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Photo by Kemberly Groue

Destiny Williams, 2½, twirls streamers with her parents, Senior Airman Natalie Marchese and Antonio Barnes, during Family Fun Day at the child development center April 15. Airman Marchese is assigned to the 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron. For more photos, see Page 14.

Officials cut Palace Chase obligations

By Daniel Elkins

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Air Force officials recently reduced the Reserve commitment for officers and enlisted members participating in Palace Chase temporarily as part of Air Force force management measures to balance the force while meeting a congressionally mandated end strength.

The three-to-one officer and two-for-one enlisted Reserve obligation for each remaining year of active-duty service commitment have been reduced to a one-for-one commitment.

The expanded fiscal 2010 Palace Chase Program provides Airmen in select Air Force specialties an additional waiver for active duty service commitment to transfer from active military service to the Air Reserve component.

Eligible Airmen may apply for the expanded waiver through June 30 and must separate from active duty by Sept. 1. The obligation reduction does not apply to members separating under regular Palace Chase guidelines.

“Palace Chase allows the total force to retain critical skills and training invested in the development of Airmen and provides them a means to continue serving,” said Senior Master Sgt. Cindy Clendenen, the Palace Chase Program superintendent at the Air Force Personnel Center here. “The decreased mobility also allows Airmen to maintain stability for their families.”

Senior Master Sgt. Sean Strong, the Western Sector superintendent for Air National Guard in-service recruiting, said family and education top the list of reasons why people choose Palace Chase.

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Lorenz on Leadership

Situational leadership keeps team motivated, on target

By Brig. Gen. Stephen Lorenz

Air Education and Training Command commander

These are challenging times for our Air Force. We have been engaged in combat operations since 1990 and are balancing limited resources against an aggressive operations tempo. We are once again adjusting to maintain our authorized end strength while juggling priorities within a leveling budget. Many of our aircraft are beyond expected service lives and current operations are aging them even faster. Handling all these demands will be challenging — it will not be fun.

This is where leadership comes into play. Whether at work or at home, everyone has issues. As some issues are resolved, others are always waiting in line to take their places. The “pay me now or pay me later” mindset is exhausting. It is up to each organization’s leadership to set the tone, motivate the workplace and create a sustainable culture of success. After all, we want our Airmen to invest themselves in our service and our mission.

So, how can a leader attack such challenges and create sustainable excellence? We all know that it isn’t easy to do. It will take dedication and objectivity ... and a lot of patience and perseverance. Along the way, tough decisions will be required and each will call for a tailored approach. In other words, leaders must adapt differently to each situation. Situational

leadership is how we keep our organizations motivated and headed in the best direction.

We all have unique leadership styles. Some of us probably smile a little too much while others not quite enough. We all fit somewhere along a leadership continuum, where the ends are defined by the extremes. Although you may feel most comfortable in one region of that continuum, realize that every leader will have to utilize approaches from the full range of the continuum in response to different challenges. A career brings many leadership challenges and leaders must adapt to meet each one.

After all, some challenges will require leaders to soften their approaches. For example, someone in the organization may be directly affected by our end strength reductions. Maybe the unit will suffer the loss of one of its members. Other situations will require a stern approach. This may be necessary when accountability and disciplinary challenges confront the organization or some of its personnel. Effective leaders must be able to approach difficult decisions or situations with the entire continuum at their disposal.

In the end, a leader must approach a challenge with an eye toward crafting a solution to meet their organizational needs. They should consciously select a leadership style or customized approach in order to create a certain effect. For most situa-

tions, mission accomplishment will be the effect, the end goal. However, before one can achieve such an effect, situational leadership must be used to motivate others toward success. After all, a motivated force can move mountains.

Motivation is an interesting concept. In some situations, motivation is more spontaneous and flows from the heart. In others, motivation is far from intrinsic and needs a little added emphasis from the top. I call it “added emphasis” because sometimes your organization won’t be too thrilled with the changes after they’re announced. It may feel like you are marching your team uphill and into the wind.

A leader must look at each challenge, develop a plan and push for success. As part of their plan, leaders must develop the motivation necessary to assist their organizations through the challenges. In the end, people don’t quit their jobs (despite all the challenges we face each and every day) — they quit their bosses. The art of motivating organizations through challenges is one of the keys to any leader’s success.

Today, more than ever before, we need leaders of intellect who value the power of thought and innovative approaches. After all, having leaders who think, assess challenges objectively, and motivate their teams to succeed is what makes us the formidable fighting force we are today.

The Airman’s Creed

*I am an American Airman.
I am a Warrior:
I have answered my nation’s call.*

*I am an American Airman.
My mission is to fly, fight and win.
I am faithful to a proud heritage,
A tradition of honor,
And a legacy of valor.*

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

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



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DRAGON ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

Keesler News photojournalist

If you could be more like anyone in your family, who would it be? Why?



"My dad — he's reserved and doesn't have a lot to say, but when he does, it really means something."

Tech. Sgt. Tommy Mattox, 81st Medical Operations Squadron



"I think I would be more like my little sister because she is fun loving all of the time."

Senior Airman Takara Cunningham, 81st Mission Support Group



"My grandmother — she is full of wisdom and she's been there for everyone in my family with great advice."

Bailey Nobles, spouse of Army Sgt. Matt Nobles, Storck Barracks, Germany

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Airmen 1st Class Jeremy Untalan, left, and Kyle Topasna perform with the 338th TRS team during the freestyle competition. Airman Topasna was the drill master for the freestyle team. The Dark Knights claimed second place overall.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



Gators earn drill down win

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The 334th Training Squadron repeated the excellence displayed in February's 81st Training Group drill down with another first place overall performance Friday.

The Gators also placed first place in open ranks and freestyle drill and second in regulation drill.

The Dark Knights from the 338th TRS came in second place overall, with a first place in regulation drill and a second place in freestyle drill.

Third place went to the 336th TRS Red Wolves, who also claimed third place in the freestyle drill competition.

The 335th TRS Bulls placed third in open ranks, and the 332nd TRS Mad Dogs came in third in regulation drill.

Members of the winning team are Airmen Basic Breanna Ayala, Katlin Ayers, Sylvia Marton, Gabriel Sigoat, Richard Spalding, Kody Swarts and William Webster; Airman Joe Streets; Airmen 1st Class Ignacio Arostegui, Joshua Corpening, Joshua Deason, Stephanie



Airman 1st Class Joshua Formanek, 336th TRS drill master, tosses his rifle during the freestyle competition. The Red Wolves came in third place overall.

Hales, Philip LaPoint (drill master), Sarah Mayer, Maxwell McGrath, Mark Reposar, Shaneh Rivera, Jasmine Shivers, Justin Thurgood and Richard Williams.

The next drill down is 7 a.m. June 11.



Airman 1st Class Shaneh Rivera is part of the 334th TRS drill team that won overall honors Friday.

Tours showcase technical training



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Above, Staff Sgt. Kristel Knowles, 334th Training Squadron, instructs Torey Krause, a junior at St. Martin High School about the air traffic control simulator in Cody Hall April 7. The students were involved in the Gulf Coast Youth Leadership tour of the base.

Left, Capt. Robert Curran, 333rd TRS, briefs members of the U.S. Canadian Alliance Conference on advanced technology programs such as cyber training, during a visit to Keesler April 12.

ROTC briefings

An ROTC briefing is 10 a.m. today in Room 224, Sablich Center.

Prayer event today

Chief Master Sgt. Lonnie Slater, 81st Training Wing command chief, delivers a message titled, "The Military and the Importance of the Freedom of Religion," at the National Prayer Event, 6-7 p.m. today at the Triangle Chapel.

The event is sponsored by the 81st Training Group chaplains and nonprior service students and is open to all members of the Keesler community.

For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Kenya Thomas, 377-2331.

CCAF graduation

The Community College of the Air Force spring graduation ceremony is 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at Welch Auditorium.

Associate degrees will be awarded to 117 enlisted members.

81st TRG dining out

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

The social hour begins at 6 p.m. with the formal event starting at 7. Chicken or vegetarian menus will be offered.

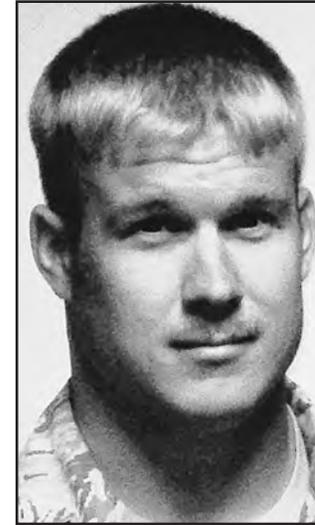
Tickets are \$20,

For more information, call your squadron representative, Tech. Sgt. Noah Vaughan, 377-0231, or Staff Sgt. Richard Boyd, 377-0346.

USM summer term

New students who plan to attend the University of Southern Mississippi during the summer term that begins

Perfect student



Capt. Ryan Dombrock graduated from the weather flight/detachment officer course in the 335th Training Squadron with a perfect score. The 10-week course involves meteorological concepts focusing on tactical weather support. Capt. Dombrock is a special operations weather team member assigned to the 10th Combat Weather Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

June 1 should contact the USM-Keesler office now for admission guidelines.

Registration is 2-6 p.m. May 26 at the Long Beach campus.

Current students register through SOAR.

For more information, call Ashley Christian, 376-8479, or visit the USM-Keesler office, Room 219, Sablich Center.

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.

For applications, log on to www.hurricanehunters.com

Drill downs, parades

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

Parades — 6 p.m. July 22 and Sept. 16.

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

CCAF online

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

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

CCAF program

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

For more information, call 376-8708. or 8710.

GI Bill benefits

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

For more information, call 376-8708.

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are found at
[http://www.keesler.af.mil/
library/factsheets/factsheet.asp](http://www.keesler.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp)**

NCO wins Air Force award

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Tech. Sgt. Robert Rakes, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron, is the Air Force's air transportation noncommissioned officer of the year.

Sergeant Rakes, who serves as the 81st LRS cargo deployment training manager, filled a unique role as security force civil affairs agent for the Army during a demanding joint expeditionary tasking deployment to Afghanistan. His comprehensive tracking system that monitored three of eight critical NATO operations districts was cited as a key to Afghan stability.

He responded to six children injured by an improvised explosive device, initiating IVs, stemming blood loss and securing the landing zone which resulted in three lives being saved.

Sergeant Rakes initiated 30 quick impact projects valued at \$300,000 which improved



Sergeant Rakes

the quality of life for 280,000 Afghans by standing up eight schools, four medical clinics and 15 water wells. He executed 144 missions that provided combat support to the International Security Assistance Force and Afghan troops to stabilize the volatile south Kapisa region.

He trained four provisional

reconstruction team members and eight security forces troops on the RG-31 mine resistant ambush protected vehicle and conducted a 67-man orientation for transfer of authority.

Sergeant Rakes devised an extensive vehicle plan that expanded counter-insurgency reach by more than 75 percent. He led a 16-man team that retrieved three combat-damaged vehicles, reclaiming \$1 million in task force assets and saving \$60,000 in recovery costs. He implemented a hasty vehicle recovery procedure using pre-attached straps that reduced time in the kill zone from four minutes to one minute.

He was selected by the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing commander to brief the provincial reconstruction team mission to the Air Force chief of staff to share an Airman's unique contributions in a joint overseas contingency operation.

Air Force marks Earth Day today

Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON — Air Force representatives plant a Valley Forge American elm tree in the Pentagon courtyard today as part of the Air Force's observances of Earth Day.

Air Force bases worldwide are participating in a variety of Earth Day observances. Events scheduled include beach, stream and base clean-ups; reusable bag and energy-efficient light bulb giveaways; a baby salmon release; storm water identification projects; art and writing contests; guided nature walks; compost giveaway and educational fairs.

The Air Force is trustee to more than 8 million acres of land, water and air assets including more than 234,000 acres of wetlands, 570,000 acres of forested landscape and 200 miles of preserved coastline. Some 70 threatened and endangered species are found on Air Force real property.

Last week, the Air Force won four 2010 Secretary of Defense awards for environmental excellence. The Air Force took honors for natural resource conservation, environmental restoration (two awards) and environmental excellence in weapon system acquisition.



Today's Keesler events

8:30 a.m. — tree planting ceremony at the child development center is led by Brig. Gen. Ian Dickinson, 81st Training Wing commander. The ceremony also includes Keesler's Tree City USA Award presentation for the 17th consecutive year.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — booth at the base exchange manned by the CSC environmental office distribute educational information on environmental stewardship, recycling and pollution prevention.

For more information, call 377-1262.

IN THE NEWS

Air Force Assistance Fund update

As of Monday, Keesler has raised 72 percent of its goal of \$77,528 for this year's Air Force Assistance Fund drive.

In six weeks, \$55,822 has been pledged.

Wing commander's calls

The 81st Training Wing holds commander's calls at 10 a.m. Tuesday and 3 p.m. Wednesday and April 29 at Welch Auditorium.

The calls are mandatory for military members and highly recommended for civilians.

Medical leadership changes

Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Dan Wyman passes leadership of the 81st Medical Group to Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Kory Cornum during a change of command ceremony 9 a.m. April 30 in front of Keesler Medical Center.

General Wyman will become the command surgeon for Air Combat Command at Langley AFB, Va. General Cornum comes to Keesler after serving as ACC command surgeon since 2007.

Clinics close for warrior training

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler Medical Center clinics are closed for warrior training from noon to 5 p.m. today.

Family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics and general surgery clinics each have one doctor available for urgent appointments. For urgent situations, call central appointments at 1-800-700-8603 or report to the emergency room.

Although pharmacy, radiology and laboratory services are open, they'll have reduced staffing, so patients are asked to delay visits during warrior training.

For emergency situations such as shortness of breath, chest or abdominal pain or bleeding with pregnancy, go to the nearest emergency room or call 911 for an ambulance.

Phones, seatbelt, car seat rules

Cell phones — It's a primary offense to drive on base while using a cell phone without a hands-free device.

For military members, offenses are subject to citation for points, and for civilian employees, dependents, retirees and contractors, citations carry a fine. Driving privileges can be suspended for seven days for the first offense, 30 days for a second offense and one year for a third offense.

Seatbelts must be used by driver and passengers. Children at least 4-7 years old or less than 65 pounds or under 4 feet, 9 inches tall must be in a booster/child seat of vehicles in operation on the installation. For violations, driving privileges can be suspended seven days for the first offense, 30 days for the second offense, 90 days for the third offense and one year for the fourth and subsequent offenses.

For more information, call the 81st Security Forces Squadron, 376-6600, or the wing safety office, 377-2007.

Palace Chase,

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“Many active-duty members want to pursue a college degree full time, which can be tough to do given the active-duty operations tempo, shift work and permanent changes of station,” Sergeant Strong said. “Just as many are looking to separate so they can be near loved ones again, settle down or start a new career.”

Other advantages include having control over where one chooses to live, and the flexibility of serving just two days a month and 15 days of annual training per year, he said.

Keeping that sense of military camaraderie with a new level of freedom and independence along with retaining access to most of the military benefits they enjoy now are also key factors why Airmen choose to continue their service in the Reserve or Guard, Sergeant Strong said.

Air Force leaders in November initially expanded Palace Chase transfers by waiving active-duty service commitments to allow officers to voluntarily fulfill their commitment through the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard as a force management measure to help meet a fiscal 2010 end strength of 331,700.

However, an insufficient response to the program led Air Force officials to retool the transfer obligation period

as part of their expanded measures announced March 25 and appeal to a wider number of Airmen, including enlisted.

Sergeant Clendenen said she recommends the first step members should take if interested in Palace Chase is to contact an in-service recruiter for additional information on the program.

Reserve in-service recruiters are located at every military personnel section, and the Air National Guard has in-service recruiters at 24 bases. To find the nearest Guard in-service recruiter, call (800) TO-GO-ANG or visit www.goang.com.

AFPC separations officials said they will approve applications based on Air Force specialty manning in order to preserve minimum sustainment levels. Consideration of the expanded waiver for those previously approved for Palace Chase under force management will be made on a case-by-case basis considering the best interest of the Air Force.

Eligible Airmen may submit Palace Chase applications using the online application located on the Virtual Military Personnel Flight. To learn more about eligibility criteria for Palace Chase and any possible restrictions under force management, visit the AFPC personnel services Web site or call the Total Force Service Center at (800) 525-0102.



Col. Chris Valle, 81st Training Wing vice commander, speaks at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the base's new postal service center Monday. The \$3.3 million facility on Meadows Drive replaces a wooden structure built in 1941 that had termite problems and major flood and roof damage from Hurricane Katrina.



Going postal

Master Sgt. Matthew Calvert, 334th Training Squadron, gives post office lead clerk Gary Kostmayer packages to mail at the new post office Monday. The new facility consolidates Keesler's post office with the base information transfer system official mail center and the current postal service center for permanent-party personnel.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Banners of awareness

Tech. Sgt. Sal Liuzzi, left, and Barry Newman place a display of 546 flags between Smith Manor and the Levitow Training Support Facility April 12. The flags represent the 546 Air Force victims that reported being sexually assaulted in fiscal 2009, according to a Department of Defense report to Congress released earlier this year. Sergeant Liuzzi was on temporary duty from the 313th Training Squadron, Corry Station, Fla, for victim advocate training. Mr. Newman is on the sexual assault prevention and response office at Keesler. Earlier this month, the flags were placed on Larcher Boulevard near the entrance to the new base exchange and commissary. Photo by Kemberly Groue

PERSONNEL NOTES

Finance office closes

The finance office closes at noon today for training.

Uniform policy changes

Air Force News Service

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Air Force officials announced uniform policy updates April 12 resulting from recent Air Force Uniform Board decisions. Modifications are effective immediately, unless otherwise stated, and will be incorporated into Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Air Force Uniform Dress and Appearance.

Tucking of trousers on utility uniforms into boots remains optional. This reverses a mandatory tuck-in requirement previously announced by the 98th Air Force Virtual Uniform Board. When tucked in or bloused, the trouser must be even and draped loosely over the top of the combat boot to present a bloused appearance.

The green fleece watch cap is approved for wear with the all-purpose environmental clothing system, improved rain suit, cold weather parka, sage green fleece and the physical training uniform. Officials encourage all Airmen to affix name, rank and service designator tapes instead of waiting for the Oct. 1 mandatory wear date. However, officers wanting to wear a watch cap with the sage green fleece must now have their name, rank and service designator tapes affixed to the fleece effective immediately.

Other authorized cold weather items remain unchanged, including the black or sage green leather, suede or knit gloves; black scarves that are tucked in; and black earmuffs.

The sage green fleece can still be worn as a liner for the APECS without name, rank and service designator tapes. The black fleece will no longer be authorized for wear as an APECS liner on Oct. 1.

Officials also modified the 97th AFUB decision that stated the women's A-line skirt would become the primary mess dress skirt for the Air Force. The change allows the side-slit mess dress skirt to continue to be worn as an optional item.

For more information, contact your chain of command or call the Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102.

Filing vouchers

According to the Joint Federal Travel Regulations, you're required to file your travel voucher within five days after returning from a temporary duty assignment.

Check your government travel card balance at <https://home.cards.citidirect.com/CommercialCard/Cards.html>

Virtual finance

For the answers to many finance questions, visit the Air Force Portal/Life & Career/Money-Welcome to Virtual Finance!

CORRECTION

The prize for the IDEA program's Submitter of the Year contest is a 32-inch Sony flat-screen TV. An incorrect size was given in the April 15 issue of the Keesler News. The Submitter of the Year competition ends Sept. 30.

Prizes for the two drawings for the IDEA campaign contest that ends May 14 are an Apple IPOD or a Garmin GPS navigation system are the prizes in two separate drawings. The first 15 people to submit an idea receive an IDEA duffle bag.

For more information about Keesler's IDEA campaign and Submitter of the Year award, call Deatrice Jimerson, 376-8172, or e-mail deatrice.jimerson@us.af.mil.

Medics' combat dining-in marked by solemnity, fun



Top, Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Dan Wyman, left, 81st Medical Group commander, and 1st Lt. Zane Holland, 81st Medical Support Squadron, dip into the grog bowl after being sent to the brew for infractions of the Rules of the Mess. Lieutenant Holland was "Mr. Vice" during Friday's 81st Medical Group combat dining-in.

Left, Master Sgt. Jaycey McDuffie, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron, renders a salute after placing the American flag on the "Fallen Heroes" display during the formal portion of the event.



From left, Capt. Pamela Frabe, 1st Lt. Joanna Cooley, Senior Airman Marlena Pagliuca and 1st Lt Jacquelyn Smith, members of "The Unit," actually the 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron critical care unit, prepare to launch a water balloon attack during the dining-in.



Staff Sgt. Starr Haywood, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, helps her first sergeant, Master Sgt. Lee Utsey, "suit up" for the start of the dining-in. Sergeant Haywood served as "Madam Vice" for the event. More photos, www.keesler.af.mil
Photos by Herb Welch

Saturday is free day of fun for Keesler children

81st Force Support Squadron

Keesler's annual Child Pride Day, hosted by the 81st Force Support Squadron and the Keesler Integrated Resource Team, is Saturday in marina park. The free celebration is open to everyone eligible to use Keesler facilities.

Events kick off with a kids catch-and-release-fishing rodeo, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children are encouraged to bring their own fishing poles, since only a limited number of poles are available for use.

Games, displays, mascots, pontoon boat rides, entertainment, demonstrations (including the 81st Security Forces working dogs), inflatables, prizes and giveaways are ongoing from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Special visitors include staff from the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center, Home Depot, Stennis Space Center and Gulf Islands National Seashore.

A representative from Challenger Sports British



Soccer will also be on hand to discuss the soccer camp hosted by the youth center June 7-11.

Free hotdogs with all the fixings are served from 11 a.m. until they're gone.

To celebrate the Year of the Air Force Family, families are invited to enter the Child Pride Day fam-

ily talent showcase. All talents are welcome — singing, dancing, magic, juggling, lip synching, jug bands — you name it. Prizes will be awarded. To preregister, call 377-4116.

Special this year is the teen zone featuring Wii challenge, a Guitar Hero competition, paintball, interactive games and more.

If it rains, as many activities as possible will be moved to the youth center.

Child Pride Day is sponsored by Adams Produce, Allen Toyota, the Beau Rivage, Chick-fil-A, Courtyard Marriott, Defense Commissary Agency, Frito Lay, GEICO, Gulf Island Water Park, Home Depot, Keesler Federal Credit Union, SCION, Mississippi Surge, Skateland, Sweet Stuff, USAA and the USO.

For more information, call 377-4116.

Child development center

Family FunDay



Alyiah Hall, 3, and her mother, Kellie, play with a parachute. Dad is Senior Airman Anthony Hall, 81st Dental Squadron.



Photos by Kemberly Groue
Senior Airman Julia Berger, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron, plays in a sandbox with her 7½-month old son, Nathan Jr., at the child development center's family fun day April 15. Airman Berger's husband is Petty Officer 3rd Class Nathan Berger, who's stationed at the Seabee Base in Gulfport.



Crystal Simpson and her 5-year-old daughter, McKenna, work on a picture. McKenna's dad is Staff Sgt. Chris Simpson, 334th Training Squadron.



One-year-old Luke Balzotti watches the bubbles being blown by his dad, Capt. Michael Balzotti, 334th TRS. Luke's mom, Courtney, works in the 81st DS.



Year of The Air Force Family

Is your debt a matter of self-control?

By Rose Marie Janosik

Airman & family readiness center

Be honest, right now maybe you just don't care enough about your finances to be willing to stick to a budget. Regarding your creditors, do you only make the minimum payments or are you late making those payments? Are you afraid of knowing what your credit score is? Do you hate to open your mail?

How can self-control help you? It keeps in check self-destructive, addictive, obsessive and compulsive behavior. You need to identify in what areas of your life you need to gain more self-control. You may even need to identify what places you may need to avoid in order that you maintain control over any overspending.

We all need to face up at one time or other, and the sooner, the better. The longer you wait, the worse it becomes.

Make an appointment with the airman and family readiness center for a spending plan. If you desire, you can schedule follow-on appointments so that you feel a greater sense of responsibility and increase your desire to make your finances better, and know that someone is there to provide you the facts, encouragement, and recommendations.

We all make mistakes. Now is the time to begin fixing them.

First Sergeant Academy mirrors total force



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Sergeant Messer unloads food items inside Airman's Attic April 9. He's one of Keesler's 21 "diamonds."

'Dirtboy' earns diamond

By Angela Cutrer

Former Keesler News staff

What are the human characteristics of a first sergeant? "In my previous civil engineer career field, we would use the phrase 'the heart of a Dirtboy,'" said Master Sgt. James Messer, 81st Training Wing staff agency first sergeant, a December First Sergeant Academy graduate. "Well, you could say the same about being a first sergeant. You have to have the heart to be a first sergeant."

Sergeant Messer, who's been at Keesler for two years, said after 12 years in civil engineering and five in education and training, he chose "the diamond path" because he felt "it was time to take both of the wide ranges of experience in the career fields and 'give back' to the people. People ask me why I became a first sergeant, and the answer is simple: Airmen with a big 'A.' I tell my people all the time 'I am here to support you; this job is not about me.' I get up every day motivated by the people in my unit to do the best job I can for them. I really can't think of a better, more gratifying job."

A Michigan native, Sergeant Messer, 35, has three daughters, ages 17, 14 and 7. Being a first sergeant is labor intensive and social-time stealing, so why does he do it?

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By Staff Sgt. Brannen Parrish

Air University Public Affairs

MAXWELL Air Force Base, Ala. — The life of an Air Force first sergeant is truly a tale of two experiences. There exists the joy of watching Airmen receive well-deserved promotions and recognition, and there is the disappointment and sadness at receiving a 3 a.m. phone call from a law enforcement desk or casualty affairs. These experiences are not unique to first sergeants working in any component, but methods of processing promotions and legal actions vary considerably for active, Guard and Reserve members.

The instructors at the Air Force First Sergeant Academy here ensure future first sergeants understand issues specific to their component and the Air Force as a whole through their total-force curriculum. Implemented under the direction of former Air Force FSA commandant, Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Bishop, more than four years ago, total-force classroom time comprises 80 percent of the curriculum.

"We have a healthy mix of everything a first sergeant needs to know. A first sergeant is a first sergeant is a first sergeant," said Senior Master Sgt. Patrick Shaw, FSA director of education and a member of the Air National Guard. "We bring in people to make a flight from all components. When the students are in their classes and the uniforms are on, they don't know if the person to their left is active duty, Guard or Reserve."

Class seats for the 20-day course are usually doled out to each component based upon its numbers. About 80 percent of the seats are filled by active-duty and guard students, while the remaining 20 percent are usually filled by reservists. Twenty-five hours are devoted to component-specific instruction.

"Roughly 80 percent of the training is geared toward creating first sergeants who can be successful in any environment," said Senior Master Sgt. Mark Peek, an instructor who is also a member of the Air National Guard.

According to Senior Master Sgt. Michael Bellerose, an Air Force reservist and outgoing director of education, the FSA lives out the total-force concept like no other organization.

"We're not just total force in name. We have three different training plans that address issues

What's a first sergeant?

The roles and responsibilities of the first sergeant include being an "expeditionary leader serving in a time-honored special duty position, rich in custom and tradition.

The first sergeant works directly for and derives authority from the unit commander at home station, deployed commander when deployed and serves as the commander's critical link within the unit for all matters concerning enlisted members.

First sergeants are accountable to respond to the needs of unit members 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Though rarely the ranking senior noncommissioned officer in the unit, first sergeants therefore balance communication with the organization's senior NCOs and take the lead in establishing effective communication with all members. Specifically, first sergeants communicate with unit leadership, supervisors and members to ensure discipline is equitably maintained and morale, welfare and health needs for the enlisted force are met.

unique to each component," he said. "We truly appreciate that we have people from each component in our courses and we ensure our curriculum meets the demands of all the components without neglecting anyone. I think we do that well."

The total-force policy was promulgated by Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird in 1970. In his 1973 Annual Defense Department Report, Secretary Laird further commented on the trends of the total force when he wrote, "The conceptual thrust of the total force is toward the efficient integration of all relevant free-world resources to provide more security for all of us. (It) demands a new order of coordination and cooperation."

The total-force concept extends beyond the curriculum and is represented in the organizational structure of the academy. Instructors from each component serve at the academy. All are capable of teaching the total-force curriculum. Sergeant Bellerose is a living example of the versatility of the academy's staff. He has served in numerous capacities at the academy, as an instructor, director of operations and the interim commandant.

"No one component owns any position," said Sergeant Bellerose. "At the academy everything is pretty well shared."

Senior Master Sgt. Danny Doucette, the Air National

Guard course director at the academy, was a student in the first total-force curriculum class. He said the integrated curriculum creates an excellent opportunity for networking with other first sergeants.

"It was the first time at the professional military education level that I spent any significant amount of time with people from other components," Sergeant Doucette said. "I am still in contact with some of my classmates. When we have an issue we've never encountered, we call each other up and ask for advice."

One way the academy instructors hammer the universality of the position into their students is through case studies. These scenarios provide students with an opportunity to apply flight room instruction into real-world experiences.

"The case studies are incorporated from real-life experiences of first sergeants in the field,"

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“It’s not difficult to become a first sergeant,” Sergeant Messer explained. “You just have to ask yourself one thing: Do I care about the people around me? If the answer is yes, you’ll love it.”

As for his training, “The First Sergeant Academy includes an outstanding cadre of instructors who are truly passionate,” Sergeant Messer said. “I can’t say enough about the professionalism, passion and heart of the instructors. The instructors do an awesome job of giving you the mechanics of being an effective first sergeant.”

Sergeant Messer notes that “most of the curriculum involves scenarios, fitness, development and just taking care of people. My take away from the academy was this: Take care of your Airmen, which includes your officers and civilians.

“There is so much a first sergeant touches on a daily basis, with prevention being the key ingredient for success. If I can get in front of a problem versus just reacting, I’m there.”

First sergeant training has Keesler roots

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Most people don’t realize it, but first sergeant training had its roots at Keesler.

Originally, first sergeant training was done by a career development course, but on Oct. 17, 1973, a voluntary first sergeant course opened at Keesler. Chief Master Sgt. Blevins was the first director and Chief Master Sgt. Willie Watkins was its first graduate.

The course became mandatory for first sergeants in 1976. In 1978, the school was renamed as the U.S. Air Force First Sergeant Academy and remained at Keesler until 1993, when it was moved to Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

Another Keesler link to the First Sergeant Academy is Chief Master Sgt. Lonnie Slater, 81st Training Wing command chief, who served as the academy’s commandant for a year before his new assignment brought him to Keesler. He served as a “first shirt” from 2002 to 2008, before he became the commandant of the Kisling NCO Academy, Kapaun Air Station, Japan.

“A first sergeant has to have a heart for people, tenacity to make hard calls and the fortitude and knowledge to advise the commander on a myriad of issues,” Chief Slater remarked. “It’s a demanding position, but most first sergeants who wear the diamond have found the balance between duty, responsibility and family. It’s imperative that they balance all three.”

There are currently 21 “diamonds” at Keesler. The First Sergeants Council is headed by Master Sgt. Joseph Wheeler, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron.



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Sergeant Shaw said. “Those stories and experiences leave long-lasting impressions on our students. Our goal is to get the components talking to one another.”

One of the main goals of the curriculum is to reinforce the idea that a first sergeant holds a place of prominence to Airmen regardless of component.

“When an Airman sees that diamond on your sleeve, he doesn’t know whether you just walked out of school or whether you are in the Guard or Reserve,” Sergeant Scott said. “An Airman expects you to be able to help him. As a first sergeant, you have to be able to speak the language.”

“A lot of people don’t realize that there are times when an active-duty first sergeant deploys, and we have a reservist or guardsman come in and backfill,” said Chief Master Sgt. Robert Frank, Pentagon first sergeant duty manager. “A guardsman contacted me recently, and asked me if he could go and backfill at basic military training because he liked being around the basic trainees. Those types of opportunities are possible, and that’s why we need to ensure our Guard and Reserve first sergeants are learning the same things as the regular Air Force.”

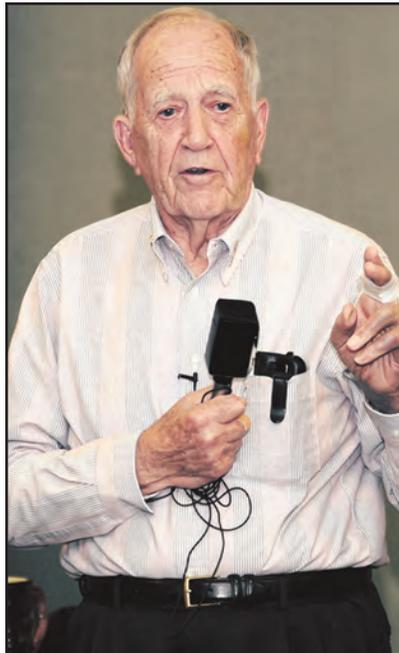


Two-year-old Christian Threath munches an apple while he's held by his mom, Airman 1st Class Melissa Burrows as Capt. Donna LaPointe reads a booklet on healthy eating from the health and wellness center during a nutrition presentation April 16 at McBride Library. Airman Burrows and Captain LaPointe are from the 81st Medical Operations Squadron. For more Library Week photos, log on to www.keesler.af.mil.

Keesler celebrates Library Week



Photos by Kemberly Groue
Airman Basic William Jones, left, and Airman 1st Class Nathan Hawk, students in the 332nd Training Squadron, play Scrabble during McBride Library's open house and game day April 11. Other events during Keesler's observance of National Library Week April 11-17 were a comics night April 12, a Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion recognition night April 13, Kids Day story hour April 14, an after-tax party April 15, a quilting class April 17 and Saturday, a youth photography contest and art display.



World War II veteran George Roberts of Gulfport, author of "Mississippians of the Mighty 8th" spoke on April 13 at the library. He was medically discharged as a Reservist in the Army Air Force and was a civilian instructor at Keesler for 31 years.

Finance closed

The finance office closes at noon today for training.

Space camp deadline

Monday is the deadline for applications to be submitted to the youth center for Air Force Space Camp, a residential six-day program in Huntsville, Ala.

More information is available at www.spacecamp.com.

Applicants must be 9-11 years old and a dependent of active duty military assigned to or living on an Air Force installation, retired Air Force military, Air Force civilians, Air National Guard or Air Reserve who've been activated within the last 12 months.

For more information, call Ann Smith, 377-4116.

Self defense class

Two "target hardening" self defense classes for women are 8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. April 29 at the youth center for permanent party members and civilians.

The classes, part of Keesler's Sexual Assault Awareness Month observance, cover certain situations where risk of sexual assault is high and strategies to avoid those situations, along with tools to deal with potential attacks.

For more information, call Barry Newman, 377-8635, or email barry.newman@us.af.mil

Free concert

The Air Force Reserve Band's Full Spectrum jazz ensemble performs a free concert, 7 p.m. April 29 at the Saenger Theater in Biloxi.

Doors open at 6:15 p.m. The concert is open to the public, and tickets aren't required.

TMO office closed

The personal property and passenger travel offices at Sablich Center and the Levitow Training Support Facility are closed April 30 for a squadron function.

Customer service hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. On Friday the hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Customer service hours at the Levitow are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

For emergencies, call 697-5880.

Dad's 101

The family advocacy program hosts "Dad's 101: A Class for Dads, by Dads"

7:30-11:30 a.m. May 7 in the Arnold Annex classroom.

The program is open to expectant fathers — active duty, retirees, family members, civilian employees and contractors. Participants are asked to wear civilian clothes.

For more information or to register, call Paula Tracy, 376-3459, or e-mail paula.tracy@us.af.mil to register.

Pamper Me Day

Pamper Me Day, a military spouse appreciation event, is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 7 in the

Roberts Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Facility.

Booths, giveaways, activities and information booths are planned.

For more information, call the airman and family readiness center, 376-8728.

Dragons win national title

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

The Keesler Dragons basketball squad is the National Military Athletic Association's men's basketball national champion.

The three-time Southeast Athletic Military Conference champs garnered the NMAA trophy April 12 by defeating Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, 73-72. This followed earlier wins over Los Angeles AFB (81-62), Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., (79-68) and Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., (95-58) during the tournament that began April 9 at Lackland.

Coach Jesse Harris, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron, said the Keesler squad earned an automatic bid to the DOD finals by winning the 2009-10 Southeastern Military Conference regular season championship.

"We beat Lackland for the 2005 AETC championship," he noted. "Now we've beaten them for both of our championships."

"The win feels great because of all the adversity we had faced," Harris said. "At the start of the season, we didn't even know if we would even have a team. Then our best player deployed just before the championship. Then five players from our original team couldn't travel to the tournament.

"Fortunately, the league commissioner gave us permission to pick up five players from our conference to fill out the squad," the coach continued. "We had to meld the new guys into the system and they were great. There was even a college scout who was surprised at how well they played as a team after such a brief time."

In addition to Harris, Keesler's championship squad included assistant coach Stephen Harris (336th Training Squadron), guards Kenneth Dukes (81st Communications Squadron) and Lester Marshall (81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron) and Drevell Herron and Wendell Thibeaux (Eglin AFB, Fla.); guards/forwards Sherrod Brown (81st Mission Support Group) and Ollie Bradley and Larry Haynes (Maxwell AFB, Ala.); forwards/centers Ryan Vaught (Eglin) and Alvin Holmes (81st Surgical Operations Squadron) and James Mathews (a Navy weather student at Keesler's Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit.)

Four Keesler players scored in double digits in the championship matchup. Dukes



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Coach Harris displays Keesler's NMAA trophy.

led with 15 followed by Matthews (13), Herron (12) and Haynes (11). Holmes and Vaught each tallied 8 and Thibeaux had 4.

Dukes was named the tournament's most valuable player based on his consistent play during the competition. Matthews was selected for the All-Tournament Team.

Harris said Keesler's varsity team invests a lot of time, energy and expense to represent the base.

"We spent seven months practicing for and traveling to regular season games and tournaments — not to mention scrimmages and games away in Mobile and places like that to open the season for some junior colleges," he pointed out. "Everything is out of pocket except for the vehicles we get for away games."

Harris had special praise for assistant coach Stephen Harris.

"There's no way we could possibly have succeeded without him," Harris insisted. "He was vital to us throughout the tournament. It's important to understand we accomplished this as a team!"

The coach added, "I'm glad we can finally relax before we start the process all over again in September. We're looking forward to going to D.C. next year and winning the title again."

Susan Griggs, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

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. \$1 a game plus \$1 for shoes.

Summer bowling leagues — Sign up now. Tuesday night double: begins May 25 for 14 weeks. Wednesday morning women's begins May 26 for 14 weeks. Wednesday night parent-child begins May 26 for 14 weeks. Thursday night PBA experience league begins May 27 for 14 weeks. Friday night mixers begins May 7 for 16 weeks.

For more information, call 377-2817.

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

Free promotional and informational materials — available in support of National Alcohol Awareness Month and National Cancer Control Month.

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

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

Free blood pressure machines — available at all fitness centers.

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

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

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

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

No smoking — on Crotwell Track

Volleyball championship decided Tuesday

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Intramural volleyball playoffs began this week, with the championship game set for 6 p.m. Tuesday at Blake Fitness Center.

The top four teams in each division compete in a double-elimination playoff, with the divisional playoff winners advancing to the championship game.

East Division teams are the 333rd Training Squadron (7-3), 336th TRS-A (7-3), 81st Training Support Squadron (7-3) and 81st Dental Squadron (6-4).

West Division teams are the 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron (9-1), 332nd TRS-A (8-2), 336th TRS-B (6-4) and 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron (5-5).

For tournament schedules, call 377-2444.

across from Blake Fitness Center.

Parent-child fitness room — at Dragon Fitness Center. Workout equipment; play area, 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

Intramural league — letters of intent due Friday, coaches' meeting 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at Vandenberg Community Center. For more information call 377-2444 or 3056.

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

Twilight special — 2 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

Wolf River canoe or kayak trips — with experienced guide; 2-4 hour or 4-7 hour trips April 30, Saturdays and Sundays. Minimum 4, maximum 20 people. To register, or

for more information, call 377-3160.

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. 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 — April 30 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, 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 nontraining 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 bike — 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.

Softball

Intramural league — letters of intent due Friday, coaches' meeting 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at Vandenberg Community Center. For more information call 377-2444 or 3056.

GRADUATIONS

Community College of the Air Force

2nd Air Force, 602nd Training Group (Provisional) — Tech. Sgt. Larry James.

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron — Senior Airman Candace Grantham.

81st Communications Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Michael Raby.

81st Contracting Squadron — Staff Sgt. Jesus Gutierrez.

81st Dental Squadron — Staff Sgt. Claudia Holcomb.

81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron — Senior Airman Andrea Idudhe; Staff Sgt. Tramequa Surratt; Senior Master Sgt. Thomas O'Connell.

81st Force Support Squadron — Senior Airman Kathryn Braun.

81st Logistics Readiness Squadron — Master Sgt. Kevin Benjamin.

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — Staff Sgt. Makela Hutchins.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Senior Airmen Matthew Fischer, Casey Grizzard and Zsuzsanna Krokovay; Staff Sgts. Evelyn Baxter, Angela Caufield, Vanetta Jackson, Diarra Morris and Nathaniel Saujon; Tech. Sgt. Lauren May.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Senior Airman David Diaz-Iraheta; Staff Sgt. William Smitko; Tech. Sgts. Jackson Bleckley and Mayisha Johnson.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Staff Sgt. Eulonda Jackson.

81st Supply Squadron — Senior Airman Jennifer Lloyd-King; Staff Sgt. Tasha Comer.

81st Training Group — Staff Sgt. Shalonda Francis.

81st Training Support Squadron — Staff Sgts. Christopher Castellanos, Jason Johnson, Jason Trenz and Joshua Wesley; Master Sgts. John Long and Edgar Marvine; Senior Master Sgt. James Lane.

332nd Training Squadron — Staff Sgts. Jason Buck, Taras Butrej, Samuel Davis, Jason Degrasse and Gregory Robidoux; Tech. Sgt. Waichung Liu.

333rd TRS — Tech. Sgts. Aaron Cole and Tomeika Washington; Master Sgt. Alan Thomas.

334th TRS — Senior Airmen Ronnie Boothe, Toby Jacob and Mallissa Lee; Staff Sgts. Donald Allen, Ronald Brown, Joshua Cook, Creighton Cope, Brady Dunbar, Jeffrey Evatt, Steven Haro, Dustin Hoffman, Derek Lewis, Betty Love, Adam Malson, Michael McCormick, Kevin McDonald, Nancy Rahmaan, Brandon Smith, Patricia Taylor, Acacia Washington, Emilee Williams and Michael Young; Tech. Sgts. Kristy Crespo, Clint Harper and Roland Thomas; Senior Master Sgt. Anthony Pearson.

335th TRS — Staff Sgts. Daniel Alexander, Adam Danthony, Michael Delgado, Rene Sanchez and Tammy Williams; Tech. Sgts. Glenn Dowling, Dea Hayden and Christopher Hovanec; Master Sgt. Walter Chumney.

336th TRS — Staff Sgt. Twan Jennings; Tech. Sgts. Jeff Gibson and Anthony Sprague; Master Sgt. Jimmie Rice.

338th TRS — Senior Airman Shawn Rykken; Staff Sgts. Derek Bender, Reginald Brooks, Jermaine Johnson, Stephen Johnston, Kwanza Lincoln, Maranatty Martin, Travis Meyer, Jolleen Mooneyham, Shane Reynolds, Thomas Rich and Adam Yule; Tech. Sgt. Christopher Podobinski.

366th TRS Detachment 6 — Staff Sgts. Trevor Connelly, Michael Hester and Lucas Levesque; Tech. Sgt. Tracey Human; Master Sgt. Gerald Huffman.

403rd Wing — Senior Airmen Derrek Arce, Jennifer Parker and Neal Sicard; Staff Sgts. Brian Allen, Shirley Arnold, David Briden, William Broadhurst, Christopher Israel, Clark McClintock and Stacey McDonald; Tech. Sgts. James Henjum, Kelly Rolan and Jessica Tran; Master Sgt. Sonya Smith.

Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M. — Staff Sgt. Joshua Richards.

Mathies NCO Academy — Tech. Sgt. Kachen Coarsey.

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Charity Alexander, Christopher Arellano, Alexandria Baca, Jacob Barton, Tyler

Bender, Robert Bland, Christian Brathwaite, Kayla Bresnan, Alexander Buchanan, Travis Burgess, Donald Burke, Tyler Burns, Devin Butler, Richard Camejo, Christopher Cann, Charles Chambers, Caleb Chase, Daniel Cimon, Adam Colbert, Eric Nicholas Deir, Cohen, Devin Cross, Chad Demore, Michael Deweese, John Ducan, Melvin Duncan, Jarrod Eckert, Michael Ferrero, Tyler Fields, Jonathan Fisher, Gail Flowers, Ian Friedrich, Benjamin Gale, Joaquin Garcia, Trevor Hagins, Anthony Halverson, Samantha Heisterkamp, Austin Hewitt, James Houston, Justin Huglin, Eric Hurtado, Eric Jayne, Tyler Johnson, Daniel Kane, Kyle Krotak, Christopher Legler, Devin Lucas, Connor Melendez, Benjamin McCloud, Zachary Mohr, Marlene Molinari, Andrew Montgomery, Christopher Nichols, Andrew Noble, Julian Palmer, Brandy Pass, Daniel Phelps, Darlin Pierre, German Real, Alexander Recupero, Jonathan Rice, John Ricketts, Anthony Robbins, Blake Robinson, Francisco Rodriguez, William Self, Delorico Scott, Jack Shultz, Joshua Small, Dean Thorpe, Andrew Troiano, William Wall, Daniel Ward, Evan Whitaker and Nicholas Whitlock; Airmen Wesley Acosta, Eric Aguiniga, Spencer Gilbreath, Ryan Gray, Jarrod Jenks, Joshua Lail, Brandt Maharrey, Destin Maulding, Jass Robinson, Matthew Shirk, Joseph Soukup, Vincent Su, Michael Washburn and Jason Whippis; Airmen 1st Class Robert Alley, Michael Austin, Trey Barker, Nicholas Bennett, Charles Bienna, Justin Bird, Zachary Blenka, Dakota Bordelon, Adam Borgeson, Jeremy Bricker, William Brosius, Trevor Burden, Ryan Carter, Brandon Cassaday, Aaron Centers, Carolina Choi, Preston Cline, Preston Coddington, Robert Cooper, Ian Crocker, Robert Cyr, Elionel Diaz, Justin Dumas, Alan Edwards, Chad Ertel, Ryan Essenmacher, Christopher Estrada, Sarah Everson, Jordan Felicia, Joseph Ferguson, Alicia Foote, Daniel Garcia, Rene Gutierrez, Steven Harris, Sterling Heaton, Chi Huang, Wyatt Ingram, Teresa Jacobson, Kevin Jahr, Brandon Jones, Joseph Keating, Danny Kuhlmann, Thomas Lawson, Andrew Luiten, Joshua Lupardo, Shane Macas, David Maxwell, Ryan May, Edward Moran, Ryan Morton, Ross Myers, Lucas Oerter, Robert Padmos, Thomas Palmer, Corey Perreault, Joseph Rawl, Michael Rice, Dylan Rickaby, Matthew Roadfedt, Austin Rose, Courtney Rynne, Paul Schoenfelder, Stan Seiferth, Amy Sitzler, Zachary Sivils, Bethany Slagle, Vincent Sung, Stacia Taylor, Andrew Tellefsen, Craig Tiensvold, Kevin Timko, Dennis Tuckson, Benny Vickrey,

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 8 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Israel, 12277 Three Rivers Rd., Gulfport. Call Master Sgt. Michael Raff, 377-5835 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.

Matthew Waite, Eric Walters, Michael Wence, Wesley White, Jameson William nad Anthony Wiscovitch; Senior Airmen Hamdan AlBalushi, Steven Friedman, John Kyzer, Michael Stewart, David Tackett, Michael Wilson and Robert Wyatt; Staff Sgts. Chad Agbayani, Grant Apgar, David Bauld, Randy Black, Eddie Cameron, Carl Collins, Felix Gonzalez, Aaron Goroski, Matthew Hamilin, Lonnie Harrell, Tyler Hughes, Corey Kitts, Randall Lionberger, Abraham Ocano, Juan Ortiz, Brandon Ott, Ryan Riddle, Gilbert Sanchez, Christopher Trainor, Yvette Verdugo and Richard Wysong; Tech. Sgts. Charles Collins, Demetra Jackson-Varner, Nelson Reaser and Jon Schmitz; Master Sgts. Jason Renda and Joshua Simson; Senior Master Sgt. SlahMohammad AlShaikh; Chief Master Sgt. Mousa AlZahrani.

Metrology basic course — Airman Daniel Mihm; Airman 1st Class James Squires.

334th TRS

Aerospace control and warning systems — Airmen Basic Alicia Benjamin, Dayon Jenkins and Steven King; Airmen 1st Class Jordan Birkett, Kurt Geyrozaga, Sean Kerrigan, Shane Kirkegaard and Alysaudyre Lee; Senior Airmen Matthew Ioli; Staff Sgt. Brandi Kelly; Senior Master Sgt. Mary Ann Nelson.

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Jamaal Brathwaite, Jake Jansen, Maverick Jones, Kyle Willis, Matthew Simpson, and Richard Spalding; Airmen Jennifer Bruce and Daniel Zophi; Airmen 1st Class Ashley Anderson, Alex Arnold, Austin Cooner, Zachary Craven, Stephanie Hales, Adam Karre, James Langley and Derek Langson; Senior Airmen Keith Janda and Millard Morgan.

Airfield management apprentice course — Airmen Basic Nathan Davis, Jerred Johnson and Marshall LaFleur; Airmen Jason Lackey and Kandance Melcher; Airman 1st Class Chad Watson; Staff Sgts. Craig Buckley, Angela Forbes and Catrell Wilson; Tech. Sgt. Adrain Nigrila; Maj. Dhafer Al Shahrani.

Command post apprentice course — Airmen 1st Class Thomas Buckley, Ashleigh David, Michael Hiemstra and Derek Spiker; Staff Sgts. Joaquin Gonzalez, Jacquetta Reid, Danielle Renneker and Robert Stillwagon; Tech. Sgt. Patricia Loffredo; Senior Master Sgt. Holly Hammarstrom.

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Comptroller training flight — Airman Basic Brett Mayo, Alicia Rivera, Benjamin Ainsworth, Daniel Brinkmann, Michelle Anthony, Steve Pearson, Donavin Van Ee, Danielle Harkins and Nicholas Fisher; Airman Joel Lavender, Erinn Harper, Jonathan Mook; Airman 1st Class Melinda Smith, Meghan Ervin, Joshua Hefton, Tyler Anderson, Tenzin Kunphel, Umid Khikmatov Brandon Couch, Khayriyyah Simmons, Reginald Diaz, Jamie Johnston, and Antawn Knight; Senior Airman Bradley Gauvin, Jessica Hutcherson, Craig Eid and Megan Hayward; Staff Sgt. Michael Rittner, Douglas Carlson, Jennifer Evans and Carlos Soriano; Technical Sgt. Samantha Murphy; Master Sgt. James Ekren; Senior Master Sgt. Danielle Shepherd.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Thomas Douglass, David Fair, Jessica Fannin, Wallace Glenn III and Samantha Houston; Airmen Steven Narad and Tyler Wood; Airmen 1st Class Genevieve Fobes, Morgan Frehe, Zachary Kinsey, Dmitriy Kirilyuk, Richard Shanaman, Phillip Shumaker and Mariska Weaver; Lance Cpl. Justin Shortt; Staff Sgt. Justin Guerra; Tech. Sgt. Dwaine Tiedemann.

336th TRS

Communications-computer flight — Airmen Basic Marcel Boykin, Mranth Dabbs, Zachary Ellis, Keith Gardner Jr., Kristen Helmuth, Jesse Jenkins, Michael Kelley, Grace Lindsay, Heather O'Donnell, Brian Mundorff, Gregory Roberts, Christopher Simmons and Matthew Williams; Airmen Nancy Gonzalez, Scott Posey and Matthew Schueder; Airmen 1st Class David Arriola, Amber Barich, David Brisco, Amanda Burnell, Joseph Cline, Hector Font, Hunter Futch, Ryan Heinrich, Willie Johnson, Brian Kumpf, Norman Kyle, Rachel Lucas, Drew Sigafoose, Jordan Thomas and Jeremy Tucker; Senior Airman Jason Hooper; Staff Sgts. Kelly Coyne, Melinda Ingvansson, John Kritzer, Freida Oluwadare and Christopher Sonesen; Tech. Sgts. William Burrows and James Fehr; Senior Master Sgt. Jake Claxton.

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Ground radar systems — Airmen Basic Joshua Buras, Timothy Freeman and Johnny Ross; Airmen 1st Class Meghan Beach, Cassidy Cervenka, Alexander Chase, Christopher Miller, Jeremy Tharp, Samuel Winkle and Derrick Wyatt; Senior Airman Raymond Pouech; Staff Sgts. Timothy Domka and Troy Pierson.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 10-4 — graduates May 13.

Mathies NCO Academy

Class 10-4 — graduates May 20

Arts and crafts center

Advanced intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. to noon Saturday; \$20 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.

Engraving shop — squadron, office and individual orders.

Glass painting — 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday and April 24; \$25, including a completed painted project.

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

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.

Scrapbooking — 5:30-7 p.m. today; \$20 including materials.

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 pre-school, elementary, teens and adults.

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

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

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

Art on display — through April 30. Individuals bring in samples of their art or crafts to be displayed at the library. Items judged the first week of May. Categories: ages 7-under; 8-12, 13-17 and 18-older. Ribbons awarded to first-, second- and third-place winners in each category. All items on display throughout May.

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

Children's library skills program — 11 am. Fridays for families with home-schooled children. Learn library skills and enjoy stories.

Free computer classes — Wednesdays through May 5. Ultra beginners 9:30-11 a.m.; not-so-ultra beginners 3:30-4:45 p.m. Preregistration required. For information, call 377-2181.

Get healthy at your library — 1 p.m. Friday; nutrition presentation for children in the morning, adults in the evening. For times, call 377-2181.

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.

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.

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

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

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

Youth photography contest — with focus on the family. Entries accepted through Friday. Two categories: ages 10-13 and 14-16. First-place winners in each category receive a \$50 savings bond, second-place winners receive a \$25 savings bond.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Family child care

Air Force Aid Society programs — the family child care program assists the Air Force Aid Society with volunteer and permanent-change-of-station child care programs. AFAS pays for child care for volunteers working on base and 20 hours of child care for E6 and below who are PCSing in and out of the base. For eligibility and more information, call the airman and family readiness center, 376-8728.

Returning home care — for children ages 12-under. Up to 16 hours of care per child, per six-month period, is available to active duty members and Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members returning to home stations after deployments of a minimum of 30 calendar days in support of a contingency operation, and members returning for a two-week rest and recovery leave. For more information, call 377-3189.

Be your own boss — Military spouses on and off base are needed who wish to care for children in their homes. Providers also needed to care for children with special needs, including asthma, allergies, cerebral palsy and other physical impairments, and to work swing and evening shifts. For more information, call 377-3189.

Expanded duty care, child care for PCS and returning home child care — is available. For information, call 377-3189.

Katrina Kantina

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

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 members, \$1.50 nonmembers..

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

Wings and things — 5-7 p.m. Wednesday. Free for Keesler club members; nonmembers \$3 at door. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and \$1 domestic draft beer.

Vandenberg Community Center

Editor's note: All events but dances 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.

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.

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

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

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

Friday

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

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

Saturday

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

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

Sunday

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

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

Monday

Lunch — Swiss steak, baked chicken, sausage, peppers and onions, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, carrots, cucumber onion salad, macaroni salad, chile con queso, Tuscan vegetable, chicken noodle, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

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

Tuesday

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

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

Wednesday

Lunch — Mexican baked chicken, jalapeno cornbread, beef fajitas, Mexican pork chops, Mexican rice, refried beans, Mexican corn, gravy, pinto beans, Mexican cole slaw, pas and carrots, cole slaw, peas and carrots, cole slaw, tomato salad, white bean chicken soup, clam chowder, chicken gumfo, cheese pizza and cheese fishwich.

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

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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 — first official game Saturday. Season runs through June 5. Coming June 7-11, British soccer challenger sports camp. For more information, call 377-4116.

Summer camp registration — for school aged and teens. For more information, call 377-4116.

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 May 10-13; June 14-17; July 19-20; Aug. 9-12; Sept. 13-16; Oct. 18-21; Nov. 15-18; and Dec. 13-16. To register, call 376-8728.

MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

Airmen Against Drunk Driving — For more information, call Airman 1st Class Mackenzie Jackson, 377-5511; Senior Airman Rose Mabe, 377-2331, or 377-SAVE.

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

At Eze Toastmasters Club — 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Building 1101

conference room. For more information, call Dewi Clark, 377-2714, or e-mail dewi.clark@us.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.