days, 20 days restriction and forfeiture of \$622 for

two months for buying a beer for an underage Airman.

334th TRS — Two Airmen were punished for alcohol-related offenses. An airman first class received a forfeiture of \$793 for one month for underage drinking.

Another airman first class received a reduction to airman and forfeiture of \$754 for one month for driving under the influence on base.

335th TRS — An airman basic received 30 days correctional custody and forfeiture of \$673 for two months for underage drinking after being observed walking around the base while intoxicated. The subject failed a field sobriety test and the results of a blood test showed 0.13 percent blood alcohol level.

336th TRS — A nonprior service airman received a reduction to airman basic and forfeiture of \$673 for two months, one month suspended for six months, for providing alcohol to minors in off-base hotels. Nonprior service airmen aren't allowed to visit off-base lodging, housing or apartments without written approval.

336th TRS Detachment 6 — An airman first class received reduction to airman and a reprimand for underage drinking at a beach party.

338th TRS — An airman first class received a reduction to airman and forfeiture of \$338 for one month for underage drinking and presenting a false and unauthorized pass/permit/identification card.

Another airman first class received forfeiture of \$824 for two months, one month suspended for six months, for underage drinking.

An airman basic received a forfeiture of \$622 for one month for underage drinking.

Another airman basic received a forfeiture of \$622 pay for one month for underage drinking and being disrespectful to a noncommissioned officer while his rights were being read to him.

Pinwheels for Prevention target child abuse

By Paula Tracy

81st Medical Operations Squadron

Child abuse, in any form, has been determined to be a consistent factor in predicting a child's future potential for poor academic performance, the abuse of alcohol or drugs, engaging in high-risk behavior or illegal activity, and repeating the same cycle of abuse with their own children.

Concerned adults want to leave today's kids a legacy of nurturing homes and schools, safe neighborhoods and myriad opportunities for success. To do this, everyone must play a part in community awareness and prevention.

Keesler's family advocacy staff has used "Pinwheels for Prevention" since 2007 to remind the base that child abuse and neglect is everyone's business and problem.

This year, pinwheels are set up again in front of Keesler Medical Center during April as part of Prevent Child Abuse America's national cam-



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Volunteers place 961 pinwheels on the lawn in front of Keesler Medical Center April 1. Each pinwheel represents a case of child abuse, neglect and exploitation confirmed in 2007 by the Mississippi Department of Human Services in the state's three coastal counties. There were 1,833 reported cases in 2007; about one half of the reported cases were ultimately substantiated. The display remains in place the first two weeks of April.

paign which aims to change the public's beliefs and behaviors regarding the prevention of child abuse and neglect. It extends to motivating Americans to take an active role in prevention and in their community.

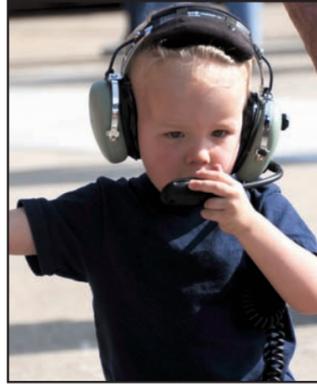


Photo by Kemberly Groue
Landon Burke, 2, son of Capt. Brian and Ashley Burke tries on his dad's headgear at the air show Sunday. Captain Burke flies C-17s with the Mississippi Air National Guard's 172nd Airlift Wing in Jackson.



Photo by Adam Bond
Maj. Rick Goodman of the Thunderbirds autographs posters by Keesler artist Suzan Templin after Saturday's performance.



Photo by Adam Bond
The Air Force Thunderbirds dazzled visitors to Thunder on the Bay, Keesler's first air show in five years. The crowd estimate for the two-day show is more than 142,000.



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Parachutists from the Army Golden Knights tumble through the air during Saturday's performance.

Thunder on the Bay tailwind



Photo by Kemberly Groue
From left, Tech. Sgts. Amanda Fisk, 81st Medical Operations Squadron; Phillip DiRoma, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron; Melinda Fletcher, 336th Training Squadron; Michael Hubert, 334th TRS, and Staff Sgts. Jo Anne Johnson, 81st Dental Squadron; Commie Hobbs, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, and Michael Galloway, 336th TRS, reenlisted Friday on the flightline. The oath of enlistment was administered by Lt. Col. Greg Thomas, commander of the Thunderbirds.



Photo by Adam Bond
Seven-year-old Alexis Beale of Gulfport checks out the firing weapon onboard a HH-60G combat search and rescue helicopter on display at Thunder on the Bay.



Photo by Kemberly Groue
"Now I'm 6 years old!" said Timia Gilbert to Capt. Jason McCree, public affairs officer for the Thunderbirds. Timia was celebrating her birthday during a visit by Make a Wish Foundation guests during air show practice sessions Friday. Timia's parents are Tonja and Petty Officer Timothy Gilbert from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74, Gulfport.



Photo by Kemberly Groue
The Jinright family from Enterprise, Ala., views a vintage P-51, one of the static displays at Thunder on the Bay.



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Spectators take refuge from the blazing sun under the wing of a C-17 during Saturday's show.



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Nurses Susan Givens, left and Capt. Mickaelle Germain, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron, examine 3-day-old Riley Fredenburg in the medical center's NICU. Riley's parents are Suzanne and Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Drew Fredenburg, Naval Marine Construction Battalion 7, Gulfport.

Neonatal ICU is now special care nursery

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler Medical Center neonatal intensive care unit was downgraded to a special care nursery April 1.

According to Lt. Col. Jeannine Ryder, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron deputy commander, loss of the NICU is the result of a decrease in admissions and patient population and the expected loss of staff neonatologists.

The special care nursery will be as a two-bed unit for infants who are delivered at 35 weeks or more, newborns with respiratory difficulty needing short-term antibiotic therapy and/or additional minor delivery complications.

"The special care nursery is manned to assist the family birthing center nursing staff and allow general pediatricians to upgrade their skills in transitioning newborns with complications at delivery," Colonel Ryder explained.

The two Keesler neonatologists are expected to be reassigned to other Air Force medical facilities by midsummer. At that time, the special care nursery closes and Keesler Medical Center will no longer provide long-term neonatal

intensive care.

"When the special care nursery closes, all women will have to be over 36 weeks and have an uncomplicated pregnancy to deliver at Keesler Medical Center," Colonel Ryder said. "If a woman comes to the medical center with active pre-term labor or pregnancy complications, she'll be transferred to a facility in either Mobile, Ala., or New Orleans. All transfers will be dependent on the condition of the mother and coordinated between the military and civilian providers."

Keesler will continue to provide lifesaving care to compromised newborns at birth, but won't be able to continue to care for them on a long-term basis.

"Our facility has working relationships with neonatal intensive care units in both Mobile and New Orleans," Colonel Ryder said. "A specialized team will come and transport these infants for further care at their facilities."

The new circumstances currently should affect one to three deliveries per month.

Patients with questions or concerns about their delivery or infant care should consult their provider.

School physicals set for May 1

81st Medical Group

School physical appointments are available noon- 6p.m. May 1 at Keesler Medical Center's pediatric clinic for children 12 years and older. The clinic has designated more than 100 appointments for the physicals.

Capt. Romeatrius Moss, officer-in-charge of the 81st Medical Operations Squadron's Pediatric Subspecialty Clinic, said the clinic has taken the step because physicals are required for many extracurricular activities, such as sports, dance and cheerleading and also may be required for participation in various summer camps or college entry in the fall.

Parents should fill out and bring any forms required by a particular institution. Captain Moss noted generic forms will be available in advance at the pediatric clinic front desk.

"The school physical appointment will not be scheduled with the child's primary care

manager," she said. "The focus of these appointments is to complete the requirements for the physical. An additional appointment will be scheduled with the child's PCM to address other issues identified during the school physical appointment."

School physicals include a review of the patient's immunization record; patients will be able to receive any required immunizations determined during the visit in the immunization clinic. Before the appointment, patients meet with a medical technician to complete a medical history, vision screening, height, weight and blood pressure checks, and receive important age-specific information. At the end of the visit, patients receive a copy of the physical form, which is valid for enrollment in school, sports programs and summer camps.

For appointments, call the central appointment line, 1-800-700-8603.

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.

About 10 percent of 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.

Slow down and keep your cool — road rage is a recipe for disaster.

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Separate dates for release of technical, master sergeant promotion lists

By Staff Sgt. Steve Grever

AFPC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The Air Force is initiating a new process to separate the release dates for master sergeant and technical sergeant promotion lists.

The new master sergeant promotion list will now be released on May 14 and the technical sergeant list will be released on June 18 after 12 years of being the only ranks to have their release dates combined.

The separation gives individual recognition to those selected for promotion from each respective rank, said Col. Benjamin Ward, the Air Force Personnel Center's operations division chief for the personnel services directorate.

"Separating the two lists gives Airmen on both promotion lists their day in the spotlight," Colonel Ward said.

In 1997, the master sergeant and technical sergeant promotion release dates were combined to streamline the release procedure. However, since the inception of the virtual enlisted promotion release application, great strides have been made to improve the promotion release process.

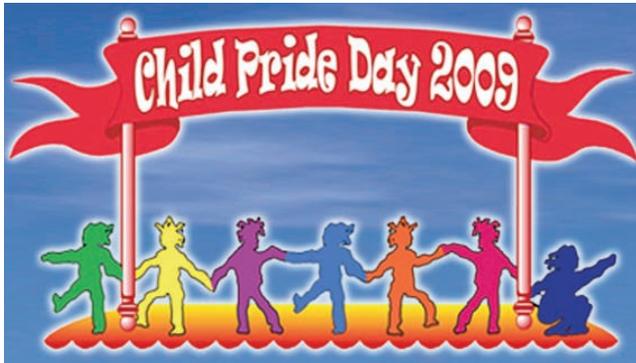
Even though promotion release dates are changing, dates of the promotion cycle will remain the same. Master sergeant and technical sergeant-eligible Airmen still test from Feb. 1 through March 31 and the promotion cycle will still begin July 1 each year.

"The promotion month will remain the same," said Senior Master Sgt. Rita Ambrose, the enlisted promotions management superintendent at AFPC. "Everyone will still test at the same time and the promotion cycle will remain the same; we are just changing the day we publicly release the results."

Hannah Shoemaker, 13, left, and Emily Salinas, 14, add artistic touches to a Child Pride Day banner. The annual event was held in conjunction with the Thunder on the Bay Air Show. Hannah's mom is Rachel Cochran of Biloxi. Emily's parents are Capt. Roy and Karina Browning, 81st Medical Operations Squadron.



Photos by Kemberly Groue
Children line up to play on the inflatable jumpers in the Child Pride Day Kid Zone.



Top, 5-year-old Lilli Block, daughter of Paul and Janet Block of Biloxi, enjoys the bungee bouncer at the Kid Zone.

Left, Jalen Grant helps 6-year-old Hailey Perrone of Long Beach complete a tissue paper flower in the arts and crafts area. Jalen, a 15-year-old youth center volunteer, is the son of Master Sgt. Anita Harris, 335th Training Squadron.

KEESLER NOTES

Office moves

Keesler Medical Center's uniform business office has moved to Room 1A248, next to the medical center's Don Wylie auditorium near the first floor A tower entrance.

For more information, call 376-4356 or 4350.

Easter in the Park

Easter in the Park is Saturday in marina park.

A 9 a.m. parade with the Easter Bunny is followed by a 10 a.m. egg hunt with four age groups — 4 years and younger, 5-8 and 9-12.

The event is sponsored by Keesler Federal Credit Union.

For more information, call 377-3160.

Commissary closed

The commissary is closed Sunday for Easter.

Holy Week services

The Keesler Chapel's Holy Week worship schedule.

Catholic — 5:30 p.m. today, Holy Thursday Mass; noon Friday, Good Friday service; 8 p.m. Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass; 9 a.m. Sunday, Easter Mass. All services are at Triangle Chapel.

Protestant — Sunday at 6:30 a.m.,

Sunrise Service, marina park (moves to Triangle Chapel in case of inclement weather); 8:30 p.m., traditional service, Larcher Chapel; 10:30 a.m., contemporary service, Triangle Chapel; noon, gospel service, Triangle Chapel; 2 p.m., Latter-Day Saints, Triangle Chapel.

Jewish — for Passover services, call Master Sgt. Michael Raff, 377-5235 or 273-2226.

Tax office assistance

The tax office can assist military members, retirees and other Defense Department identification card holders with current or prior year tax returns.

Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. work-days. For an appointment, call 376-8141.

Housing office closed

The housing office closes at noon April 16 for a squadron function.

Fashion show

The Keesler Spouses Club fashion show is 11 a.m. April 21 in the Dragon's Lair at Locker House.

Emcee is WLOX-TV news anchor Rebecca Powers.

Lunch is \$10.

For reservations, e-mail vickihamant@hotmail.com.

Don't drink and drive — call 377-SAVE.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Dental squadron still unbeaten in volleyball

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

At the midway point of the intramural volleyball season, the 81st Dental Squadron is the only undefeated team in the eight-member league.

The 81st DS beat the 334th Training Squadron, 1-0, March 30 to maintain a 4-0 record.

As of April 2, the 81st Training Support Squadron and the 338th Training Squadron are still in the hunt with single defeats. Both teams beat the 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron's B-team to tie for the second spot in the standings at 3-1.

The 81st LRS-A team is 2-1, followed by the 333rd TRS, 2-2; 334th TRS, 1-1; 81st LRS-B, 0-4, and 81st Force Support Squadron, 0-5.

Games are 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesday at Blake Fitness Center.

For scores, standings and schedules, see Page 24.

Oscar Barboza-Rios, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron B-team, returns a shot during an April 1 match with the 81st Training Support Squadron. The 81st TRS won the match, 2-1.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



Sports Day set for April 30

Units compete in nine events during Sports Day, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 30.

Competitions include a flight line run, three-on-three basketball, volleyball and softball tournaments, golf, weightlifting, bowling, last man standing and an obstacle course.

For more information, call Jeffery Green, 376-3178, or Maggie Landry, 376-3171.

SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

Monday Night Budweiser

(as of March 23)

Team	Won	Lost
New Meat	123	52
Perry's Refrigeration	122	53
Hit 9 Get 9	105	70
DOG Squad	101	74
Robbie's Rejects	98	77
Wrong Foot Forward	94	81
Man On!	94	81
All Screwed Up	89	86
Pot Luck	89	86
Slater's Shooters	87	88
Ricky's Rookies	86.5	88.5
403rd Strykers	84.5	90.5
Our Gang	84	91
Sandy's Gang	80	95
Martini's	79	96
Hoops Gang	77	98
Why Not	71	104
Team 12	66	109
Team 18	66	109
Unpredictables	54	121

Tuesday Night Mixed

(as of March 10)

Team	Won	Lost
Mark's Gals	98	54
Peddiattack	84	68
Gutter Dusters	82	70
Lab Rats	68	84
The Dealers	64	88
Vacant	60	92

Wednesday Night Mixed

(as of March 25)

Team	Won	Lost
Dee's Crew	113	69
Wild Gang	108	74
Any Takers	98	84
Neighbors Plus 1	96.5	85.5
Clyde's Crew	94	88
Ichi Ban	91	91
MUDD	85	97
Team 6	79	103
70s Plus	73	109
Guys and Dolls	72.5	109.5

Thursday Retired Seniors

(as of March 26)

Team	Won	Lost
Kitty and Kats	113	69
6-Pack	113	69
Team 12	103	79
TBB Express	98	84
Team 16	98	84
Two He's and a She	93	89
Team 14	93	89
CHMATO	92	90
Team 13	90	92
Team 8	89	93
Three's Company	86.5	95.5
Team 5	84	98
2 Kings and A Queen	80	102
Team 11	79	103
3-70s Plus	74	108
Lucky Trio	68.5	113.5

Friday Night Mixed

(as of March 27)

Team	Won	Lost
Rose and Her Thorns	123	59
Frustrated	108	74
The Strikers	94	88
Mixed Nuts	93	89
Sandbaggers	93	89
Fun Timers	90	92
We Take Ugly	89	93
3 Guys and a Babe	86	96
Lady and the Tramps	85	97
Pin Pals	85	97
Pin Busters	78	104
Beyond Control	68	114

Tourney prelude to softball season

Eighteen teams are playing in a single-elimination pre-season softball tournament which began Monday and continues through April 16 on Field 4.

Teams include 81st Force Support Squadron/Comptroller Squadron, 81st Mission Support Group, 403rd Wing, 85th Communications Squadron/85th Engineering Installation Squadron, 332nd Training Squadron, 334th TRS, 335th TRS, 336th TRS, 338th TRS-A and B teams, Marine Corps Detachment, 81st Medical Support Squadron, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron, 81st Dental Squadron, Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit, 81st Training Support Squadron-A and B teams and 81st Civil Engineer Squadron/fire department.

For more information, call Sam Miller, 377-2444.

Other

Bowling fund raisers — for more information, call 377-2817.

Youth bowling — for any child old enough to throw the bowling ball down the alley. League meets 9:30 a.m. Saturdays; instruction available. For more information, 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. For reservations, call 377-2817.

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

Birthday 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 fitness classes — boot camp, self-defense, cycling, yoga, step aerobics, circuit training, kick boxing and pilates at Dragon Fitness Center. For more information, call 377-2907.

Certified personal trainers — on staff at Blake, Dragon and Triangle Fitness Centers; free service.

Fit to fight incentive program — register at any Keesler fitness center for this ongoing program. Log miles accumulated on exercise machines that record miles, or by running, walking, biking or swimming. Prizes awarded for various milestones.

Parent/child fitness room — at Dragon Fitness Center. Workout equipment; play area for ages 6 months to 7 years.

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

Massage appointments — at

Triangle Fitness Center, call 263-5515.

Golf

Intramural league — letter of intent due April 30. Preliminary coaches meeting, 3 p.m. April 30; coaches meeting 3 p.m. May 7, Vandenberg Community Center. Tentative start date May 12 at Bay Breeze Golf Course. For more information, call 377-2444.

Youth special — ages 6-12, accompanied by a parent, play golf free in April.

Spring break special — free golf lessons, Monday through April 25. Reservations required. Call 377-3832 or 3827.

Twilight special — 3 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays. Pay one price and golf until closing; E1-E4 \$12, E5-O3 \$20, O4-up \$22, guests \$22.

Nonprior service student special — show phase card or UBU card. Greens fee and cart, \$15 for 18 holes, \$10 for nine holes; add \$5 for rental clubs.

Free golf lessons for nonprior service students 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays; first come, first served. Maximum 10 per session; bring own clubs.

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

Outdoor recreation

Preregister for swimming lessons — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., April 14-16, Building 6734, marina park. Lessons begin in June.

Kids fishing rodeo — 6 a.m. April 25 for children and grandchildren of active duty/retired military and Department of Defense civilians. Categories for boys and girls ages 2-6, 7-11 and 12-15. Fish must be caught from Keesler marina docks. Scales open at noon and close at 3 p.m. Prizes and trophies for each group. For more information, call 377-3160.

Trip to Horn Island aboard the Keesler Dolphin — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays following nonworking Fridays, weather permitting. \$30 including barbecue grill, charcoal and ice. Bring food, drinks, sunscreen and fishing equipment. Minimum 15 passengers. Group rates available. For more information, call 377-3160.

Rent a bicycle — 3500 Trek,

seven speed, \$3 a day, \$15 weekly, \$35 monthly.

April fish of the month — weigh in the largest white trout, take home a \$100 savings bond. Minimum three participants.

Rental campers — \$50 day. Two available; one sleeps six, one sleeps eight. For more information and towing requirements, call 377-3160.

Back Bay fishing trip — \$20 per person. Mississippi fishing license required; minimum six, maximum five people. For date and time, 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.

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.

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.

Nonprior service student special — 35000 Trek seven-speed bikes, \$5 day on nonworking Friday, Saturday and Sunday, or Saturday/Sunday.

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 — Fridays and Sundays on the Keesler Dolphin II. \$75 per person includes everything you need to fish. Payment due upon reservation. Minimum 10, maximum 22 people. For reservation, call 377-3160.

Deep sea fishing private charter — rent Dolphin II, \$750 for first 10 people, \$50 each additional person.

No license needed. \$100 deposit required.

17-foot Back Bay cruiser 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.

Softball

Women's varsity team sign up — for personnel and dependents ages 18 and older. For more information, call Cindy Hayes, 376-8715 or 365-2917.

Volleyball

(as of April 2)

Team	Won	Lost	Tied
81st DS	4	0	0
81st TRSS	3	1	0
338th TRS	3	1	0
81st LRS-A	2	1	0
333rd TRS	2	2	0
334th TRS	1	1	0
81st LRS-B	0	4	0
81st FSS	0	5	0

All games at Blake Fitness Center.

March 30 — 81st LRS-A over 333rd TRS, 2-0; 81st DS over 334th TRS, 1-0; 338th TRS over 81st LRS-B, 2-0.

April 1 — 81st TRSSD over 81st LRS-B, 2-1; 338th TRS over 81st LRS-A, 2-0; 333rd TRS over 81st FSS, 2-1.

Monday — no games scheduled.

Wednesday — 6 p.m., 333rd TRS vs. 338th TRS; 7 p.m., 81st TRSS vs. 81st LRS-A; 8 p.m., 81st LRS-B vs. 81st FSS.

GRADUATIONS

Mathies NCO Academy Class 09-3

2nd Air Force — Tech. Sgt. Deanna Green (distinguished graduate).

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Emmanuel Lopez.

81st Dental Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Elvin Muniz-Bonilla (Levitow Award).

81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Curtis Thomas.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Venton Horrice.

81st Training Support Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Taiwan Jones.

85th Engineering and Installation Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Steven Haro.

335th Training Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Walter Chumney.

336th TRS — Tech. Sgt. Chad Williams.

338th TRS — Tech. Sgt. Jason Sugg.

403rd Wing — Tech. Sgt. Kelly Rolan.

Air Force Reserve Command — Tech. Sgt. Kami Luster.

Mississippi Air National Guard — Tech. Sgt. Dale Lewis.

Airman Leadership School 09-3

81st Communications Squadron — Senior Airmen Matthew Jackson, Matthew Jones, Joseph Turpin (distinguished graduate), Eric Wooten; Staff Sgt. Nicholas Lossett (class first sergeant).

81st Dental Squadron — Senior Airman Michelle Johnson.

81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron — Senior Airmen Shamika McNair and Johnalee Rivera.

81st Logistics Readiness Squadron — Senior Airman Jason Smith.

81st Medical Group — Senior Airman Colby Rocheleau.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Staff Sgt. James Grizzard (class commander).

81st Medical Support Squadron — Senior Airman Matthew Colica (Levitow Award); Staff Sgt. Jason Charity.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Senior Airman Kenneth Johnson.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Senior Airman Natasha Arias-Rourke.

81st Training Support Squadron — Senior Airman Nathan Olsen (academic award).

81st Training Wing — Senior Airman Sara Johnson.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Senior Airman Blaine Roux.

334th Training Squadron — Senior Airman Brady Dunbar (leadership award).

338th TRS — Senior Airman Brandon Mann.

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Kyle Acierto, Michael Armstrong, Max Bachicha, Jonathan Bailey, Anthony Balmer, Ryan Benn, Alex Berry, Andrew Boeger, Caleb Bohnsack, Dieter Bullard, Curtis Burbank, Ernesto Cano, Sean Carnahan, Matthew Carter, Andrew Chadbourn, David Chaney, Brian Character, Corey Crim, Elliot Crossley, Christopher DeLaTorre, Shawn Divinye, David Domine, Matthew Dunn, Ian Elmer, Jacob England, Jesus Enriquez, Christopher Farrell, Clifford Ferry, Joseph Fletcher, Ethan Fox, Nicholas Fry, Mark Gauthier, Timothy Gensure, Brandon Godwin, Joel Gregory, Graham Hamer, Charles Henderson, Jose Hernandez, Robert Hosmer, Rashodrick Jackson, Erik Joski, Colin Langston, Brian Lawrence, Wesley Llanes, Kimberly Loun, Andrew Macklem, Jeffrey McKenzie, Ronald Meckes, Elizabeth Metz, Regina Mingo, Zachariah Miniea, Dennis Morala, Stephanie Morris, Joshua Newell, Antonino Nigliazzo, Brian Parker, Robert Perry, Marc Porter, Kyle Puls, Bryan Renzy, Joshua Reyes, Joshenna Richardson, Kenneth Royal, Brandon Russell, Brett Sadzewicz, Chad Sebald, Michael Slater, Russell Stevens, Christopher Totzke, Abel Tuinei, Brandon Wheat and Zachary Wolff; Airmen Christopher Bahe, Michael Bright, Dante Butler, Tyler Carey, Franco Cazares, Josef Christman,

Robert Compton, Brandon Conley, Nathan Drake, Mark Jackson, Matthew Johnson, Eric Joice, Matthew Kuhns, Nicholas Lee, Ashleigh Robinson, Brennan Stanbury, Jared Stevens, Christopher Storer, Jonathan Thompson and Jared Wineland; Airmen 1st Class Kalo Abban, Kevin Amberson, Kevin Armstrong, Anthony Bakos, Norman Basurto, William Box, Michael Branch, Justin Brooks, David Burgoon, Nathaniel Cannon, Cesar Cantu, Yelitza Conover, Jason Cordell, Nathan Cox, Gabriel Cruz-LaFontaine, Andrew Dahn, Logan Davis, Jonathan Dunlap, Johnathon Edgerton, Adam Gagnon, Michael Gilmore, Joseph Guthrie, David Haas, Eric Hagerty, Abshir Hagimhamed, Christopher Halubka, Justin Hawk, Quyntrell Johnson, Jeremy Jolliff, Christopher Joren, Benjamin Joseph, Benjamin Kalies, Richard Kemmy, Jeremiah Kidder, Leon Korejwo, Andrew Kovacs, Alisha Kruger, Daniel Levin, Travis Livingston, Nathaniel McGill, Richard Melcher, Jonathan Middleton, Joseph Mollenkamp, Zachary Montgomery, Justin Morgan, Mark Murray, Alex Paavel, Alexas Pickron, Deepak Prasad, Ethan Richardson, Wesley Sorrill, Antoine Stallings, Aaron Stubalt, Dominique Tran, Michael Tran, Alfred Trinidad, Jason Uranga, Martin Wagner, Hart Weber, Michael Wells, Bryan Whitlock, Daniel Wickes, Diana Wickman, Kevin Wittmann and Daniel Wright; Pfc. Christopher Alvarado and John Gordon; Senior Airmen Sara Beale, Alan Blain, Kyle Chan, Ronald Coleman, Matthew Doney, Ronald Forest, Scott Hirazumi, Jeremy Kuperus, Jeremy Nagy, Nicholas Neenan, Matthew Place, Johsua Tewmey, Syretta Smith, William Vandermate, Kory Whitmore and Jeffrey Zuercher; Staff Sgts Eldric Bankston, Anthony Bellinger, Terrance Bias, Glen Carrington, Rafael DeLaRosa, Richard Frey, George Gerner, Roger Gregory, Bradley Hankinson, James Hymbuecher, Warren Kerrigan, Karl Kulow, Jason McDonald, Dexter Miller, David Morrison, Gerardo Ovalle, Timothy Riman, Clint Ross, Stanley Ruth, Stephanie Smith, Jesus Soto, Steven Umana and Nicholas Wright; Tech. Sgts. Robert Hoffman, Amie Kimble and David Winston; Master Sgt. Michael Weaver; Senior Master Sgts. Byong Park and Ronald Prince; Chief Master Sgt. Rayyan Flemban; Thomas Jalbert.

Metrology basic course — Airmen Basic Terell Cheeks, Jose DeJesus, Albert Guillermo and Morales Collazo; Staff Sgt. Nicholas Leuschen

334th TRS

Aerospace control and warning systems — Airmen Basic Thomas Drake; Airmen 1st Class Melanie Biesman, Nathan Ceja-Dare, Trace Hughes, Vanessa Williams, James Williamson and Kyle Wolfe; Senior Airmen Timothy Mills; Master Sgt Franklin Hiden.

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Ana Aburus, Ryan Angry, William Axson, Alexander Ayers, Aaric Ballard, Jessica Blossom, Kevin Conner, Elizabeth Corbett, Patrick

Dunn, Joseph Fierro, Joseph Garcia, Joshua Grill, Benjamin Jantz, Peter Logar, Jason Mink, Tony Nilson, Eric Ormson, Michael Percy, Robert Pederson, Shane Porter, Daniel Reigert, David Trott, Shontece Wesley, Andrew Worden, and Michael Zinser; Airmen Jeremy Ayala, Abigail Diaz, Joanne Enriquez, Rene Fachini, Kristofer Gibeau, Nicole McDaniel, Wayne Meade, Manuel Sanchez and Crystal Wallentine; Airmen 1st Class Clayton Barrus, Andrew Groff, Jessica Johnson, Ryan Keany, Karla Maldonado, William Milton and Joshua Wilson.

Command post apprentice course — Airman Basic Maura Tunney; Airman 1st Class Heather Burge; Senior Airmen Brian Franklin and Timothy Kutz; Staff Sgts. Angelo Brightwell, Adam Crogan, Maggie Kasun and Shawn Wentz; Tech. Sgts. Robert Allen, Jeffery Benenhaley, Moira Howerton and Richard Kennedy; Master Sgt Jeffrey Cummings.

335th TRS

Weather training flight — Navy Airmen Recruit Nicholas Davila, Aaron Goldberg, Kenneth Johnston, James Lawson, Christopher Vallejos and Logan Vath; Airman Basic Joshua Davis, Thomas Klein, Amber Maier, Christopher Moran, Jessica Patton, Nathaniel Schmidling and Samuel Schwellenbach; Marine Pfc. James Dunn, Mark Figueroa, Michael Harkness and Jordon Singleton; Airman Christopher Faulkner, Matthew Mong and Kastyopia Orr; Navy Airman Nicholas Pennell; Airmen 1st Class Matthew Brantner, Omar Bonnet, Jennifer Hampton, Jennifer Harman, Sara Knight, Jeffrey Miles, Justin Turco, James Walters and Kyle Vidmar; Marine Cpl. Hans Hanner; Senior Airman Breeana McDonald; Staff Sgts. Damon Brindle, Matthew Connell, Anathi Gumedde, Patrick King, Joseph Moran, Kent McCoy, Matthew Saben, Aaron Stein and Isabelle Vyaersi; Marine Sgts. Russel Oubina, Samuel Petry, Timothy Theiry; Master Sgt. Harvey Hartmen.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems flight — Airmen Basic Kerry Boner, Sean Hofstadter, Denver Moore and Jordan Moore; Airman Steven Jakus; Airmen 1st Class Michael Anderson, Benjamin Braker, Ryan Brewer, Anthony Clark, Brian Davis, Aaron Graff, Jenna Horton, Chadwick McGuire, Benjamin Paddock, Anna Picken and Joshua Stewart; Senior Airmen Jeremy Kaufmann and Paul San; Staff Sgts. Jonathan Jones, Mario Chavez-Rivas, Joseph Shinaver, Chad Stanley, Jeffrey Whitaker and Harvey Williams; Tech. Sgts. Pelayo Llanos-Lopez and Stephen Wall; Master Sgts. Allen Faust, Toby Igo, Michael Naboltz and Scott Russell.

Communications and information flight — Airmen Basic Brett Adams, Jason Bartok, Spencer Eades, Grace Enriquez, Joseph Goddard, Nicholas Hoover, Barry Hopkins, Jonathan Howard, Nikki Licuanan, David Linden, Jenna Miller, Justin Munzing, Zackery Nuvy, Jeremy Osinski, Christopher Rushing, Michell'le Terrelonge, Brandon Tyler and Jarrod Villareal; Airmen Noah Blach, Michael Cook and Anthony Wellens; Airmen 1st Class Michael Ashley, Raecann Batz, Ryan Briggs, Jonathan Brown, Michael D'Amico, Jacquelyn DeLauder, Joshua Deville, Reed Esslinger, Brian Haddad, Kyle Harvey, David Hickox, Kellie Hinkle, Lindsay Holt, Christopher Kattner, Meredith Long, Michael Pazarena, William Randall, Kevin Reynolds, Jayme Rodriguez, Angel Sanchez, Daniel Simmons, Stephen Tritten, Aaron Vondeharr, Barry Westmoreland, Jerry Williams and Matthew Zeltman; Senior Airmen Karol Bakowski, Kenneth Butler, Travis Casey, Chrystal Gusler, Jeffrey Hicks, Claude Jackson, Joshua Konakowitz, Thomas Melvin, Corey Ross and Wesley Sobczyk; Staff Sgts. Daniel Ball, Charles Clayton, Aaron Copeland, Cameron Davis, Alicia Dunn, Kansas Franks, Charlie Freeman, Thomas Knoll, Nathan Langston, Peter MacMillan, Joseph Michael, Qaadir Phillips and Dylan Young; Technical Sgts. William Hartung, Kevin Hicks, Gerardo Rodriguez and Eric Turner; Master Sgts. Christina Hutchins and Marnie Jewell; Senior Master Sgts. David Robles and Robert Tice; Chief Master Sgt. James Boswell; Sherice Stovall.

338th TRS

Airfield systems — Airmen Basic Nicholas Aaseng, David Brackett, Jason Freeman, Steven Lunte and Ryan Swiderski; Airman Monte Hall; Airman 1st Class Jason Clukey; Staff Sgt. Doyle Allen.

Ground radar — Airmen Basic Richard Dale and Scott Kababik; Airman Quaye Meisenhelder; Airmen 1st Class Erik Borgeson, Michael Jaquier, Justin McCormick, Daniel Nichols and Alex Parker; Senior Airman Christopher Bartlett.

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.

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Ground radio — Airmen Basic Adam Bradford, Patricia Capps, Zachary Cate, Jonathon Clay, Brian Haslid, Herman Hoffman, Edward Kauffman, Jack Kemp, Kevin Loggins, Crystal Mendoza and Frank Olszynski; Airmen Bryan Lopezmerida, Dallas Maltby, Gregory Miller and Ross O'Donnell; Airmen 1st Class Zachary Bergsma, Chase Bordelon, Anthony Collins, Derek Dreyfuss, Jackie Hamersley, Logan Kees, Steven Linscott, Jared Lucci, Eric Sanborn, Pedro Santaigo, Bryan Summy, Jeremy Taylor, Jordan Treasure, Roy White and Andrew Wilshire; Senior Airmen Kenneth Barbera, Rachel Chamberland and Ryan David; Staff Sgts. Alfredo Arvizu, Anthony Mutchler, Allen Reaves and Robert Walker; Tech. Sgt. James Moore; Master Sgt. Paul Gunnoe.

Network infrastructure systems — Airmen Basic James Barber, Seth Chestosky, Brandon Garrison and Isaac Kyle; Airmen Kevin Crider, Spencer Jett, Eric Molinaro, Joseph Pena and Stephen Yount; Airmen 1st Class Richard Barnes, Randall Branden, Scott Champion, Stephen Childers, Jace Dehner, Zachary Donelson, David Dupont, Jeremy Grant, Joseph Hammel, Kevin Henry, Robert Hockenhuil, Jordan Howell, Dorothy Litoff, Phillip McNamara, Mark McNeese, Jeremy McReynolds, Kelsey Parker, Allan Ramirez, Richard Roggensac and Raymond Shaw; Senior Airman Kristen Montano; Staff Sgts. Shawn Badman, Mark Brizzi, Roger Jones, Keith Melvin and Quincy Parker; Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Tyler; Master Sgt. Daryl Kaeka; Senior Master Sgt. Edward Williams; Donald Tolley.

Visual information and intrusion detection systems — Airmen Basic Anthony Martinez and Patrick Sebay.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 09-4 — Tuesday-May 21.

Mathies NCO Academy

Class 09-4 — Tuesday -May 21.

Airman and family readiness center

Editor's note: All classes open to anyone with base access. To register or for more information, call 376-8728.

Resume writing class — 9-11 a.m. April 20, Room 108A, Sablich Center. Be prepared to stay for the entire class; bring job announcement or help-wanted advertisement and any performance evaluations or other past employment accomplishments.

Federal resume writing class — 2:30-4:30 p.m. April 20, Room 108A, Sablich Center. Bring a complete Federal job announcement, even if that job isn't open at Keesler, and information about job accomplishments.

College financial aid class — 3:30-5 p.m. April 21, Room 108A, Sablich Center, presented by Rose Bremenkamp, University of Southern Mississippi, and Searcy Taylor, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

Veterans Administration home loan guaranty entitlements — 9-11 a.m. April 23, Room 108A, Sablich Center.

Smooth Move seminars — 9-10:30 a.m. April 29, Sablich Center Room 108B. Covers permanent changes of station process, including recent changes. Spouses encouraged to attend.

Arts and crafts center

Bob Ross painting — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday and April 25. Wet on wet painting technique on 16x 20-inch canvas. \$65 including all supplies and light refreshments. Class size limited.

Scrapbooking/card making — 10:30 a.m. to noon April 18. \$10 including materials.

Jewelry making — 10:30 a.m. to noon April 18. \$30 including materials. Learn wire wrapping and tooling.

Beginning intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. April 18. \$15 including materials. Intarsia is the art of piecing wood in a decorative pattern.

Advanced intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. Saturday and April 25. \$20 including materials and tool use.

Beginning woodworking — Wednesday and April 29. \$25 including shop use and materials. Class provides certification for future equipment use. Call for time.

Beginning framing — one class, three sessions, 5:30 p.m. April 16, 23 and 30. \$60 per person. Bring your favorite photograph or art work, no larger than 11x14 inches.

Thursday crafting — 5-7:30 p.m. crafting pleasure, painting, pottery, scrapbooking.

Multi-crafts center — potter's wheels, ceramic molds, air brushing and tools are available for use in the shop. Craft classes for beginners, intermediate and advance levels. Craft supplies for sale.

Engraving shop — squadron, office and individual orders are our business.

Wood shop — stocked retail lumber and a large assembly area adjacent to the machine room are available. Call for information on beginners and advanced woodworking classes.

McBride Library

Story time — April 23. 11 a.m. ages 3-5, 4 p.m. ages 6 and older. Stories, activities and special events.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

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

UBU party — 8 p.m. April 17 for nonprior service students only. Prizes and giveaways.

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.

Movie nights — 7 p.m. Wednesday; free popcorn.

Katrina Kantina

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

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

Tuesday special — 5 p.m., red beans and rice, \$1 bowl.

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.

Open recreation — 3-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 3-6 p.m. Fridays and 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays, ages 9 and older. Boys and Girls Club programs including computer media center, homework assistance "Power Hour" program, and triple-play sports and recreation activities. Students sign themselves in at the front desk.

Free basketball clinic — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 18, ages 5-14.

Cheerleading instruction — 1-6 p.m. April 18.

Free youth career fair — 1-4 p.m. April 25. Information on a variety of careers, college opportunities, grants and admission requirements. Food, games and giveaways.

Keystone Club — 6 p.m. Mondays for teens.

Teen aviation camp — applications available now. For more information, call 377-4116.

Friday night fun — 6:30-9:30 p.m., ages 6-12. Free skating music and games.

Youth center action council — meets monthly. If you're interested in military youth programs and have a child age 6-18, call and join this focus group.

Military home schoolers — meet monthly at the youth center. For more information, call 377-4116.

Classes — gymnastics, karate, children's theater and guitar; \$50 month. Classes meet Saturday mornings. 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.

Commissioners and coaches needed — for youth sports. For more information, call 377-4116.

Shuttle service — parents interested in a shuttle service for ages 9 and older for Biloxi area schools and base housing to youth center, sign up at the center as soon as possible.

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

Lunch — 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.

Dinner — 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.

Friday

Lunch — 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.

Dinner — 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.

Saturday

Lunch — 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.

Dinner — 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.

Sunday

Easter feast — strip loin steak, barbecue ribs, roast turkey, split pea soup, fruit salad, potato salad, gravy, rice pilaf, baked potato, brussel sprouts, corn on the cob, summer squash, cornbread, holiday candy, cheese pizza.

Dinner — 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.

Monday

Lunch — 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.

Dinner — 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.

Tuesday

Lunch — 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.

Dinner — 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.

Wednesday

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

Dinner — 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.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Spring Southern Region Military and Civilian Job Fair — 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center, Biloxi. More than 100 employers expected. For more information, visit <http://>

Congressionally-mandated pre-separation briefings — counseling by airman and family readiness center for active-duty military members of any branch of service who'll receive honorable discharges and no extra transition benefits. Briefings are Tuesdays in Room 111, Sablich Center, 1 p.m. for those who are separating and 2:30 p.m. for those who are retiring. If someone is separating/retiring under special circumstances, they can schedule an appointment by calling 376-8728.

Transition assistance program — briefings for 2009 are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-April 16, May 11-14, June 8-11, July 13-16, Aug. 10-13, Sept. 14-17, Oct. 19-22, Nov. 16-19 and Dec. 14-17, 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 or visit Room 125-F, Sablich Center.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

AFAF representatives

Installation project officer — 2nd Lt. Laura Piranio, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron, 376-3007.

Assistant project officers — 2nd Lts. Dan Nwaelele, 81st Contracting Squadron, 377-1830, and Aileen

Koukal, 81st LRS, 376-3007.

332nd Training Squadron — Gregory Hunter, 377-1976, and Tech. Sgt. Julie Sargent, 377-1529.

333rd TRS — Capt. Joseph Manning, 377-0672, and Master Sgt. Troy Edwards, 377-1919.

334th TRS — Staff Sgt. Thomas Crowther, 377-3456, and Capt. Mark Kraemer, 377-9385.

335th TRS — Tech. Sgt. Yolanda Heyward, 377-7674, and Staff Sgt. Kenyatta Williams, 377-0337.

336th TRS — Tech. Sgt. Felix Rodriguez, 377-4315 or 4167; Senior Airman Cornelio Flores, 377-9349; and Tech. Sgt. James Briney, 377-7723.

338th TRS — Staff Sgt. Marcus Palmer, 377-4688, and Tech. Sgt. Kyle Ganey, 377-2337.

45th Airlift Squadron — Capt. Jason Eddy, 3775682, and Airman 1st Class Jill Balderas, 377-2577.

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron — 2nd Lt. Kristy Rakes, 376-3218, and Airman 1st Class Harold Tamodong, 376-3211.

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Kendell Jones, 861-4964, and Staff Sgt. Christopher Perry, 377-1348.

81st Communications Squadron — Senior Master Sgt. Jores Hinojos, 377-8885, and Master Sgt. Anthony Parisi, 377-8058.

81st Comptroller Squadron —

Staff Sgt. Celestine Russell, 376-8223.

81st Contracting Squadron — Senior Airman Alex Potter, 377-1823, and Airman 1st Class Zakk Young, 377-1809.

81st Dental Squadron — Master Sgt. Laura Leos, 375-5138, and Staff Sgt. Natasha Carter, 376-5138.

81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Phillip Diroma, 376-3808, and Staff Sgt. Chad Robbins, 375-5056 or 5064.

81st Force Support Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Estrada Santiago and Staff Sgt. Thomas Clark, 376-8357.

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — Airman 1st Class Kimberly Delus, 376-3327, and Senior Airman Johann Bermudez, 376-5612.

81st Medical Group — Maj. Debra Zinsmeyer, 376-3876; Capt. Robert Curtis, 376-4446, and Senior Master Sgt. Steven Runyon, 376-5008.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Senior Airman Niguel Pulley, 376-3302.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Master Sgt. Mary Sarris, 376-3333; Staff Sgt. Tawnie Miller, 376-3275.

81st Mission Support Group — Master Sgt. Jodi Evans, 377-4845.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Master Sgt. Steven Jones-Johnson, 376-5677; Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Davis, 376-6649.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Staff Sgt. Luis Vasquez, 376-0466; Airman 1st Class Adam Hall, 376-6649.

81st Training Group — Master Sgt. Stephanie Messer, 377-7367; Master Sgt. Darold Graham, 377-9307.

81st Training Support Squadron — Master Sgt. Maurice Quick, 377-1463; Tech. Sgt. Marcus Hosten, 377-5044.

81st Training Wing staff agencies — Capt. Jeff Phillips, 376-8125.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Master Sgt. Trevor Kearns, 377-1127; Tech. Sgt. John Weimer, 377-4997.

Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 407 — Master Sgt. Roger Applegate, 377-3420.

Income tax assistance

Tax office manager — Rich Ess, 376-4141.

2nd Air Force — Howard Antoine, 377-1341.

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron — Clinton Anderson, 377-6161.

81st Comptroller Squadron — Susie Cagle, 377-8209.

81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron — Tammy Pfeifer, 376-5064, and Evangeline Villanueva, 377-9281.

81st Force Support Squadron — Ian Johnson, 376-8362; Matt Stapley, 243-1336.

81st Logistics Readiness Squadron — Larico Brownlee, 377-2430.

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334th TRS — Shiree Holder, 377-3456; Deanna Pylant, 377-3275; Erica Stokes, 377-2002.

335th TRS — Kerry Bartels, 377-0342; Veronica Bird, 377-0216; Gloria Lewis, 377-0153.

336th TRS — Karla Proper, 377-5160.

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