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Photos by Adam Bond

Monday, Keesler accepted keys for the last of 1,028 new housing units to close the largest military family housing construction project in Air Force history.

Home sweet homes Air Force's largest housing project done

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Monday marked the end of the largest military family housing construction project in Air Force history.

A "Year of the Air Force Family" celebration brought together Keesler officials, community representatives and construction leaders at 208 Patrick Drive in the Bayridge housing area to mark the occasion.

The massive \$287.8 million construction program was launched nearly three years ago, with Hunt Building Co. and W.G. Yates and Sons Construction Co., forming a unique partnership to com-



Mr. Yates presents a plaque to General Dickinson commemorating the project.

plete the 1,028 housing units.

Brig. Gen. Ian Dickinson, 81st Training Wing commander, expressed his appre-

ciation to the Hunt-Yates joint venture by accepting a plaque from William Yates, president of Yates Construction.

Mr. Yates pointed out the aggressive pace of the construction project, noting, "that's almost 1½ houses completed per day for two straight years, 365 days a year." The project was completed nearly four months ahead of schedule.

The project provided 198 junior noncommissioned officer family units in Thrower Park, 136 NCO units in West Falcon Park, 200 mixed-use units in the first phase of Bayridge housing in the for-

Medics receive 'excellent' inspection rating

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

In a word, the 81st Medical Group is "Excellent."

That is the result the Headquarters Air Force Inspection Agency passed to a standing-room-only audience of medical group members during the team's official Health Service Inspection outbrief Friday.

A day earlier, surveyors from The Joint Commission also praised the staff for the medical care they provide during the outbrief following completion of their portion of the tandem survey/inspection that began March 8.

Official word of the hospital's continued three-year accreditation from TJC is expected in about a month.

The Joint Commission team included Dr. George Orndorff, nurse Connie Schultz and facility engineer Richard Smith. The nine-person AFIA team was led by Col. Roger Hesselbrock.

Addressing the medical group staff, Dr. Orndorff noted this was his third official visit to the Keesler medical facility.

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Get smart on cyber world details

By Lt. Col. Scott Solomon

333rd Training Squadron commander

Why is the Air Force placing such huge focus on the cyber domain? When I asked my staff what kind of article I should write, they suggested I touch on cyberspace since we are the ones who are standing up the 17D schoolhouse for the new 17D cyber operations officer career field. Before I begin, let me address a few aspects of cyberspace. First, there is a huge threat out there that most of us don't have the situational awareness to even realize there is problem. Second, there are many people on both sides of the law benefiting from cyberspace. And finally, there are things we can do to help alleviate the threat.

The emergence of cyberspace as a warfighting domain has left some people wondering about how to identify and fix the threat. In most cases, the biggest threat is the person sitting at the keyboard behind the computer. Growing up in Los Angeles, I knew that it was probably a bad idea for me to walk down a dark alley at 2 a.m. However, in cyberspace, many people do this at home and at work on a regular basis without realizing the danger lurking in cyberspace. Bad guys are out there to capitalize on our ignorance and poor

computer practices. They want to steal our information and piggyback on our computers or network to get to other people's information.

Who benefits most from cyberspace? All of us law abiding citizens, or netizens, benefit daily with our ability to access information in cyberspace through our keyboards. However, there are others that you may not think about. Cyber criminals out for economic gain are constantly developing more sophisticated phishing e-mails, malware and viruses to steal identities and financial information. Terrorists are using the Internet for recruiting, training, motivating and conducting operations with their followers. They can operate without restraint and are free to innovate, unbound by law, policy or precedent. Countries like Russia and China are developing their own cyberspace warriors who can identify and exploit weaknesses in our military, government and commercial networks.

To help mitigate the threat, we need to raise the level of awareness on safe computing practices that help identify what's normal and what's safe on the Internet. One way the Air Force is raising your awareness is through your information assurance training. Before you throw spears, I know it's not very comprehensive and can seem like a waste of time, but it's a

starting point. The Air Force has reorganized the way it will train and equip the new 17D officer career field. These new cyber operations officers will be at the tip of the spear actively defending our cyberspace networks and infrastructure. Say you're sitting at home or work and your computer starts to slow down or lock up. What's the cause? Is it normal? Most people have no idea what normal is and don't need to know that level of detail to use their computers. However, if your computer is slowing down, it's telling you that its processor is working on something — that something may be something normal or may be a threat.

It's a scary world in cyberspace. Actions at the speed of light, nonrepudiation and anonymity are both good and bad. In order to navigate the traps of cyberspace, there are some easy things you can do to make yourself and your computer less vulnerable. Make sure your home computer has the latest software updates, an active firewall and an active updated antivirus protection program. If you didn't understand what I was saying in the last sentence, you're not alone. Do yourself a favor and get smart on this subject. Good computer practices will help protect yourself, others and the Air Force network.

One-word answer to why I serve: Haiti

By Capt. Nathan Broshear

Air Forces Southern Public Affairs

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — I'm often asked why I choose to be in the Air Force. Some people ask to start up a conversation, others to be polite and some genuinely wonder what compels Airmen to swear to support and defend the Constitution, put themselves in harm's way and deploy far from home.

Most people who ask are looking for a one-word answer. They expect you'll simply say adventure or flying, travel, education or some other military benefit.

Usually, after about 20 seconds of explanation their eyes turn glossy as you struggle to capture the essence of what you do and why you do it, all without using military jargon.

I've been in Haiti since January and I know when I return, people will ask me, "What did you see there? Are we really helping?" The answer to these questions is really the same answer to the question, "Why are you in the Air Force?"

I've learned service has rewards greater than any paycheck, trip abroad or educational degree. In it exists opportunities to be where others cannot, to stand where others will not and to do what people would do if only they could be where you are.

The rewards of serving aren't one-word answers; they're the tiny snapshots of humanity, dignity and kindness playing over and over in the minds of Airmen who've "been there." These scenes of hope replay in my mind each night as I lie down to sleep in my tent:

Airmen download thousands of pounds of lifesaving food and water from aircraft that don't even shut off their engines. They're done in minutes and begin working on the next aircraft — 24 hours a day — so far, more than 3,000 times.

I hug a Haitian man as he tells me, "Without you, I would be dead. Thank you, America." I see the man again a few days later and he greets me like we've known each other for years. All he asks is for me to take a picture with him, not for him to keep, but so I can take the picture home with me and tell others his story.

An Air Force nurse cries with a patient recovering in a clinic, not from pain, but because they would soon part. Later, the whole ward — even patients with life-threatening injuries — sings together while nurses dance for them.

People come together for the greater good. Airmen unload airplanes from Venezuela, China, Qatar, France, Brazil,

Chile, Australia, Colombia, Nicaragua and dozens more. They salute every aircrew as they depart, no matter what flag is on the jet's tail.

I stare in wonder at owls flying across a full flightline at 1 a.m. as a private jet pulls in, full of volunteers. They ask, "Where's the nearest hotel?" I point to a few tents and cots in the grass next to the tarmac and they accept happily.

I hold a baby born on board a Navy hospital ship just after the earthquake. The mother lost a leg and incurred multiple other injuries after debris fell on her. Yet the baby is healthy and all mom wants to talk about is how happy she is to be home again.

A family huddles on a median between traffic lanes under a tarp held up by sticks. They're cooking rice and beans from a huge sack marked "A gift from the people of the United States of America." They look up, smile and give us a big thumbs-up as we drive by.

I give an meal-ready-to-eat to someone who's never had one and likely hasn't eaten all day.

When the first commercial flight arrives in Port-au-Prince, Haitian families reunite a month after the earthquake. Tears of joy stream down their faces as they embrace.

A group of Airmen get off a transport airplane carrying their bags after traveling for an entire day. They've got every right to rest, but just hours later, they're building tents, marshalling aircraft, mapping food distribution points and driving earthmovers, all 700 of them.

A nurse tells me about a Haitian baby boy born on board the USS Carl Vinson. The mother names him Vincent.

A woman stands atop the mountain of rubble that was once her home. She points out where she and her son were when the earthquake hit, then explains how a fallen door miraculously protected them from harm. There's a hole in the rocks, just big enough to crawl through, marking their exit from death. The woman calls the escape, "God's hand."

When I return home and I'm asked why I serve, I'll struggle to communicate the sights and sounds of hope that come with the privilege of being an Airman. My storytelling will fall short. I won't be able to conjure up the sensory signals of mutual respect, trust and compassion that come from being there when you're most needed.

Why do I serve? The one-word answer: Haiti.



DRAGON ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

Keesler News photojournalist

What is the most spontaneous thing you have ever done?



“Going to the Isle of Wight in the United Kingdom.”

Senior Airman Matthew Splichal, 81st Training Wing



“My husband and I made a spur of the moment weekend to Garmisch, Germany, while living in Giessen, Germany.”

Paula Strawn, Army and Air Force Exchange Service



“I went cave diving in France.”

Master Sgt. Kendal Dismute, 336th Training Squadron first sergeant

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Weather officer honored by AETC

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

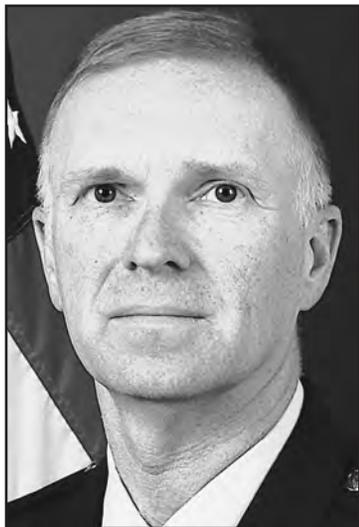
Maj. Barry Hunte, 335th Training Squadron, is Air Education and Training Command's field grade weather officer of the year for 2009.

Major Hunte, weather flight commander since August 2005, is serving a one-year deployment as weather adviser to the Iraq Air Force.

He led a joint information exchange between the Iraq Meteorological Organization and Air Force Combat Climatology Center and provided observation and equipment training in preparation for the transfer of responsibility to the Baghdad International Airport.

He championed a weather sharing agreement between the Iraq Air Force and the IMO and guided adaptation of mission execution forecasting to eliminate an outdated process.

Major Hunte organized as weather support systems cadre course that trained Iraq's Air Force weather officers and assisted the Iraq Air Force's



Major Hunte

weather officer in briefing leaders on a new concept that provides a baseline for future weather operations.

He managed execution of the Iraqi Air Force's first weather initial skills course and authored its forecasting/observer course.

His wife, Lisa, is a registered nurse in the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron.

Honoring the Stars and Stripes



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Senior Airman Henry Kabling, an Airman Leadership School student from the 81st Medical Support Squadron, shows 8-year-old Caleb Self and other members of Cub Scout Pack 220 of Ocean Springs the proper way to hold the flag. Airman Kibling and other ALS students showed how a flag folding ceremony is conducted at retreat ceremonies March 8 in front of the ALS Building. Caleb's parents are Eve Williams and James Self. Learning proper flag etiquette is a requirement for the Scouts' Wolf Badge.

NCO earns AETC airfield management award

By Angela Cutrer

Keesler News staff

Tech. Sgt. James Gross, an 81st Operations Support Flight quality assurance evaluator, is Air Education and Training Command's airfield management noncommissioned officer of the year for 2009.

Sergeant Gross is currently deployed to the 532nd Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron, Al Asad Air Base, Iraq, where he serves as deputy airfield manager.

He was honored for his accomplishments both at Keesler as well as in Iraq, said Justin Cooper, chief of airfield operations at Keesler.

At Keesler, Sergeant Gross served as the point of contact for Keesler's 2009 air show's ground operations that included 35 parked aircraft with 6,000 feet of barriers and 40 booths for 142,000 visitors. He also synchronized Keesler's \$2.8 million airfield repair project by juggling dynamic

airfield parking plan to ensure 403rd Wing and 45th Airlift Squadron continuity.

In Iraq, Sergeant Gross supervised Al Asad airfield operations and its 4½ tons of cargo and 1,200 sorties processed; crafted a parking plan for transfer of T-6s to Iraq by being the linchpin to the historic and inaugural Iraqi pilot training program; conceptualized the airfield driving program transformation from the Marine Corps to the Air Force during a senior airport authority transition; taught 15 Al Asad airfield driving classes, trained 362 personnel on airfield driving procedures to impact safety measures; and identified a major joint sealant pavement failure and oversaw primary Al Asad runway repairs to prevent a closure that would impact Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Sergeant Gross conducted 23 airfield inspections, one of which resulted in correcting united facility criteria violations by repairing a five-inch hole to avert potential aircraft.



Staff Sgt. Robert Hughes, left, and Sergeant Gross photograph damage to the runway at Al Asad, Nov. 12.

Photo by Tech Sgt. Johnny Saldivar

ICE age

Prototype offers air traffic control students head start

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The Air Force is eyeing a new weapon for its air traffic control training arsenal — ICE.

ICE stands for Intelligent Communication Environment, a computer-based program tested in the 334th Training Squadron March 1-12 in Cody Hall.

The program, developed by Adacel Systems of Orlando, Fla., augments current air traffic control curricula with interactive, self-taught lessons that use speech recognition technology that enables students to learn and practice at their own pace on their own time.

Clean slates

The test subjects were 20 students commonly referred to as AFIs for “awaiting further instruction.” They’ve completed in-processing but haven’t begun formal air traffic control coursework.

AFIs were selected for the test because they’ve had no exposure to air traffic control training yet. The plan is to take this sample group and to quantify wash-back hours and elimination as they progress through training when compared to the students who haven’t been exposed to ICE.

“Training air traffic controllers is an expensive and lengthy process, particularly when attrition rates historically hover between 25-30 percent,” said Mark Creasap, Adacel’s vice president for simulation and training. “Training needs to be faster, cheaper and designed to foster retention of more candidates without lower the quality of the graduates.

Supplementing simulators

“High fidelity air traffic control simulators have significantly improved the quality of training, but they aren’t the complete solution,” Mr. Creasap continued. “Students in the early phases of air traf-



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Chief Hassan talks with Airman 1st Class Kevin Phillips, one of the AFIs participating in the ICE demonstration March 11 at Cody Hall.

fic control training simply don’t know enough to benefit from the capabilities of the simulator — the experience can be overwhelming.”

ICE augments current air traffic control curricula with interactive, self-taught lessons in a virtual environment that uses speech recognition technology and enables students to learn and practice at their own pace on their own time.

Drawing on experience

Mr. Creasap brings a special mix of knowledge and experience to this training arena. He served more than 17 years as an Air Force air traffic controller and then pursued a doctorate in adult education so he could refine methods to make the training process more efficient and effective.

“When we have people like Airman Creasap come through the ranks and take advantage of what the Air Force has to offer, expound on

it and then get out and not lose that love for the blue, that’s great,” said Chief Master Sgt. Edward Hassan, air traffic control career field manager, who came to Keesler from the Pentagon to get a bird’s-eye view of what ICE has to offer.

“The way Airmen learn today is different than when I entered this field 29 years ago,” Chief Hassan recalled. “Our only study aid was an airfield diagram, and we would tape call signs or aircraft characteristics onto pennies and we’d move them around the sheet and practice our sequencing and traffic calls. From that to this? It’s mind boggling — it produces a better trainee and a better Airman.”

‘Net generation’

“We’re using the science of the ‘net generation’ — they don’t know what life is like without cell phones and Internet,” Mr. Creasap emphasized. “A student can just

walk in — they don’t have to know the system — they just come in, they key up, they play. It took them about three seconds to learn how to maneuver every button on that screen. ICE is programmed so they can’t start at the most complex level — just like a video game, you have to earn your level by competing to beat the game.”

Working to win

“Some work very hard, some work slower, but they all want to win,” Mr. Creasap observed about the AFIs who were nearing the end of the test. “And the only way they can win is to know it. They like to compete and they can see each other’s scores. There’s even a little rivalry and ‘trash talk’ — they’re all neck-and-neck right now.”

Chief Master Sgt. Richard Boulanger Jr., air traffic control training superintendent in the 334th TRS, said ICE

allows students to practice precise phraseology, the exact words they have to say in specific situations.

“If you practice over and over again, you become more proficient — just like in sports,” Chief Boulanger explained. “So once they get into the classroom and on the actual simulators, they’re going to become more confident, perform much better and ultimately our wash-back and elimination rate will decrease,” Chief Boulanger pointed out. “If we invest in a product like that, we may improve our retention rates.”

Introducing the basics

“The computer walks them through the basic terminology and provides the fundamental rote memory on what they’ll be taught,” Chief Hassan said. “It imprints in their brains the information they’re about to learn. Once they get into the formal course, we expect them to be able to relate back to this information which will enhance their ability to remember — in a 16-week course, they are plenty of opportunities to recall.”

Chief Boulanger noted that the AFIs are asking questions about the scenarios they’re running, and “it seems to be making them want to get in and learn more about air traffic control through some of the materials they’re being exposed to, such as regulations and aircraft characteristics.”

Digital Airmen

“By the time a young person enters the Air Force, they’ve experienced every form of technology out there,” said Staff Sgt. Scott Hanna, one of Keesler’s air traffic control instructors. “I think there’s no better way to train these digital Airmen than with digital training aids,

Protecting precious pets



Photo by Airman Basic Kayla Bresnan

Airman 1st Class Vesper Matthews was one of 34 Airmen from the 332nd Training Squadron that assisted the Humane Society of South Mississippi with its spring rabies and microchip clinic in Pass Christian Feb. 27. More than 200 animals from the surrounding community received microchips.

ICE,

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things commonly found in gaming consoles that are tailored to our career field.

“What ICE does from an instructional standpoint is to teach them visually through repetition and instant performance feedback,” he added. “We have a very complex career field with lots of technicalities, legal jargon and terms. The majority of these students really want to learn — they want the feedback, they want to know how to improve, how to excel, how to earn their paycheck.”

The throughput of students drives the number of instructors, so training officials hope that by reducing the attrition rate, the number of instructors can be reduced and critically-needed air traffic controllers can return to the field.

The AFIs who’ve been working with ICE are enthusiastic about what they’re learning.

“The program definitely helps — I don’t think we’re going to be like deer in the headlights when we get to the classroom,” said Airman Basic Devon Curtis from Ohio. “You see what you’re doing, you know how aircraft appear on the score — taxiing, departures, arrivals, phraseology. I’ve talked to other students, and they’re jealous that they don’t have this resource. If I have any questions, I can type in what I want — turbulence, separations, what aircraft is heavier — and the answers are right there.”

Airman 1st Class Jessica Dillon, who hails from New Jersey, is certain that ICE experience is going to be an advantage when she starts her course.

“We’ll have already gone through the phraseology and we’ll have it in the back of our minds,” she commented. “We

learn more of the ‘why’ we’re learning it it will click better and we’ll be able to pick things up better and faster.”

Airman Basic Christina Patterson came to the Air Force from Colorado where she’d never seen a tower or radar.

“ICE has really connected the dots for me,” Airman Patterson remarked. “I’ll be able to walk into a simulator room and be comfortable and be able to point stuff out. This has given me a basic foundation to build on — we’re getting familiar with the terminology, we have a general idea about vectoring — I came in not knowing my planes, but I can identify them much better now.”

“I love what we do and have great passion for this career field — I’ve lived it and breathed it for 29 years,” Chief Hassan emphasized. “I want to see our training move to the next level.”

TRAINING, EDUCATION NOTES

Drill downs, parades

Parades — 6 p.m. today, 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.

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.

Academy cadets visit

Two cadets from the Air Force Academy Prior Enlisted Cadet Assembly visit Keesler Monday through March 25.

Briefings are 10-11 a.m. Monday in Welch Auditorium and 2-3 p.m. Tuesday in the Sablich Center Auditorium.

“Many of the academy’s slots funded by Congress for active-duty Airmen aren’t being utilized, and these prior enlisted cadets hope to increase awareness and number of applicants by spreading the word at major bases,” said Master Sgt. Steve Mullens, career assistance adviser for the 81st Training Wing.

For more information, call Sergeant Mullens, 377-3697.

Pitsenbarger Awards

The deadline for Spring Community College of the Air Force graduates to apply for the \$400 Pitsenbarger Award is 4 p.m. April 1.

Applications are available in the education office, Room 224, Sablich Center, or at <http://www.afa.org/ae/aef/aid/pit.pdf>

The award is sponsored by

the Air Force Association and the Aerospace Education Foundation. Prior winners aren’t eligible.

For more information, call 376-8708 or 8710.

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 and spouses pursuing a degree or vocational studies.

For applications or more information, e-mail JLMPatriquin@aol.com; log on to www.keeslerspousesclub.com 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.

81st TRG dining out

The 81st Training Group holds a dining-out April 30 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum Convention Center in Biloxi.

Details such as the ticket price are still being finalized, but the social hour begins at 6 p.m. with the formal event starting at 7. Chicken or vegetarian menus will be offered.

For more information, contact your squadron representative.

Swan 38 scholarship

Deadline to apply for the Hurricane Hunters Swan 38 \$1,000 scholarship is May 31.

The competition is open to active-duty and retired 403rd Wing members and their dependents.

Base shuttle schedules are found at <http://www.keesler.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=15371>

Flightline safety is top concern

By Angela Cutrer

Keesler News staff

Airfield safety means obeying signals and signs and adherence to procedures. When drivers and personnel don't obey these rules, the safety and well being of the personnel in the aircraft and on the ground may be jeopardized.

Keesler has experienced five controlled movement area runway incursions on the airfield in the past quarter, which officials find unacceptable.

"It poses a very serious risk to our most valuable resources," said Col. Christopher Valle, 81st Training Wing vice commander.

"While our airfield is clearly and appropriately marked, you will see over the next few months increased signs on and around the airfield, as well as improved LED stoplights to halt traffic prior to entering instrument landing system critical areas," the colonel said.

Signs and markings indicate the boundary of the controlled movement area. Only airfield licensed personnel with an airfield driver's license for Keesler and two-way radio contact with the control tower may enter the controlled movement area and runway. Airfield personnel who violate the controlled movement area or commit a runway incursion have their airfield driving privileges revoked for 30 days per Keesler Instruction 13-202, Airfield Driving.

"Under no circumstances are people to enter the controlled movement area or runway without two-way radio contact with the tower," said Justin Cooper, 81st Operations Support Flight airfield operations chief. He points out that there are also signs and traffic lights on Ploesti Drive and near the marina to protect the ILS critical area during inclement weather.

The ILS is a ground-based instrument approach system that provides precision guid-



Submitted photo

Signal lights and new signs, like these near marina park, are intended to halt vehicular and pedestrian traffic near the instrument landing system critical areas.

ance to an aircraft approaching and landing on a runway using a combination of radio signals to enable a safe landing when the weather does not allow pilots to visually land the aircraft, said Shaun Cooper, air traffic control and landing systems supervisor.

"The Glideslope is one of two parts of the ILS," Shaun Cooper said. "The transmitted signals from the ILS reflect off vehicles in the ILS critical area, causing anomalies and distortion to the signal being broadcast. This can cause the indications in the aircraft to be incorrect. Obviously, this could cause major problems for pilots who are using the ILS as their 'eyes' guiding them to the Keesler runway."

If a vehicle enters the ILS critical area while an aircraft is on final approach, the signal may be distorted and provide flawed guidance to the pilot, said Justin Cooper. The potential for disaster is heightened, particularly during unfavorable weather conditions (ceiling below 800 feet, visibility less than 2 miles).

ILS critical areas on Ploesti Drive and on the airfield at

Taxiway Foxtrot are marked with signage and lights. The signage on Ploesti Drive and the marina was recently updated to increase awareness. During inclement weather scenarios, control tower personnel will activate the traffic lights indicating that vehicles must stop. The tower also activates the lights during in-flight emergencies and to protect personnel from jet blast.

Staff Sgt. Sheralyn Gonzalez, 81st Security Forces Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge of reports and analysis, stated that for personnel who don't stop for the traffic lights on Ploesti Drive and at the marina, points may be added to each individual's driver's record. The accumulation of too many points over a given period or time can lead to additional penalties, including suspension or revocation of the civilian driver's license.

"Safety is everyone's business and enforcing these standards must be a team effort," said Colonel Valle.

For more information, call Johnny Blair, assistant airfield manager, 377-2215.

IN THE NEWS

Food court, pharmacy openings

The food court at the new base exchange opens today. It features Charlie's Steakery (which serves breakfast), Manchu Wok, Anthony's Pizza and Subs, Taco Bell, Baskin Robbins and Starbucks.

The satellite pharmacy in the new shopping complex opens Monday. It includes a double drive-through service area and expanded space to provide direct patient care.

Gate closings this weekend

Testing of the new barriers at the Pass Road, Meadows Drive and White Avenue Gates takes place Friday-Sunday.

Pass Road Gate — closed 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday. Meadows Drive Gate, White Avenue Gate and Rodenberg Gate will be open.

Meadows Drive Gate — closed 8 p.m. Friday until 8 a.m. Sunday. Pass Road Gate and White Avenue Gate are open.

White Avenue Gate — closed 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Pass Road Gate and Meadows Drive Gate will be open.

45th AS plans change of command

The 45th Airlift Squadron's change of command ceremony is 10:30 a.m. Monday at Hangar 4.

Lt. Col. Scott Nishwitz, currently the squadron's director of operations, assumes the commander's position.

Lt. Col. Jimmy Canlas, who's commanded the unit since May 2008, is headed to the Pentagon to serve as an executive officer on the Air Staff.

VA assists homeless veterans

Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs is allocating \$39 million to fund about 2,200 new transitional housing beds through grants to local providers.

"VA is committed to ending the cycle of homelessness among veterans," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki. "We will use every tool at our disposal — health care, education, jobs, safe housing — to ensure our veterans are restored to lives with dignity, purpose and safety."

About \$24 million in grants are available to renovate or rehabilitate space to create about 1,000 transitional housing beds. The grants put a priority upon housing for homeless women and housing on tribal lands.

Another \$15 million is expected to fund about 1,200 new beds for homeless providers who already have suitable transitional housing. The grants will provide per diems based upon the number of homeless veterans being served in transitional housing.

VA is the largest federal provider of direct assistance to the homeless, with 14,000 transitional beds in operation or development. About 107,000 Veterans are homeless on a typical night. Secretary Shinseki has committed the department to ending homelessness among veterans within five years.

For more information, visit VA's Web page for the grant and per diem program at www.va.gov/homeless, call 1-877-332-0334, or e-mail homelessvets@va.gov.

Inspection,

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"I was here as an observer in 2004 and participated in the (2007) survey after Katrina," Dr. Orndorff commented. "There has been a tremendous amount of successful work. All of you deserve a big pat on the back. There is good unit cohesiveness and you are doing a good job keeping the facility the way it should be. There is obvious pride in your work."

Ms. Schultz noted when she was on the inpatient units, the people were very forthright.

"Many of the items have been fixed or are in the process of being corrected," she observed. "You should look at this (survey) as another set of eyes."

After hearing TJC surveyors' remarks, Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Dan Wyman, 81st MDG commander, said, "At the end of the day, this survey shows we are a safe and productive hospital that delivers high-quality health care."

The general noted, "In 2005 (before Katrina) we were the second largest Air Force medical facility. After Katrina, we were a clinic for a year then a small hospital for another year. Around 2007 we began the big journey to become a medical center again. We are still evolving. We just opened our new radiation oncology center and the new inpatient tower is under construction. Every day we contin-

Special recognition

Before the Health Services Inspection outbrief, team leader Col. Roger Hesselbrock recognized the special efforts of several 81st Medical Group members.

He presented an Air Force Inspection Agency coin to Capt. Suzanne Green, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, project officer for the visit.

Outstanding performance awards were given to Senior Airman Leslie Coelho and Capt. (Dr.) Nathan Evans, 81st MDOS; Senior Airman Sheila De L'Etoile, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron; Staff Sgt. Claudia Holcomb, 81st Dental Squadron; and Capt. Reynel Garcia, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron.

ue to grow. There's no place else in the Air Force like us."

The colonel said the team had reviewed three major categories — expeditionary medical operations, in-garrison medical operations and leadership — covering 17 areas, 107 elements and 1,635 individual criteria.

"You demonstrated a sustained performance with a level of excellence," the colonel pointed out. "That is a super achievement showing utmost professionalism."

Addressing the "Dragon Medics" following Colonel Hesselbrock's remarks, General Wyman stated, "This validated what we already knew: we are a world-class medical facility.

"It's been a tough week," the general continued. "TJC and AFIA gave us a close look. There are so many moving pieces. We continue to rebuild a medical center and have medics deployed all over the world.

"Receiving a 90 (AFIA's range for Excellent is between 87-91 points on a 100-point scale) was the result of the pace and preparation you've accomplished over the past several months," General Wyman commented. "Air Force Medical Service leaders view us as one of their 'strong horses.' Keesler is on a lot of peoples' lips because of what TJC and AFIA have validated — you are super! I couldn't be prouder! This entire facility, every single one of us, does this as a team — you are all graded at a 90."

Because only a relatively small number of the 1,600+ medical group staff members could attend the outbrief, General Wyman sent a group-wide e-mail shortly after the AFIA's departure.

He said, "The 81st MDG received a 90 — an 'Excellent!' This is an incredibly good score and each and every one of us should be proud ... one team, one fight! Thank you so much for what you do, day in and day out, to provide premier health care, train Air Force medics and deploy combat-ready medics!"

Housing,

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mer Shadowlawn and Maltby Hall neighborhoods, 364 homes in Northwest Falcon Park and the final 130 units for senior NCOs and officers in Bayridge.

The three- and four-bedroom homes, which average about 1,800 to 2,000 square feet, are equipped with garages and outdoor living spaces tucked into neighborhoods with playgrounds, basketball courts and walking paths.

Nearly 800 homes qualify for Leadership in Engineering and Environmental Design certification by the U.S. Green Building Council, the most of any housing development in the nation. LEED homes are constructed with high-efficiency energy and water systems, environmentally-friendly materials, native landscaping and energy-efficient appliances.

Right now, about 150 of the homes await occupants. For more information, call 376-8611.

13 selected for promotion to captain

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Thirteen Keesler first lieutenants have been selected for promotion to captain.

Those selected are:

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — Sara Bittiker, Mary Scott, Megan Sherwood, Jacquelyn Smith and Kelly Wright.

81st Logistics Readiness Squadron — Jeremy Dobbs.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Brandon Shealey.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Aimee McLaurin and Sara Wallace.

81st Training Wing — Ruben Covos (chapel) and Justin Thompson (legal office).

333rd Training Squadron — Walker Hofmann and Jeremy Sparks.

Air Force Honor Guard performs at today's parade

The Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team, which has been training at Keesler this month, performs at the 81st Training Group parade, 6 p.m. today on the drill pad behind the Levitow Training Support Facility.

The team is on temporary duty from its home station, Bolling Air Force Base, D.C., to focus solely on writing and perfecting a new routine.

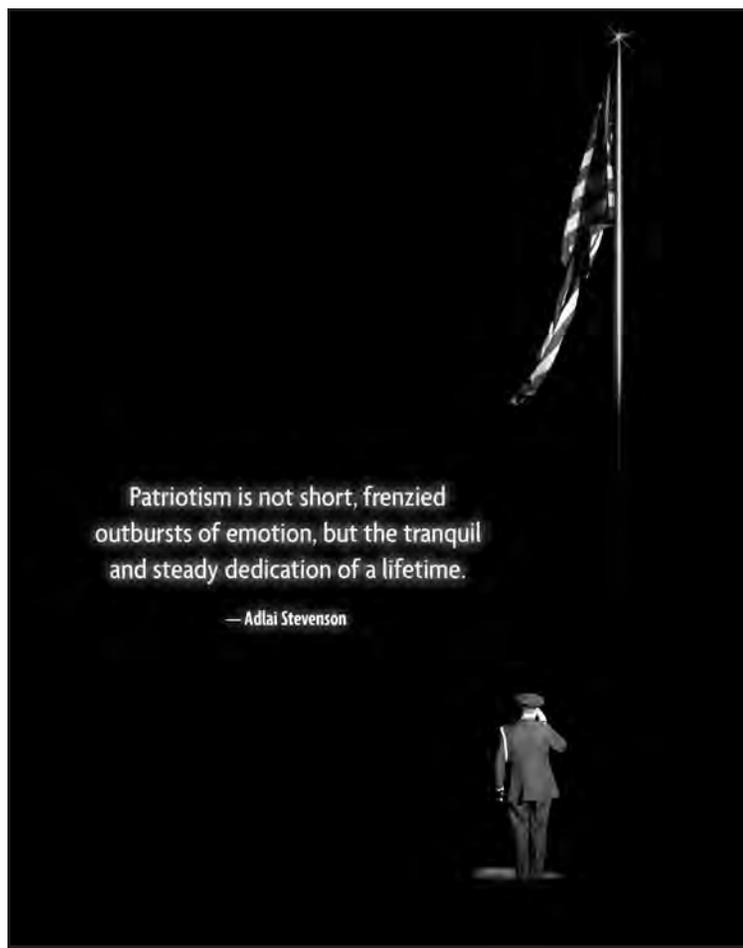
"We're the only service that re-writes our performance every year," said Staff Sgt. Michael Doss, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the team.

During its 2010 season, the team expects to do 120 to 130 performances across the country and around the world.



Air Force Assistance Fund

2010 goal — \$77,528
\$1,500 raised first day
\$7,546 raised first week —
9.7 percent of Keesler's goal.
Campaign runs through April 16.



Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime.

— Adlai Stevenson

PERSONNEL NOTES

Finance office click, call, walk

Click for online information on nearly every finance topic through the Air Force Portal.

Call the finance customer service help desk call center, 376-8225, or by e-mail at 81CPTS/Travel@us.af.mil. The call center is manned during office hours, and all missed calls are returned within 24 hours.

Walk to the finance customer service center on the first floor of Sablich Center, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Deciphering an LES

If you need help deciphering information on your leave and earning statement, log on to <http://www.dfas.mil/airforce2/militarypay/yourleaveearningsstatementles.html>

2010 selection boards

June 7, Sept. 27 — special selection boards.

June 21 — senior noncommissioned officer supplemental.

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

Aug. 16 — command screening board.

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

Oct. 18 — chief master sergeant evaluation.

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

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

Military personnel contacts

Military personnel section phone numbers:

Customer support — 376-8738.

Career development — 376-8739.

Force management — 376-8740.

Student personnel center — 377-4111.

Testing — 376-4111.

Identification card requirements

To obtain identification cards, military personnel in uniform have priority in customer service, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Customer service is also open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on compressed work schedule Fridays.

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.

NSPS Web site tracks transition

Air Force Personnel Center
Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — New features on the redesigned NSPS Web site give employees the opportunity to follow the progress as Air Force officials prepare to transition more than 44,000 current Air Force National Security Personnel System employees into non-NSPS personnel systems.

The Web site incorporates a transition section that includes news, timelines, resources and training tools, and a modified feedback area where viewers can submit brief comments to help shape the site's content.

"GS 101," another addition to the site, is intended to benefit employees transitioning into the legacy General Schedule, or GS, classification and pay system. The introductory training course provides information on the structure and features of the GS system, covering topics from pay and promotion to appraisals and career development.

The course can be found on the NSPS Web site, housed within the "Resources" box.

Most NSPS employees will convert to the GS system.

The transition is a result of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010. The NDAA contained a provision that repealed NSPS and required the transition of employees out of NSPS, with no loss of or decrease in pay, by Jan. 1, 2012. The Air Force hopes to complete the conversion on a more aggressive schedule than what is allowed.

For more information, visit www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps or call the civilian personnel section.

Don't drink and drive.



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By Angela Cutrer

Keesler News staff

Since 2007, Marlin Miller has listened to the voices of the dead.

They speak to him of the past. Of the possibilities. Of the potential.

Because of those voices, Miller left his mark on south Mississippi from Wiggins to Waveland, from Ocean Springs and through all parts of Biloxi. Using abandoned ancient oak trees left with twisted appendages, Mr. Miller transforms these giant fatalities into living messages of hope.

Through the Katrina Sculpture Project, Mr. Miller, 49, donates his time to carve back into life the famous oaks killed by the storm of the century. Keesler is now included in that scenario, thanks to Mr. Miller's newest creation: a soaring eagle tending the front landscape of the new \$60 million exchange and commissary.

Discovered at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum after 2005's Hurricane Katrina, the massive 7½-ton remnant of a once-mighty tree immediately addressed Mr. Miller.

"I saw it and said, look at those wings," he says. So, with a dedicated and exhausting weekend's worth of work, Mr. Miller turned the tree section into a phoenix rising from a 5-foot deep hole filled with concrete and a 2005 penny.

"Keesler is such a big, important part of Biloxi," says Mr. Miller. "What better place to put an eagle? I mean, how appropriate for an Air Force base."

Keesler has Paula Strawn, services business manager for the Army and Air Force Exchange Service at Keesler, to thank for the initial contact with Mr. Miller. Ms. Strawn met him and his wife, Rene, at the Peter Anderson Festival, an annual event named for another artist, the late master potter and founder of Shearwater Pottery in Ocean Springs.

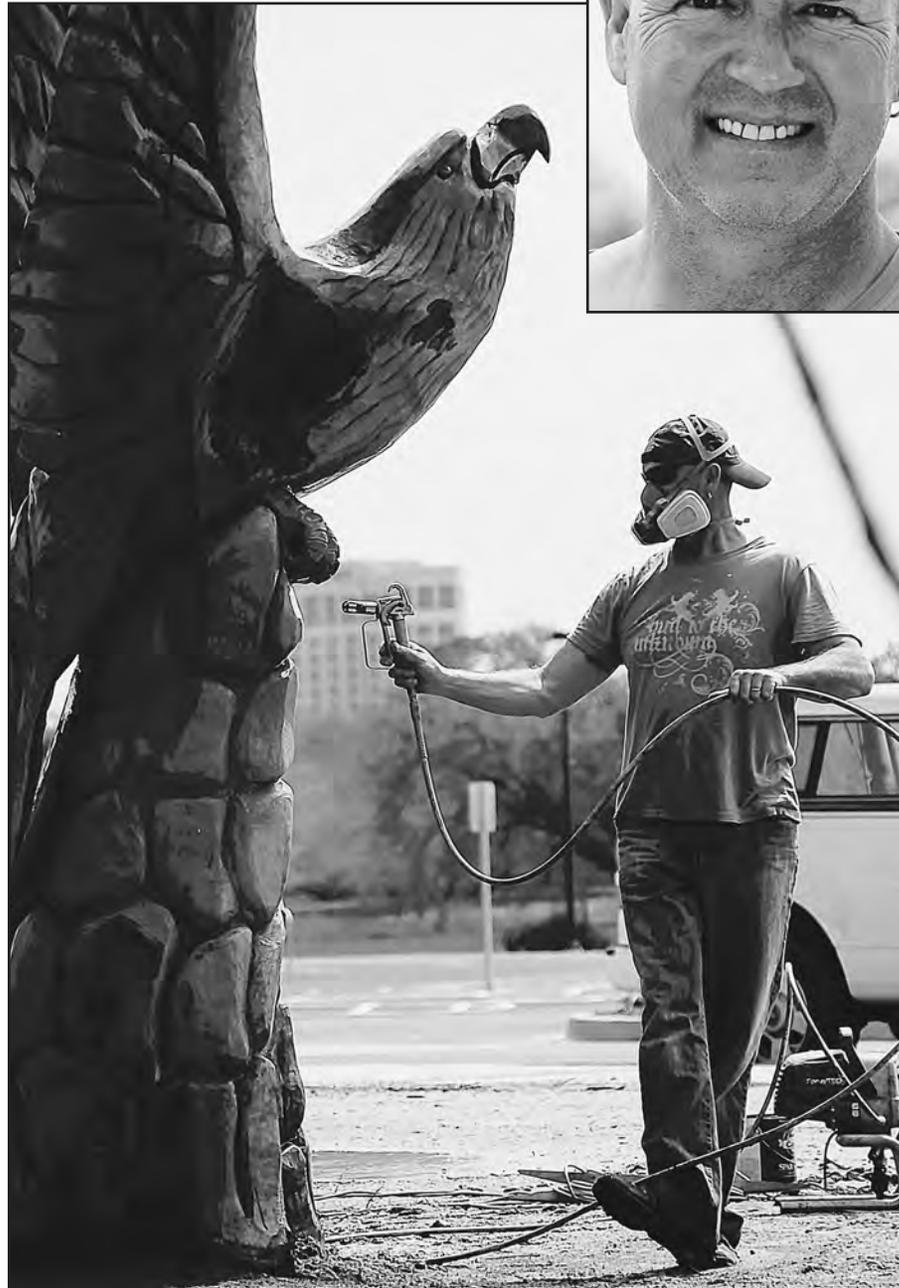
She offered Mr. Miller, who only does the carvings as a community-service project, a chance to express his feelings about the base.

"I'm not motivated by money — you couldn't pay me enough to do what it took me to do that entire weekend," says Mr. Miller. "The attention to detail is extraordinary, so this is something you do not do because you are motivated by money. You do it because you want to."

Mr. Miller's known for returning the checks of well-meaning admirers with a photo of the sculpture of concern. But he's not immune to the sneaky ones.

Miller's Time

Artist's eagle honors Keesler



Photos by Kemberly Groue
Marlin Miller sprays a final coat of varnish on the eagle he created in front of Keesler's new exchange and commissary complex.

"I can be working on a sculpture, and no one will be there," he says. "Then, I'll step back to see how things are going with the work, and I'll trip over a prayer shawl, jars of jelly, tea sets, hanging angels — I mean, they leave all kinds of things." He points to one of those swinging

angels now hanging from his truck's mirror. "I don't know how to send those back, so I just keep them." He shrugs his shoulders and grins with embarrassment.

That's not to say that Mr. Miller doesn't accept all offers of appreciation. Stihl provides saws for creating

the sculptures and the Imperial Palace, Island View, Beau Rivage and Hard Rock casinos provide free lodging during his visits to the Gulf Coast to work. He allows photos of the sculptures in an exhibit at Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport to signify the important of Katrina and the aftermath. The Keesler eagle's photographs will be added to the display.

Mr. Miller's history with Keesler goes back a long way. A native of Manson, Iowa, and graduate of the University of Hawaii, Mr. Miller was Airman Miller back in 1982, training in electronics at Keesler before spending eight more years in the service.

Imagine his surprise to be back, but this time with Ms. Strawn as a guide. They took a tour of the new exchange-commissary complex, and it was then that Mr. Miller saw that it was the perfect spot for that eagle eager to exit the oak.

"It was just the perfect spot — perfect," he says.

Used to working from his 1,200-square-foot shop back home in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., Katrina took Mr. Miller out on the road to work with the fallen trees. He doesn't worry about measurements and specific lineage. "I don't worry about scale," he said. "I just listen to what the wood says to me." His free-cut, patternless sculptures exaggerate the parts that stand out in people's minds, he said. The red on the Keesler eagle is what was left from the area between the tree's bark and raw exterior.

"No one dictates what he'll do," Mrs. Miller says. "You'll just get what the log dictates to him to do."

The eagle, which will be dedicated along with the new complex April 6, is now varnished and will be watched through the years to maintain its protective layer. Its plaque proclaims the carving as a dedication to the men and women of Keesler and the environment of learning.

As for Mr. Miller, whose mother and great grandmother were painters, he can't seem to settle down and rest. His next project? A massive Great Dane in New Orleans howling to get out of the wood.

Mr. Miller uses his hands while visualizing the tree he'll listen to shortly. "I can see the head of the Great Dane, and it's turned just so," he said, twisting his hands and using his body as a visual tool. "But the angle — I can't figure out the angle of his stance. Yet."

Mr. Miller flashes a grin at his wife. She shakes her head as she slips on her sunglasses.

Sounds like another road trip to her.

Lost & Found

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81st Security Forces
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Filing household claims can be handled online

By Capt. John Capps

Legal office

The Air Force Judge Advocate General's Corps has consolidated the processing of certain claims, commonly known as personnel claims, at a single location in Dayton, Ohio.

These claims involve loss or damage during shipment of household goods and privately owned vehicles as well as during storage at government expense, and loss or damage to personal property located in government quarters or other authorized locations incident to government service.

Other types of trauma-related claims, such as those resulting from the alleged negligence of a government vehicle driver, for example, will continue to be processed at the base legal office.

For personnel claims, the new process enables Air Force employees to file claims online and electronically submit required documents to the Air Force Claims Service in Ohio. Employees can complete the process from home after a one-time login from any government computer. If you don't have access to a government computer, call the claims center at DSN 986-8044 or 1-877-754-1212 and they will provide a username and password.

As employees complete their claims on-line, they can get customer service over the Web or from the center by phone. Not only will the on-line filing system accelerate the processing of the claim, it will allow for quicker payment.

To file a claim or for general information about the process, log on to <https://claims.jag.af.mil>; call DSN 986-8044 or 1-877-754-1212; or call the base legal office, 376-8716.

With the advent of online filing, members have the flexibility of two options for filing a claim for loss or damage:

Online filing — After gathering all the required paperwork, log on to <https://claims.jag.af.mil> and begin inputting your claim.

Filing via mail service — A package is available at the base legal office or online to file a paper claim. After reading and completing the paperwork, mail the claim to Air Force Claims Service Center, 1050 Forrer Blvd, Dayton, OH 45420.

Filing a claim via regular mail will take longer due to mail delays and the time to manually enter it into the system. Delays can be longer from overseas.

The pink form, DD Form 1840/1840R, "Joint Statement of Loss or Damage at Delivery/ Notice of Loss and/or Damage", will continue to be submitted within 70 days from the date of delivery to the local base legal office. After that, the claim itself will be submitted directly to the AFCSC within two years from the date of the incident. Filing the DD Form 1840R is not considered filing a claim.

For more information, call DSN 986-8044 or 1-877-754-1212.

Bay St. Louis camp hosts Operation Purple

Camp Stanislaus in Bay St. Louis has been chosen to host the National Military Family Association's Operation Purple summer camp this summer.

The NMFA developed this free program in response to the need for increased support for military children, especially those whose parents are or will be deployed.

"Our mission is to empower these military children — our youngest heroes — to develop and maintain healthy and connected relationships, in spite of the current military environment. Kids attending Operation Purple camp will have the opportunity to learn the skills to cope the stress of a deployment and make friends with other kids who are also missing their mom



or dad," said Mary Scott, NMFA board chairman.

Camp Stanislaus is an all-boys day and resident summer camp operated in conjunction with the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, a religious order of teaching Brothers who have operated St. Stanislaus College Prep since 1854. The camp has functioned successfully since 1928.

Registration for Operation Purple began Monday. Applications are only accepted

online. Sign up at <http://www.operationpurple.org> to receive email notices and camp updates. Each camp is "purple" and open to children of service members of any branch of Service, active duty, National Guard or Reserve, as well as children of members of the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service and National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration.

Operation Purple is free to all participants through support from the Sierra Club and The Sierra Club Foundation.

For more information, call the camp office, 228-467-9057, extension 277; e-mail camp@ststan.com; or call Master Sgt. Jessica Woodruff at the airman and family readiness center, 376-8508.



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Spouses club's Treasure Island Extravaganza raises nearly \$6,000 for scholarships, charity



Top, Janice Barnett claims her door prize, a gift card to a children's clothing store, during Saturday's Keesler Spouses Club auction. Her husband is retired Col. Wayne Barnett.

Left, Master Sgt. Lee Wright, 333rd Training Squadron first sergeant, selects a winning door prize ticket from a bowl offered by Cheron Hollingsworth, first vice president of the KSC. Her husband, Jim, is director of the training operations center at 2nd Air Force.



Photos by Adam Bond

Ocean Springs artist Paul Weaver works on a watercolor painting to be put up for bids at the auction, a KSC fundraiser for scholarships and other charitable causes.

Women's History Month

Female pilots of World War II inspired generations



Gen. Norton Schwartz, Air Force chief of staff, shakes hands with Bev Bessemyer during a reception at the Women in Military Service to America Memorial in Arlington, Va., following the wreath laying ceremony at the Air Force Memorial March 9. About 200 of the surviving pilots attended the two days of recognition and remembrance.

Photo by Andy Morataya

WASPs lay wreath at Air Force Memorial

By Staff Sgt. J.G. Buzanowski

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. — More than 1,000 civilians and service members watched as World War II Women Airforce Service Pilot corps remembered their sisters-in-arms during a wreath-laying ceremony March 9 at the Air Force Memorial here.

Several WASPs, many clad in their World War II-era service uniform, placed roses next to the wreath in memory of those who died during the war.

The audience included their families, as well as families of those who have died or couldn't travel.

"Today's event, held at this most beautiful and prestigious Air Force Memorial, pays tribute and honor to the 38 WASP who made the ultimate sacrifice to their nation in a time of war," said retired Brig. Gen. Linda McTague, the first woman to command an Air National Guard wing, who emceed the ceremony.

Pilots and aviators from all services took part in honoring the WASPs as well. Retired Coast Guard Vice Adm. Vivien Crea thanked the WASPs for "their great sense of duty." Navy Cmdr. Heidi Fleming and Marine Corps Capt. Katherine Horner read the names of those who died while on duty.

Army Col. Laura Richardson read a poem titled "Celestial Flight". The poem was written in honor of Marie Michell Robinson, a 19-year-old WASP who died during a training flight aboard a B-25 Mitchell bomber Oct. 2, 1944, over California's Mojave Desert. Just two weeks earlier she had married Army Maj. (Dr.) Hampton Robinson. In attendance was her niece and namesake, Cheryl Marie Michell Van Riper.

"I'm so very proud to be here to honor my aunt,"

Ms. Van Riper said. "She's always been such an inspiration to me. Today is a happy ending to a sad story."

Following the somber event, a mix of Airmen past and present met at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial. There, several WASPs reminisced about their flying days along with their contemporaries, including retired Col. Eileen Collins, the first woman to command a space shuttle mission, and Lt. Col. Nicole Malachowski, the first female pilot in the U.S. Air Force's Air Demonstration Squadron.

Colonel Collins commanded STS-93 Columbia on its July 23-27, 1999, mission. Colonel Malachowski for the Thunderbirds from November 2005 to 2007.

Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. Norton Schwartz said the women pioneers not only blazed a trail to the military cockpit, but a path for women to have greater roles in society.

"From those marvelous machines of the past to the highest performance aircraft of today, you helped to break barriers and shape modern American society," said General Schwartz. As a result, "the daughters and granddaughters of America's 'greatest generation' have traveled far along the trail that the WASP helped to blaze."

Thirty-three years after the WASP were disbanded, Congress voted to grant veteran status to the WASPs just as the U.S. Air Force Academy's first female cadets worked through their sophomore year.

It has been nearly another 33 years, the general said, to recognize their importance with the Congressional Gold Medal, the nation's highest honor.

During this time, the general noted, the "nation's transformation is even more substantial and our gratitude for the WASPs ever more sincere."

Congressional Gold Medal given to first female military pilots

By Staff Sgt. J.G. Buzanowski

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — The first female military pilots received the Congressional Gold Medal at a ceremony in the Capitol March 10.

Almost 70 years ago, the Women Airforce Service Pilots were disbanded with little fanfare, but this ceremony was a way to make things right for the trailblazers, said Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley.

"As a result of your conviction and your devotion to duty, from that time onward, women would forever be a part of United States military aviation," he said.

More than 200 WASPs attended the event, many wearing their World War II-era uniforms. The audience, which Speaker Nancy Pelosi noted was one of the largest ever in the Capitol and too large to fit into Emancipation Hall, also included their families, as well as the families of those who have since died or couldn't travel.

Military members from every branch of service served as escorts for the veterans. For 1st Lt. Sarah Reich, escorting WASP Janet Lee Hutchison to the ceremony was "one of the greatest experiences" of her life.

"The past couple of days with Janet have changed my life," said Lieutenant Reich, an Air National Guard communications officer. "She told me, 'I have never known fear; everything is an adventure,' and I'll take that lesson with me forever. Her story as a WASP is just amazing."

Deanie Parrish, associate director of Wings Across America, accepted the Congressional Gold Medal on behalf of the WASPs.

Lt. Col. Nicole Malachowski, the Air Force's Air Demonstration Squadron Thunderbirds first female pilot, was instrumental in shaping the bill to honor and recognize the WASPs. She was also one of the guest speakers at the ceremony.

"If you spend any time at all talking to these wonderful women, you'll notice how humble and gracious and selfless they all are, the colonel said. "Their motives for wanting to fly airplanes all those years ago wasn't for fame or glory or recognition. They simply had a passion to take what gifts they had and use them to help defend not only America, but the entire free world, from tyranny. And they let no one get in their way."

The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest award Congress can award to a civilian or group of civilians. Past honorees include the Navajo Code Talkers in 2000 and Tuskegee Airmen in 2006.

Each WASP received a smaller version of the medal to keep. The original medal will be donated to the Smithsonian Institution for display later this year with the "Women in Aviation" display at its Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Va.



Photo by Staff Sgt. J.G. Buzanowski
Betty Wall Strohfus, a WASP from Minnesota, sings the Star-Spangled Banner during the Congressional Gold Medal ceremony.

Women embraced love of flying, love of country

By Carol Bowers

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Under a clear blue sky, beneath the spires of the Air Force Memorial, military aviators gathered March 9 here to pay homage to the achievements of the first women to fly military aircraft during World War II.

The memorial service and wreath-laying ceremony, with a reception afterward, was a prelude to the March 10 presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to the 1,102 pilots who served as Women Airforce Service Pilots during World War II.

"As aviators, you possessed an invaluable capability that our nation desperately wanted," said retired Coast Guard Vice Adm. Vivien Crea, keynote speaker. "You joined not because you were great pioneers, but because of your great sense of duty. You served America in its time of peril."

Nearly 200 of the surviving women pilots attended the ceremonies with family and friends, and family members represented other pilots.

Thirty-eight women were honored during the memorial ceremony for having made the ultimate sacrifice for their country during their service, and the 20th Fighter Wing from Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., performed a flyover in the missing man formation.

The service of the WASPs and their ability

to fly every type of aircraft, Admiral Crea noted, prompted Gen. Henry Harley "Hap" Arnold to declare, "We have not been able to build an airplane that you can't handle. It is on the record that women can fly as well as men."

Admiral Crea is an accomplished aviator, inspired by the WASPs' service, serving for 36 years of active duty, most recently as the 25th vice commandant of the Coast Guard. She became the 21st and only female Ancient Albatross, a designation given to the longest serving active duty Coast Guard aviator.

Admiral Crea said that because of the WASPs, there's a new generation of women fighter pilots, lifesavers and warriors "who enjoy the absence of any conception that they can't do something because of a coincident of birth ... that women are equal partners in war as they are in peace."

From 1942 to 1944, more than 25,000 women applied to the WASP program, which was an experimental Army Air Corps program to explore the opportunity for women to serve as pilots and relieve men for overseas duty; 1,102 women were accepted. The WASP were not granted military status until 1977.

At a reception at the Women's Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery after the service, Gen. Norton Schwartz, Air Force chief of staff, said the women being honored were able "to vanquish societal limitations and subtle forms of discrimination" and lived the example of what diversity can mean.

"You demonstrated that our great nation benefits most when it rightly harnesses the abundant energy, the generosity, the talents of all of its citizens, and you proved that far our far greater strengths and vitality lie in inclusiveness," General Schwartz said.

For many of the women who became WASPs, it was their love of flying, as much as love of country, that set them on a course that would change their lives.

"When Lindbergh flew over the ocean, I was 7 years old, and I thought, 'I want to be a pilot some day,'" recalled Dolores Reed, 92. "Not long after, my dad spent a dollar and put me in the back of a plane. That was a lot of money in the Depression. I could barely see over the seat. And when we landed, I said, 'I'm going to fly.'"

When she started working, Ms. Reed said



Photo by Linda Hosek
Carol Brinton Selfridge, 92, and her granddaughter, Lt. Col. Christy Kayser-Cook, Scott Air Force Base, Ill., share a moment during the reception March 9.

she paid \$8 an hour for flying lessons, and with 35 hours of flying under her belt, she applied to be a WASP.

"I did aerial gunnery. I flew targets four hours a day while the boys sharpened their skills," she said.

She also set her sites on her squadron commander, marrying him and raising three children. She continued flying after the WASP was disbanded, taking up air racing.

Josephine Swift, 92, was hooked on flying after her brother, a Navy pilot, took her up. She got her private license and worked for a flying service and jumped at the chance to be a WASP.

Carol Brinton Selfridge, 92, said that flying was something she just had to do after following the achievements of Amelia Earhart and test pilot Jacqueline "Jackie" Cochran as a child.

When she joined the WASPs, her mother cared for her two children while she flew. Her husband, who worked for Lockheed, couldn't serve, and Ms. Selfridge recalls he told her, "I can't go, so you might as well."

"It means a lot to me to see them recognized," said Lt. Col. Christy Kayser-Cook, Selfridge's granddaughter, who is assigned to Scott Air Force Base, Ill. "I got interested in flying because of my grandmother's experience, but I think a lot of people haven't heard of the WASPs before."



Photo by Linda Hosek
Ola "Roxie" Rexroat, left, and Maxine Flournoy, both former pilots who flew with the WASP during World War II, meet during the March 9 reception.

Need work?

Federal jobs available for students at Keesler

Civilian personnel office

The Student Educational Employment Program provides federal employment opportunities to students who are enrolled or accepted for enrollment as degree-seeking students taking at least a half-time academic, technical, or vocational course load in an accredited high school, technical, vocational, two- or four-year college or university, graduate or professional school.

The Student Educational Employment Program established six years ago is a streamlined program which consolidated four previous programs — the Cooperative Education Program, Federal Junior Fellowship Program, Stay-In-School Program and Harry S. Truman Scholarship Program.

The streamlined program has two components: the Student Temporary Employment Program and the Student Career Experience Program.

The STEP provides maximum flexibility to both students and managers because the nature of the work doesn't have to be related to the student's academic or career goals.

The SCEP provides work experience which is directly related to the student's academic program and career goals. Students in the SCEP may be non-competitively converted to term, career or career-conditional appointments following completion of their academic and work experience requirements.

The Student Educational Employment Program benefits both agencies and students. Agencies can discover firsthand the abilities of a potential employee. In the case of SCEP, agencies can bring well-educated graduates into

their workforce while at the same time give their managers the ability to evaluate the student's performance in real work situations.

Students can avail themselves of such flexibilities as year-round employment and flexible work schedules and assignments. Students in the SCEP gain exposure to public service while enhancing their educational goals and shaping their career choices.

Even in an era of downsizing, there is a continuing need to

recruit and develop talented employees to support changing agency missions, ensure that the federal government can meet its professional, technical, and administrative needs, and achieve a quality and diverse workforce.

Appointments through the Student Educational Employment Program authority can help agencies meet these needs.

For more information, call Jemina Ballard, 377-3002, or log on to <http://www.opm.gov/employ/students/intro.asp>.



**Volunteer —
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Employment program resumes for enrolled spouses

By Elaine Wilson

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON— The Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts program, commonly known as MyCAA, resumed last week for the 136,583 spouses who already have established an account.

Officials announced a temporary halt in the program Feb. 18, pending a top-to-bottom review, after a six-fold spike in enrollments in January, a surge that overwhelmed the system and caused the program to nearly reach its budget threshold.

“We made a commitment to our military spouses when they established a career advancement account, and we will be true to our promises,” said Tommy Thomas, deputy undersecretary of Defense for the Pentagon’s office of military community and family policy.

“We sincerely apologize to our military spouses for the added burden caused by the pause in operation,” Mr. Thomas said.

While the program resumes for enrolled spouses, new MyCAA accounts or financial assistance applications won’t be accepted yet, Mr. Thomas said, noting that comprehensive review of the program still is under way.

“We are working hard to adjust the program to meet the demands of the MyCAA program and to arrive at a long-term solution for military spouses who would like to establish an account,” he said. “Until that time, we encourage spouses to consult with the MyCAA career counselors who can provide career exploration, assessment, employment readiness and career search assistance.”

The review includes procedures, financial assistance documents and the overall program, which is intended to provide military spouses with opportunities to pursue portable careers in high-demand, high-growth occupations.

The program has been growing in popularity since its inception March 2, 2009. Enrollments had been increasing at a rate of about 10,000 a month, and in

January, the number spiked to 70,000.

“We had very little time to react to that,” Mr. Thomas said. “I make no excuses for that. We should have done a better job of notifying our military spouses.”

“We certainly know we have lost some confidence, and we want to rebuild that confidence,” he said. “We will restore that faith hopefully by one, restoring the program, and two, having appropriate resources to ensure everyone that applies for the program receives the appropriate financial assistance.

“We appreciate what (spouses) do, and we hope that through this, that once we get this program back on track, that we don’t lose any ... spouses,” he continued. “We value and treasure everything you do each and every day, not only for the Department of Defense, but for this nation.”

Mr. Thomas said he’ll ensure the lines of communication stay open in the days ahead. An e-mail has been sent to all program participants, informing them of the program’s

resumption, and spouses will see the announcement letter when they log on to their MyCAA accounts. A “media blitz” of information will precede any announcement that applies to all military spouses, he vowed.

“We don’t want to make the mistake we made in the beginning, and that is not notifying you what’s going on,” Mr. Thomas said. “We want to make absolutely sure that you understand that we’re working in your best interest.”

In the meantime, Mr. Thomas urged spouses to be wary of questionable Web sites enticing them with employment opportunities.

“Stay the course with us and allow us to work this to finality by restoring the program,” he said. “We will make every effort possible to ensure we educate you and get the necessary funds to continue this program.”

Along with MyCAA counselors, spouses also can request free career counseling through Military OneSource, 1-800-342-9647 or at <http://militaryonesource.com>.

Patient safety is priority



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Dawn Hitchings, 81st Medical Group performance improvement and regulatory compliance department, provides information to Naomi Kraima, Keesler Disabled American Veterans and Wounded Warrior representative, March 10 in the outpatient services entrance lobby. Ms. Hitchings and several 81st MDG volunteers greeted patients and provided them with educational material concerning patient safety during National Patient Safety Awareness Week last week. First Lt. Valeria Gadson, a volunteer from the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, arranges informational material in the background.

Single Airmen vital to Air Force family

Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON—The Air Force has established the Single Airman Working Group to evaluate and develop morale and support programs for its members as part of the Year of the Air Force Family.

Officer and enlisted single Airmen representatives from each major command and subject-matter experts from several functional communities met Feb. 21-24 at Maxwell Air Force Base-Gunter Annex, Ala.

The forum’s objective is to create an enduring roadmap that addresses the single Airmen support structure, said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy.

“Single Airmen are members of the Air Force family,” Chief Roy said. “They have unique challenges we need to focus on.”

The group worked to form a common foundation on issues such as the impact of generational, social and technological



changes. Participants conducted several breakout groups where they discussed issues pertaining to life, work and play as Air Force members.

After two days of dialogue, the working group ended with the creation of three broad areas: communications and technology, social and recreational programs, and single Airman development.

Results of the SAWG will be included in both the Air Force Family Roadmap as well as the Caring for People forum in April.

Keesler medics treat Chilean patients at mobile hospital

By Staff Sgt. Vanessa Young

Defense Media Activity-San Antonio

ANGOL, Chile — On Monday, just five days after their arrival in Chile, Airmen from an Air Force Expeditionary Medical Support team along with Chilean medics are treating patients at the newly built mobile hospital here.

Chilean surgeons and anesthesiologists worked side-by-side with their Air Force counterparts to complete their first surgery, an ankle fracture from the earthquake.

The Chilean and American medical teams are equipped and staffed to provide surgical, primary care, pediatric, radiological, gynecological, laboratory and pharmaceutical services to the nearly 110,000 Chileans in the region. The hospital has been fully operational since Saturday.

“This was a barren polo field on a Chilean army cavalry post; now it is a full mission capable Air Force expeditionary hospital,” said Col. David Garrison, 81st Medical Group deputy commander and commander of the EMEDS team supporting the Chilean earthquake relief effort.

“Words cannot describe how proud I am of the 85 medics, public affairs, contracting, civil engineer and security forces Airmen supporting the Angol EMEDS; their energy is absolutely amazing.”

After an 8.8-magnitude earthquake Feb. 27, Angol’s 190-bed regional hospital was deemed structurally unsound. Prior to the expeditionary hospital’s completion, local Chilean medics treated members of the local community in a small clinic in Angol, or referred them to nearby hospitals, some nearly 40 miles away.

The clinic in Angol receives about 225 patient visits a day, said Dr. Carlos Gonzalez, director of the regional hospital in Angol affected by the earthquake. With this new hospital built, patients can be referred to this hospital, which will allow doctors at the clinic in Angol to handle more outpatient care.

“We feel very at peace with the extra capabilities, (now we can) handle the extra load for the Angol population,” Doctor Rodriguez said.

The EMEDS team along with members of the Chilean army built the hospital in 3½ days. The original EMEDS



Photos by Senior Airman Tiffany Trojca

Senior Airman Alexander Balock, right, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, reaches for instruments during the first surgery at the expeditionary medical hospital Monday.

+10 hospital plan included one operating room, seven beds and three critical-care beds. After assessing the medical needs of the local community, the EMEDS team doubled the number of operating wards and quadrupled the number of patient wards.

More than 60 Air Force medics work side-by-side with 50 Chilean medical professionals to provide care for patients and show the Chileans the capabilities of this EMEDS facility.

“I’ve been able to learn a

lot working with EMEDS Airmen, including how to set up an EMEDS hospital and how to use different equipment in this hospital,” said Chilean army 2nd Cpl. Jonathan Cuevas, a paramedic working in the mobile hospital. “The Americans here have helped out a lot we feel very grateful that they all are helping our country and our people.”

Building and working in this hospital is a fulfilling experience, said Senior Airman Joseph Lockman, an

aerospace medical technician from the 81st Medical Operations Squadron who works in the emergency room at the mobile hospital.

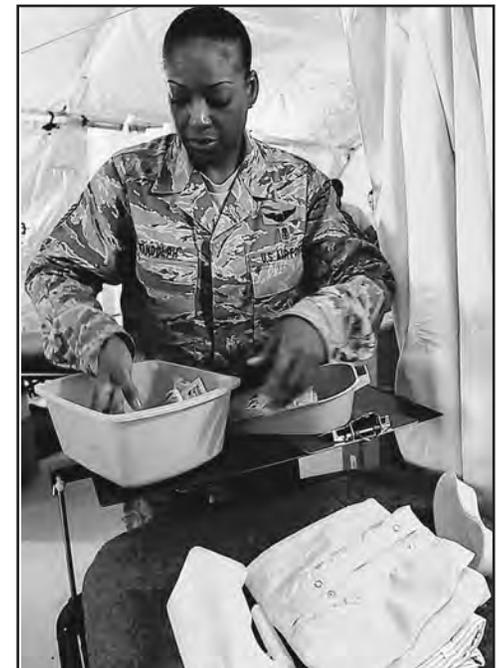
“To know that I’m actually helping people and setting up a hospital that they don’t have is a real joy and is exciting for me,” Airman Lockman said.

U.S. military relief activities in Chile are part of the ongoing U.S. relief efforts led by U.S. Agency for International Development’s Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance officials.



Left, Master Sgt. Joel Shepherd, 81st Aerospace Medical Squadron, teaches Airmen how to install a field sink in the expeditionary hospital Saturday. The Airmen are part of an Air Force Expeditionary Medical Support team building a mobile hospital to augment medical services for nearly 110,000 Chileans in the region.

Right, Master Sgt. Kelly Randolph, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, packages a admission kit with pajamas and toiletries for overnight patients.



Stations of the Cross

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

Summer jobs

People interested in summer jobs as lifeguards and educa-

tional aides can apply online when vacancies are announced at www.usajobs.com.

For jobs as clerks, laborers and other categories, apply directly to the civilian personnel office, Room 214, Sablich Center. Applications are

accepted until June 30.

For more information, call 376-8644.

Root canal treatment

The Keesler Dental Clinic is seeking patients who 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 needed.

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

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. Consign-ments are accepted 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays.

For more information, call 377-3217.

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.

Supply source

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office is a free source of supplies and equipment.

For more information, visit the CSC supply customer service element, Room 126, Taylor Logistics Center, Building 4002; call Michael Cashion, 377-8891, or e-mail michael.cashion.2.ctr@us.af.mil.

Wheelchair taxi

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

For more information, call 377-2430.

Air Force lithographs

A selection of Air Force lithographs is available in the public affairs office, Room 201-A, Wall Studio, for official use.

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.

3 teams remain undefeated in intramural volleyball league

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Three teams remain undefeated after the first two weeks of the intramural volleyball season.

East Division

At the end of last week, the 81st Training Support Squadron and 336th TRS-A are atop the standings with 3-0 records.

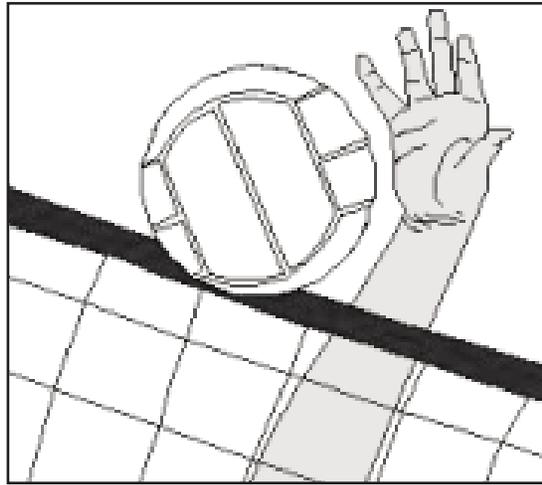
Each team played one game – the 81st TRSS beat the 332nd TRS-B, 2-0, and the Red Wolves beat the 335th TRS-A, 2-1.

East Division teams play at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Blake Fitness Center.

East Division

As of Friday, the 332nd Training Squadron is the only undefeated team with three wins to its credit. The Mad Ducks downed the 81st Security Forces, 2-0, March 9 to solidify its lead.

With 2-1 records, the 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron and the combined team from the 81st Force Support and Comptroller Squadrons aren't far behind.



The 81st LRS posted victories over the 338th TRS-B, 2-0, March 9 and the 81st SFS, 2-1, March 11. The 81st FSS-CPTS lost to the 335th TRS, 2-0, March 9, but came back March 11 to beat the 336th TRS-B, 2-1.

West Division games are 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Blake Fitness Center. For scores and standings, see Page 23.

Spring in the air, spring in your step — but be careful

Safety office

Walking and jogging have become popular means of exercising and, for some, becoming healthier. As with any form of exercise, there are certain risks involved.

The main risks to walkers and joggers at Keesler are vehicles. To protect yourself:

Keep to the sidewalks wherever possible, provided you don't interfere with other pedestrian traffic.

Move against the flow of traffic, staying as far to the left as possible when using roadways. This allows you time to spot oncoming cars and get off the road if necessary.

Avoid using roadways with heavy traffic. Motorists using congested roads are often pre-occupied with other cars and

aren't alert for pedestrians.

Use single file when jogging with others on the road.

Anticipate danger. A motorist, unlike a pedestrian, can't stop on a dime. Check traffic before crossing the streets at night or between intersections.

Wear light-colored clothing, especially when jogging in the early morning, at dusk or at night.

Don't use headphones, headsets, earphones or any other item (except hearing aids to improve hearing) which could interfere with normal hearing while jogging. Headphones are permitted on the circular running tracks.

Don't walk or jog on Ploesti Drive and keep to the right on "Interstate 81," the base's paved track.

Exceptions to
Keesler's
25 mph
speed limit:
15 mph
in housing areas,
flight line and
unpaved surfaces;
10 mph
near
marching
formations and
when waved through
base gates;
5 mph
in parking lots;
and **35 mph**
in some sections
of perimeter roads.

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 before Friday. The top two male and female contestants losing the most weight will receive a T-shirt and Subway gift card.

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

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

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

Free blood pressure machines — available at all fitness centers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Golf

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

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

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

Outdoor recreation

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

Catamaran sailboat for rent — \$10 per hour (minimum 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 Thrower 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.

Volleyball

Intramural league

East

Team	Won	Lost
81st TRSS	3	0
336th TRS-A	3	0
334th TRS	2	2
81st DS	1	1
333rd TRS	1	2
338th TRS-A	1	2
81st IPTS	1	3
332nd TRS-B	0	2

West

Team	Won	Lost
332nd TRS-A	3	0
81st LRS	2	1
81st FSS-CPTS	2	1
335th TRS	2	2
81st MDTS	1	0
336th TRS-B	1	2
338th TRS-B	1	2
81st SFS	0	4

East

March 8 — 338th TRS-A 2, 334th TRS 1; 81st IPTS 2, 333rd TRS 1; 81st TRSS 2, 332nd TRS-B 0.

March 10 — 334th TRS 2, 332nd TRS-B 1; 336th TRS-A 2, 338th TRS-A 1; 81st DS 2, 81st IPTS 1.

West

March 9 — 332nd TRS-A 2, 81st SFS 0; 81st LRS 2, 338th TRS-B 0; 335th TRS 2, 81st FSS-CPTS 0.

March 11 — 335th TRS 2, 338th TRS-B 0; 81st FSS-CPTS 2, 336th TRS-B 1; 81st LRS 2, 81st SFS 1.

Whatever your game ...

Play it safe!

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Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

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Metrology basic course — Airmen Basic Gregory Koubsky, Anthony Martinez and Adam Trochesset; Airman Randall Margritz; Airman 1st Class Mitchel Carroll.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Ryan Auld, Sam Bushery, Robert Dawson, Joshua Hoover, Steven Jackson, Daniel Lamers, Emily Nichols, Ethan Palmer, Nickloas Sanquist, Phillip Suazo, Shawna Stockton, Mark Tippit, Aledandra Wadsworth, and Katie Weyer. Airmen Philip Conklin, Kevin Krippener, Ashley McGill, Matthew Perry, and Kristen Petit. Airmen First Class Marshall Alsip, Ashley Barth, Jon Copeland, Bryan Coppens, Russell Crenshaw, Matthew Greiner, Shawn

Hanger, Blake Hanson, Emily Hendricks, Christopher Holthouser, William James, Jessica Luecking, Shawn Menssen, Thomas Monroe, Christopher Morton, Preston Knight, Brandon Simon, Kathryn Tarlton, Phillip Threlkeld, Kevin Tyndall, Kimberly Westenhofer, and Calvin Winfield. Staff Sergeants Michael Henderson, Matthew Morris, and William Torgerson.

Command post apprentice course — Airmen Ronnequa Pinkney and David Sullivan; Airmen 1st Class Victoria Acuay and Matthew Doughty; Senior Airmen Jaclyn Forbes and Jessica James; Staff Sgts. Matthew Carrier, Brian Collins, Timothy Finch, Douglas Hayes, Ryan Maline, Joshua Myers, Debra Sherwood, Zackery Smith, Robert Starkey and Sheena Wingo; Tech. Sgts. Jonathan Allen-Rivera, Shalanda Hill, Steven Martinez, Marc Tucker and Timothy Vest.

335th TRS

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Eric Bernard, Kayla Hayner, Daniel Mills, Shane Osier, Leighton Ronshagen, Linda Van Scooter and Christopher Zastawniak; Airman Recruit Michael McCown; Psc. Sean Cooper, Jared Countess, Jonathan Pierce, Oscar Saldivar and Joshua Willard; Airman Apprentice Annabell Uhrich; Airmen Anthony Mills, Jessie Richards and Richard Schultz; Lance Corporal Nicholas Denton; Airmen 1st Class Brandon Alvarez, Andrew Casper, Gilbert Chavez, William Ellington, Carla Frese, Jason Hall, Erica Hollier, Eric Kole, Ryan Lopez, Justin Payne and Ebony Simmons; Senior Airman Michael Bialecki; Staff Sgt. Joshua Music and Justin Poston.

336th TRS

Communications-computer flight — Airmen Basic Charles Aqvadro, Stephen Baran, Roxana Christensen, Devin Dinter, Joshua Edwards, Evan Holme, Zachery James, Kaitlyn Juhl, Jordan Kampi, James Lambert, Andrew Little, James Lorang, Nathan Martinez, Cody Moses, Derrick Onkst, David Patton, Gregory Roberts, Bryson Silao, Manuel Sisneros, Kody Smith, Tyler Wolfe and Miguel Rivera-Zamudio; Airmen Ronald Bauer, Jana Boudreaux, Dusten Corvello, Shadeyah Faison, Sean Husebo, Tyler Mitchell, Patrick Nance, Steven Rieff, Vernon Rogers, Brandon Rowles, Robert Sotler, Alan Stratton, Jeanette Vandeusen

CHAPEL SERVICES

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

Protestant

Sunday worship

Larcher Chapel traditional with children's ministry.....8:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel contemporary service.....10:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel gospel service.....Noon

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass, Triangle Chapel.....9 a.m.
Weekday Mass, Triangle Chapel.....11:15 a.m.

Jewish

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

Islamic

Prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jummah congregational prayer, noon Friday. Building 2003, across from the Live Oak dining facility. Call 377-2520 or 0327.

Latter-Day Saints

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.

and Scott Weiss; Airmen 1st Class Corey Brooks, Nora Cruz, Steve Djie, Brittany Dobbs, Alex Dudley, Udait Esho, Michelle Fritz, Jonathan Holliday, Mikhiel Kababbe, Jonathan Matos, Bjorn Nielsen, Chelsea Nordquist, Kyle Norman, Darrin Parkhurst, Aimee Patterson, Gary Randolph and Alric Schmidt; Senior Airmen Erica Borrego, Levi Carter, Gary Isbell; Staff Sgts. Jesse Chattin, Pamela Foust, Herb Jackson, Jerry Jennings, Jennifer Jones, Douglas Kozak, Amanda Latrell, Heather Lucas and Patrick McElveen; Tech. Sgts. Joseph Aviles, James Fehr, Vicki Hynes, Richard Jenuary Joshua Moore, Rick Rassmussen, Lindsey Rohner and Cynthia Watson; Master Sgts. Dana Gunter, Clifford Kane, Roger Krasusky, Colleen Lopore, Richard MacNeal and Robert Ryan; Senior Master Sgt. Sarah Weaver; Robbie Engevoold.

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Airfield systems — Airman Basic Tyler Plyem; Airmen 1st Class Christopher Holden and Nathan Pritchard; Staff Sgt. Justin James.

Cyber transport systems — Airmen Basic Alan Cantrell, Bryce Koepke and Christopher Ortiz; Airman Herbert Dubois; Airmen 1st Class Kimberly Brooks, Ruth Bryce, Todd Butcher, Alec Callahan, Jacob Hollis, Joshua Johnson, Sean Kulbeth, Keely Mahoney and Deese Stetson; Senior Airman Andrew Cross.

Ground radar systems — Airman Basic Jacob Eng; Airmen 1st Class Ryan Alexander, Christopher Brown, Joshua Harvey, David Mayfield and Derrick Wyatt; Senior Airmen James Bisson and Gary Martin; Staff Sgt. Troy Pierson.

Radio frequency transmission systems — Airmen Basic Joshua Christian, Timothy Cote, Joseph Diaz, Bryan Dotson, Bryan May, Ronald McKeown, Joshua Richardson, Austin White, Johnathan Wright and Robert Yeakley; Airman Jonathan Hess; Airmen 1st Class Caleb Abbott, Brandon Blosser, Quale Lewis, Philip Post, Dustin Rost, Thomas Saia, James Sanchez, Benjamin Shanklin, Erik Stauffer, Tiffany Thompson and Terrance Warner; Staff Sgt. Israel Parkinson.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 10-3 — Graduation March 30.

Mathies NCO Academy

Class 10-3 — Graduation April 10.

Arts and crafts center

Advanced intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. to noon March 27; \$20 including materials. Intarsia is the art of piecing wood in a decorative pattern.

Beginning intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. to noon Saturday; \$15, including materials. Intarsia is the art of piecing wood in a decorative pattern.

Beginning woodworking — 5-7 p.m. Wednesdays; \$25, including materials to make a cutting board. This class will certify you to use the equipment in the future.

Card making — 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday; \$7 a person.

Engraving shop — squadron, office and individual orders.

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

Jewelry making — 5-7 p.m. March 25; \$30, including materials. Learn wire wrapping and tooling.

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

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

Open house — 5-7 p.m. March 25. Demos, food and door prizes.

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,

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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.

81st Medical Group

Mental health clinic

The mental health clinic promotes readiness, health and wellness through prevention and treatment. For more information or to make an appointment, call the mental health clinic in Arnold Annex, 376-0385 or 0386, or the Triangle Mental Health Clinic, 377-7015 or 7016.

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.

Fairy tale scavenger hunt — 5:30-6 p.m. Monday, ages 5-12.

Free computer classes — Wednesday, Monday, March 31 and April 7. Ultra beginners 9-11 a.m.; not-so-ultra beginners 1-3 p.m.; basic Microsoft Word 3:30-4:45 p.m. Preregistration required. For information, 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 — 7:30 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. Mondays; \$6 for club members, \$8 for nonmembers.

Wings and things — 5-7 p.m. March 31. Free for Keesler club

members; nonmembers pay \$3 at the door. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and \$1 domestic draft beer.

Youth center

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

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

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

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

Imagine makers photo contest — through March. For more information, call 377-4116.

Open recreation — 3-5:45 p.m. Mondays-Fridays for ages 9-12; teens 3-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 3-6 p.m. Fridays. Computer media center, homework assistance "Power Hour" program and triple-play sports and recreation activities. Students sign themselves in at front desk.

Soccer registration — Through April 16 for ages 4-14; \$50 first child, \$25 each additional child, including uniform and participation award. Scrimmage games April 17; first official game April 24. Season runs through June 5. Coming June 7-11, British soccer challenger sports camp. For more information, call 377-4116.

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

Tae Kwon Do class — 5:30-6:15 p.m. Wednesdays and 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call 377-4116.

TRAIL — 6-8 p.m. Mondays.

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

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 today; 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.

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

Lunch — pork chops, gravy, braised liver with onions, fried fish, rissole potatoes, rice, gravy, broccoli, peas and carrots, corn, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chili, bean and ham soup, buffalo wings and roast beef subs.

Dinner — baked chicken, pepper steak, pasta primavera, mashed potatoes, rice, gravy, vegetables, okra, green beans, potato salad, fruit salad, chili, broccoli soup, bean and ham soup, buffalo wings and roast beef subs.

Friday

Lunch — shrimp scampi, beef stew, roast turkey, franconia potatoes, pea and pepper rice, gravy, corn on the cob, stewed tomatoes, collard greens, three-bean salad, chile con queso, Tuscan vegetables, chicken noodle, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Dinner — chili macaroni, barbecue chicken, fried catfish, potato wedges, Spanish rice, gravy, fried cabbage, carrots, broccoli, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chile con queso, Tuscan vegetables, chicken noodle soup, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Saturday

Lunch — baked chicken, Swedish meatballs, creole shrimp, mashed potatoes, rice, gravy, corn, asparagus, squash, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, chicken chili, minestrone soup, baja chicken enchilada and chicken nuggets.

Dinner — baked fish, knockwurst, Chinese five-spice chicken, potatoes, rice, gravy, stir-fry vegetables, baked beans, spinach, fruit salad, bean salad, chicken chili, minestrone soup, baja chicken enchilada and chicken nuggets.

Sunday

Lunch — oven fried fish, spareribs, chicken parmesan, macaroni and cheese, O'Brien potatoes, gravy, peas, sweet potatoes, broccoli combo, German coleslaw, tomato salad, chili, broccoli soup, chicken with rice and cheese pizza.

Dinner — stir-fry beef with broccoli, turkey nuggets, orange- and honey-glazed ham, sauteed mushrooms and onions, baked potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, corn on the cob, green beans, tomato salad, German coleslaw, chili, broccoli soup, chicken with rice and cheese pizza.

Monday

Lunch — beef pot roast, baked stuffed fish, roast pork loin, potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, succotash, green beans with mushrooms, cucumber onion salad, macaroni salad, chili con queso, Tuscan vegetable, cheeseburger chowder, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

Dinner — spaghetti with meat sauce, loin strip steak, turkey, baked potatoes, pea and pepper rice, gravy, squash, carrots, broccoli, sauteed mushrooms and onions, cucumber onion salad, macaroni salad, chili con queso, Tuscan vegetable, cheeseburger chowder, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

Tuesday

Lunch — teriyaki chicken, veal parmesan, baked fish, rice, parsley buttered potatoes, gravy, cabbage, succotash, carrots, macaroni salad, cottage cheese salad, timberline chili, minestrone soup, baja chicken enchilada, sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

Dinner — country captain chicken, meatloaf, turkey a la king, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, tempura vegetables, mustard greens, okra tomato gumbo, macaroni salad, cottage cheese salad, timberline chili, minestrone soup, baja chicken enchilada, sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

Wednesday

Lunch — lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken cacciatore, buttered noodles, baked potatoes, baked beans, green beans with mushrooms, marinara sauce, squash, Mexican cole slaw, frijole salad, chicken chili, clam chowder, chicken gumbo, cheese sandwich and pizza.

Dinner — lemon-herb chicken, pork chalupa, jambalaya, scalloped potatoes, rice, gravy, califlower combo, Mexican corn, broccoli, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, chicken chili, clam chowder, chicken gumbo, cheese fishwich and pizza.

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*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.*

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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@cablone.net, or visit <http://www.KeeslerSpousesClub.com>.

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

Top III — second Tuesday of the month. Meetings are 7 a.m. at Live Oak Dining Facility in January, March, May, July, September and November; 3:30 p.m. remaining months at Katrina Kantina. For more information, call Master Sgt. Tammy McElroy, 376-3164.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Movies

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

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