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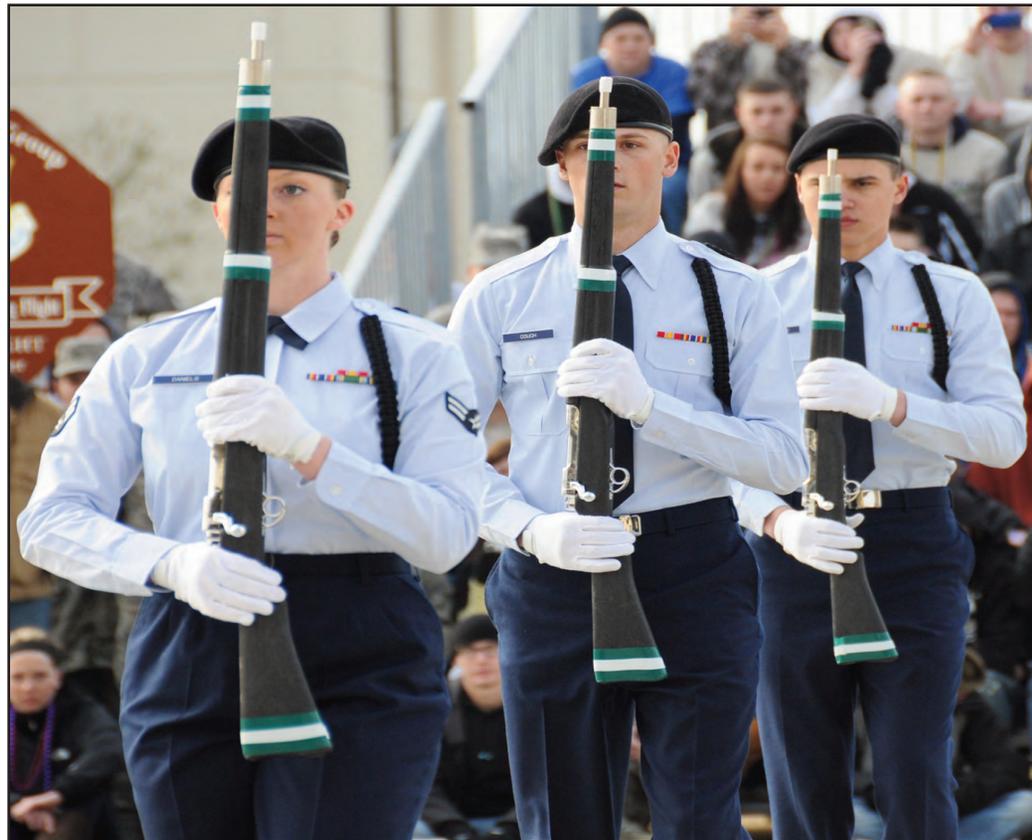
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Gators start season with drill down win

From left, Airman 1st Class Dustie Daniels and Airmen Basic Wesley Couch and Devin Gonzalez, 334th Training Squadron, perform during the freestyle competition during the 81st Training Group's first drill down of the season Friday. The Gators placed first in all three categories — regulation drill, open ranks and freestyle drill. For story and more photos, see Page 4.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

Donley outlines Air Force's future

By Staff Sgt. Mareshah Haynes

Defense Media Activity-San Antonio

ORLANDO, Fla.— The Air Force secretary discussed the outlook for the Air Force's future during the Air Force Association's Air Warfare Symposium and Technology Exposition Feb. 18 here.

In his keynote speech, framed upon the strategic priorities set in the Quadrennial Defense Review, Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley addressed more than 500 seminar attendees stating that Air Force officials are focused on winning today's fights in Afghanistan, Iraq and the Horn of Africa.

While these conflicts are different, the secretary explained there are at least a couple of trends: projecting U.S. power through air mobility is critical to success;

they require close integration with ground forces to find, fix and hold at risk elusive high-value targets; and coordination with partner air forces with different competencies that require different levels of U.S. support is essential to counterinsurgency, stability and counterterrorist operations.

"These factors have influenced us to continue investments in mobility, ISR (intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance), command and control, and building partner capacity across our total force so we can maximize our contributions to the joint and coalition force," Secretary Donley said.

Air Force ISR capabilities have proven to be a significant asset to combatant commanders in overseas contingency operations and, as a result, demand continues to increase. To support the expanded ISR mission, Air Force officials are shifting

approximately 3,600 manpower billets from the accelerated retirement of legacy fighters to the intelligence mission and are doubling the number of ISR liaison officers assigned to deployed ground forces. Two new remotely piloted aircraft facilities have also recently been established and will continue to acquire and deploy additional aircraft.

"We've increased remotely piloted aircraft capability by 330 percent in the past two years," Secretary Donley said. "In addition, the rapid acquisition and deployment of the MC-12 Liberty is providing direct ISR support to ground forces."

In an effort to better facilitate command and control capabilities, training pipelines for joint terminal attack controllers have

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Lorenz on Leadership

Preparation helps within a climate of change

By Gen. Stephen Lorenz

Air Education and Training Command commander

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Our Air Force has many traditions. Some we inherited from other services; others are more recent and will take time to fully develop. Traditions are positive things, deeply rooted in our heritage and pride. Traditions are things we don't easily give up.

One of our traditions, however, isn't often recognized as "positive" and doesn't get the applause it deserves. That tradition is one of our strongest and most resilient.

You see, our Air Force is dynamic — always adapting to meet new missions and to counter new threats. With our world and its realities continually evolving around us, living in a culture of change is inevitable. This creates a level of uncertainty, and people generally don't like uncertainty. Such change, however, is vitally important and allows us to maintain our efficiency, effectiveness and relevance.

So then, what is the best way for a leader to guide people through change? There are certainly many methods to do so and each one depends on the type of change expected. In all cases, however, the principles that underlie the preparation for change are the same. Preparation builds confidence, helps a leader's organization be less fearful of approaching uncertainty, and ensures the organization is much more effective once change arrives.

This is where education and training come into play. We educate in order to prepare for uncertainty. Education helps us understand why the change is

necessary. It also helps us objectively assess the environment and rationale necessitating the change. With objectivity, we can unemotionally assess the benefits and drawbacks of the different potential courses of action.

Education is a never-ending self-improvement process. The different levels are predicated to occur at specific spots in our careers — opening doors and creating opportunities. Because the Air Force lines up education programs with future levels of responsibility, it can be difficult to adequately catch up on education. Never pass up the opportunity to further your education.

While education helps us prepare for uncertainty, training programs are designed to prepare for certainty. After all, it's those things that we expect that fill our syllabi and lesson books. We train for them over and over until recognizing and reacting to them is second nature.

This is one reason why we use checklists so much in the Air Force. They help lead us accurately through challenging times.

Through experience, our collective list of "certainty" grows. It shapes the evolution of our training programs. You see, when we react to a challenge, we create a certain result. Positive results reinforce the action — and make us more confident. Although the positive result "trains" us to use the same response next time, it typically doesn't teach us to handle anything but the exact same challenge. When we make mistakes or experience negative results, we truly have an opportunity to learn. Even though it may not be as much fun to investigate our

failures, we are more apt to critically assess the challenge and develop other, more successful potential courses of action.

This is why our integrated safety programs, after action teams and lessons learned archives are so valuable. They are an effort to take advantage of the experiences and mistakes of others to avoid having to relearn the same lessons over and over again. In essence, such programs help each of us prepare for future uncertainty and help bridge our learning programs from the training arena into our education enterprise.

As a leader, you must ensure your people have the education necessary to prepare for uncertainty and the training to guide them through certainty. As an individual, you must aggressively pursue these opportunities to further develop yourself as well. Such preparation will instill the confidence necessary to embrace change.

Implementing new ideas in your organization can be challenging. It takes careful thought, skilled execution and the full support of your team. It can also take time. It is always important to be evolutionary with change and not revolutionary. That way, your changes will have a much better chance to succeed over time.

Sometimes it is hard to take pride in a culture of continuous change. But within uncertainty is opportunity and opportunity helps fuel growth.

Today, we must all adapt to change much more rapidly than ever before. It is one of our oldest and most important traditions ... and one that I hope will never change.

Can others see hard work on you?

By Senior Master Sgt. Les Bramlett

380th Expeditionary Medical Group

SOUTHWEST ASIA — I found myself on stage at a practice for the promotion and recognition ceremony at our deployed base. One of the promotees, a young airman first class, wore an oil-stained uniform and boots. I studied this young man and listened to the script to hear where he worked. As I listened, I learned he was a maintainer being promoted to senior airman below-the-zone.

What I saw and heard spoke volumes to me. Here was an Airman who was just what he appeared to be — a hard-working success. He was not a shiny penny; he was the real deal. I could see he was on the mission and the mission was on him. Apparently, his leaders saw it too because they selected him to be

promoted ahead of his peers.

I also pondered a question that day, "Can others see hard work on me?" When we know our job, produce results and take pride in what we do, we present the same image this young maintainer projected. Being technically ready is the first step of this journey.

Technical readiness is a key component of personal and unit readiness. Simply put, know your job.

When we earn and maintain a skill-level commensurate with our rank, we become enablers of airpower within our sphere of influence and operational environment. Others see our excellence and subsequently examine themselves and hopefully adjust their efforts.

We must also put in the work. Knowing the job is one thing; producing is another. Airmen neither alibi nor imitate; they produce. As fortune would

have it, I got a chance to see this newly-minted senior airman in action a few nights later on the flightline.

It was clear to me he was the master of this domain and a wealth of knowledge on the matter of aircraft hydraulics. In fact, his commander confirmed my observations. Through hard work, we must be on target all the time — building structures, providing medical and force support, enabling communications, refueling, flying sorties and yes, providing maintenance — because hard work is not measured in stains, but service and results.

Finally, we must take pride in what we do. To put it in another familiar way: excellence in all we do. There is something infectious and contagious about excellence. The more one produces it, the more they want to produce. You may have heard the

Biblical quote, "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."

It is true. The more I observed this young man, both at the promotion practice and on the flightline, the more introspective and motivated I became. I want others to see hard work on me every day.

William W. Warmath once wrote, "Suffering and success go hand-in-hand. If you are having success, it is because someone before you suffered. If you are suffering, it is so someone after you can have success."

As we build on the legacy of Airmen, Soldiers and Sailors of the past, we must remember the only time success comes before work is in the dictionary. Our hard work today will produce immeasurable results for our family, Air Force, nation and the world tomorrow. Can others see hard work on you?



DRAGON ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

Keesler News photojournalist

What personal accomplishment has made you the proudest?



"My ability to lead and inspire children; I helped coach a Youth Basketball of America team that won a national championship in 2008."

Staff Sgt. Jason Washington, 333rd Training Squadron



"Combining a successful Air Force career with motherhood and being a wife."

Tech. Sgt. Tasha Thomas, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron



"Being the first of my siblings to graduate from high school."

Airman Veronique Williams, 81st Training Group

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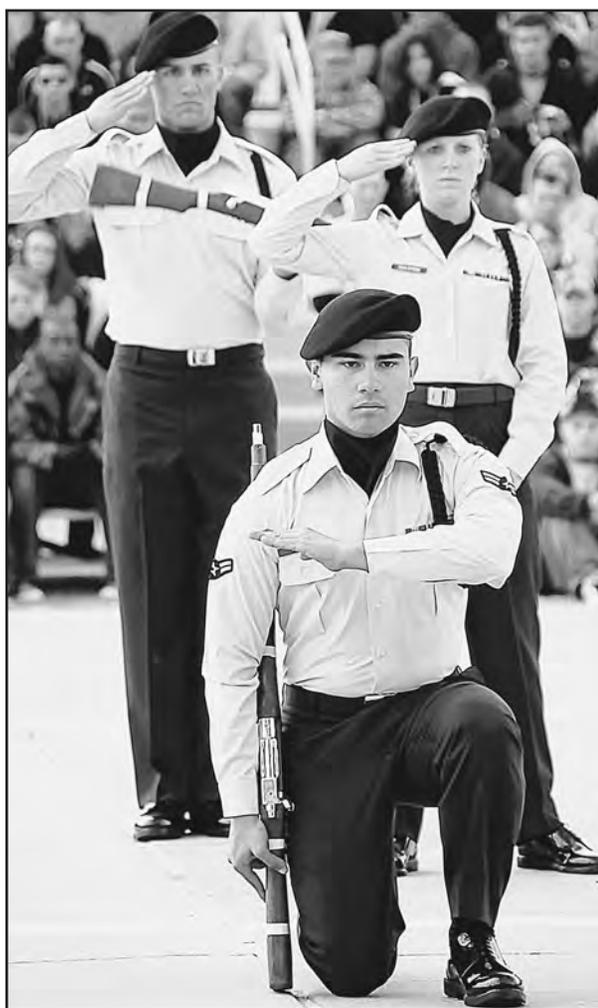


Airman Brett Williams, 335th TRS, twirls his rifle during the freestyle competition.



From left, Airman Kevin Bacon, Airman Basic Tom Phan and Airman 1st Class Joshua Formanek salute during the 336th TRS freestyle performance.

Gators rule at season's first drill down contest



From left, Airmen 1st Class George Burgess and Steven Perez and Airman Basic Katherine Coulstring, 332nd TRS, conclude their freestyle routine.

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The Gators from the 334th Training Squadron have made their presence known in the 81st Training Group's drill down arena.

The Gators were the first place drill team overall, not to mention the first place finisher in all three categories — open ranks, regulation and freestyle drill — in Friday's first drill down of the season.

Keeping things consistent, the 338th TRS Dark Knights were the second place team overall, along with second place finishes in all three categories. The 338th TRS is last year's defending drill down champ.

The 332nd TRS Mad Dogs finished third overall, with third place performances in open ranks and freestyle drill. The 335th TRS Bulls placed third in regulation drill. The 336th TRS Red Wolves participated, but didn't place.

Members of the winning team from the 334th TRS include Airmen Basic Ignacio Arostegui, Joshua Collier, Wesley Couch, David Duffus, Devin Gonzalez, Chantless Lawson, Sylvia Marton, Austyn Mason, Sarah Meyer, George Newman, Ryan Schultz, Gabriel Sigaoat, Kathryn Tarlton, Justin Thurgood and Jamie Walden; Airman Katie Weyer and Airman 1st Class Chelsey Huddleston.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Airman 1st Class Marcus Allen-Hall leads the 338th TRS team in the freestyle drill category. The Dark Knights, second place team overall, came in second place in all three categories. The 338th TRS is last year's defending drill down champ.

Ground radar systems course graduates last class

338th Training Squadron

Friday marks the graduation of the last 2E0X1 ground radar systems apprentice class, and though the Air Force specialty codes may have changed, the career field and mission remain the same.

“Unlike many other career fields involved with the new cyberspace ‘3D’ transformation, the fixed base and deployable missions the ground radar schoolhouse supports remain unchanged,” said Edward Rush, instructor in the 338th Training Squadron. Ground radar technicians install, maintain, modify, and repair fixed and transportable air traffic control radar, weather radar and aircraft control and warning

radar. As past and present radar technicians fondly sum it up, radar serves as “The Eyes of the Air Force,” Mr. Rush said.

Keesler has been training radar technicians since the first graduating class March 23, 1948, including Pfc. Francis A. Capes, affectionately known as “Father Radar.” Private Capes trained with five others in “radar repairman reporting equipment” on the AN/CPS-1 radar set at Keesler after Boca Raton Army Air Field shut down in 1947 as a result of two hurricanes. “Since then, technicians trained in ground radar at Keesler have enabled airspace superiority around the world

by providing the airspace ‘picture’ to commanders and air controllers,” said Don Alexander, training development element chief.

Currently the 338th TRS school reloads the Air Force with training on six major systems. These include the legacy ATC systems AN/GPN-20 airport surveillance radar for a 60 nautical-mile air picture, the AN/TPX-42 identification friend or foe and selective identification feature to provide numeric and symbolic displays representing the aircraft and the AN/GPN-22 precision approach radar to track and land inbound aircraft. In addition, students learn the deployable airborne control

and warning radar AN/TPS-75 providing the theater air operations center with a 240 nautical-mile radius air display.

Finally, newer digital ATC systems are introduced, including the digital airport surveillance radar that replaces the AN/GPN-20 ASR and the standard terminal automation replacement system. The STARS is a fully automated ATC computerized wide area network incorporating up to 16 radar system inputs and is expandable to accommodate future Department of Defense and Federal Aviation Administration upgrades.

Although the 2E0X1 AFSC is now history, the new 3D1X5 ground radar AFSC

carries on with graduates of Class 10001, which ironically, due to course length changes, graduates one day before the last 2E0X1 class. Regardless of AFSC, both classes will stay the course and deliver relevant training to the Air Force.

As commander of the 338th TRS, Lt. Col. Daniel Gottrich encourages students from day one to graduation to “STAY,” which stands for stay healthy (physically and mentally), stay out of trouble and stay focused on academics.

“Persevere where others have not and realize that your training has not stopped here...it has only just begun. Now go out and do great things for our Air Force,” he said.



Base construction sites
off-limits without authorization.

Volunteer —
get connected.

Coin contest

Friday is the deadline to enter the 81st Training Wing challenge coin design contest.

The contest winner is recognized during the 81st TRG's formal dining out April 30.

Designs may be one or two sides with no limit on the number of submissions.

E-mail submissions to lakeitha.luster@us.af.mil as a PowerPoint slide.

For more information, e-mail or call Sergeant Luster, 377-0211.

OTS briefings

Officer Training School briefings are 10 a.m. Tuesdays in Room 224, Sablich Center.

UBU house party

A UBU house party for nonprior service students is 7 p.m. Friday in Vandenberg Community Center.

Students may pick up a free UBU card at the event or show their current card and become eligible for prizes and giveaways.

The party is sponsored by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and Keesler Federal Credit Union.

CCAF deadline

Friday is the deadline to apply for the Community College of the Air Force spring graduating class.

By that date, all supporting documentation must be on file with CCAF at Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, Ala., including your nomination action request.

For more information, visit the education office, Room 376-8708 or 8710.

NECP deadlines

Friday is the deadline for notification of intent to apply

Perfect student



Airman Delana Henry graduated Feb. 17 from the personnel apprenticeship course in the 335th Training Squadron with a perfect score. She's headed to the 49th Force Support Squadron, Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.

for the Nurse Enlisted Commissioning Program.

March 26 is the deadline for academic evaluation and April 23 is the application deadline

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

Hap Arnold grants

March 12 is the deadline to apply 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 for undergraduate studies 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 more information, call 376-8517.

KSC scholarships

The Keesler Spouses Club scholarship competition is open to members of the Keesler family, including dependents and spouses of active duty, active Guard and/or Reserve, retired or deceased members and Department of Defense civilians.

Scholarships are awarded to eligible high school and home-schooled seniors who plan to enter a college, university or vocational school this fall.

Spouses pursuing a degree or vocational studies are also eligible.

To request applications or more information, e-mail JLMPatriquin@aol.com; log on to www.keeslerspousesclub.org, or visit area school guidance counselors or the Keesler Thrift Shop.

Applications must be post-marked on or before April 1. Mail applications to JerriLynn Patriquin, KSC Scholarship Committee Chairman, P.O. Box 5218, Keesler AFB, MS 39534.

Drill downs, parades

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

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

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.

**Base shuttle schedules are found at
[http://www.keesler.af.mil/
library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=15371](http://www.keesler.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=15371)**

Communication, information — Keesler claims 3 AETC awards

Sergeant Sims,
338th TRS,
333rd TRS
honored for
performance

By Angela Cutrer

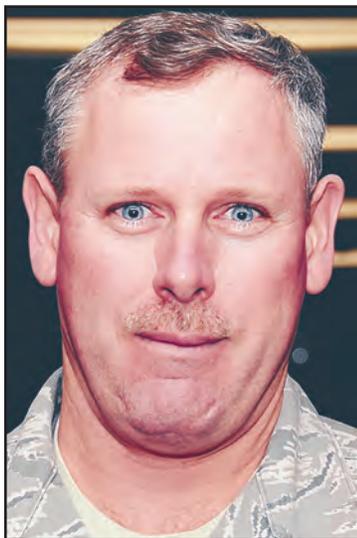
Keesler News staff

Keesler was recognized with three awards in Air Education and Training Command's communications and information awards competition.

The communications information individual award went to Senior Master Sergeant James Sims, superintendent of cyber systems curriculum development in the 81st Training Support Squadron.

Lt. Col. Janet Haug, squadron commander, nominated Sergeant Sims due to accomplishments that included posturing his department for success through readying and deploying 12 engineering and installation Airmen to support Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom operations; executing \$3 million in Department of Defense command, control, communications and computers command projects; eliminating training gaps in 11 new cyberspace Air Force specialty codes through spearheading 47 radar training packages; and overseeing a training program that helped provide 46,000 cyber technicians with up-to-date training.

Sergeant Sims was also credited with overseeing the Air National Guard \$55,000 antenna system upgrade, which provides the Federal Emergency Management Agency's command control training platform for 17,000 guardsmen yearly; leading the \$25,000



Sergeant Sims

Army Ranger school giant voice project by expediting information dispersal that secured training for 3,000 warriors a year; and facilitating a \$1.2 million Air Force Northern Command fiber network upgrade project that secured a command and control platform for 14 airframes and 14,000 Airmen.

The communications and information unit award went to the 338th Training Squadron, commanded by Lt. Col. Daniel Gottrich.

The squadron's accomplishments included providing first-class communication electronics training with 316 staff members to worldwide to tri-service and international students; leading the conversion of 56 courses and eight AFSCs, resulting in 2,200 graduates; developing the MyBase virtual classroom prototype collaborative training; authoring an AETC study of the conversion of 1,300 seven-level course slides and student materials to 3-D virtual environment; rebuilding the radar apprentice course by merging similar tasks and reducing academic days by 14, saving AETC \$712,000; deploying 18 warriors to maintain a \$2 million system jam-

mer, resulting in preventing Taliban attacks on personnel and convoys; expertly managing \$1 million in resources for the training group's largest training squadron; sustaining 90 courses and 900 students and staff members; and building the migration plan for the move back to Keesler of \$37 million worth of equipment and 62 personnel.

The outstanding information assurance element award went to the 333rd TRS, led by Lt. Col. Scott Solomon.

The squadron's accomplishments included producing 600 cyber warriors through outstanding leadership; conducting 319,000 student-training hours in 60 classes; graduating 449 security technicians key to the Defense Information Systems Agency; maintaining the largest communications security account at Keesler valued at \$1 million; and coordinating the Internet security scanner software utility update, which kept the 81st Training Group's \$6.4 million cyber campus network up and running by avoiding training deficiencies and zero failures.

The 333rd TRS expertly managed the communications security class, resulting in the Department of Defense's decision to select the 333rd TRS to develop the next-generation course and be the sole source for joint continental United States training; maintaining 100 percent student accountability for five information assurance courses during severe weather, ensuring the safety of the No. 1 resource; and sustaining 265 training computers and implementing 75 time-critical updates to ensure stable training environment for troops.

The three will represent AETC in the Air Force awards competition.

IN THE NEWS

Gates close for barrier testing

Gate closures are planned for testing and commissioning of the final denial barriers:

Friday through Sunday — The White Avenue Gate is closed. The Meadows Drive Gate will be open 24 hours a day during this period.

March 5-7 — The Pass Road Gate is closed. The Meadows Drive Gate will be open 24 hours a day during this period and the Rodenberg Avenue Gate will be open for Bayridge residents.

Base access changes

Friday — Rodenberg Avenue Gate closes. Access to Bayridge housing is available through entrances off Ploesti Drive only.

March 4 — Judge Sekul Avenue Gate closes to out-bound traffic.

March 5 — Meadows Drive Gate is open 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, including compressed work schedule Fridays.

For more information, call 81st Security Forces Squadron installation security office, 376-6621.

VA reaches out to women vets

The Department of Veterans Affairs Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System conducts a health fair for women veterans, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 3 at the Biloxi VA Medical Center outdoors across from Building T100.

Various health care services and information are available to women veterans who've served honorably in the U.S. military. There's food, live jazz music, door prizes and a health prevention gift bag for those who attend and register.

Women veterans who haven't yet enrolled to receive VA health care should bring their DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, or other proof of honorable military service.

For more information, call 523-5149.

Air Force pioneer passes away

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Retired Maj. Gen. Jeanne Holm, the first woman to serve as major general in the Air Force, and the Department of Defense, passed away Feb. 15.

General Holm is credited as the single driving force in achieving parity for military women and making them a viable part of the mainstream military.

She enlisted in the Army in 1942. She was the first woman appointed to the rank of brigadier general in 1971 and major general in 1973 in the U.S. armed forces.

She played a significant role in eliminating restrictions on numbers of women serving in all ranks, expanding job and duty station assignments for women, opening ROTC and service academies to women, and changing the policies on the status of women in the armed forces. During her tenure, policies affecting women were updated, WAF strength more than doubled, job and assignment opportunities expanded and uniforms modernized.

AETC vice commander visits base



Photo by Adam Bond

Maj. Gen. Anthony Przybyslawski, Air Education and Training Command vice commander, speaks at the 81st Training Wing's annual awards banquet Feb. 18. Earlier in the day, he visited Keesler Medical Center and several points of interest within the 81st Training Group. On Friday, he had breakfast with Keesler's squadron commanders and chiefs before attending the 81st TRG's first drill down of the season.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Penny Madison, general manager of Army and Air Force Exchange Service at Keesler, gives General Przybyslawski a tour of the new base exchange. He also visited other facilities nearing completion, such as the commissary, satellite pharmacy, fire station and Bay Breeze Events Center.

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been increased and an air liaison officer career field has been established.

While winning today's fights is critical, it is also extremely important to have the capability to prevent and deter conflict. Over the last 18 months, Air Force officials have made steps to strengthen the service's portion of national nuclear deterrence.

"Last year we reorganized our nuclear forces, with all sustainment activities now controlled by the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center, and all nuclear operations now under the command of the Air Force Global Strike Command," Secretary Donley said. "We've recently completed the reassignment of (intercontinental ballistic missiles) and nuclear capable bomber forces to Air Force Global Strike Command and full operational capability is expected this year."

Looking ahead, Secretary Donley said to continue sustainment of nuclear deterrence

operations and conventional global precision attack capabilities, Air Force officials will add research and development funds to develop future long-range-strike capabilities.

Air Force officials are also working on procuring other capabilities that will enhance the ability to defeat enemy forces and prevail in an array of contingencies.

"The (request for proposal) for a KC-X replacement tanker should be released soon, and we will aggressively work toward awarding a contract by summer's end," Secretary Donley said. "KC-X remains our top acquisition priority."

Secretary Donley also highlighted recent changes to the F-35 Lightning II joint strike fighter program, which will be a critical element of the service's future precision attack capability.

"Although important progress has been made in the last year, the program is experiencing challenges as it transitions from development to production," Secretary Donley said. "Late aircraft deliveries have put the flight test program behind schedule, and the con-

currency between development and production — already built into the program — finally researched unacceptable levels."

The secretary said that after two years of close monitoring through independent program assessments, Department of Defense, Air Force and Navy leadership have decided the most prudent course of action is to extend development and slow production.

"Nonetheless, we remain confident and committed to the ultimate success of the F-35. It is the Air Force's largest program and will be the backbone of our fighter force for the future," he said.

Secretary Donley shared the Air Force's vision to preserve and enhance the all-volunteer force, as well as their family members, with quality-of-life programs such as the Year of the Air Force Family.

"Our recruiting and retention is strong, but we're asking Congress to fund bonuses targeted at critical wartime skills, including command and control, public affairs, contracting, pararescue, security forces, civil engineering, explosive ordnance disposal, medical and special

investigations," he said.

Secretary Donley also said Air Force leaders are developing new career fields for cyber and RPA operations.

In regard to the Fort Hood shootings, he said that follow-on reviews in each service are occurring to determine how to better share information about personnel who potentially pose a threat to themselves or others. The secretary said the service will work to ensure the right level of protection exists on Air Force installations and that there is collaboration with local agencies in areas such as emergency management and mutual aid in mass casualty situations.

In January, President Barack Obama made clear his intent to seek the repeal of the current "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" legislation to allow gay and lesbian members to openly serve in the military.

"A working group chaired by the DOD general counsel will examine all aspects of properly implementing a repeal to the current law with recommendations in areas such as housing, benefits and other policies to be completed by the end of this calendar year,"

Secretary Donley said. "For the services and our Air Force, this is a test of whether we can have a professional and dispassionate conversation, develop the facts related to implementation, and appropriately advise the president and Congress without being involved in the political debate that surrounds this issue."

The secretary noted the Air Force will endeavor to "add light, not heat, to this debate."

In closing, the Secretary Donley stressed the importance of Air Force officials at all levels to make the most of all Air Force assets, especially personnel.

"Our priorities are clear," he said. "We must make the most of those resources available to balance capability against risk, and balance winning today's wars against preparing for tomorrow's. We must prevail in today's fights, and we must continue to add capability in every way possible to help ensure success in the ongoing conflicts. Finally, we must continue to preserve our Airmen and their families; they are our hedge against an uncertain future."

PERSONNEL NOTES

Identification card requirements

To be issued an identification card, two forms of legal identification are necessary. Dependents are required to be accompanied by their sponsor unless they have power of attorney or a Defense Department Form 1172.

For more information, call 376-8339.

Discrimination hotline

Air Force Personnel Center

The Air Force Discrimination Hotline, 1-888-231-4058, serves all active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilians.

The 24/7 hotline number ensures all discrimination and sexual harassment concerns are quickly identified and addressed. It streamlines the process by which individuals can speak with an equal opportunity professional at the Air Force Personnel Center to advise and assist with their concerns and issues. Callers can remain anonymous.

Personnel are highly encouraged to use their chain of command or local EO office as a first means to address concerns, but the 24/7 hotline is available to those who don't have immediate access to their local EO office.

Leave accumulation extended

81st Comptroller Squadron

Members unable to use leave due to military necessity may accumulate a maximum of 75 days by the end of a fiscal year until Sept. 30, 2013. After this date, the limit returns to the previous 60-day limit of accrued leave.

If service members are unable to use their excess accrued leave prior to that date due to mission requirements, approval may be requested to carryover the excess leave days.

For more information, call the military personnel section, 376-8738, or the Total Force Service Center, 1-800-525-0102.

Finance call center

81st Comptroller Squadron

Due to the high volume of calls and the use of personnel to assist walk-in customers, the financial services flight has established a call center, 376-8225, that's manned during regular customer services hours.

If the number is busy or the call is after hours, customers are asked to leave a message and the call will be returned within 24 hours.

Security changes for myPay

Changes to myPay security now require users to create a login identification and password for future access.

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>

The centralized customer support unit's toll free number is 1-888-332-7411. Press 5 for myPay. Hours are 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST weekdays.

2010 selection boards

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.

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Airmen mentor Afghans at regional hospital

Air Force News Service

KANDAHAR Airfield, Afghanistan — At the Kandahar Regional Military Hospital in Afghanistan, Afghan patients are situated in wards, the intensive care unit, the operating room or the emergency room. Afghan doctors and nurses stroll throughout the building reading charts, caring for patients and performing operations. Right next to them are American medics, watching and mentoring.

Col. Lorn Heyne is the chief of the medical embedded training team for the Kandahar Regional Military Hospital at Camp Hero, Afghanistan. He has a team of 10 medics, including two doctors, who must teach the Afghan medical staff as much as they can within six months.

This is the fourth team of medical mentors who have been in this two-year-old hospital.

As their morning began Jan. 30, Afghan and American doctors sat together in a meeting to discuss important issues. Junior Afghan doctors reported to senior Afghan doctors on problems or changes within patients.

Then they performed rounds, with Lt. Col. (Dr.) Mark Antonacci, a physician mentor, and Capt. (Dr.) Ryan McHugh, an anesthesiologist mentor, and the Afghan doctors discussing each patient's symptoms and problems.

"This gives them the opportunity to learn how to manage each person's case," Colonel Heyne said. "They'll



Photo by Senior Airman Nancy Hooks
Capt. (Dr.) Ryan McHugh, right, deployed from the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron at Keesler, discusses an appendicitis patient's condition with Afghan doctors.

talk about what transpired over the last 24 to 48 hours and if anything needs to be done differently, such as medication therapy or discharge."

Their first stop during their rounds was the intensive care unit.

The year-old ICU was recently lauded by Abdul Siawash, the Afghan office of the surgeon general deputy

surgeon, as the best in the country.

"We're very proud of the ICU capabilities that we've offered the Afghan warfighters," Colonel Heyne said.

On this particular morning, there was one patient in the ICU.

"As future operations begin, we expect to have a lot more," Colonel Heyne said, referring to the upcoming increase of

coalition forces in the region."

The hospital's four wards mostly contained patients needing orthopedic attention or surgery.

One patient had a bone infection in his foot.

"They don't have any other treatment, so they have to amputate it," an interpreter explained.

Another patient had appendicitis.

"He did not get to the hospital on time, and so he has to have surgery," the interpreter said.

Other medical team members surrounded an elderly woman who had just been admitted to the hospital's emergency room. The woman had a stroke and became unconscious after a fall.

Captain McHugh rushed in to oversee all that was being done for the woman. He asked questions of her condition and what had occurred.

"Has she ever had heart problems before?" he asked the woman's relative.

To the Afghan physicians he asked, "Which monitor did you use?"

"This is the good monitor we want to use on her," he advised.

"Good job putting the oxygen on her," he said to the Afghan team.

Senior Airman Benjamin Spittler, who served as a mentor for emergency room procedures, placed electrocardiogram leads on the woman's lean body. Without much body mass,

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he made sure not to place the leads directly on her bones. He explained his actions to the Afghans as he did this.

“You should probably put them on and then teach them afterward,” Colonel Heyne said.

“Our mission is not ‘to do’ (medical procedures),” Colonel Heyne said. “Our mission is to mentor and advise the Afghan providers. As we do different medical techniques, we verbalize what we’re doing with the interpreter to help the Afghans learn the Western technique of doing something. We’re not here to provide Western medicine. We’re here to enhance the medical capabilities they have now. We accomplish our mission by teaching them as patients come in and through mentorship.”

The doctors discussed transporting the patient to the Kandahar Airfield Role III Hospital for a computed tomography scan of her head. This would also provide an opportunity for one of the Afghan doctors who showed interest in learning about neurosurgery to better learn how to read a CT scan.

“This is a pretty typical day,” Colonel Heyne said. “Sometimes we have mass casualties as operations start to take place. My first day, we had two mass casualties. The first one had 18 patients, the second one had 16 patients. They were both within an hour of each other. It can be very hectic at times, but they are learning and doing a very good job of patient management.”

As the doctors continued their rounds to one of the last wards, Dr. Shimwari, an Afghan orthopedic doctor, pointed out a patient who was shot in his thigh about eight months ago. The injury didn’t heal correctly.

“Now he has a deformity, which can be seen when he walks and he wants the doctor to fix it for him,” an interpreter said. “His leg is also short and (Dr. Shimwari) wants to elongate his leg to fix it.”

“We’re fortunate here in Kandahar to have one of the best Afghan National Army orthopedic doctors,” Colonel Heyne said. “Dr. Shimwari does an outstanding job.”

When an Afghan National policeman from the Helmand District lost his leg after hitting an improvised explosive device, he was told he would be transferred to Kabul. He requested instead to be sent to Kandahar because of the expertise that existed there and knew of the capabilities of Dr. Shimwari.

A diverse team provides as much mentoring as possible for the Kandahar Regional Military Hospital. The pharmacy trainer mentors in the laboratory and also works with the dentist. A Canadian dentist visits from the Kandahar Role III Hospital to augment the dental mentoring team. The medical service officer mentors the administrator. The medical administration technician mentors the patient administrator, and the medical logistics technician mentors the logistics depot.

“Hopefully, our team will expand as time goes on and we’ll be able to provide mentoring in more disciplines,” Colonel Heyne said.

“We have some young doctors who are learning; some graduated from medical school last summer,” Colonel Heyne said. “They are really doing a very good job in their off duty time in listening to our mentors as they do rounds and continuing medical education. They really have a desire to learn, to do better and to promote health care in the Afghan National Army.”

Because many of the Afghan doctors have private practices, each time they do a continuing medical education class gives them an opportunity to learn and to go downtown and teach others who are within their practice, such as civilian nurses or doctors.

“It’s an opportunity for them to teach them what we taught,” Colonel Heyne said. “It builds capacity within the Afghan health care system, not just the Afghan National Army, but also the whole Afghan health system. With this capacity they can treat the Afghan better in their clinics. We’re excited about

what we do here because we’re not just helping the Afghan National Army, we’re helping all of Afghanistan. Hopefully, when we leave, we’ll leave a part of the knowledge base that we have in Western medicine.”

The doors of the Kandahar Regional Military Hospital are open to treat all Afghan National Army, Afghan National Police and civilians. There is also a women and children’s health clinic available Tuesday mornings.

“A lot of the Afghans will only take care of people from their own tribe, from their own organization,” Colonel Heyne said. “However, Col. (Abdul) Baseer (Elaj) (the hospital administrator) has opened his doors to see anyone if they are injured, if they are sick or if they need to see a doctor.

Taliban members are treated as any other patients, but are held in a detainee room.

An interpreter recalled when the Afghan 205th Corps commander visited patients within the hospital, he also visited a Talib patient.

He asked, “How are the people? How do you find the Americans in this hospital?”

The Talib replied through the interpreter, “They are really good. They treated me and I just cannot believe it. Look at what they’ve done for me.”

When the commander said, “They’ve taken care of you, now what are you going to do?”

The Talib responded, “I pray for them.”



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AETC honors Hesselrode for exemplary leadership skills

81st Medical Group

Lt. Col. Kerry Hesselrode, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron, is the winner of the 2010 National Image, Incorporated Meritorious Service Award.

The honor was announced Feb. 16 by Maj. Gen. Anthony Przybyslawski, Air Education and Training Command vice commander.

The award honors military members and Department of Defense civilians who supported the DOD mission, global contingencies or whose attributes best epitomized the qualities and core values of their respective military service or agency.

Colonel Hesselrode is currently deployed to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan.

General Przybyslawski said Colonel Hesselrode's exemplary performance in the field of critical care nursing has contributed immeasurably to the



Colonel Hesselrode

successes and survival of patients both down range and within the continental United States, in state-of-the-art hospitals and in the air.

"He demonstrates excellence with his dynamic ability to lead critical care aeromedical transport team missions

under the most austere conditions," the general said.

"During one of 13 missions, he showed incredible leadership skills during an in-flight emergency. The portable aircraft oxygen that supported three patients on mechanical ventilation suddenly failed, compromising the patients' respiratory systems. His outstanding ability to troubleshoot was called into action and he led his team to resolve this life-threatening event."

"Colonel Hesselrode's actions provide a clear example of qualities that distinguish him as a true leader, the best of the best," General Przybyslawski concluded.

"His leadership excellence meant the difference between life and death for three American heroes. We congratulate Colonel Hesselrode for his selfless dedication and wish him the best of luck at the Air Force level competition."

DOD pauses spouse employment program

By Elaine Wilson

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Department officials here have temporarily halted a popular employment assistance program for military spouses while it conducts a "top-to-bottom" review of its services, officials said Feb. 18.

The My Spouse Career Advancement Account program, also known as MyCAA, offers military spouses opportunities to pursue portable careers in high-demand, high-growth occupations such as education and health care.

"We recognize that the military lifestyle calls for portable careers, and that military spouses need access to education and training for careers that are portable and high-growth nationally," said Tommy Thomas, the deputy under secretary of defense for the Pentagon's office of military community and family policy. "This short-term break will allow us to better assess the program to ensure we are achieving that goal."

Officials said they will use the time to review procedures, financial assistance documents and the program in general. The review was prompted by a need to ensure the program is meeting its intent, which is to provide spouses with additional opportunities for portable careers.

Military spouses who already have been approved for financial assistance won't be

affected, and spouses who have an account can continue to use the Web site for career counseling and planning, officials said. However, during this review time, spouses won't be able to create a new account and new applications won't be accepted.

The review will be conducted as quickly as possible while still ensuring a comprehensive look at the program, officials said.

Nearly 133,000 military spouses have applied for the program since it launched last March, officials said. To date, about 98,000 spouses are enrolled in courses or have been approved for financial assistance.

The program offers spouses assistance with training, job readiness and employment and career services. Through the program, spouses can receive financial assistance to pursue education and training, free career counseling and access to military-friendly employers.

During the review process, officials encourage spouses to explore other government options such as the transfer of the Post-9/11 GI Bill and other programs available on installation and program Web sites. Spouses also can visit Military OneSource, <http://www.militaryonesource.com>, for free consultations on education and training, career exploration, assessment, employment readiness and career-search assistance.



Tooth time

Tech. Sgt. Caroline Bunce, right, 81st Dental Squadron dental hygienist, holds Eva Munoz while "Tooth Fairy" Senior Airman Veronica Reese, an 81st DS dental assistant, holds AJ Lujano, while Darius Johnson concentrates on the book Sergeant Bunce is reading to them Feb. 9 at the child development center. Squadron members visited the CDC as part of their Children's Dental Health Month activities to read to the 1-year-old group and used stuffed animals during play to show the children how to brush their teeth. Eva's parents are Senior Airmen Laura Munoz, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, and Jacob Munoz, 81st DS. AJ's parents are Senior Airman Mirna Lujano, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron, and Angel Lujano. Darius' mother is Airman 1st Class Deanna Johnson, 81st Communications Squadron. The squadron conducted a puppet show Feb. 10 at the CDC for older children.

Photo by Steve Pivnick



Ms. Tisdale

Tisdale retires

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Thirty-four years after starting her civil service career as a GS-4 cashier at the commissary, Biloxi native Wanda Tisdale is retiring Sunday as the GS-12 resource adviser for the 81st Training Wing staff agencies.

“It was an intermittent part-time position, but it got me into the civil service system,” said Ms. Tisdale, who’s spent her entire federal career at Keesler.

Less than five months after coming to Keesler, Ms. Tisdale moved to successive clerk typist positions in the training group, security forces and a word processing center in Dolan Hall from 1976-1981.

After nearly six years as an accounting technician, she became a budget analyst for 4½ years before becoming a resource adviser in the 81st Support Group. In 1993, she returned to the budget office as a financial analyst.

Ms. Tisdale’s first job with the wing staff agencies came in 1998 to fill in while the program analyst and resource adviser took a three-year assignment in Japan. In 2001, she became the resources flight chief in the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron.

“For most of those five years, I was the lone female flight chief,” she recalled. “With the additional pressures of the ongoing A-76 competitive sourcing study, things were sometimes tough.”

She assumed her current position in 2006.

She and her husband, Paul, live in Biloxi.

Spring marks beginning of personnel system transition

By Elaine Wilson

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Department officials here are on track to transition the majority of its more than 220,000 civilian employees out of the National Security Personnel System by Sept. 30, more than a year ahead of deadline, the official heading up that transition said Feb. 18.

The 2010 National Defense Authorization Act called for the termination of NSPS by January 2012, bringing an end to a controversial personnel system that's been operational for less than four years.

The majority of employees will transition, starting this spring, back to the decades-old General Schedule system, but with an assurance in regard to pay.

"I am committed to ensure, as directed in the National Defense Authorization Act, that employees experience no loss of, or decrease in, pay upon conversion," said John James Jr., the director of the Pentagon's NSPS transition office. "The department believes in that and believes it is the right thing to do."

This preservation of pay encompasses all employees. For instance, NSPS employees who are paid a salary that exceeds Step 10, the highest step under the GS system, of their pay grade will retain their pay upon conversion, Mr. James said.

An employee's grade upon conversion will be determined by classification specialists using the same criteria in use for GS employees, Mr. James said.

"An employee's position will be evaluated under the General Schedule system and classified," he said. "If that position classifies out as a GS-13, then that employee will become a 13 when they transition."

While Defense Department officials have a goal for transition completion, Mr. James noted that each organization and component will make a determination on a timeline based on four factors:

No undue interruption to mission or hardship to employees;

Established processes to classify NSPS positions into the appropriate non-NSPS system

Existence of a legacy performance management system

An information technology system capable of handling the transition

As officials work to ensure a smooth transition, they also are turning an eye to the road ahead. Along with terminating NSPS, the act gives the Defense Department new authorities to look at developing a successor performance management system that incorporates the best practices of NSPS and GS.

"One of the best advantages under NSPS that we saw was the clear alignment between employees and the organization about what their contribution means to the priorities and the direction of the organization," Mr. James said. "As we develop the new authorities and transition employees to the GS system, in most cases, we plan to reinforce that directive and that effort to ensure the employees are aligned with the organization."

Officials also will examine the law's requirements for hiring flexibilities and a personnel performance fund that rewards employees or teams for their performance, he said.

These processes will continue to be open and transparent, Mr. James said.

"I envision the transition and development and use of the new authorities to be a collaborative effort with supervisors, management, leadership, union partners, labor partners, the Office of Personnel Management and other stakeholders. I see this as being an entirely inclusive process."

Mr. James emphasized the importance of communication throughout the transition process and future personnel system modifications.

"You can't overcommunicate a change," he said.

To that end, the NSPS Web site, <http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/>, now includes transition updates and a training module called GS 101, he said.

"Employees who have never been in the GS system, and there are a few, can go in and walk through that," Mr. James said. "It really is informative and tells them how the GS system works." It's also of value to employees who were in the system before.

Mr. James encouraged employees to continue to ask questions.

"Employees should feel free to ask their chain of command about how that process is being implemented," he said. "GS is very prescriptive in how the process works. They will be informed how their job will be classified and transitioned."

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Airman Ailes



Sergeant Vaughan



Sergeant Key



Captain Roper



Sergeant Wheeler

Wing annual awards 'Honoring Heritage, Making History'

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Keesler honored its top performers Feb. 18 at the 81st Training Wing's 2009 awards banquet in the Roberts Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Facility.

Maj. Gen. Anthony Przybyslawski, Air Education and Training Command vice commander, was the guest speaker.

Theme for this year's event was "Honoring Heritage, Making History."

Winners are:

Airman — Senior Airman Brandon Ailes, 81st Medical Operations Squadron. Airman Ailes, a cardiopulmonary technician, was recognized as AETC's cardiopulmonary excellence airman of the year and was promoted to his current rank below the zone. As shift leader for the respiratory therapy department, he was responsible for 500 treatments with no mishaps and was credited with several life-saving interventions with critical patients. He's working toward his master of business administration degree, escorted distinguished visitors to the base's air show, volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and led a team for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

Noncommissioned officer — Tech. Sgt. Noah Vaughan, 335th Training Squadron. Sergeant Vaughan, a weather instructor supervisor, had 839 hours of podium credit for the year, exceeding AETC requirements by 625 percent. He achieved master instructor certification, authored 140 curriculum hours, upgraded eight weather system servers and integrated realism into 3-level training by creating 40 forecast scenarios and 180 special weather notices. He completed his

bachelor's degree, headed the nerve center for the wing's air show, chaired a 50-member Habitat for Humanity team that built two houses, recruited 78 new members for the Air Force Sergeants Association and was military member of the year for the Orange Grove/Lyman Chamber of Commerce.

Senior NCO — Master Sgt. Patrick Key, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron. As squadron superintendent, he led 121 military and 49 civilian members, managed nine shops and oversaw the base's 395-vehicle fleet. During a deployment to Iraq, he commanded two convoys with 57 members and 41 vehicles. He was awarded two Meritorious Service Medals and the Army Achievement Medal during the year. He earned a Community College of the Air Force degree in transportation management while deployed, aced the Air Force Institute of Technology's combat logistics course in residence and completed the Joint Forces Staff College's senior enlisted joint professional military education course. He organized Keesler's American Heart Association's Heart Walk team, led his squadron to the wing's Commander's Trophy for intramural sports and served as his squadron's Combined Federal Campaign representative.

Company grade officer — Capt. Bobby Roper, 338th TRS Detachment 1, Fort Gordon, Ga. Captain Roper led the detachment's 35 satellite communication instructors to a 99 percent student graduation rate. In persuading six instructors to move to Keesler in spite of less than a 120-day reporting and assignment code reset, he was instrumental in the successful startup of the wing's cyber radio frequency course. He revamped his detachment's fitness program, achieving a 98 percent pass rate. He drafted two successful grant applications for a nonprofit organization and helped raise \$3,500 for a special needs group.



First sergeant — Master Sgt. Joseph Wheeler, 81st Inpatient Operations and Aerospace Medicine Squadrons. Sergeant Wheeler, president of the First Sergeants Council, led the effort to reactivate the wing's enlisted promotion ceremony, instituted a weekly "Diamond Run" for his units and authored a "Diamond Dose" newsletter. He briefed Air Force Academy cadets on leadership dynamics and spoke to first-term Airmen and students at Airman Leadership School

and the NCO Academy. He's pursuing a master's degree in counseling, completed the 2009 Air Force Marathon, directed a "Dormsgiving" meal for permanent-party residents and raised funds for Project Cheer and breast cancer research.

Honor guard airman — Senior Airmen Kayla Spiel, 81st IPTS. Airman Spiel, an aerospace medicine technician, was part of the 81st Medical Group's team that earned AETC's best inpatient facility recognition for 2009. During the 12 months she served with the honor guard, she completed 84 details.

Honor guard NCO — Staff Sgt. Johnathan Murray, 338th TRS. Sergeant Murray is a ground radar systems maintenance instructor. Since he joined the honor guard in September, he's completed 59 details.

Civilian category I — Florence Clay, 334th TRS. Ms. Clay, a budget assistant, executed \$2.3 million for six flights and 14 financial programs, including \$1.4 million in acquisitions for the squadron's new dorm. She's completed 18 credits toward her doctorate in business and is using newly-acquired skills on the job as she works on her dissertation. She coordinated the base chapel's 38th anniversary of its gospel program, is active in Blacks in Government, served as project manager of the chapel's youth fair and holiday meal program, ministers to the needy and shut-ins and raised funds for cancer research. She is AETC's nominee for the Air Force Blacks in Government Meritorious Service Award.

Civilian category II — Anthony Mitchell, 332nd TRS. Mr. Mitchell, an instructional systems specialist, supported 4,000 graduates in 28 Air Force specialties. He managed two purchase card accounts, designed an extensive program to track purchases and was accountable for 153 equipment

items. He converted text to a digital format, cutting print costs by \$117,000 annually. He completed nine online computer courses and three online management and leadership courses. He chaired the Mississippi Gulf Coast's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebration committee, served on the base's African-American Heritage Committee, collected more than 4,000 canned food items for a community drive and raised funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Civilian supervisor category I — Elizabeth Harper, 81st Operations Support Flight. Ms. Harper, host aviation resource management chief, supported 300 aircrew and jumpers, five units and three major commands. She was one of seven career field pioneers honored during the inaugural Air Force aviation resource management event, with a Keesler classroom named in her honor. She was a key player in Keesler's air show, volunteered with Special Olympics and the Gulf Coast Women's Shelter and served as president of the North Bay Area Mardi Gras Association and secretary for the D'Iberville Community Club.

Civilian supervisor category II — Richard Brock, legal office. As the civil law chief, Mr. Brock authored more than 400 legal opinions and served more than 1,000 legal assistance clients, producing 775 documents with savings of \$200,000. He mentored five attorneys and four paralegals on complex civil law issues. He led the top Volunteer Income Tax Program in the state, preparing more than 2,020 federal and 1,590 state returns with client savings of more than \$390,000. He's a member of the U.S. Tennis Association, Gulf Coast Rifle and Pistol Club, an elder and adult Sunday School teacher at his church and an adjunct professor for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.



Airman Spiel



Sergeant Murray



Ms. Clay



Mr. Mitchell



Ms. Harper



Mr. Brock



DePLAYment tags offer families of deployed members enrichment opportunities

Airman and family readiness center

As part of the Year of the Air Force Family, the airman and family readiness center is issuing DePLAYment tags to families of deployed members.

"We're extending the offer to families affected by deployment as of last July 1," said Jackie Pope, community readiness consultant. "Even if your sponsor has returned but was deployed in July or returned on or after July 1, we'll provide DePLAYment Tag Pass packs for you to help with family reunification. Eligible members should bring a copy of their deployment order with them to pick up their tags."

Once registered, the tag-pass holder can use the tags to qualify for free and reduced fee programs, such as free youth classes, instructional classes, sports programs, space-available hourly child care and family programs for the family left



at home during deployment or upon return of the member.

"Recently, Air Force Services Agency officials launched MyAirForceLife.com to help Airmen stay connected, informed and engaged its programs," Ms. Pope said. "The theme of this campaign is 'The Air Force is a great place to live, work and play.'"

For more information on the DePLAYment program, call Master Sgt. Jessica Woodruff, 376-8508.



'Spear phishing' friends might be foes

By Staff Sgt. Samuel Morse

35th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

MISAWA Air Base, Japan

— Information warfare was around long before the computer. Even in the days of homing pigeons, adversaries would attempt to intercept each other's messages to gain an advantage.

Today, the enemy is still trying to steal our secrets, but they have devised new methods in this age of ones and zeros. One of these methods is known as spear phishing.

Phishing is defined by Joint Task Force-Global Network Operations officials as "criminal activity using social engineering techniques."

Phishers attempt to fraudulently acquire sensitive information, such as passwords, personal information, military operations and financial details by masquerading in an e-mail as a trustworthy person or business.

Spear phishing, on the other hand, is a highly-targeted phishing attempt. A phisher often will use the victim's name, organization, and even relevant jargon to further make them think the e-mail is legitimate, said JTF-GNO officials. They will spoof who the e-mail is from, making it look like it came from a coworker or friend. There may be spelling mistakes due to third-country national origin, but for all intents and purposes, the e-mail will look legitimate.

While normal phishing is almost always for the purpose of identity theft, spear phishing on government systems is usually an attempt to gather information and intelligence. Spear phishers usually will attempt to make you open an attachment or Web link that will load malicious logic onto your computer.

Often times, the malicious logic is a key logger, a program that records keys typed on a keyboard and sends



the keystroke data to the phisher, said Master Sgt. Thomas Parker, the 35th Fighter Wing information assurance office NCOIC.

Government systems are not the only computers targeted in these schemes. Military members can be targeted at home as well.

"It is critical that (everyone) understand that they will not be contacted by Air Force network (specialists) to upgrade their home-use common access card software or perform other actions on their home PC," said Master Sgt. James Rowland, 13th Air Force cyber operations.

"The Air Force's policy is to post all upgrade notices for the Common Access Card Home Use Program on the AF Portal. Download of the program and updates should only be accomplished via the AF Portal home page."

Sergeant Parker also said the best way to make sure an e-mail is authentic is to look for a digital signature. To his knowledge, phishers have yet to find a way to spoof a digital signature from a trusted site. He encourages all network users to digitally sign and encrypt their e-mails. If someone is unsure of how to do this, he or she can contact a local information assurance officer.

Another protective measure is to look for tell-tale signs of a fake e-mail. A lack of proper "For Official Use Only" tags, misspellings, incorrect signature blocks and other items out of place or missing can indicate a foreign origin.

Users should double-check Web site addresses. Links should start with "https://" rather than "http://." This denotes a secure connection. Also, the suffix ".mil" should

be present in the domain name of official military Web sites. Unfortunately, even if a Web address has these elements, it can have an embedded link that takes you somewhere other than what it says. To combat this, Sergeant Parker suggests opening an empty browser and navigating to the Web page manually. While this may take longer, it will help prevent the user from falling victim to malicious logic.

If you must open an attachment, do not enable macros. Government systems are designed to give warnings when a document or other seemingly normal file attempts to do something other than what it was designed to do. Users should make sure e-mails with attachments are digitally signed and should request the e-mail to be resent with a signature if there isn't one, said

1st Lt. Robby Williams, 35th Communications Squadron plans and resources flight commander.

"Blindly clicking 'yes' to alerts is the type of complacency that phishers are looking for," said Senior Airman Benjamin Nelson, a 35th Mission Support Group knowledge operator.

Also, disabling the e-mail preview pane, or at the very least disabling HTML on the preview pane, will give a degree of separation allowing users to verify a sender before opening an e-mail with attachments.

"If you do get an e-mail that you deem to be suspicious, call the sender to verify that the e-mail did, in fact, come from them," said Sergeant Parker. "If not, or if the e-mail came from an organization outside the military, contact your information assurance officer so he can investigate the e-mail. If you have already opened the suspicious e-mail, Web link or attachment, immediately unplug your computer from the network and contact your IAO."

E-mail is not the only medium being targeted, however. The increasing popularity of social media sites such as Facebook or Myspace have drawn phishers into these new frontiers.

"Status updates posted on Facebook, Myspace and Twitter propagate headlines such as 'Donate to Haiti Efforts' or 'Facebook charging for membership' usually include a link to a Web site with additional information," said Sergeant Rowland.

"The simple act of browsing a maliciously-crafted Web site is all it takes to infect your computer with information-stealing malware. Personally identifiable information is the hottest commodity in cyber crime rings, so be careful when giving details about yourself online."

Soul food, gospel concert among remaining events for African-American Heritage Month at Keesler

Throughout February — heritage presentations at area schools. For more information, call Anthony Mitchell, 377-0987, or Tech. Sgt. LaShunda Burgess, 377-1998.

Friday — soul food sampling and organization day, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., youth center, donations accepted. AAHC members, caterers and area restaurants provide ethnic dishes. Units on base display educational information to foster involvement and cultural awareness in each workplace on base. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Ashley Brunson, 376-8174.

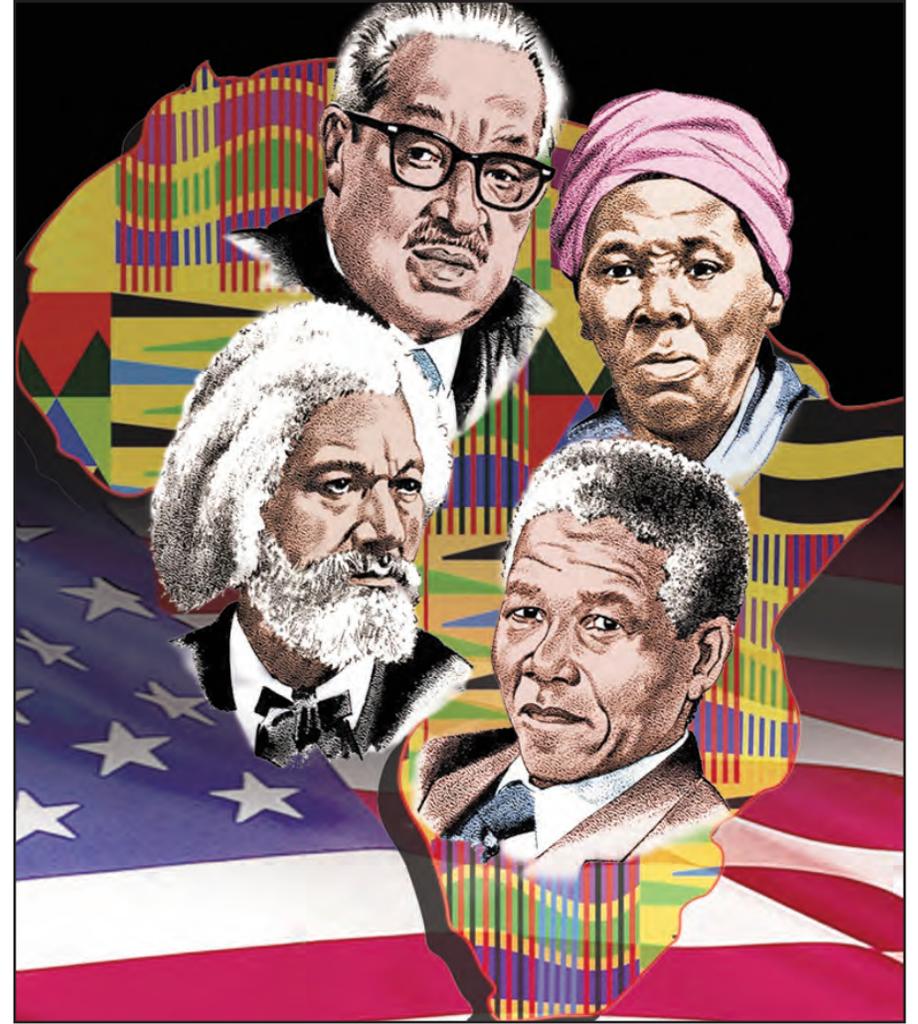
Saturday — gospel concert, 6-8 p.m., Triangle Chapel. Keesler's gospel choir and other community

choirs featured. For more information, call Anthony Thomas, 871-2302.

March 11 — 6th annual golf tournament, noon, Bay Breeze Golf Course, \$40. The AAHC wants to raise \$1,000 for scholarships with the event. For more information, call Kurt Higgins, 377-5250.

April 23 — Sickle cell 5-kilometer run/walk, 6:45 a.m. registration, 7:30 a.m. start, Blake Fitness Center \$10-\$15. The event supports sickle cell research and treatment. For more information, call Master Sgt. Yolanda Jerry, 377-4632.

May 21 — awards luncheon, 10:30 a.m., Katrina Kantina, details to be announced. Scholarships are presented.



KEESLER NOTES

Legal office closed

The legal office closes at 2:30 p.m. Friday for a retirement ceremony.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross takes place 5 p.m. Fridays during Lent starting this week at Triangle Chapel.

Spouses club auction

The Keesler Spouses Club plans a Treasure Island Extravaganza silent/live auction featuring treasures from area artists and businesses, March 13 at the Dragon's Lair.

The 6 p.m. preview is followed by the auction at 7.

Admission is \$10. Light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar are planned.

Proceeds benefit the club's scholarship fund.

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.

Visitor center hours

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

Root canal treatment

The Keesler Dental Clinic is seeking patients that require root canal treatment.

All authorized beneficiaries including military retirees and dependents of active duty and retired are eligible for care.

Patients accepted for treatment are treated by either the endodontic specialty program residents or the residents in the general dentistry program.

Referral from a dentist for root canal treatment is required.

For more information, call the endodontics department, 376-5227.

Wheelchair taxi

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

For more information, call 377-2430.

Air Force lithographs

A new selection of Air Force lithographs are available in the public affairs office, Room 201-A, Wall Studio.

The lithographs are for official use only.

For more information, call 377-2783.

Travel medicine clinic

People planning international travel should visit the travel medicine clinic at least

one month before departure.

The clinic is in the allergy clinic in the medical center's basement near the emergency department entrance.

For more information, call 376-3550.

Missing pets

For missing pets, contact the pest management unit in Building 3907, the civil engineering compound, or call 377-3317 or 348-6370, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays.

Immunization clinic

Immunization clinic hours:

Immunizations — 7 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday; closed 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays.

Allergy shots — 1-4 p.m. Monday; 7:30-10:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

The clinic is closed noon to 5 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month for training.

For more information, call 376-3553.

Zero overpricing

Submit zero overpricing items on Air Force Form 1046 to CSC supply customerservice, Room 126, Taylor Logistics Center, Building 4002.

For overpricing issues or concerns, call Michael Cashion, 377-8891, or e-mail michael.cashion.2.ctr@us.af.mil.



WHO'S YOUR WINGMAN?

Video contest ends April 4

By Maj. Belinda Petersen

Air Force Services Agency

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Like YouTube, MyAirForceLife.com accepts video clips, allowing the global community to watch, share and vote on videos online.

What's different is visitors to MyAirForceLife.com have a chance to participate in contests and win great prizes.

Eligible participants have a shot at winning a digital video equipment package valued at \$2,000 for receiving the most online votes on the MyAir-Forcelife.com site.

Through Apr. 4, Air Force Services Agency officials accepts video competition entries as part of the Year of the Air Force Family. Enter your submission early to have more time to rack up votes.

Airmen and eligible patrons of Air Force morale, welfare and recreation programs can upload a 30- to 60-second video telling a story that the Air Force is a great place to live, work and play. Visitors to the site can view and vote for their favorite videos. Entries with the highest number of votes will become finalists.

Online voting will select one winner in each category (youth and adult) to win an Apple MacBook and a Panasonic digital video camera. The adult winner's video will be featured on the Pentagon channel and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service channel.

"During the video short competition, those who register on the site are eligible to win FlipVideo cameras," said Debbie Karnes, Air Force Services Agency spokeswoman.

For entry details and more information on the contest, Airmen and eligible patrons of Air Force MWR programs can log on to <http://www.myairforcelife.com>.

More news, videos, information and photos on the Web at <http://www.keesler.af.mil>

Double domination

81st FSS-CPTS combo claims 2nd basketball title

The combined team 81st Force Support and Comptroller Squadrons defeated the 335th Training Squadron Bulls 49-42 in the intramural season basketball championship game Feb. 17 at the Dragon Fitness Center.

The title came on the heels of the 81st FSS-CPTS championship in the Over-30 League playoffs the previous week.

The 81st FSS-CPTS intramural championship win followed a strong 9-1 regular season and 4-0 record in the playoffs, an improvement over the 2008-09 season, said coach Ramon Santiago.

“We had a great turnaround from last year, when we were eliminated in the first round of the playoffs,” Santiago said. “This year we just breezed right through.”

The league’s most valuable player, Sean Morgan, led the 81st FSS-CPTS to a 28-point lead over the Bulls in the first half with six three-pointers.

“I was just trying to help my team win,” Morgan said of his performance.

With 36-8 on the scoreboard going into the second half, the Bulls fought hard to regain their footing. Picking up the tempo, they exhibited some of the same tight passing and shooting that earned them a 9-1 regular season and 3-1 playoff record.

Lighting up the court, Bulls player Darius Sutter claimed two 3-pointers, then sent the crowd to their feet with a two-handed slam dunk reverberating off the backboard.

Despite racking up 34 points in the last 20 minutes of the game, the Bulls found their second wind too late to make a difference.

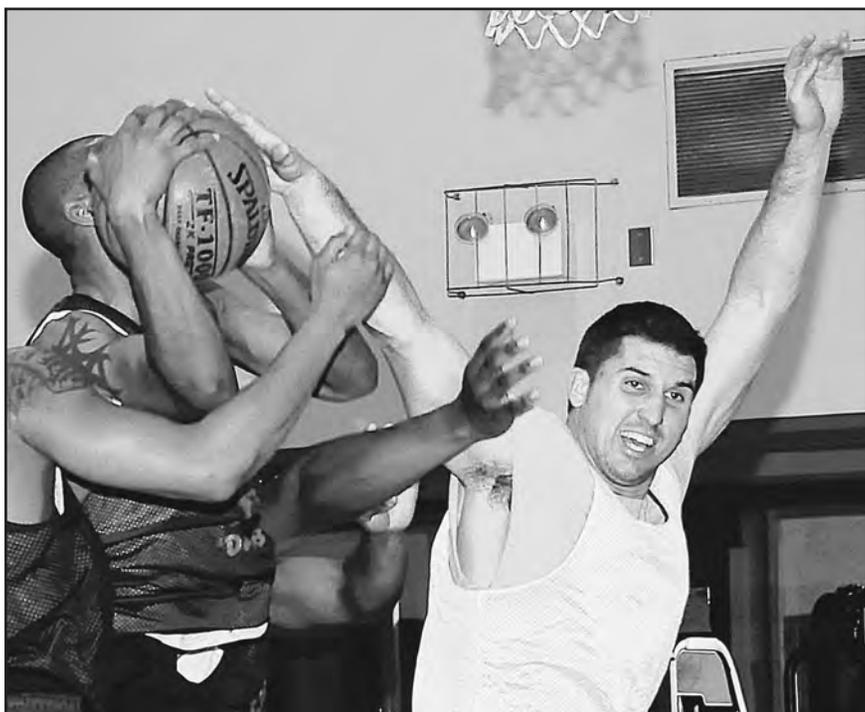
Representing the Eastern Division in the postseason playoffs, the 81st FSS-CPTS defeated the 334th TRS, 35-28, and swept the 336th TRS, 56-55 in Round 2 and 61-60 in Round 4, to advance to the title game.

The road to the playoffs was a bit more challenging for the Bulls, representing the Western Division. After defeating the 81st Mission Support Group, 53-48, and the 332nd TRS A-team, 45-36, the Bulls suffered a fourth round loss to the 81st MSG, 50-40, which led to a rematch with the 81st MSG to fulfill the double elimination playoff requirements. The Bulls won that fifth round game, 52-40, sitting the stage for championship matchup with the 81st FSS-CPTS.

Senior Airman Kimberly Erickson, 403rd Wing Public Affairs, and Sam Miller, intramural sports director, contributed to this report.

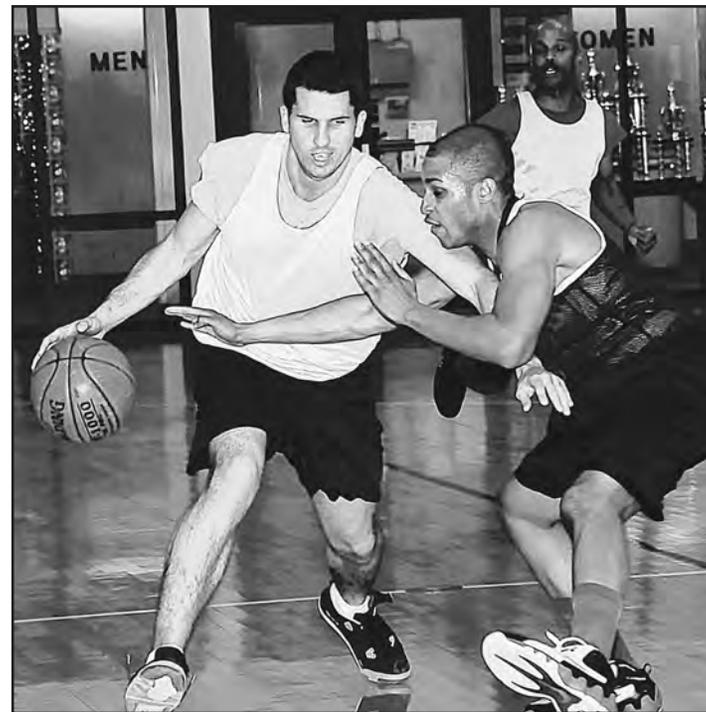


Jeremy Journigan, left, 81st FSS-CPTS, defends against Gregory Warren, 335th TRS, as Jholden Rivera-Moore, 335th TRS, moves in during the finals for the base intramural basketball championship Feb. 17.



At left, Darius Sutton, left, 335th TRS, tries to make a shot in the paint that was deflected by Ryan Rice, 81st FSS-CPTS.

At right, Rice drives past Dorian Rodgers, 335th TRS, as Sean Morgan, 81st FSS-CPTS, the league’s most valuable player, looks on. The 81st FSS-CPTS won the championship game, 49-42.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

SCORES AND MORE

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 fundraisers — 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-Fridays. Bring 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

African-American Heritage Committee sickle cell 5-kilometer run/walk — April 23; 6:45 a.m. registration; 7:30 a.m. start, Blake Fitness Center, \$10-\$15. For more information, call Yolanda Jerry, 377-4632.

Biggest loser contest — 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.

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

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.

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.

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

March 4 event benefits Haiti relief efforts

The March 4 81st Training Wing 5-kilometer fun run/walk benefits humanitarian efforts in Haiti.

The 11 a.m.-1 p.m. event starts and ends at the Katrina Kantina. There is no entry fee and all donations go to the American Red Cross.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Darold Graham, 377-9307, or Master Sgt. Steven Dickinson, 377-1780.

Saturdays. Parent-child fitness room has workout equipment and play area for ages 6 months to 7 years. For more information, call 377-4385.

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

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

Golf

African-American Heritage Committee Golf Tournament, 6th annual event; noon, March 11, Bay Breeze Golf Course, \$40. Benefits AAHC scholarship program. For more information, call Kurt Higgins, 377-5250.

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 two 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. **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.

Keesler and Throver Park RV storage facilities — combinations changed every month until further notice. For new combination info, call 377-3160, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. the first duty day of the month.

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.

Wet slip fees — monthly, 32 feet-plus, \$3.75 per foot; under 32 feet, \$2.50 per foot; overnight, \$5 per boat.

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376-6100.

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.

Heart Attack Symptoms

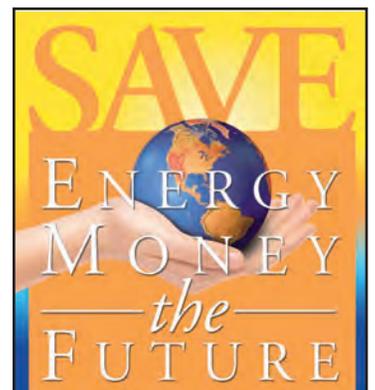
Men and women
may experience
some common
symptoms,
but there are
differences.



- Nausea/vomiting
- Jaw pain
- Back pain



- Chest discomfort
- Arm pain
- Shortness of breath



GRADUATIONS

Mathies NCO Academy Class 10-2

81st Logistics Readiness Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Robert Rakes.

81st Medical Group — Tech. Sgts. Lecia Hankinson and Donald Noel.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Tyrone Deckard.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Tech. Sgt. David Jennings.

334th Training Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Robert Lupton.

336 Training Squadron — Tech. Sgts. Charissa Rotundo (distinguished graduate) and Joanne Simmons.

NCO Academy — Tech. Sgt. Trey Horn.

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Matthew Alexander, Miranda Barker, Aaron Battreal, Joshua Bisek, Jeremy Black, Daniel Boulanger, Robert Bower, Marcel Boykin, Joseph Brown, Katherine Cadavid, Drew Criner, Sircorya Brown, Cody Cagle, Joshua CahppellDenzer, Alan Cantrell, Asher Cresap, Nicholas Cunningham, Mranth Dabbs, Adrian Davis, Jesse Ellis, Zachary Ellis, NationsArmando Gallegos, Christopher Gonzalez, Marquez Greenhill, John Griffin, Joseph Harris, Darren Heller, Tyler Higgins, Taylor Hill, Mark Hughes, Maxwell Hulett, Reuben Johnson, Joshua Jones, Thomas Jones, Richard Kalinowki, Michael Kelley, Pautresa Kelley, Andrew King, Bryce Koepke, Jeffery Korhonen, Jacob Kreuzer, Christopher Law, Joshua Leonard, Elizabeth Martin, Vincent McQuillen, Amanda Michalek, Christian Millan, Joshua Milne, Stephanie Miremadi, Dustin Monahan, John Norton, Nikko Pabon, Josiah Perrin, John Poffenberger, Nathan Posey, Lance Pritner, Sidney Richards, James Robinson, Connor Rodriguez, Sameul Ronan, Jashayla Rouse, Brian Russell, Theodore Schoper, Manuel Sisneros, John Sizemore, Devin Smith, Robert Smith, Rodney Smith, Jason Stinchcomb, Joshua Talbert, Nicholas Talley, John Testa, Adam Tresenrider, Joshua Turner, Roy Vreeland, Kyle Wall, Bronson Walter, James Wentzel, David Wilson and Jason Woody; Airmen Ronald August, Colleen Balik, Jana Boudreaux, Blake Briggs, Joseph Cline, Sean Douville, Jeffrey Echevarrias, Michael Elliott, Rodney Estrella, Aaron Evans, Aaron Fairfax, Patrick Forbes, Cameron Fuqua, Robert Gonzales, Christian Goss, Samuel Hodge, Eric Hoening, Jojo Jumanan, Daniel Lucia, Patrick Lundquist, Blake McCracken, Stephen Mehr, Tyler Mitchell, Anthony Owens, Scott Posey, Ronnie Roscoe, Adam Sanchez, Oliver Show, Jarrod Tamez and Benjamin Tress; Airmen 1st Class David Arriola, Adam Bartholomew, Michael Bates, Matthew Bekker, Robert Benton, Kevin Brennand, David Brisco, William Brown, Ruth Bryce, Alan Butner, Michael Cable, Adam Cannon, Candy Cash, Kevin Collect, Andrew Custead, Bret Edie, David Evers, Alexander Farmer, Ashley Featherston, Alexander Finch, Donelle Gibson, Joshua Goss, Dyana Gray, Brain Hadfield, Dionte Hall, David Hayes, Robert Hayes, Michael Hoffman, Christopher Howard, HaiLyVu Huynh, Julia Jefferson, David Johnston, Brent Kirschler, Brian Kumpf, John Larkin, Sergio Lopez, Keeley Mahoney, Sean Martin, Jonathan Matos, Vesper Matthews, Jessica Medina, Emily Messano, Thaddues McClain, Jesse McInnis, Ren McKelvey, Andrew McLeod, Heath Moyes, Maxim Naumenko, Christopher Norris, Edward Olsen, Michael O'Sullivan, Justin Owens, Taylor Paddock, Jay Patel, Christopher Paulus, Garren Plemmons, Chen Qiaofen, Cori Ream, Christopher Rupert, Andrew Sigafoose, Kyle Smith, James Squires, Matthew Sughrue, Christine Tedesco, Jacob Tyson, Luke Underwood, Ellis Wallace, Justin Walsh, Isaac Watkins, Shawn Westbrook, Sefara Williams, Barbara Woods, Adam Wray and Tommy Young; Senior Airmen James Bennefield, Adam Bennett, Ryan Covert, Bryan Fonseca, Timothy Hardesty, Richard Hrkach and Kathleen Welsh; Staff Sgts. Titus Billingsley, Jesse Chattin, Kelly Coyne, Jeraby Dillon, Corey Fonger, Walter Kulak, Grant Morton, Gilberto Santiago and Christopher Sonesen; Tech. Sgts. Joseph Aviles, Pedro Chamorro, Justin Hole, Erin Hooch, Bruce Inthavong, Michael Leonardson, Michael McGee and Damian Schuetze; Senior Master Sgts. Philip Moya and Sarah Weaver.

Metrology basic course — Airman Renee Palermo.

334th TRS

Aerospace control and warning systems — Airmen Basic Donnie Klingler and Joe Villanueva; Airmen Jacob Anderson; Airmen 1st Class Stephen Armstrong, Zackery Benton, Robert Hansen and Stephanie Randall; Staff Sgt. Jullie Patterson.

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Andrew Alotis, Owen Davies, Zachery Davis, Joshua Hoover, Joseph Johnson, Lacey Kaawaloo, Daniel Kennison, Dustin Hoiten, Lyza Lacsina, Larry Laird, Daniel Lamers, Justin Lewis, Luke Lewis, Kevin Lietz, Brandon Marler, Justin Minenna, Adrin Pulliam, Seth Roberts, Jesus Rodriguez, Nickloas Sanquist, Gabriel Sigaoat, Daniel Luco-Thomas, Raul Valdez, Katie Weyer and Zane Womack; Airmen Ashley McGill and Brent Nelson; Airmen 1st Class Ulysses Arango, Kristin Boughton, Irene Charbonneau, Bryan Coppens, Cass Dedaviess, Jacob Dounda, Philip Elisara, Paul Galanti, Matthew Greiner, Brandon Hormich, William James, Cameron Kila, Ashley Lirosi, Joshua McIntosh, Emily McMullen, Kelsey Oxford, Seth Simpson and Kathryn Tarlton; Staff Sgts. Matthew Morris, Joel Stover, William Torgerson and Ross Weiler.

Command post apprentice course — Airman Basic Joshua Molyneux; Airmen Ronnequa Pinkney and David Sullivan; Airmen 1st Class Brett Decker and Matthew Doughty; Senior Airmen Jaclyn Forbes, Aaron Hildebrand and Jessica James; Staff Sgts. Michael Cross, Timothy Finch, Shaun Gingerella, Douglas Hayes, Ryan Maline, Joshua Myers, Gretchen Phillips, Debra Sherwood and Zackery Smith; Tech. Sgts. Jennifer Frost, Shalanda Hill, Derek Jarrels, Timothy Vest, Michael Weissgarber and Mark West.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Richard Ellstrom, Briana Hofreiter, Andrew Smart, Lakindra Favors and Nicholas Fisher; Airmen Daniel Harris, Joshina Holmes, Kierra Hooker and Victor Olubiyi; Airmen 1st Class Thomas Archer, Vanessa Austin, Valentina Basile, James Davis, Sharae Echols, Lawrence Gilchrist, Danielle Lawrence, Gerald Marshall, David Ollivant, William Reid, Michelle Rust, Kendall Steffen, Yuridia Soto, Monica West, Tyler Anderson and Antawn Knight; Senior Airman Alexis Frazee; Staff Sgts. Jessica Gordon, Crystal Mims, Roel Mora and Phillip Smith; Tech. Sgts. Kevin Auth, Janice Bridget, Samantha Murphy and Chad Lynch; Master Sgt. James Ekren.

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-Jumma congregational prayer, noon Friday. Building 2003, across from the Live Oak dining facility. Call 377-2520 or 0327.

Latter-Day Saints

Sacrament, 2 p.m. Sundays; scripture and prayer, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, family home evening, 7 p.m. Fridays; all at Triangle Chapel. For more information, call 1-919-580-8679.

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.

Weather training flight — Navy Airman Recruit Michael McCown; Airman Basic Matthew Curry, Leighton Ronshagen and Lenora Wyatt; Pfc. Sean Cooper, Jared Countess, Kevin Martinez and Oscar Saldivar; Navy Airman Anthony Hartmann; Airmen Marie Barnes, Courtney Domoe, Jonathan Marsh, Robert Parrillo, Shane Osier and Brett Williams; Airman 1st Class Brandon Alvarez, Andrew Casper, Jonathan Clark, Jessica Gamble, Casey Gillis, Erica Hollier, Ryan Hunt, Austin Hunter, Brendan McDermott, Andrew Nugent, Ryan Shollenberger, Richard Shultz, Ebony Simmons and Patrick Walsh; Senior Airman Frank Tesh; Marine Sgt. Hector Calderon; Staff Sgts. Sean Ireland, Jason Levy, Joshua Music and Justin Poston.

338th TRS

Cyber transport — Airmen Basic Peggie Dotson, Dominique Manipol, Kyle Topasna and Mitchell Wheaton; Airmen Robert MacKenzie and Andrew McCarty; Airmen 1st Class Nathaniel Mackay and Patrick Waid.

Ground radar systems — Airman Basic Meghan Beach; Airmen 1st Class Stephen Danko, Ralph Dodd, Brandon Kasper, Simon Martin, Travis Salter and Andrew Tosch; Senior Airmen James Bisson and Gary Martin; Staff Sgt. Julie Reinhardt.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 10-3 — Graduation March 30.

Mathies NCO Academy

Class 10-3 — Graduation April 10.

Airman and family readiness center

Home-buying information seminar — 1-3 p.m. March 17, Sablich Center, Room 121A. Class size limited to 20. For more information and to sign up, call 376-8728.

Arts and crafts center

Advanced intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. Saturday; \$20 per person, including materials.

Engraving shop — squadron, office and individual orders.

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 — 10:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday; \$40.

Wood shop — stocked retail lumber and large assembly area adjacent to 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.

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.

Digest,

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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 computer classes — 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Wednesday. For information on programs covered, call 377-2181.

Free wireless Internet — check at circulation desk.

Paperback book swap — swap for one of same genre.

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 inventory, log on to <http://www.keesler-services.us>, click McBride Library, then 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 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.

Story time — 10 a.m. Tuesdays for ages 3-5. Stories will be read aloud and told in sign language.

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.

Chili special — 5-7 p.m. Tuesdays; \$1 a bowl for members, \$1.50 for nonmembers.

Lunch — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; \$6 for club members, \$8 for nonmembers.

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 and 3-6 p.m. Fridays for ages 9 and older. Teen open recreation 4-8 p.m. Saturdays for ages 13 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 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 1 p.m. Tuesdays in Room 111, Sablich Center, for those separating and 2:30 p.m. for those retiring. If separating or 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 1-4 p.m. The schedule is March 8-11; April 12-15; May 10-13; June 14-17; July 19-20; Aug. 9-12; Sept. 13-16; Oct. 18-21; Nov. 15-18; Dec. 13-16. To register, call 376-8728.

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 Airman 1st Class Mackenzie Jackson, 377-5511; Senior Airman Rose Mabe, 377-2331, 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 — 7 p.m. Tuesdays upstairs in Hangar 3 for youth and adults. For more information, call (601) 528-4337 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. Jermaine Jordan, 377-1704.

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.

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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, 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-style peas, carrots, fruit medley salad, bean salad, raisin sauce, chicken chili, minestrone soup, baja chicken enchilada and buffalo wings.

Dinner — fish almondeine, stir-fry chicken with broccoli, pork chops, rissole potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, calico corn, club spinach, 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, 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 — Swiss steak, baked chicken, sausage, peppers and onions, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, carrots, cucumber onion salad, macaroni salad, chile con queso, Tuscan vegetable, chicken noodle, cannonball sandwich and 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, chile 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, chicken fajitas, O'Brien potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower, corn on the cob, lima beans, Waldorf salad, spinach salad, timberline chili, minestrone soup, baja chicken enchilada, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

Wednesday

Lunch — Mexican baked chicken, pork chops, beef fajitas, rice, refried beans with cheese, Mexican corn, gravy, Spanish beans, Mexican coleslaw, peas and carrots, coleslaw, tomato salad, chicken soup, clam chowder, chicken gumbo, cheese fishwich and pizza.

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

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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.

March weather outlook

March, the first month of spring, is one of the wettest non-summer months of the year. A change in the type of frontal systems affecting Keesler usually occurs; those originating in the Pacific Ocean will increase, and the cold polar outbreaks and waves on fronts in the Gulf of Mexico will decrease in number. Squall lines and thunderstorms are not uncommon. Fog and stratus will be less frequent and temperatures will be warmer than in February.

Extreme maximum temperature (F)	90
Mean daily maximum temperature (F)	69
Mean daily minimum temperature (F)	55
Extreme minimum temperature (F)	24
Mean relative humidity (percent)	73
Mean monthly precipitation (inches)	6.33
Mean number of days with precipitation	9

Mean number of days with thunderstorm	6
Maximum 24-hour rainfall (inches)	5.68
Percentage of observations with ceiling less than:	
2,000 feet	17.4
1,000 feet	10.9
300 feet.....	3.5
Percentage of observations with visibility less than:	
6 miles	25.9
3 miles	9.8
1 mile	4.2
Percentage of observations with wind:	
0-3 knot.....	27.0
4-10 knots	60.8
11-21 knots.....	12.0
22 knots or greater	0.2

Radar, satellite and a general forecast is available on the local area network in the public folder under 81st OSF Weather.

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.*

MYSTERY DINNER THEATER

TALK ABOUT MURDER

MARCH 18

AT THE DRAGON'S LAIR

6 P.M. SOCIAL HOUR

7 P.M. DINNER AND SHOW



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\$30 INCLUDES SHOW, DINNER & DESSERT

A full-service cash bar will be available. Tables seat eight, reserve a whole or partial table. Purchase tickets at Outdoor Recreation located in the marina park, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays-Sundays. Seating is limited, purchase tickets early.

A "whodunit" presented by MEDLOCK/MACKEN PRODUCTIONS.

Sponsored by Budweiser (Responsibility Matters) and Keesler Federal Credit Union.

GET IN ON THE ACTION

2010 Teen Aviation Camp - June 5-10

Spend a week at the
Air Force Academy in Colorado!



Applications
are due to the
youth center
by **March 12!**

Eligibility and Applications

Fall 2010 sophomores and juniors interested in aviation or who would like to explore the United States Air Force Academy as a choice for college are eligible.

Teens interested in applying must complete the nomination form and familiarization exam located at <http://www.afyouthprograms.com>. Forms are also available at the youth center.

Expenses

Transportation, lodging and meal costs are covered beginning with dinner on Saturday, June 5. Airline or personal vehicle travel costs to Colorado Springs are the responsibility of the participant.

Scheduled Activities Include:

- Rope course
- Flight simulator training
- Meeting with Cadets
- Tours of the Academy
- Wilderness orienteering
- and much more
- Cessna flight
- Team-building exercise

For more information, call 377-4116 or stop by the youth center.

March 2010

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11TH FRAME CAFÉ

Editor's note: Located inside Gaudé Lanes Bowling Center, 377-2036. Contractors welcome. Menu is subject to change without notice.

Breakfast — 6:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays-Fridays.

Kingpin daily specials \$6.95 — 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-work Fridays. Call-in orders accepted 10-11 a.m. Mondays feature hamburger steak, Tuesdays enjoy Italian fare; Wednesdays feature meat loaf, Thursdays get chicken fried steak or chicken, and Fridays enjoy golden fried catfish.

Lunch punch card — purchase nine combos or Kingpin daily specials and your tenth one is free.

BAY BREEZE GOLF COURSE

Editor's note: For more information or tee time, call 377-3832.

Free two-day clinics — 4:30 p.m. March 17-18 for beginners; 1 p.m. March 26-27 for nonprior service students only. Limit 10 per class.

March special — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, nine-hole round of golf special including cart. \$5 for annual members (annual green fee). \$10 for nonmembers.

Open play — 18 hole, par 71 course. For fees, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the Bay Breeze link.

Driving range — open daily 7 a.m. to dusk. \$2 for 40 balls.

Pro shop — gloves, golf balls, tees, gift certificates and more.

Golf lessons — \$25 for a half hour of instruction.

Twilight golf special — 1 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays pay one price and golf until closing. E1-E4,\$12; E5-O3, \$20; O4 and up, \$22; and guests \$22.

“UBU” nonprior service students’ special — \$15 for 18 holes or \$10 for nine holes includes greens fee and cart; \$20 for 18 holes or \$15 for nine holes includes greens fee, cart, and rental clubs.

DINING FACILITIES

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2200.

Daily menu — available by phone, call 377-DINE (3463).

Monthly birthday celebration — 5:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month for all nonprior service students, permanent party enlisted, and Essential Station Messing members. Reservations must be made in advance by the 25th of the previous month; call 377-3854. Personnel collecting basic allowance for subsistence must pay cash and surcharge.

FAMILY CHILD CARE

Editor's note: Located in Locker House, Building 3101 on C Street. For more information, call 377-3189.

Child care slots — available now. Call for assistance.

Be your own boss — we're recruiting military spouses on and off base who wish to care for children in their homes.

FITNESS

Editor's note: Keesler has three fitness centers for your convenience — Blake Fitness Center, 377-4385; Dragon Fitness Center, 377-2907; and Triangle Fitness Center, 377-3056.

St. Patrick's Day 5-kilometer run/walk — 7 a.m. March 17. Free to enter. Register at 6:30 a.m. in front of Blake Fitness Center. Shamrock bead necklace to the first 75 to register. Prizes for first, second and third place male and female finishers. Sponsored by Budweiser - Responsibility Matters, Harris Jewelry, Keesler Federal Credit Union and SCION.

“Muscle Mania” powerlifting meet — March 19 at the Triangle Fitness Center. Free to enter. Squat, bench press and deadlift; weigh-in at noon, compete at 1:30 p.m. Sign up by March 15. For weight classes and more information, call Triangle Fitness Center. Sponsored by Budweiser-Responsibility Matters and Keesler Federal Credit Union.

Free fitness classes at Dragon Fitness Center — For class descriptions and schedule, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the link for fitness centers, or call 377-2907.

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

Massage therapist — by appointment; call (228) 348-6698.

GAUDÉ LANES BOWLING CENTER

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2817. Bumpers are available on 19 lanes by reservation for ages 10 and younger.

Bowl at lunch — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, \$1 per game and \$1 for shoes.

Club member special — Thursdays. Show your current club card and bowl for \$1.50 with free shoe rental.

Team building — 1-3 p.m. Mondays-Wednesdays and 1-5 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, bring your employees and bowl for \$1 a game plus shoe rental. Call for reservations.

Open bowling — limited on league days; first come, first served. Reservations accepted for groups of 20 or more.

Hurricane Alley glow bowling — 9 p.m. to midnight Fridays and 7 p.m. to midnight Saturdays.

Birthday parties — choose from three packages (\$8.95-\$15.95 per child) and remember the birthday child is free. Reservations are required two weeks in advance.

“UBU” special — nonprior service students, show your UBU card and bowl for \$1.50 per game any time, shoes included.

Plan a fund raiser — make money for your organization.

INNS OF KEESLER

Editor's note: For reservations and lodging information, call 374-0088.

Check-in/out — now at Tyer House located on Fisher Street. If you will be arriving after 6 p.m., please call with credit card information to hold reservation.

Rooms available — “Space-available” reservations can be made 24 hours in advance. Rooms offered are visiting airmen's quarters \$34.75 with a queen bed, refrigerator, microwave and shared bathroom; visitor's quarters \$39 with a queen bed, refrigerator, microwave and private bathroom; and temporary lodging facility \$41.50 for one and two bedroom family units with full kitchen. Pet TLFs available for an additional \$10 per night.

Oversized parking — for your convenience, an oversized parking lot for large vehicles is available at no charge. Please request a permit upon check-in.

KATRINA KANTINA

Editor's note: Located in the marina building overlooking Biloxi's Back Bay. All ranks and contractors welcome. Club members must show club card to receive discounts. For more information, call 377-2219.

St. Patrick's Day special — 5-7 p.m. March 17. Wings and things, \$1 green beer and door prizes. Keesler Club members get in free; nonmembers pay \$3 at the door.

Monday lunch buffets — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$6, nonmembers \$8, includes iced tea. Buy nine and your tenth is free. March 1, fried and baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad, rolls and bread pudding; March 8, lasagna, corn, salad, garlic bread and apple cobbler; March 15, meat loaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad, rolls and bread pudding; March 22, stuffed chicken breast, stuffing, corn, salad, rolls and cobbler; and March 29, spaghetti with meat sauce, corn on the cob, salad, garlic bread and bread pudding.

Chili Special — 5-7 p.m. Tuesdays. \$1 a bowl for members, \$1.50 for nonmembers.

Wings and things — 5-7 p.m. March 31. Keesler Club members get in free; nonmembers pay \$3 at the door. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and \$1 domestic draft beer.

Catering — let our professional assist you with planning weddings, birthdays, official functions and other special occasions. Club membership is not required.

LEGENDS CAFÉ

Editor's note: Dine in or take out. Located inside Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call 377-2424.

All-you-can-eat lunch buffets \$6.95 — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays. Price includes iced tea or fountain drink. Play free tunes on the juke box at lunch. March 3, pot roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, salad and jello with topping; March 10, chicken parmesan, angel hair pasta, marinara sauce, rolls, salad and cherry cobbler; March 17, corned beef, cabbage, hash brown casserole, rolls, salad and cobbler; March 24, roast turkey breast, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green peas, rolls, salad and pudding with topping; and March 31, beef brisket, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, salad and apple cobbler.

Lunch punch card — buy nine lunch combos or buffets and your tenth is free.

Rotisserie chicken — Tuesdays and Thursdays get a half chicken for \$3.50, or a whole chicken for \$7 (chicken only). Lunch special, \$6 for half chicken or \$10 for whole chicken includes one side item and a roll.

“Salad Your Way” salad bar — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-work Fridays. Large salad \$4.50, small salad \$2.50. Add ham, turkey, tuna, grilled chicken or chicken salad for \$1.

Soup and sandwich or salad bar — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Get a bowl of soup and your choice of salad bar or a hot or cold, ham or turkey sandwich.

All-you-can-eat catfish buffet, \$8.95 — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. work Fridays includes entree, dessert and iced tea or fountain drink. Play free tunes on the juke box during lunch.

“UBU” special — nonprior service students, show your UBU card and get a free large fountain drink with a \$5 purchase.

MCBRIDE LIBRARY

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2181.

Dr. Seuss's birthday party — 10 a.m. Tuesday. Sing happy birthday and enjoy birthday cake. Wear Dr. Seuss hats and create Seuss birthday cards that will be placed on display in the library.

St. Patrick's story time — 10 a.m. March 17, stories read aloud and in sign language. Pick a surprise from the pot-of-goodies.

Fairy tale scavenger hunt — 5:30-6 p.m. March 22, in the library for ages 5-12.

Free computer classes — Wednesdays, March 17-April 7. 9:30 -11 a.m. ultra beginners class; 1-3 p.m. not-so-ultra beginners class; 3:30-4:45 p.m. basic Microsoft Word.

Eligibility/library cards — for details, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the link for McBride Library.

Free wireless internet — ask front desk staff for log-in access.

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

Research databases — comprehensive research capabilities. To view listing, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the link for McBride Library, then the link for research databases.

Online card catalog — search for books (print and audio), DVDs, CDs, VHS, magazines, periodicals and more. Log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the link for McBride Library, then the link for our on-line catalog.

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Overdrive audio on-line book program — individual or family accounts can be set up to allow download/playing of full length audio books on a personal computer. Ask staff for assistance.

Paperback swap — one for one, must be in good condition and of the same genre.

OUTDOOR RECREATION AND MARINA

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3160.

St. Patrick's Day special — March 17, wear green and receive a 10 percent discount on rental equipment.

Wolf River canoe or kayak trips with experienced guide — 4-7 hour, 10.6 mile excursion \$60 per person including lunch. Bring your own beverages. 2-4 hour, 4.5 mile excursion \$45 per person. Bring your own lunch and beverages. Sign up trips are scheduled nonworking Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Minimum four, maximum 20 people. Trips are available daily, with a reservation, for any waterway on the coast. Call for more information.

Going camping? — tent camping packages for rent, or tow a camper to your destination and enjoy. Campers are \$50 per day.

Introduction to sailing class — 5:30-7:30 p.m. April 15, classroom instruction at the marina, Building 6734. Four hours of on-the-water training is April 16. \$40 per student. Must be age 16 or older. Minimum six participants. If there are over six students, the on-the-water training will be divided into two groups with each group scheduled for a morning or afternoon time slot. The class certifies customers to rent our Bravo catamaran sailboats.

Catamaran sailboats for rent — \$10 per hour, two hour minimum, or \$75 per day. Trailer and take off-site for \$100/day or \$175/weekend. Must be sailboat certified.

Join the “Team Keesler” sailing team — compete in the Hobie Nationals, June 4-11. Call for more information.

Paddleboats for rent — see the Biloxi Back Bay and get some exercise at the same time. \$5 per hour, minimum two hour rental.

Marina slips — wet slip fees: boats in excess of 32 feet are charged \$3.75 per foot. Boats 32 feet and below are charged \$2.50 per foot. Overnight is \$5.

Recreational vehicle storage — Just \$20 per month. The combination to the recreational vehicle storage facilities on Keesler and Thrower Park will change monthly until further notice. To get the new combination call on the first duty day of the month between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Boats and recreational equipment rental — for price list, visit <http://www.keeslerservices.us>, click on the outdoor recreation link.

Deep sea fishing trips — nonworking Fridays and Sundays. \$75 including everything you need to fish. Bring food and beverages. Minimum 10, maximum 22 people.

Back bay fishing trips — \$20, call for date and time.

“UBU” special — nonprior service students, show your UBU card and get 10 percent off all rental equipment.

“UBU” weekend special — show your UBU Card and rent a 3500 Trek, seven-speed bike for \$5 for the weekend.

Fam-camp — park is open 24 hours daily. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays-Fridays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. For more information, call (228) 594-0543.

Easter Egg Hunt and Parade March 27 in the Marina Park!

Parade begins at 9 a.m. followed by the egg hunt.

Children hunt by age groups for a total of 5,000 eggs.

Visit with the Easter Bunny! Bring your camera for photos.

For more information, 377-3160.

Sponsored by Keesler Federal Credit Union and SCION.



Spring SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNAMENT
March 20
@ Bay Breeze Golf Course
Prizes! Giveaways!
Shotgun start at noon. Two-person scramble. Must have verifiable handicap.*
Inclusive members \$20
Annual members \$25
Nonmembers \$35
Includes food and beverages
Sign up and prepay in person or by phone at 377-3832/436-5297.
Sign up by March 16!
Sponsored by Budweiser - Responsibility Matters, Harris Jewelry, Keesler Federal Credit Union and SCION.
*Must have a GHIN handicap or verifiable official handicap card.



Easter Bunny with a basket of colorful eggs.

Arts & Crafts Center Open House

5-7 p.m. March 11 and 25
in observance of National Crafts Month

- **Demonstrations**
- **Food**
- **Door prizes**

For more information, call 377-2821.

ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

Editor's note: Preregistration is required for all classes. Register at craft sales, Building 5904. Space is limited. For more information, call 377-2821.

Specials

St. Patrick's Day Special — Tuesday through March 16 guess the number of jelly beans in our pot-of-gold contest. Register in the multi-crafts shops and auto hobby shop. Pot-of-gold winner announced March 17.

Gifts to go — get a décor mug filled with goodies, just \$10 each.

"UBU" special — UBU card holders get 10 percent off all items in the crafts resale store.

Multi-crafts shop

Editor's note: Potter's wheels, ceramic molds, air brushing, and tools are available for use in the shop.

Scrapbooking — 10:30 a.m. to noon March 6 and 5-7 p.m. March 11. \$20 including materials.

Jewelry making — 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 6 and 5-7 p.m. March 25. \$30 including materials. Learn wire wrapping and tooling.

Pottery — 10:30 a.m. to noon March 13 and 27. \$40.

Glass painting — 10:30 a.m. to noon March 20 and 27. \$25 including a completed painted project.

Card making — 10:30 a.m. to noon March 20. \$7 per person.

Wood shop

Editor's note: Hard woods and plywood in stock for sale. Stock includes walnut, mahogany, pecan, maple, oak, poplar, cypress and cedar.

Beginning woodworking — 5-7 p.m. Wednesdays. Make a cutting board. \$25 includes shop use, instruction and materials. Class certifies you to use the equipment in the future.

Beginning intarsia — 10 a.m. to noon March 6 and 20. \$15 including materials. Intarsia is the art of piecing wood together in a decorative pattern.

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. to noon March 13 and 27. \$20 includes materials and tool use.

Frame shop

Custom orders — our staff will customize all work according to individual orders. We can also coordinate framing awards with engraving shop accessories.

Shadow boxes — customized, make great retirement gifts.

Engraving shop

Custom items — we can etch glass items and customize your order of plaques, trophies, awards, mugs and writing pens for gift giving, special mementos and squadron functions. Organizational name tags are our specialty.

Auto hobby shop

Editor's note: Indoor and outdoor stalls and lifts available. For more information, call 377-3872.

Tire service/air machine — coin-operated, available 24-7. Located at the vacuum station.

24-hour coin-operated car care — vacuum station and car wash featuring foamy brush wash, high-pressure rinse, wax, towelettes and Armorall.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2211 or 377-4116.

Give parents a break — 4-10 p.m. March 13. Air Force Aid Society program offers free child care at the center for Air Force families who are referred by base agencies such as the airman and family readiness center and family advocacy, first sergeants, commanders and chaplains. Certificates must be coordinated through the airman and family readiness center. School-age children go to the youth center.

DRAGON'S LAIR EVENT CENTER

Seats 300 — great for weddings, commander's calls, holiday parties, retirement ceremonies, special occasions, etc. For catered events, call 377-2219. For non-catered events, call 376-8655.

INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TOURS

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3818.

Tickets — for a complete list of tickets and prices, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the link for ITT. Military specials continue for Disney World® Resort and Universal Studios Orlando.

RESALE LOT

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2821.

Buy, sell, trade — \$10 per month to place your vehicle on the lot, \$20 for recreational vehicles and boats. Located on Meadows Drive between the temporary living facilities and Keesler Federal Credit Union drive-through. Register at the arts and crafts center 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Registration, license and insurance required.

VANDENBERG COMMUNITY CENTER

Editor's note: All events, except dances, are open to all Keesler personnel. For more information, call 377-4355.

Free pool tournaments — 7 p.m. Tuesdays 9-ball, 7 p.m. Wednesdays 8-ball.

Free movie night — Wednesdays. New releases.

Late night dances — 7:30-midnight Sunday, Thursdays before nonworking Fridays, and Fridays and Saturdays. DJ, top 40 dance music. Nonprior service students only. \$3 admission.

UBU house party — 7 p.m. March 19 for non-prior service students only. Students pick up a UBU card, or show your current UBU card, and become eligible for prizes and giveaways. Those joining the Keesler Club become eligible for additional giveaways. Sponsored by Harris Jewelry and SCION.

VETERINARY SERVICES

Editor's note: Located on 3rd Street, Building 0408. All animals in base housing must be registered with the veterinary office. For appointment, call 376-7495.

Eligible patrons — active duty, retirees, reservists and National Guard on active duty for more than 72 hours with orders may use the vet clinic.

Sick call and vaccines — by appointment only.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-4116. All children registered in a youth center program receive free membership.

Give parents a break — 4-10 p.m. March 13 for school age children.

Image makers photo contest — through March.

National Boys and Girls Clubs Week — March 21-27 Keystone Club will be involved in community projects, activities and honoring military families.

Spring camps — March 29-April 2. School age camp for ages 6-12; tween/teen camp for youth in middle school, junior high and high school.

Tap/ballet/acrobatics class — 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 3-5, and 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, ages 6 and older. \$50 per month.

Taekwondo class — 5:30-6:15 p.m. Wednesdays and 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Saturdays.

Friday night fun — 6:30-9:30 p.m. for ages 6-12. Skating, music, games and more. \$5 admission.

Open recreation — 3-5:45 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, ages 9-12; 3-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 3-6 p.m. Fridays, ages 13-18. Computer center, homework assistance, sports and recreation. Students sign themselves in at the front desk.

Guitar, piano and gymnastic classes — available, sign up today.

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