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Dragons deployed — 268

Technical training students now arrive by air

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Team Keesler turned eyes to the skies Monday as the first regular flight of basic military training graduates landed and headed to technical training.

“Now this is how we should be (transporting) our basic military training graduates,” said Brig. Gen. Ian Dickinson, 81st Training Wing commander, as he waited with other base leaders to welcome 161 students — 131 headed for courses in the 81st Training Group and others to Pensacola (Fla.) Naval Air Station, the Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport and Corry Station, Fla.

The Keesler newcomers arrived from Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, aboard two chartered Southwest Airlines 737s. For decades, students have been bused to Keesler, a 10-12 hour trip.

Air Education and Training command officials said the weekly flights from Lackland to Keesler is a quality-of-life initiative which reduces travel time to two hours and speeds the inprocessing schedule.

“There’s definitely a quality-of-life aspect here,” General Dickinson explained. “These students will be fresher, more attentive and ready to get in-briefed to start training. We can get them here quicker, fresher and ready to go to work.”

The general said the change was also spurred by federal travel regulations.

“We got an assessment by Maj. Gen. Mary Kay Hertog

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The first 82 technical training students disembark and head for inprocessing Monday.



Capt. Shanna McCoy, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron, helps load the students' duffel bags from the flight to waiting trucks for transport.

Photos by Kemberly Groue

Downrange Airmen doing phenomenal job

By Chief Master Sgt. James Roy

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force

During the Thanksgiving holiday and first week in December, I traveled throughout the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility and spent time with our Airmen “downrange.” Simply put, our Airmen are doing a phenomenal job across the CENTCOM AOR.

An example is the great work Airmen are performing as air advisers in Iraq and Afghanistan. These Airmen train and mentor Iraqi and Afghan forces, helping them build capacity so they’ll be able to take over security for their homeland.

This is just one of several examples where Airmen readily accepted nontraditional wartime taskings and contributed even more to the CENTCOM mission.

Across the AOR, Airmen spoke candidly with me about their mission and brought up a variety of concerns in public and private meetings. Two that stand

out are ensuring the Air Force is giving the proper amount of training to deploying Airmen and making sure the Air Force is doing the best job possible reintegrating Airmen to their home stations and families when they return from deployment.

I assure you, I take these and other concerns seriously and will work with our Air Force senior leaders and the Air Staff to resolve issues. I also highlight these two issues so our commanders, officers in charge, chiefs, first sergeants and supervisors throughout the chain of command can take notice. There are no excuses for improper training or lack of care for our Airmen and families.

The Air Force and our sister services will face a changing mission in support of CENTCOM in 2010. The current plan calls for the removal of all our combat troops from Iraq by the end of 2011. However, as U.S. forces draw down in Iraq, we face escalating challenges in Afghanistan. In a recent speech, President Obama announced 30,000 addi-

tional U.S. combat forces will deploy to Afghanistan in 2010. Though military planners are still finalizing the structure, there’s no doubt our Air Force will play an even greater role in Afghanistan’s security and capacity to govern and protect itself. We can expect the expanded mission will bring even more traditional and joint expeditionary taskings.

When CENTCOM calls upon our Air Force to contribute more, I fully trust our Airmen’s readiness to deploy and serve alongside joint and coalition forces. As our chief of staff, Gen. Norton Schwartz, said, “the Air Force is ‘all in.’” Whether working in an Air Force, joint or coalition unit, Airmen will superbly accomplish their mission, regardless the task.

Since the era of the Army Air Corps, Airmanship has been essential to U.S. military power. As the air-power arm of the United States, we will continue to provide those irreplaceable Airmanship skills for the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as for future conflicts.

Suicide leaves family with unanswered questions

By Capt. Shannon Collins

8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Editor’s note: For more information about suicide prevention, log on to <http://afsp.afms.mil>.

KUNSAN Air Base, South Korea — This past Dec. 29 marked 30 years since my father forever changed my life, as well as the lives of his other family members. On that date he took a shotgun and shot himself in the head. His death certificate reads “self-inflicted gunshot wound.”

As I hear songs such as “Butterfly Kisses” and “Daddy’s Hands” or as I watch a movie such as “Father of the Bride,” that phrase “self-inflicted gunshot wound” echoes in my mind. I will never have that special relationship between a father and a daughter, and it isn’t because of a tragic automobile accident or a physical disease. It’s because of suicide.

The American Association of Suicidology’s Web site states that suicide ranks second as a cause of death among young Americans, age 18-24, behind accidents and homicides. It’s the 11th leading cause of death overall. In 2008, the Air Force had 38 suicides, which equates to 11 suicides for every 100,000 Airmen. Of those Air Force members, 95 percent were men and 89 percent were enlisted. Army officials reported 140 confirmed or suspected suicides in 2008, a rate of 20 per

100,000 Soldiers, twice the national average. Army experts attribute the increase in suicides to the frequency at which Soldiers deploy.

In March and April of this year, I worked at the Air Force Mortuary Affairs Office at Dover Air Force Base, Del., the final stop for military men and women who die overseas, primarily as sacrifice for our freedom while serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. The remains are processed and sent home to loved ones for last rites and burial. I witnessed more than a few who came back, not because of an improvised explosive device or mortar attack, but from suicide.

My father served in the Air Force in the late 1960s as an enlisted aircraft maintainer here in South Korea. He served in a remote location during the Vietnam War and went into the war. His letters say he missed his family but that he was proud to serve.

When he returned home from the war, he wasn’t quite the same. He had lost many friends and may have suffered survivor’s guilt, something many Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines face nowadays while serving back-to-back deployments. He was 30 when he shot himself. His sister found his body. He was buried New Year’s Eve.

Those who consider suicide need to remember the family members they leave behind, the ripple effect they

have on the lives around them. The AAS Web site states that the survivors of suicide, the family members or friends of people who have committed suicide, represent “the largest mental health casualties related to suicide.” For every suicide, the Web site states that there are at least six survivors. Based on this estimate, approximately five million Americans became survivors of suicide in the past 25 years.

“Suicide, being such a low frequency event, is extremely difficult to predict,” said Maj. (Dr.) Leigh Johnson, a psychologist and flight commander for the Kunsan Air Base Mental Health Clinic. “More than 90 percent of all people will think about suicide at some point in their lives, but very few will actually complete suicide,” she said.

“Suicide prevention is an area where the Wingman concept really is critical. Co-workers and peers who see each other day in, day out, are truly those who are best positioned to identify when someone is struggling, when his or her behavior has changed. Having the courage to reach out to another Airman who is having a difficult time is the first and most critical step toward suicide prevention.”

Each military base offers a range of support agencies with helpful people such as mental health clinic professionals, the chaplain staff, the sexual assault response coordinator and the

military family and life consultant.

“We have a range of helping agencies on base available to Airmen, but these agencies are powerless to help until someone self-identifies or is brought in for help,” Major Johnson said. “It really comes down to looking out for each other and having the courage to access one of the support agencies if you’re struggling.”

Major Johnson is well aware of the stigma that is associated with the use of mental health services among military personnel.

“The reality is that 95 percent of the time, if an active duty member comes to the mental health clinic of his or her own accord, there is zero career impact,” she said. “We’d prefer that people use the resources available rather than allowing things to snowball, which is when problems spill into work performance. And we know that it takes courage for people to walk through our doors and it’s hard to reach out for help.”

Those who consider suicide as the only way out should remember their families and friends. My sister, brother and I never really will know who our father was or what he could have been.

My own family jury is out on why my father did what he did. We always will wonder. Photos, memories of him from others, his dog tags and a medal are all I will ever have of him.



DRAGON ON THE STREET

By **Kemberly Groue**

Keesler News photojournalist

What is the best thing that happened to you in 2009?



"I got to spend another great year with my family and friends."

Kendra Pitre-Bullock, 338th Training Squadron



"Taking a family vacation to meet my niece and nephews."

Staff Sgt. Jolleen Mooneyham, 338th TRS



"I got to spend the entire year with my family."

Jerry White, 81st Force Support Squadron

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New radio course ties old with the new

By Angela Cutrer

Keesler News staff

Keesler started off the new year on a high note with the introduction of another new course.

The 338th Training Squadron's new radio frequency transmission systems apprentice maintenance course began Jan. 5 and includes remnants of the legacy ground radio and satellite, wideband and telemetry systems courses.

The change aligns with the Air Force's desire for cyber transformation in light of the constant alterations working with technology presents. The first-ever 3D133 radio frequency transmission course encompasses capabilities and competencies from several former Air Force courses, including satellite/ wideband/ telemetry, ground radio, visual imagery and intrusion detection, radio communication systems, and network integration communications and information Air Force specialty codes.

But it wasn't effortless for the 338th TRS Dark Knights to get to this point.

"Merging different aspects of each career field posed unique challenges," said Senior Master Sgt. William Hawkins Jr., chief of the 338th TRS ground radio systems flight. "But since most of the 2E schools were already based at Keesler, merging most of the career fields was straight forward."

The unique challenges faced in the merging of five communication and electronics 2E career fields included the biggest challenge of all: moving the 2E131 satellite Communications course from the 338th TRS Detachment 1 at Fort Gordon, Ga., back to Keesler.

"The satellite communications course, which was based at Keesler until it moved to Fort Gordon in 1997, involved numerous processes," said Ser-

"We didn't have electrostatic discharge mats (that absorb static electricity) back then. We had long poles with hooks on the end to pull technicians off the equipment should they make a costly mistake and get zapped."

— Mr. Maggard

geant Hawkins. "Teams at both locations had to maintain their 2E courses while the detachment coordinated, dismantled, inventoried, packed and shipped 14 tons of satellite and support equipment more than 500 miles to Keesler. Meanwhile, the 338th TRS ground radio flight staff renovated 20 rooms, accepted and then unpacked, inventoried, set up and tested the 7 tons of satellite equipment received from the detachment."

Sergeant Hawkins also noted that the 338th TRS's command staff and training resources flight played major roles in coordinating all the efforts to make the launch of the new course successful.

To accommodate satellite training, the 338th TRS had to install a 15-foot by 70-foot satellite terminal testing pad complete with single-phase and three-phase power outlets. They also installed a 100-foot tower that houses two satellite simulators. This means that instructors will be able to train more than 690 students annually on satellite terminals as they transmit RF energy without using an actual satellite though getting the same results of satellite use.

"This negates the need to spend millions of dollars on satellite-access time, allows transmissions at hours conducive to training and frees us from using high demand satel-

lite time, which is needed by war fighters in the field," said Sergeant Hawkins.

He added that as assets from the satellite training at Fort Gordon begin to migrate to Keesler, most of the detachment instructors were close to their mandatory move dates.

"This put the 338th TRS in dire need for instructors who could teach the 3D133 course and train the Keesler instructors on satellite theory," he said. "Fortunately, the 338th TRS devised a plan to have instructors go to temporary duty assignment to Fort Gordon to get initial training until enough assets were moved from Fort Gordon to Keesler. Then seven detachment instructors volunteered to forego their highly coveted assignments to take a permanent change of station to Keesler."

"With the demise of the old ground radio course and the old satellite, wideband and telemetry systems course comes a new age," said Charles Maggard, the course's training development chief.

"This course was developed over a period of three years to incorporate the primary functions of both of the legacy courses. To simply combine the two courses would have meant a new course of more than 150 days. This was discussed and obviously determined to be too lengthy, too costly and simply, in today's



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Airman Basic Timothy Wilson, left, and Airman Damon Bitter, seated, watch as 338th TRS instructor Mark Gress explains the basics of an oscilloscope.

world, not necessary. Thus, a new course was developed to present the most important of the efficiencies and methods of both of the old courses.

"The cyber age is driving tremendous changes in how we do business as communications maintainers in the Air Force."

Mr. Maggard said that the earlier courses had been taught at Keesler since the early '60s. "Way back then, there was a ground radio transmitter that technicians had to actually step inside of to tune," he said. "The voltages, and thus the dangers, were tremendous. We didn't have electrostatic discharge mats (that absorb static electric-

ity) back then. We had long poles with hooks on the end to pull technicians off the equipment should they make a costly mistake and get zapped.

With the new technologies that have been developed over the last 50-plus years, equipment is more reliable and easier to use and repair, but not much cheaper, Mr. Maggard said.

"The rapid advancement of computers has pushed us into the cyber age," he added. "We have to weigh the advantages of rapidly advancing equipment against the cost involved with completely switching over to new equipment and technology."

The Airman's Creed

*I am an
American Airman.*

I am a warrior.

*I have answered
my nation's call.*

*I am an
American Airman.
My mission is to fly,
fight, and win.*

*I am faithful
to a proud heritage,
A tradition of honor,
And a legacy of valor.*

*I am an
American Airman,
Guardian of freedom
and justice,
My nation's
sword and shield,
Its sentry and avenger.
I defend my country
with my life.*

*I am an
American Airman:
Wingman,
leader, warrior.
I will never leave
an Airman behind,
I will never falter,
And I will not fail.*

Education briefings

Post-9/11 GI Bill — Starting next week, briefings are 1 p.m. Wednesdays in the Sablich Center auditorium.

Officer Training School — 10 a.m. Tuesdays, Room 224, Sablich Center.

ROTC — bi-monthly at 10 a.m. Tuesdays starting today, Room 224, Sablich Center.

No briefings are held March 22-26.

For more information, call 376-8708 or 8710.

Be a physician assistant

Completed applications are due Jan. 25 for the next board for Physician Assistant Phase I training classes.

For more information, call the education office, 376-8708/8710.

Drill downs, parades

Drill downs — 8 a.m. Feb. 19, April 16 and Oct. 15; 7 a.m. June 11 and Aug. 20.

Parades — 6 p.m. March 18, July 22 and Sept. 16.

For more information on drill downs, call Staff Sgt. Julie Hammond, 377-2737. For more information on parades, call Staff Sgt. Gregory Washington, 377-9527.

Hap Arnold grants

Applications are available online for the Air Force Aid Society's Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program at <http://www.afas.org/Education/ArnoldEdGrant.cfm>

The \$2,000 grants are given to selected sons and daughters of active duty, Title 10 Active Guard/Reserve, Title 32 AGR performing full-time active duty, retired, retired reserve and deceased Air Force members; spouses

(stateside) of active duty members and Title 10 AGR/Reservists; and surviving spouses of deceased members for undergraduate studies.

The application deadline is March 12.

For more information, call Linda Edison, 376-8517.

CCAF program

The Community College of the Air Force's General Education Mobile is a partnership between CCAF and civilian academic institutions that offers clustered online general education courses to meet CCAF degree requirements.

For more information, call the education center, 376-8708 or 8710.

NECP deadlines

Nurse Enlisted Commissioning Program deadlines are Feb. 26, notification of intent to apply; March 26, academic evaluation; and April 23, applications due.

For more information, call the education office, 377-8708.

GI Bill benefits

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

For more information, call 376-8708.

CCAF online

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

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

Base shuttle schedules

are found at

<http://www.keesler.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=15371>



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Airman 1st Class Nicholas Brazeau, left, 332nd Training Squadron student, receives a H1N1 vaccination from Airman 1st Class Shanika Stewart, 81st Medical Support Squadron, at Dolan Hall Tuesday as fellow 332nd TRS students Airmen Paul Tumpson and Jeremy Caton wait their turn. Active-duty military are required to receive both H1N1 and seasonal flu shots.

H1N1 shots available at medical center

81st Medical Group and Keesler News staff

Keesler Medical Center's immunization clinic has an adequate Department of Defense vaccine supply to vaccinate all active-duty military. A limited number of doses are also available for high-risk civilian patients.

Officials stress that active-duty military are required to receive both the seasonal and H1N1 immunizations.

According to Maj. (Dr.) Jessica Cowden, chief of pediatric infectious diseases with the 81st Medical Operations Squadron, immunizations are encouraged for household members residing with children under 6 months of age, expectant women, children and adults 6 months to 24 years, adults 25-64 years with a chronic medical condition (including immune problems, lung disease such as asthma or COPD, metabolic disorders such as diabetes, neuromuscular and neurologic diseases, chronic kidney disease requiring dialysis, and chronic liver disease), and health-care and emergency medical services personnel.

Major Cowden also said children under 10 years need a second dose (booster) at least four weeks after the first dose.

Since Aug. 7, there have been a total of 23 influenza-associated deaths in Mississippi, the major noted.

"According to data from the Centers for Disease Control, visits to the doctor for influenza-like illness have continued to fall over the past weeks," Major Cowden said. "However, hospitalizations and deaths attributed to influenza continue, and nearly all influenza circulating continues to be H1N1.

"Despite the fact that numbers of people with influenza-like illness have fallen in our region, H1N1 is not yet gone," she continued. "We typically see a peak in number of people with influenza in January and February, with cases continuing into the spring. We don't know for certain if we will see another peak of H1N1 this year, if another strain will peak instead or if we won't have another peak at all.

"It's still very important for people to get vaccinated against both H1N1 and 'seasonal' influenza," the major emphasized.

Eligible beneficiaries are encouraged to obtain the H1N1 vaccination at Keesler Medical Center or any local health department. To find out more information about Tricare beneficiaries being able to receive H1N1 vaccines with no out-of-pocket expense at retail pharmacies, see Page 18.

Steve Pivnick, 81st Medical Group Public Affairs, and Susan Griggs, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

IN THE NEWS

Wing quarterly awards luncheon

The 81st Training Wing quarterly awards luncheon is 11 a.m. Jan. 28 at the Dragon's Lair. Tickets are available from the following group representatives:

Wing staff agencies — Master Sgt. Michael Rieger, 377-2975.

81st Medical Group — Master Sgt. Helen Vandergrinten, 376-4344, or Tech. Sgt. Dakita Bailey, 376-4694.

81st Training Group — Master Sgt. Carl Greene, 377-7337.

81st Mission Support Group — Tech. Sgt. Pricothye Brown, 377-0630.

National Prayer Breakfast Feb. 1

The National Prayer Breakfast is 7 a.m. Feb. 1 in the Dragon's Lair. Most Rev. Richard Higgins, auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Military Services, is the keynote speaker.

Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at base chapels or from first sergeants. For more information, call 377-4859.

Trainers plan awards banquet

The 81st Training Group annual awards banquet is Feb. 4 in the Dragon's Lair. The 6 p.m. social hour is followed by dinner at 7. The attire is mess dress or semi-formal for military and business or evening attire for civilians.

Tickets are \$10 for E-1 through E-4 and \$15 for E-5 and above and civilians. Purchase tickets by Jan. 29 from first sergeants or squadron representatives.

Wing annual awards banquet

The 81st Training Wing's annual awards banquet is 6 p.m. Feb. 18 in the Roberts Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Facility. Attire is mess dress/semi-formal for military and the equivalent for civilians.

Tickets are \$27 and are available from the following:

Wing staff agencies — Tech. Sgt. Lana Pray, 376-8232.

81st Training Group — Senior Master Sgt. Endsley, 377-0167; Master Sgt. Larry Bakel, 377-7642, and Tech. Sgt. Noah Vaughan, 377-0231.

81st Mission Support Group — Staff Sgt. Crystal Hollars, 377-9160; Senior Airman Ashley Leduc, 376-8181, and Senior Airman Ian Johnson, 376-8362.

81st Medical Group — 2nd Lt. Jason Garcia, 376-4421; Senior Master Sgt. Glenn Brass, 376-4303, or Master Sgt. Natascha Jones-Williams 376-3081.

Auditions to select two emcees are 1-3:30 p.m. Jan. 27 and are open to enlisted, officers and civilians. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Kerry Slater, 377-1374, or e-mail kerry.slater@us.af.mil.

Parts of two streets to be closed

Segments of Chappie James Avenue and Larcher Boulevard near the new training aids facility will be closed Feb. 8-22 to complete sewer connections.

Early Keesler News deadline

The deadline for the Jan. 21 issue of the Keesler News is noon today because of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. federal holiday Monday.



The plane carrying the first group of technical training students approaches the runway Monday.

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(2nd Air Force commander) that gave us the guidance last month," he said. "Her predecessor, Maj. Gen. Alfred Flowers, said the Airmen seemed so worn out on arrival and wanted to bring them here the right way."

Arriving students seemed pleased with the new mode of transportation to Keesler.

"I'm loving it," declared Airman Basic Roy Breeland. "It's so much better than a 12-hour bus ride. We're here, we're ready to start tech school —

there's not a better way we could've come here."

"I've been on a bus before and I know it's very cramped and everything, so I probably wouldn't feel like going to work," stated Airman 1st Class Tumaro Shepherd. "This plane is much more comfortable. The Air Force takes care of us."

That sentiment was just what Keesler's commander was hoping to hear.

"Just like the rest of us, I'm sure they'd rather fly here than drive here," General Dickinson commented. "I hope they feel like, 'The Air Force treats me like the rest of the Air Force is treated. If I have to go a long distance, they'll fly me there and get me where I need to be to accomplish the mission.'"



Photos by Kemberly Groue
Col. Chris Valle, left, 81st Training Wing vice commander, welcomes Airman Basic Kyle Petkus, who'll be training in the 334th Training Squadron.

PERSONNEL NOTES

NCO retraining program under way

Air Force officials have announced Phase II of the fiscal 2010 noncommissioned officer retraining program for retraining from Air Force specialty codes with overages to AFSCs with short-ages.

This mandatory phase runs through Feb. 1.

For more information and a list of retraining-in and retraining-out AFSCs, check the virtual MPF or call the military personnel section.

Hours change for finance office

New hours for finance customer service in Sablich Center now include compressed work schedule Fridays:

8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday.

8 a.m. to noon CWS Fridays.

8 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, cashier hours; closed CWS Fridays.

For more information, call 376-8225.

Security changes for myPay

Changes to myPay security now require users to create a login identification and password for future access. Due to complications with this process, many members have been locked out of myPay.

Here's how to alleviate some of these problems:

The new instructions to change your login ID and PIN/password are found at <https://mypay.dfas.mil/StepByStep.pdf>

The frequently-asked questions tab of the myPay home page can also assist in changing the login ID and PIN/password. It's found at <https://mypay.dfas.mil/FAQ.htm>

If difficulties continue, members may call the centralized customer support unit toll free, 1-888-332-7411, and press 5 for myPay. Hours are 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST weekdays. Due to increased volume of calls, there may be a long wait before speaking with a customer service representative.

Travel-related W-2s

Travel and miscellaneous W-2's for 2009 should be loaded to myPay about Jan. 22, 2010.

This year, a hard copy is still mailed out in addition to the myPay option. The W-2 is found on the main menu under the travel/miscellaneous pay heading. There'll be an indicator if you have more than one W-2, so check the drop down box and print all postings.

2010 selection boards

Feb. 1 — senior master sergeant evaluation.

March 8 — lieutenant colonel line of the Air Force and medical service corps; major MSC.

June 7, Sept. 27 — special selection boards.

June 21 — senior noncommissioned officer supplemental.

July 12 — colonel LAF-judge advocate/chaplain/ biomedical services corps; lieutenant colonel and major LAF-judge advocate and chaplain.

Aug. 16 — command screening board.

Sept. 13 — colonel MSC/medical corps/dental corps; lieutenant colonel and major MC/DC.

Oct. 18 — chief master sergeant evaluation.

Nov. 8 — colonel LAF; lieutenant colonel and major BSC.

Dec. 6 — colonel and lieutenant colonel nurse corps; major LAF/nurse corps.

Payment changes for stop-loss announced

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The fiscal 2010 defense budget extends payments to service members involuntarily extended on active duty under the so-called "Stop Loss" program, but those who received a bonus for voluntarily re-enlisting or extending their service no longer qualify for retroactive stop-loss pay.

The new policy went into effect Jan. 5, modifying eligibility for retroactive special pay to comply with Section 8108 of the 2010 Defense Department Appropriations Act, which took effect Dec. 19.

Those affected who already received stop-loss payments won't have to repay them, but all outstanding applications from affected service members will be returned, along with an explanation of the change in law that makes them no longer eligible to receive the payments.

Last March, DOD announced its intention to eliminate the stop-loss policy, which kept service members on active duty beyond their contracted end-of-service date.

While the services work to phase out the policy, officials authorized a special pay of \$500 a month for anyone retained on active duty due to stop loss. Retroactive payments applied for anyone who served on active duty between Sept. 11, 2001, and Sept. 30, 2009, and the fiscal 2010 defense budget extended that authority through September 2010.

Service members were able to begin submitting claims for retroactive stop-loss special pay Oct. 21.

Outdated emergency data jeopardizes family benefits

By Angela Cutrer

Keesler News staff

The virtual Record of Emergency Data is a service member's emergency contact information. Used by the military to notify next of kin, it designates beneficiaries for monetary benefits if the service member is captured, deemed missing or is interned. The form is mandatory for military members.

"Air Force members should want to have peace of mind knowing that in the unfortunate incident of their death or incapacitation, the individuals they designate as beneficiaries are actually receiving compensation," said Murlene Jones, legal contact representative in Keesler's casualty office. "I would encourage all members to double check their vRED to ensure it is correct."

All military members are required to update the form anytime there's a change of information. The form is maintained in each military service member's unit personnel records group and is accessible electronically through the virtual military personnel flight. It's the responsibility of the service member to update the form and ensure the information stays current. Service members jeopardize the future of their beneficiaries if they don't maintain current information, including the possibilities of delayed notification to next of kin and payment of benefits to wrong beneficiaries.

In case of a service member's death officials at the casualty/survivor benefits



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office in Sablich Center can guide any surviving family members through the process if they're designated on the form. If they aren't, the office can't release any information.

"This form is important because it designates beneficiaries if you become a casualty," said Daniel Ransom, recovery care coordinator, Air Force Recovery Care for Wounded, Ill and Injured program at Keesler. Mr. Ransom assists service members with nonclinical needs.

Not keeping the form current can have catastrophic and needless consequences.

"Since I took this position in August, there have been two specific incidents of service members' family members I have been assisting where it was found that the vRED was improperly filled out," said Mr. Ransom. "One of the issues was fixed relatively easily; however, the other involved an incapacitated service member who had failed to update the form, which, in turn, caused an enormous issue."

For more information, call 376-8336 or 8335.



Tax office opens Friday

By Richard Brock

Legal office

The tax office opens Friday in Room 229, Sablich Center.

Richard Ess is the tax office manager. There are four filing stations at the office. Each squadron will have one or more tax preparers and a list will be published as soon it's finalized.

Some state and federal return forms may be obtained from distribution racks located outside of the tax office.

Almost all returns are filed electronically for both federal and state taxes. Electronic filing is in big demand because it lessens the time taxpayers have to wait for their refunds.

For electronic filing, the taxpayer must:

Have all W-2 forms.

Have the Social Security number for each family member claimed.

Have all 1099 forms that reflect interest earned, dividends received or retired pay.

Have a copy of your return from last year.

A Form 8879 and state form have to be signed by both tax filers, so both should be present or be prepared to take the forms to be signed by your spouse.

Office hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. working Fridays. Call for an appointment to ensure that a preparer is available to assist you.

For appointments and more information, call 376-8144.

**Lost &
Found**

For lost and found items,
call the 81st Security Forces Squadron investigations office,
377-4500,
7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.



Ignoring runway cautions can get you fired from your job or injured. To stay safe, Keesler drivers and runners must observe caution lights and rules about runway use.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

Use caution in runway vicinity

By 1st Lt. Joost Verduyn

Keesler Public Affairs

Walking across the runway or ignoring the flashing lights on Ploesti Drive can have dangerous or even fatal consequences.

Individuals participating in this unsafe activity can expect to be picked up by base operations and transferred to security forces for questioning, said Justin Cooper, chief of airfield operations for the 81st Operations Support Flight.

Two contractors were fired from their jobs in November for crossing the runway. Mr. Cooper said a C-21 landed within 10 minutes of the contractors' walk.

Aircraft can cause damage to vehicles, including chipped paint and blown-out windows

caused by jet blasts. If there was an in-flight emergency, a plane could even collide with a car on the runway, causing serious injury or death, according to the airfield operations office.

Ignoring the lights also causes a risk to the planes. A car in the path of the plane interferes with the aircraft navigational aid and could obstruct approach lighting systems at night, airfield operations personnel said.

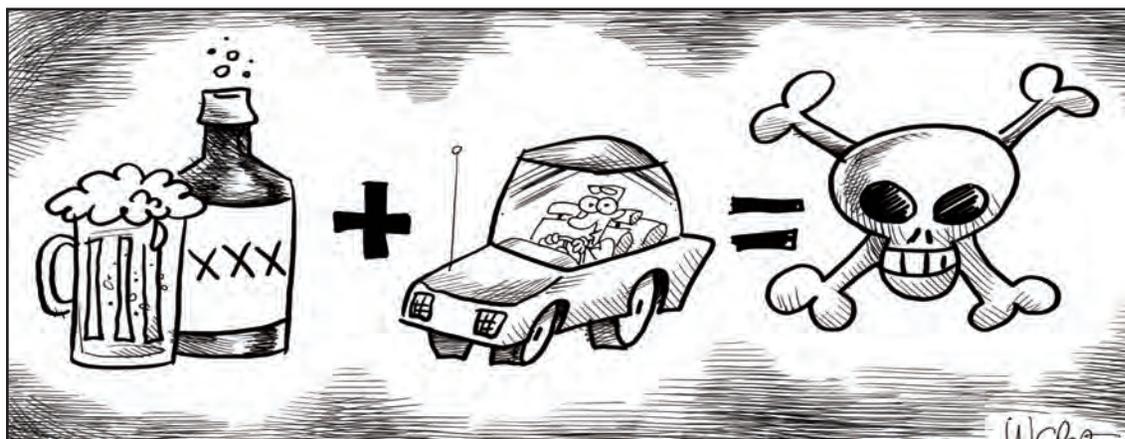
Runners using the I-81 track are also required to stop when the Ploesti Drive traffic lights are activated in order to avoid risking personal injury, said airfield operations.

Runway accidents have occurred at Keesler in the past. In December 1990, a Marine

Corps KC-130 Hercules aircraft came crashing into the water after overrunning the runway. The plane missed by 15 yards a car the end of the runway.

Just because a plane isn't in sight doesn't mean the lights can be ignored. If a plane is having an in-flight emergency, the lights will be turned on when the aircraft is as far as 10 miles away from the airfield, said Mr. Cooper.

But runway lights don't need to be on for the runway to be open, Mr. Cooper said. Aircraft could still be flying while the pilot uses night vision goggles. The runway could also still be open even if it is a weekend, a holiday or a compressed work schedule Friday, Mr. Cooper noted.





Mr. McKinley

81st CS welcomes civilian director

Keesler News staff

The 81st Communications Squadron has a new leader — and he's a civilian. John McKinley assumed leadership Monday as the first civilian director of the squadron.

Mr. McKinley assumed leadership from Capt. Andre Johnson, who became the squadron's commander in July after serving two years as commander of its operations flight. Captain Johnson has been selected for promotion to major and is going to be the command and control program manager on the J-6 staff for U.S. Forces in Korea.

Mr. McKinley, who completed enlistments with the Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, entered civil service in 1996 after earning a bachelor's degree at Ohio University.

He served as a contractor negotiator at two bases before attending Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh to earn a master's degree in electronic commerce. He spent another year in graduate school studying information assurance and public policy before resuming his civil serv-



Top, the fenced limited-access munitions inspection facility is on Ploesti Drive on Biloxi's Back Bay north of Bay Breeze Golf Course and west of the marina.

Left, Mr. Mendez and Mr. Brandt conduct a pre-issue ammunition inspection for Master Sgt. Monita McCowan, honor guard manager, inside the maintenance and inspection building at the new facility.

Photos by Kemberly Groue

Munitions inspection facility completed early



The new facility has a large storage building.

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The holidays brought a special gift for Keesler — the munitions inspection facility was completed ahead of schedule.

Construction manager Jim Aalbertsberg said the \$1.5 million project was scheduled to be finished in February, but the contractor turned it over to the government on Dec. 17 with a small punch list. CSC munitions specialists Wayne Brandt and Adolph Mendez were able to move in the last week of December.

Mr. Brandt and Mr. Mendez are responsible for effective control, accountability, storage, receipt, shipment, inspection, maintenance, and assembly of base munitions.

ice career in 2002 with the Defense Department Computer Forensics Laboratory.

In 2005, Mr. McKinley moved to the communications and information directorate at Air Force Special Operations Command headquarters on a career-broadening assignment where he rotated through the requirements, information assurance and budget and manpower branches before being selected as chief of the programming, budget execution and force management branch in 2007.

So, why is the leadership of many communications squadrons across the Air Force transferring from military to civilian? Mr. McKinley, who is a graduate of the Air and Space Basic Course and Squadron Officer School, says it's something that has been coming for some time. In the not-so-distant past, the 81st CS had about 140 military personnel and relatively few civilians.

"Soon, the unit will be manned by about 90 Department of Defense civilians and 25 military personnel, most of the latter being client service technicians," he said. "We will also continue to have a few contractors, who are another important part of the team."

This change has been driven by world events of the past decade and evolving doctrine, Mr. McKinley added.

"The bottom line is the Air Force trains and equips its military Airmen to carry out missions downrange; they are the primary deployable force," he stated. "Our Department of Defense civilian Airmen, while deploying in greater numbers, remain largely the in-garrison, or home station, force."

"Why have our military members performing duties and training at the home station on equipment or for scenarios they are not likely to encounter downrange? These military members can now be placed in units with deployable missions. As the composition of the unit goes from primarily military to primarily civilian, it follows that the leadership would as well."

Support improves for families with special needs

By Elaine Wilson

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Officials are working to boost the resources and support the Defense Department's Exceptional Family Member Program provides to military families with special needs.

"Most people are aware of EFMP as a mandatory enrollment program, but we're working to raise awareness of the family support we can provide," said Rebecca Posante, communications director for the Pentagon's Office of Military Community and Family Policy.

Military families with special needs are asked to enroll in the program so their requirements can be taken into consideration for future assignments. Parents of a child with major medical needs, for instance, are stationed at an installation near a hospital that can accommodate those needs.

"The program is to prevent you from getting in a situation where your family can't get appropriate care," Ms. Posante said. "Your asthma may be controlled here, but not at a place overseas. You might not know that and unknowingly be put in a life-threatening situation.

The goal is to protect the family."

While the assignment component is standard throughout the services, each branch offers varying levels of family support, and resulting services are inconsistent at best, Ms. Posante said. For instance, some bases have one program specialist and others have up to seven.

"The Marine Corps and Army have plussed up their programs, but it really depends on the passion and the staffing at the installations," she said.

On a positive note, she said, changes are on the horizon. The fiscal 2010 National Defense Authorization Act signed by President Barack Obama in October mandates a standard program to support military families with special needs, establishes a Defense Department Office of Community Support for Military Families with Special Needs and requires a comprehensive policy on support to families.

Ms. Posante is working in the meantime to put the resources in place to ensure success. Last month, DOD officials sponsored the first joint exceptional family member support conference in Jacksonville, Fla. Ms. Posante said the conference was a definite success, and

that she equipped family support personnel with tools they "could take back and use(immediately)." She noted these same tools also are offered online for families.

A Parent ToolKit, available on the Military OneSource site, offers information and resources to aid parents of special-needs children, taking them from birth to 21 years old. It includes a list of support organizations, sample forms and letters, and other resources. To supplement the toolkit, Military Homefront offers hundreds of resources online, listed by state, that parents can use to pinpoint a local program.

The Special Care Organizational Record for Children With Special Health Care Needs, also available on Military OneSource, is a binder where parents can store all health care-related information pertaining to their child, from medications and allergies to doctors' business cards and receipts. It also can be used for special-needs adults.

"Imagine if you were a parent and one day you couldn't take care of your child, (and) someone would have to step in and care for that child," said Isabel Hodge, family support program

manager for the Pentagon's Office of Military Community and Family Policy. "This gives them what they need to know. It's a set of instructions."

"It's not your official medical record," Ms. Posante added. "But it's something you can take with you as you move (or go) to different appointments. You can take it with you and share with doctors to aid in care."

Ms. Posante also urges parents of special-needs family members to take advantage of Military OneSource's specialty consultations for adult and special needs children, 1-800-342-9647.

With the program's new legislation and resources, Ms. Posante hopes families remember to associate the ECMP with family support, not just assignments.

"Enrollment is for your protection. This is a big benefit to our families," she said. "But we also can help support your family. Seek out your EFMP coordinator at your family center; that person knows the area; they can get you the right information. We want our families to know (that) we know the system, and we can help."

Bay Breeze Event Center construction 65 percent complete

Right, carpenter Jeff Scott from Yates Construction installs blocking for handrails on the balcony of the Bay Breeze Event Center. The contractor has erected the exterior walls, including about 80 percent of the brick work. Windows are being installed so interior work can progress and interior walls are under way.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Todd Kinderman from Edwards Electric works on wiring at the event center. Contractors are working above the ceilings installing electrical wiring, ductwork and plumbing lines.

KEESLER NOTES

Heart Link

Heart Link, an orientation specifically designed for Air Force spouses with five years or less in military life, is 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Feb. 25 in the Triangle Chapel Annex.

The program, hosted by the airman and family readiness center, is intended to increase awareness of the Air Force mission, customs, traditions, protocol and on- and off-base resources and services; emphasize the important role spouses play in the Air Force community; and develop new friendships and support.

Participants receive lunch, prizes, Heart Link coins, tote bags and more.

Limited child care is available.

To sign up, call 376-8728.

Housing office closed

The housing office is closed Wednesday for official mandatory training.

Visitor center hours

The Keesler Visitor Center is open 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and closed on weekends.

Thrift shop hours

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

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

For more information, call 377-3217.

Supply issues

For supply issues or concerns, contact the CSC supply customer service element, Room 126, Taylor Logistics Center, Building 4002; call Michael Cashion, 377-5206, or e-mail michael.cashion.ctr@keesler.af.mil.

Wheelchair taxi

The 81st Logistic Readiness Squadron vehicle operations has a wheelchair-accessible minivan available for taxi service.

For more information, call 377-2430.

Parks extend military tribute

Air Education and Training Command Services

A tribute program that has provided free admission to SeaWorld and Busch Gardens for more than 4 million members of U.S. and coalition armed forces and their families has been extended through 2010.

"Here's to the Heroes," a program sponsored by Anheuser-Busch, was launched in February 2005 to celebrate the service of military men and women and the sacrifices made by their families. The program provides a single day's free admission to any one SeaWorld or Busch Gardens park, Sesame Place, Adventure Island or Water Country USA for the service member and as many as three of his or her direct dependents.

Any active duty, active reserve, ready reserve service member or National Guardsman representing any of the five service branches is eligible. The member must register online at www.herosalute.com or in the entrance plaza of a participating park, and show a Department of Defense photo identification card. Also included in the offer are members of foreign military forces serving in the coalitions in Iraq or Afghanistan or attached to American units in the U.S. for training.

Three vaccines now available at Tricare network pharmacies

Air Force News Service

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — Tricare beneficiaries can now receive select vaccines with no out-of-pocket expense at retail pharmacies.

For the first time, beneficiaries can visit Tricare retail network pharmacies to receive seasonal flu, H1N1 flu and pneumonia vaccines at no cost.

This expanded coverage is available to all Tricare beneficiaries eligible to use the Tricare retail pharmacy benefit.

Other vaccines still must be administered in a doctor's

office or authorized convenience clinic to be fully covered by Tricare's preventive health services cost-share waiver.

To receive the vaccines, beneficiaries can call their local Tricare retail network pharmacy to make sure it participates in the vaccine program and has the vaccine in stock.

To locate a participating retail network pharmacy, go to <http://www.express-scripts.com/Tricare> or call Express Scripts, 1-877-363-1303.

81st Logistics Readiness Squadron earns '09 Commander's Trophy

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron is the winner of the 2009 Commander's Trophy for intramural sports.

The 81st LRS compiled 133 points during the 2009 season, followed by the 81st Dental Squadron with 107 and the 338th Training Squadron with 95.

The 81st LRS takes possession of a brand new trophy, because the 338th TRS retains its trophy after winning the award in 2006, 2007 and 2008. The program bylaws specify that any squadron that wins the trophy three consecutive years keeps the trophy indefinitely.

Thirty-two units competed for top honors by earning points for participating and placing in intramural sports such as volleyball, softball, bowling, golf, basketball and flag



football, according to Sam Miller, sports director.

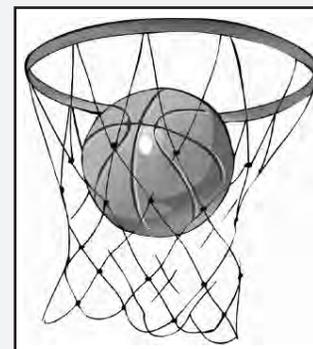
Points were also acquired for involvement in Sports Day and attending quarterly sports and fitness council meetings.

"The 81st LRS managed to compete in every intramural activity offered during 2009 and attended three of four sports and fitness council meetings," Miller said. "Also, the squadron didn't combine forces

with any other squadron throughout the entire season — no other squadron managed to do so. Top finishes in regular season intramural volleyball and postseason intramural golf bolstered the 81st LRS point total."

At right, Oscar Barboza Rios, 81st LRS-B team, returns a shot during an April 1 match with the 81st Training Support Squadron.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



Basketball regular season winding down

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Rescheduling is the name of the game for intramural basketball this week.

Games in all three leagues were postponed due to holiday player shortfalls. The Over-30 League had seven December contests to make up, the Western Conference had three games left to play and Eastern Conference has nine matches remaining as of Jan. 7.

In the Over-30 League, the 333rd Training Squadron, 4-0, and the combined 81st Force Support and Comptroller Squadrons team, 3-1, were the only teams with winning records at week's end.

In the Western Conference, the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, 7-0, was hanging on to its undefeated record during the first week of the new year. The 81st MSGS defeated the 338th TRS-B, 55-40, Jan. 5 and slipped past the 335th TRS, 55-52, Jan. 7, handing the Bulls their first loss to drop their record to 4-1. The 81st Mission Support Group also has a 4-1 record.

Last week in the Eastern Conference, the combined 81st FSS-CPTS squad was at the top of the standings at 5-0. Not far behind are the 334th TRS, 5-1, and the 336th TRS, 4-1.

Team Keesler enjoys GMAC Bowl



Photos by Kemberly Groue

James Edward, 11, son of John and Heather Overmark, 336th TRS, and Joseph Fowler, 10, son of Thomas and Krystal Sandoz, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, support their team at the 2009 GMAC Bowl, Jan. 6 in Mobile, Ala. Military members were special guests for the event and the Keesler Honor Guard participated in pregame ceremonies. Central Michigan University won the double overtime contest, 44-41, over Alabama's Troy University.



Students from the 81st Training Group attended the game.



Todd Galloway, 336th Training Squadron, and his sons, Michael, 9, and Matthew, 8, cheer for Troy University.

SCORES AND MORE

Basketball

All games played at the Dragon Fitness Center.

Intramural Over 30 (as of Jan. 11)

Team	Won	Lost
333rd TRS	4	0
81st FSS-81st CS	3	1
332nd TRS	1	2
81st LRS	1	3
335th TRS	1	3
81st SFS	0	1

Dec. 2 — 336th TRS 20, 81st SFS 0; 333rd TRS 62, 81st FSS-81CPTS 53.

Dec. 7 — 81st FSS-81st CPTS 20, 335th TRS 7.

Dec. 9 — 335th TRS 63, 332nd TRS 39; 81st FSS-81st CPTS 74, 81st LRS 40.

Dec. 14 — 333rd TRS 64, 335th TRS 18; 81st FSS-81st CPTS 80, 81st SFS 53.

Dec. 16 — 333rd TRS 60, 81st LRS 32.

Jan. 6 — 333rd TRS 76, 332nd TRS 26; 12:15 p.m. vs. 81st LRS 20, 335th TRS 0.

Intramural Eastern Division (as of Jan. 11)

Team	Won	Lost
81st FSS-81st CPTS	5	0
334th TRS	5	1
336rd TRS	4	1
81st SFS	3	3
338th TRS-A	2	2
332nd TRS-B	1	4
81st MDSS-A	1	5
333rd TRS	0	5

Nov. 30 — 81st FSS-81st CPTS 74, 333rd TRS 32; 334th TRS 43, 81st SFS 19; 336rd TRS 40, 81st MDSS-A 34.

Dec. 2 — 336th TRS 35, 81st SFS 29; 338th TRS-A 42, 332nd TRS-B 24; 81st FSS-81CPTS 47, 81st MDSS-A 33;

Dec. 7 — 334th TRS 46, 336th TRS 42; 332nd TRS 50, 333rd TRS-B 40; 338th TRS-A 39, 81SFS 35.

Dec. 9 — 334th TRS 55, 332nd TRS-B 14; 81st SFS 43, 81st MDSS-A 30; 81FSS-81CPTS 60, 333rd TRS 34.

Dec. 14 — 334th TRS 51, 81st MDSS-A 28; 336th TRS 36, 338th TRS-A 26; 81st SFS 44, 332nd TRS-B 36.

Dec. 16 — 336th TRS 62, 332nd TRS-B 37; 81st MDSS-A 42, 333rd TRS 16; 81st FSS-81st CPTS 49, 334th TRS 40.

Jan. 6 — 81st SFS 27, 333rd TRS 26; 81st FSS-81st CPTS 20, 338th TRS-A 0; 334TRs 20, 81st MDSS-A 0.

Upcoming games

Wednesday — 81st FSS-81st CPTS vs. 334th TRS; 338th TRS-A vs. 336th TRS; 333rd TRS vs. 81st SFS; 9:15 p.m. 81st MDSS-A vs. 332nd TRS-B.

Intramural Western Division (as of Jan. 11.)

Team	Won	Lost
81st MSGS	7	0
81st MSG	4	1
335th TRS	4	1
403rd Wing	3	3
332nd TRS-A	3	3

81st MDSS-B	2	2
338th TRS-B	1	3
81st DS	0	2

Dec. 1 — 403rd Wing 47, 338th TRS-B 38; 81st MSGS 53, 81st MSG 45; 332nd TRS-A 63, 81st MDSS-B 53.

Dec. 3 — 403rd Wing 20, 81st DS 0; 332nd TRS-A 35, TRS-B 33; 81st MSGS 61, 81st MDSS-B 41.

Dec. 8 — 81st MSGS 56, 403rd Wing 53; 81st MSG 45, 338th TRS-B 42; 335th TRS 39; 332nd TRS-A 30.

Dec. 10 — 335th TRS 57, 403rd Wing 48; 81st MDSS-B 20, 81st DS 0; 338th TRS-B 63, 81st MSGS 45.

Dec. 15 — 403rd Wing 60, 81st MDSS-B 23; 81st MSG 69, 332nd TRS-A 37; 335th TRS 20, 81st DS 0.

Dec. 17 — 81st MSG 91, 81st MDSS-B 53; 81st MSGS 20, 81st DS 0; 335th TRS 55, 338th TRS-B 27.

Jan. 5 — 81st MSG 63, 403rd Wing 57; 332nd TRS-A 20, 81st DS 0; 81st MSGS 55, 338th TRS-B 40.

Upcoming games

Friday — 6:15 p.m. 403rd Wing vs. 332nd TRS-A; 7:15 p.m. 338th TRS-B vs. 335th TRS; 8:15 p.m. 81st DS vs. 81st MSG.

Tuesday — 6:15 p.m. 338th TRS-B vs. 81st DS; 7:15 p.m. 332nd TRS-A vs. 81st MSG; 8:15 p.m. 335th TRS vs. 403rd Wing.

Jan. 21 — 6:15 p.m. 332nd TRS-A vs. 403th D Wing; 7:15 p.m. 81st MDSS-B vs. 335th TRS; 8:15 p.m. 81st MSG vs 81st DS.

Bowling

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.

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

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

Glow bowling — 9 p.m. Fridays and 7 p.m. Saturdays.

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 — 1-3 p.m. Mondays-Wednesdays, 1-5 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays. Bring your employees bowling for \$1 a game plus shoe rental. For reservations, 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.

Fitness centers

Biggest loser contest — Monday-March 19. Register and weigh in at any of the three fitness centers through Friday. Final weigh in on or before weekend of March 19. The top two male and female contestants losing the most weight during the competition will receive a T-shirt and Subway gift card.

Blake Fitness Center — open

4:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays; 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekends and holidays.

Boxing room — Triangle Fitness Center. Six heavy bags, three speed bags and one double-end bag. Boxing gloves available.

Dragon Fitness Center — Due to the basketball court's water damage, center hours extended for full-court basketball play 6 a.m.-11 p.m. Mondays-working Friday; 8 a.m.-1 p.m. nonworking Friday and Saturdays. Parent-child fitness room has workout equipment and play area for ages 6 months to 7 years. For more information, call 377-4385.

Free blood pressure machines — available at all fitness centers.

Free fitness classes — boot camp, self-defense, cycling, yoga, step aerobics, Tae Kwon-do, core fitness, kick boxing and pilates at Dragon Fitness Center. For more information, call 377-2907.

Free fitness testing, exercise prescription and personal training — at Blake, Dragon and Triangle Fitness Centers. For more information, call for appointment.

Free power lifting seminar — 2 p.m. Friday at the Triangle Fitness Center. Subjects include proper lifting techniques, proper use of lifting gear, approved power lifting attire, and rules and regulations for the upcoming Muscle Mania power lifting meet on March 19.

Fit to fight incentive program — Dragon slayers, dragon readers, dragon gliders and dragon riders available free at Blake, Dragon and Triangle fitness centers. Awards presented. For more information, contact the fitness center of your choice.

Massage appointments — at Triangle Fitness Center. For more information, call 348-6698.

No smoking — on Crotwell Track across from Blake Fitness Center.

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

Triangle Fitness Center — open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays and weekends; closed holidays. For more information, call 377-3056.

Golf

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

Twilight special — 1 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays; play unlimited golf until closing. Fees: E1-E4, \$12; E5-O3, \$20; O4-up, \$22, guests \$22.

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

Outdoor recreation

Back Bay fishing trip — \$20 per person. State fishing license required; minimum four, maximum six people. For more information, call 377-3160.

Catamaran sailboat for rent — \$10 per hour, minimum 2 hours, or \$75 per day. Trailer and take-off site \$100 per day or \$175 for a weekend.

Must be sailboat certified.

Camping packages — available, including sleeping bags, lanterns, camp stoves and tents.

Canoes, kayaks — for rent.

Children's wildlife poster contest — throughout the month. Any type of wildlife including, birds, fish and animals. First-place winner receives a \$100 savings bond, second place winner receives a \$50 savings bond.

Deep sea fishing private charter — rent Dolphin II, \$750 for first 10 people, \$50 each additional person. No license needed; \$100 deposit.

Deep sea fishing trips — Nonworking 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 more information and to reserve, call 377-3160.

Delacroix, La. fishing site — Outdoor fishing/hunting camp in Delacroix, La. Rent a self-contained camper, sleeps four, \$50/night, \$125/weekend (Friday noon to Monday noon) or \$300 a week (seven days noon to noon). Bring food, beverages, cooking utensils and bedding. Louisiana license needed to fish. For more information, call 377-3160.

January special — Ten percent discount on all rental equipment.

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

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

One-day fishing trips — to Horn, Ship or Cat islands; pick date for charter trip to Delacroix and Reggio, La., with professional guide. For more information, call 377-3160.

Paddle boats for rent — two-person or four-person for \$5 per hour for minimum of two hours. For more information, call 377-3160.

Pontoon boat training — test to become certified to rent a pontoon. For more information, call 377-3160.

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

Rent a bicycle — 3500 Trek, seven speed, \$3 day, \$15 week, \$35 month.

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

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

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

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Brent Admire, Joshua Aikins, Kendrick Alltop, Kaneisha Armstrong, Tyler Bellamy, Corey Blythe, Shante Bolden, Robert Bower, Matthew Brubaker, Aimee Burbridge, Alan Cantrell, Levi Collins, Devin Dinter, Brian Dottle, Timothy Drafz, Leslie Ferguson, Jonathan Fields, Brandon Foster, Patrick Foster, Carl Free, William George, Anise Ghorbani, Avery Hawkins, Ron Hoefler, Dustin Johannsen, Liam Johnson, Christian Klein, Lyle Koehler, Benjamin Kolozsy, Bryce Koepke, Craig Kortan, Josiah Kuzianik, Andrew Laboy, Joshua Leonard, Edward Lomelin, Scott Marang, Justin Martin, Donald Matney, Mitchell McCartney, Napoleon Medina, Sydney Mikulcick, Christian Millan, Kyle Miller, Thomas Miller, Ashley Nguyen, Kayla Nowacki, David Patton, Christopher Reagan, Wesley Risley, Justine Santiago, Raymond Savo, Timothy Schonfeld, Jonathan Schumacher, Stephen Seitz, David Smith, Devin Smith, Jonathan Soulier, Christopher Spear, Julius Stiggers, Christian Tolentino, Nicholas Turley, Charles Turner, Brian Valdeiso, Lee Vang, Lee Vinyard, Devon Wanderon, Scott West, Brandon Wheat, Brian White and Justin Wray; Airmen Joseph Bach, Michael Busby, Marcus Eason, John Eckardt, Randy Feltman, Kevin Flakes, Charvis Franklin, Matthew Geffert, Joshua Holden, Kayla Hoyle, Sean Husebo, Randall Margritz, Trevor Phillips, Solomon Rosen, Brandon Rowles, Robert Sotler, Alan Stratton, Benjamin Tress and Shane Vernick; Airmen 1st Class Dane Adams, Vincent Acunia, Mawasi Anderson, Stephen Bentley, Robert Benton, Joshua Betts, James Blasich, Nicholas Brazeau, Corey Brooks, William Brown, Ruth Bryce, Joseph Cadavos, Christopher Calcagni, Mitchel Carroll, Steven Carter, Matthew Colona, William Cooley, David Demster, Michael Denherder, Joshua Diedrich, Brittany Dobbs, Leran Dong, Joshua Dumesnil, Matthew Galindo, Justin Greco, Marnay Harris, Michael Hordeski, Christopher Howard, Alexander Jansing, Nathan Jolley, Jonathan Keeney, Josiah Kelsall, Matthew King, Casey Lipe, Nicholas Loftin, Keeley Mahoney, John Mark, Jeffery Meyers, Andrew Nelson, Caitlin Newvine, Benjamin Nienhouse, Jay Patel, Aimee Patterson, Anthony Peterson, Joshua Remer, Johnathan RicoArce, Dillon Shail, Franklin Sherwood, Nathaniel Sorensen, Matthew Spurgeon, Ryan Stapleton, Erik Stauffer, Freeman Tate, Christine Tedesco, Jeremy Tharp, Kevin Vanek, Clarence Walker, Justin Walsh, Courtney Wheeler, Ethan Winter, Barbara Woods and Ao Zhang; Senior Airmen Gregory Bergerson, Andrew Cross, Jerry Jennings, Patrick OHara, Jeffery Stiebling, David Welch, Michael Wills and Candice Young; Staff Sgts. Pedro Chamorro, Crystal Chiles, Jeraby Dillon, Phillip Duckworth, Simeon Foronda, Shana Frey, John Fulgar, Adam Gillard, Dana King, Ashley Klejmont, Douglas Kozak, Lawana Larson, Alexander Nishikawa, Daniel Rodgers and Jonathan Stratton; Tech. Sgts. Tricia DeLuna and Rick Rasmussen; Master Sgt. Robert Ryan.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Kyle Costlow, Garrett Culbertson, Ryan Guest, Keith Gulliver, Juan Isales, Bernard Links, Rachael Luse, Michael Mimmagh, Zechariah Molnar, Michael Roche and Brady Soeun; Airmen Matthew Perry, Kristen Pettit and Hugh Stout; Airmen 1st Class Michael Carroll, Blake Carta, Stephanie Cleary, Anthony David, Erich Dorow, Jacob Giacchino, Shawn Hanger, Jessica Luecking, Donald Overfield, Christopher Putnam, Shawn Riddle, Davis J. Rodriguez, James Schurz and Carson Weir; Staff Sgts. John Addams, Jeremy Box, Christopher Campbell and Michael Henderson.

335th TRS

Weather training flight — Airman Basic Guy Meyer; Airman Anthony Chavis; Navy Airman Apprentice Peter Vogel; Airman 1st Class Robert Zweber; Staff Sgt. Chad McIlheran, Christopher Whitfield.

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Essence Brock, Terry Buist, Kayla Chilcoat, Alex Collins, Lakindra Favors, Devon Fleming, Christy Jones, Myranda Krise, Jason Lee, Alexander Leik,

Abiodun Oladiti, Thomas Tarantella and Sara Wilson; Airmen Varkeneus Berry and Daniel Harris; Airmen 1st Class Alfredo Baking, Clarissa Christensen, Austin Delahunt, Jeffrey Fuston, Philip Keaton, Kuma Kumsa, David Ollivant and Logan Pendergraft; Senior Airmen Mark Kamyk and Jarrod Sanchez; Staff Sgt. Hannah Mosebach; Tech. Sgt. Chad Lynch.

336th TRS

Communications-computer flight — Airmen Basic Denesha Hudgins, Jeremy Plain and Brent Wilcoxson; Airmen Jayna Andes; Airmen 1st Class Anthony Jaros, Cassandra Kenyon, Elyse LaChance and Michelle Rameriz-Moreno; Senior Airmen Kenneth Saunders; Staff Sgts. Christopher Degeiso, Johnny Escalante, Jodi Flemming and Lydia Hanson; Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Tengonciang; Master Sgt. Christopher Veters.

338th TRS

Cyber transport systems — Airman Basic Joshua Aguirre; Airmen 1st Class Sean Larrabee, John Monteith and Hector Ortiz-Diaz.

Ground radar systems — Airmen Dennis Decker, Tyler Schutt, and Chad Wanner; Airmen 1st Class Justin Burnett, Jessica Paul, Ralph Rodriguez, Travis Salter and Brady Techen; Senior Airman Gary Martin; Staff Sgt. Julie Reinhardt.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Editor's note: Hours reflect changes in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. day holiday Monday.

Open

Inns of Keesler — Open 24 hours

Fam Camp — Open 24 hours

Magnolia Dining Facility — 7:30-9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Live Oak Dining Facility — 7:30-9a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 4:30-6:30 p.m.

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, Triangle Chapel.....11:15 a.m.

Jewish

Jewish services are held Fridays at 7:30 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Israel, 12277 Three Rivers Rd., Gulfport. Call Master Sgt. Michael Raff, 377-5235 or 207-2196.

Islamic

Prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jummah congregational prayer, noon Friday. Building 2003, across from the Live Oak dining facility. 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. Call 396-5274 or (801) 787-1990.

Orthodox

Divine Liturgy 10 a.m. Sunday at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 255 Beauvoir Rd, Biloxi. Call 388-6138 or Father Stephen Clos, 377-4105.

Blake Fitness Center — 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Outdoor recreation — 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Vandenberg Community Center — noon to 7 p.m.

Golf course, driving range and pro shop — 7 a.m. to dusk

Closed

Arts and craft center

Auto hobby shop

Azalea Dining Facility

Katrina Kantina

McBride Library

Dragon Fitness Center

Triangle Fitness Center

Information, ticket and tours office

Legends Café

Youth center

Child development center

Family child care

Gaude Lanes

11th Frame Café

Vet Services

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 10-2 — graduation Feb. 11.

Mathies NCO Academy

Class 10-2 — graduation Feb. 17.

Arts and crafts center

Advanced intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. Jan. 30. \$25 includes materials.

Beginning intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. Saturday. \$15 includes materials.

Beginning woodworking — 5:30 p.m. Wednesday and Jan. 20 and 27. Make a cutting board. \$25, includes materials and shop use.

Engraving shop — squadron, office and individual orders.

Glass painting — 10:30 a.m. Jan. 23. \$25 includes a completed painted project.

Jewelry making — 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday. \$20 includes materials. Learn wire wrapping and tooling.

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.

Pottery — 10 a.m. to noon, Jan. 23. \$40.

Scrapbooking — 5:30-7 p.m. Jan. 21. \$10 includes materials.

Wood shop — stocked retail lumber and a large assembly area adjacent to the machine room available. Call for class information.

Chapel

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

Catholic religious education — after 9 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Protestant Sunday School — 10:30-11:30 a.m. for preschool, elementary, teens and adults.

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

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

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

Grief Share support group — meets 6:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Triangle Chapel Annex. One-on-one and group support available for people experiencing difficult relationships or work situations, loss of a loved one or job, divorce, health issues and grief. For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Garrell Calton, 376-3095 or Glenda Woodard or Delphine McIntyre, 377-2531.

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Keesler Medical Center

Mental health clinic

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

Healthy thinking — 2 p.m. Tuesdays.

Stress management techniques — 10 a.m. Wednesdays.

Relaxation techniques — 9 a.m. Mondays.

To register, call 376-0385.

McBride Library

Available — two large meeting rooms, audio room, typing room and children's library.

Chief of Staff professional military reading list — titles available for checkout from the special book collection.

Free wireless Internet — check at circulation desk.

Paperback book swap — swap one of same genre for another.

Playaway — self-playing digital audio books available with content preloaded; select from large assortment of titles. Pop in a battery, plug in almost any type of headset and enjoy.

Online catalog — to search the inventory, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>, click link for McBride Library, then link for online catalog.

Overdrive audio online book program — individual or family accounts allow download/playing of full-length audio books on a personal computer. Check with library staff for details.

Research databases — comprehensive research capabilities. Many specialty areas.

Rosetta Stone online language learning center — 30 foreign languages, including Spanish. For more information, check with the library staff.

Tours/orientations — for more information, call 377-2604.

Volunteers needed — to shelve books, assist with children's story time and create displays. For more information, call 377-2181.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

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

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

Legends Café — buffet specials 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Pool tournaments — 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Katrina Kantina

All ranks invited — open 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays. Snacks, beverages and music; \$5.25, chips and salsa, DJ Wayne and his karaoke machine.

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

Lunch — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays. \$6 for club members, \$8 for nonmembers. Menu changes weekly.

Youth center

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

TRAIL — 6-8 p.m. Mondays.

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

Classes — Guitar, piano and gymnastic classes available. For more information, call 377-4116.

Open recreation — 3-5:45 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 recre-

ation activities. Students sign themselves in at front desk.

Youth employment service — earn money for college tuition. For more information, call 377-4116.

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

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

TICKETS AND TRIPS

Discounted tickets — for more information, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the ITT link.

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

Tour bus — available for group rental, seats 23.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

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.

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 separating/retiring under special circumstances, call 376-8728 for appointment.

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

Transition assistance program — The Department of Labor's program is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. the first three days; the fourth day is the Veterans Affairs benefits brief from 8-11 a.m. and the retirement benefits briefs from 1-6 p.m. The schedule is Monday-Thursday; Feb. 8-11; March 8-11; April 12-15; May 10-13; June 7-10; July 12-15; Aug. 9-12; Sept. 13-16; Oct. 18-21; Nov. 15-18; and Dec. 13-16. To register, call 376-8728 to register.

MEETINGS

African-American Heritage Committee — 3:30 p.m. second Tuesday of the month, Room 109, Taylor Logistics Building. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Yolanda Jerry, 377-2157, or Kurt Higgins, 377-5250.

Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 652 — 7 a.m. third Tuesday of the month, Live Oak Dining Facility. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Rich Striggow, 377-4800, or visit <http://chapter.afsa652.org>.

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

Airman's Council — meets every first and third Tuesday at 4 p.m., Sablich Auditorium. For more information, call Senior Airman Alonda West, 377-2994.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving — For more information, call Staff Sgt. Aaron Eden, 377-1907; Staff Sgt. Brad Mills, 377-1714, or 377-SAVE.

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

At Eze Toastmasters Club — 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Building 1101 conference room. For more information, call Dewi Clark, 377-2714, or e-mail dewi.clark2@keesler.af.mil; Arleen Stewart, 377-2440, or visit <http://www.toastmasters.org>.

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

Civil Air Patrol Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron —

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

Lunch — herbed baked chicken, beef and noodles, fried catfish, blackeyed peas, rice, cornbread, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, peas, fruit salad, potato salad, chili, broccoli soup, bean ham soup, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

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

Friday

Lunch — Mexican baked chicken, country-style steak, stuffed peppers, baked macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, Spanish beans, peas and carrots, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chile con queso, Tuscan vegetables, chicken noodle, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Dinner — lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken cacciatore, rice, gravy, broccoli, cauliflower parmesan, Italian-style beans, corn O'Brien, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chile con queso, Tuscan vegetables, chicken noodle soup, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Saturday

Lunch — crispy baked chicken, beef yakisba, baked ham, rice, baked potatoes, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, french peas, carrots, fruit medley salad, bean salad, raisin sauce, chicken chili, minestrone soup, baja chicken enchilada and buffalo wings.

Dinner — fish almondine, stir-fry chicken with broccoli, pork chops, rissole potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, calico corn, club spinach, fried okra, fruit medley, bean salad, chicken chili, minestrone soup, baja chicken enchilada and buffalo wings.

Sunday

Lunch — baked fish, sauerbraten, chicken breast parmesan, au gratin potatoes, egg noodles, gravy, cauliflower combo, vegetables, cabbage, tomato salad, German coleslaw, chili, broccoli soup, chicken with rice and cheese pizza.

Dinner — barbecue chicken, fried shrimp, seafood cocktail sauce, beef manicotti/cannelloni, potato wedges, mashed potatoes, gravy, blackeyed peas, collard greens, corn O'Brien, tomato salad, German coleslaw, chili, broccoli soup, chicken with rice and cheese pizza.

Monday

Lunch — southern fried chicken, barbecue spareribs, southern fried chicken, baked ham, baked fish, baked macaroni and cheese, rice, gravy, potato salad, coleslaw, macaroni salad, okra, corn fritters, mustard greens, blackeyed peas, cornbread, chicken gumbo soup, cheeseburger chowder, cannonball sandwich and fried chicken nuggets.

Dinner — roast turkey, ribeye steak, tempura fried fish, mashed potatoes, cornbread dressing, gravy, succotash, tempura vegetables, green beans, cucumber onion salad, macaroni salad, chili con queso, Tuscan vegetables, cheeseburger chowder, cannonball sandwich and fried chicken nuggets.

Tuesday

Lunch — lemon garlic fish, pork schnitzel steak, yakisoba, ginger rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, pinto beans, spinach, summer squash, spinach salad, Waldorf salad, timberline chili, minestrone, baja chicken enchilada, steak and cheese sub and tacos.

Dinner — roast pork loin, barbecue beef cubes, garlic toast, chicken fajitas, O'Brien potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower, corn on the cob, lima beans, Waldorf salad, spinach salad, chili, minestrone soup, baja chicken enchilada, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

Wednesday

Lunch — Chinese five-spice chicken, beef broccoli stir fry, Cantonese spareribs, vegetable egg rolls, shrimp fried rice, steamed rice, stir-fry vegetables, fried cabbage, gravy, lemon sesame green beans, coleslaw, tomato salad, chicken chili, clam chowder, chicken gumbo, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

Dinner Lunch — spaghetti with meat sauce, Swiss steak, garlic toast, fried chicken, brown rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, fried cauliflower, asparagus, cabbage, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, chicken chili, clam chowder, chicken gumbo, cheese fishwich and pizza.

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7 p.m. Tuesdays upstairs in Hangar 3 for youth and adults. For more information, call (601) 528-4337, e-mail Camoprincess92@gmail.com or visit <http://www.keeslercap.org>.

Company grade officers council — 4:30 p.m. every second Wednesday at the Katrina Kantina at the marina. For more information, call Capt. Naomi Henigin, 377-0779.

Keesler 5.6 — 3:15 p.m. third Wednesday of the month; location varies. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Kimberly Sturdivant, 377-1813.

Keesler Amateur Radio Club — Net with news-line and echo-link is held Wednesdays on 146.79, minus offset, no PL tone. Monthly meeting is 7 p.m. second Mondays at Locker House. Enter courtyard near Second Street. Enter door marked “T flight” and go straight ahead to sign saying “K5TYP.”

Keesler Spouses Club — second Tuesdays. For more information, e-mail Devalynn Solomon, deesolomon@cableone.net, or visit <http://www.KeeslerSpousesClub.com>.

Retired Enlisted Association Magnolia Chapter 81 — 5:30 p.m. second Thursdays, Sablich Center, Room 108-B. For more information, call Charles Partin, 313-3267.

Top III — second Tuesday of the month. Meetings are 7 a.m. at Live Oak Dining Facility in January, March, May, July, September and November; 3:30 p.m. remaining months at Katrina Kantina. For

more information, call Master Sgt. Tammy McElroy, 376-3164.

Tuskegee Airmen Inc., Col. Lawrence E. Roberts Chapter — 5 p.m. first Thursdays, McBride Library. For more information, call Glenda Mosby, 243-1992, gmosby1@bellsouth.net, or Charles Bowers, 860-3665.

MISCELLANEOUS

Movies

Editor's note: Movies shown in Welch Auditorium; \$3 adults, \$1.50 children for regular features; \$2.50 adults and \$1 children for matinees. For upcoming features, call 377-6627.

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



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