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New officer course boosts cyberspace transformation

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The Air Force takes a significant step forward in its cyberspace training transformation Tuesday as Keesler launches the new undergraduate cyber training course for officers.

The Air Force has programmed \$11.7 million to establish the course, and about \$7.6 million already has been executed to upgrade facilities and purchase the computer infrastructure, simulators and laboratory networks to enhance Keesler's classroom capabilities, according to Lt. Col. Scott Solomon, 333rd Training Squadron commander.

Although Keesler has trained officers and enlisted members in communications, computer technology, air traffic control and electronics for decades, technical training is transitioning to support the Air Force's new roles in cyberspace operations. The training is intended to bolster the unfolding organizational, technical and security demands of a network-centric Air Force operating in the cyberspace domain.

"When the Air Force's mission changed to fly, fight and win in air, space and cyberspace, we didn't have the pipeline in place to train the new skills needed to operate in the cyberspace domain," Colonel Solomon pointed out. "It's the one domain for which we didn't have an initial skills course.

"For years, we've done fundamental training in telecommunications, radar, radio, long-haul infrastructure, microwave and air traffic control systems, but now most of these things are connected at the Internet protocol (IP) level via the Internet," he remarked. "Our new cyberspace operators are going to be trained to operate looking through the lens at that IP level.

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Home sweet home for base firefighters

Top, firefighter Troy Smith fixes a cup of coffee in the kitchen of the new Keesler Fire Emergency Services Facility, while information manager Patricia Oosterhuis, left, works out on her lunch hour. A ribbon-cutting ceremony takes place at 3 p.m. Wednesday, preceded by tours starting at noon. The 50,000-square-foot facility is built to withstand 150 mph winds. It replaces a structure built in 1941 that was expanded 13 times and condemned after damage from Hurricane Katrina nearly five years ago. Story, more photos, Page 20.

Photos by Kemberly Groue

Businesses need to run 24/7 ... individuals don't

By Col. David Garrison

81st Medical Group deputy commander

During a recent airport layover waiting for my connecting flight, I again found myself browsing the magazine rack, homing in on anything of interest that would help whittle away the time. Rifling through the latest edition of Fortune Magazine, an article caught my eye. The message in the title ran counter to our military culture — the profession of arms — that every Soldier, Sailor, Marine and Airman is on duty 24/7.

The article highlighted senior partners at one of New York's top private equity firms who had recently left the firm or were seriously contemplating a departure. What more could these professionals, aged 35 to 50, have asked for ... they were at the top of their game. They had a sweet, seven-digit salary, political clout and professional prestige among Wall Street's top firms. In a nutshell, they were all missing "balance" from their lives. Spouses, kids, friends, prayer, sleep — time for things critical to human flourishing was being squeezed by longer hours at the top.

The takeaway message from the article was the need for action; not discussion or planning but pure and simple action. Whether you're the newest Airman to arrive on Keesler, the spouse of a deployed

member or the Civil Service employee who just received a 40-year pin, we all are bombarded on a daily basis by a hundred and one competing commitments. The easiest course of action is to complain about how busy, stressed and unmanageable our daily lives have become.

And I'll be the first one to admit that there have been many days that I've been disgusted with my own time management skills. I sincerely intended and even scheduled it on my daily planner to finish a report a few weeks early, carving out extra time for the gym or a phone call home to the family only to see daylight turn to darkness. Accepting and planning for the fact that we need balance in our lives is only half the equation — changing gears to set aside time for family, friends and ourselves is the hard part.

Former Air Force Surgeon General Lt. Gen. (Dr.) P.K. Carlton Jr. was known for his analogy that each uniformed service member is a "human weapon system." His rationale was simple — our technical training, combat skills preparedness, reasoning/intuitive skills and consistency of purpose made each uniformed member a lethal weapon system. Like an aircraft or missile system, we are capable of inflicting damage on our enemies.

However, just as no single aircraft or weapon system can operate 24/7 without occasionally being

"Balance in our lives is only half the equation — changing gears to set aside time for family, friends and ourselves is the hard part."

—Colonel Garrison

taken "off-line" for repairs or preventive maintenance, the same holds true for the uniformed member. If there's an expectation for us to operate at peak efficiency during contingency operations, then we must have a firm schedule for preventive maintenance. It is our individual responsibility to make time to take ourselves "off-line" at scheduled intervals in order to achieve physical/emotional and social/spiritual balance.

In the end, the stockbrokers' action plan to achieve "balance" in their personal lives was simple — either retool their exhaustive 100-hour workweek or leave the firm. Likewise, our resolve to ensure "balance" should match that level of commitment. At the end of day, the message rings clear — balance is possible only if you make it a priority in your life.

Mentorship: Our unwritten core responsibility

By Col. Don Bacon

3rd Air Force deputy commander

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — The Air Force grows its military leaders from within. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz started out as a lieutenant and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy as an airman. None of our leaders are hired directly from the corporate world into their current positions.

All Airmen need to embrace mentoring as one of our core responsibilities — the future of our service depends on it. Furthermore, Airmen will receive a great sense of satisfaction when they see the positive fruits of their investment in others.

To appreciate the impacts of the mentoring relationship, consider how one mentor had a huge impact on a junior officer and how that investment eventually shaped the outcome of World War II, the Korean War, the birth of NATO and eight years of a presidency.

Dwight Eisenhower started World War II as a lieutenant colonel and



General Eisenhower

within 3½ years was a five-star general, leading the Allied war effort in Western Europe. He later became the first commander of NATO and then sworn in as president of the United States in 1952.

What most don't know is years earlier, he was not considered competitive enough to get into the Army's Command and General Staff College, which is where the Army sent majors

with the most potential for senior leadership.

When Eisenhower was assigned to Panama, he served as the executive officer to Brig. Gen. Fox Conner. The general saw potential in Eisenhower and invested significant time mentoring him.

He had the young Eisenhower read Carl Von Clausewitz's "On War" three times and also had him study Plato, Tacitus, Nietzsche, Polybius, Xenophon and Vegetius. He quizzed him on battles Napoleon and Caesar fought, as well as on the Greek and Roman wars. He also had him study the major campaigns of the Civil War, analyzing the strengths and weakness of the leaders and their decisions. He taught him how to develop strategy, to adapt tactics to different terrain and to write effective and concise orders.

After Eisenhower was not initially selected to attend the Army's CGSC, General Conner arranged for him to be assigned to the recruiting command, where they still had quota slots available for CGSC. With this, Eisenhower was selected to attend CGSC

and he aced the program as the top graduate of his class. Following school, General Conner helped Eisenhower get a job with Gen. John Pershing, which later led to working for Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Gen. George Marshall.

General Conner had a tremendous impact on one of America's most important leaders in the 20th century. But don't let this story mislead you. You don't have to be a commander or a superintendent to be a great mentor.

I remember when I was a second lieutenant, Capt. Rick Donalson took me under his wings and helped me get a great start in the Air Force. What I didn't know was he was passed over for major and the Air Force was removing him from the service. But yet, Captain Donalson was selfless with his time and had a great impact on my early career. I admire his example.

We all have a responsibility to prepare future leaders—the quality of our future Air Force leaders depends on it. When we invest time in others, we change the world for the better.



DRAGON ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

Keesler News photojournalist

What is your biggest pet peeve?



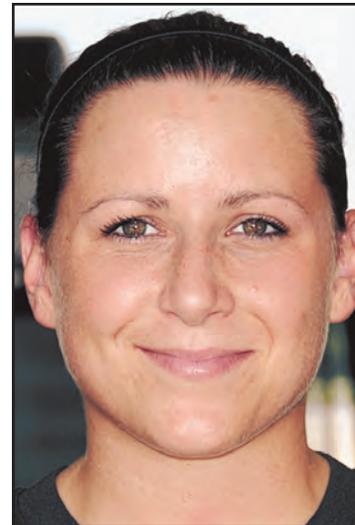
"The phrases 'not so much' and 'I was like.'"

Steve Hoffmann, 81st Training Wing contractor



"Procrastination."

Staff Sgt. Cynthia Brockes, 81st Training Wing



"Back-seat drivers."

Senior Airman Hillian Castaldi, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION



The Dark Knights placed first in open ranks and regulation drill and second place in freestyle drill to win the overall competition.

Dark Knights win drill down battle

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

After finishing in second place overall in the 81st Training Group's first two drill downs of the season, the 338th Training Squadron Dark Knights charged ahead to take top honors Friday.

The Dark Knights, last season's overall champs, took first place in open ranks and regulation drill and second place in freestyle drill to win the competition.

The 334th TRS Gators, winners of the February and April contests, came in second place overall, with a first in freestyle drill and seconds in open ranks and regulation drill.

The Mad Dogs from the 332nd TRS were third place overall, with third place finishes in open ranks and regulation drill.

The 335th Bulls came in third in freestyle drill.

Members of the Dark Knights team are Airman Basic Jordan Russell and Airmen 1st Class Mitchell Burney, Krystina Colon, Marquez Greenhill, Craig Hamilton, Matthew Hordeski, Roy Joseph, Brandon Little,



Airman Katlin Ayres is given a lift by her Gators teammates for a first place finish in the freestyle drill.

Samantha Prince, Johnny Ross, Lindsay Sallee, Vaughn Stevenson, Kyle Topasna, Zachary Tripp, Jeremy Untalan and Douglas Vares.



Photos by Adam Bond
Airman 1st Class Brett Williams tosses his rifles during the Bulls' third place freestyle performance as Airman 1st Class Danielle Leins looks on.

Mad Dogs welcome new commander today

Lt. Col. Brad Hamant turns over command of the 332nd Training Squadron to Maj. Trevor Wall, 10 a.m. today in front of Dolan Hall, followed by a reception at the Dragon's Lair.

In case of rain, the ceremony also takes place at the Dragon's Lair.

Major Wall comes to

Keesler from the Pentagon, where he's the operations officer for the Joint Staff J3 strategic operations division.

Colonel Hamant, who's led the Mad Dogs for the past two years, is headed to Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, to command Air Force ROTC Detachment 640.

Change of command planned for CNATTU next Friday

Cmdr. Cris Treharne turns over command of the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit to Cmdr. Angie Walker, 11 a.m. June 25 at Welch Auditorium, followed by a reception at Vandenberg Community Center.

Cmdr. Walker is reporting from Stennis Space Center, where she served as the deputy assistant chief of staff for operations for the Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command.

Cmdr. Treharne is headed to the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency in Reston, Va., where she'll be the deputy senior METOC officer, National System for Geospatial Intelligence.

335th Training Squadron has two academic aces



Senior Airman Angela Leonardo, left, and Staff Sgt. Christopher Gonzales graduated from technical training in the 335th Training Squadron with perfect scores. Airman Leonardo graduated from the personnel apprentice course June 8. She's a reservist assigned to the 331st Airlift Squadron, McChord Air Force Base, Wash. Sergeant Gonzales graduated from the financial management apprentice course Wednesday and returns to the 129th Rescue Wing, California Air National Guard.

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

Officials continue efforts to restore database

By Phil Berube

Air University Public Affairs

MAXWELL Air Force Base, Ala. — Officials at Air University are reporting some progress in the rebuilding of a computer system that processes a large piece of Air Force education after it crashed in mid-May.

The Course Development, Student Administration and Registrar system, or CDSAR, was designed to support professional military education, specialized courses for professional continuing education, career development courses, the Weighted Airman Promotion System and warehousing and distribution of distance learning courses for the Air Force. CDSAR was designed and built in the early 1990s.

While teams of technicians are working on the hardware and software portions of the system, others are manually updating course completion records and providing work-

around options for the multiple tasks normally handled automatically by the system before it failed May 13.

“At this time, we don’t have a firm date for a fully operational system,” said Col. Anthony Zucco, director of education logistics and communications for Air University. “However, since the system went down, we’ve been able to institute manual processes in most cases.

“For example, course completion update actions, such as the recent graduation for both Air War College and Air Command and Staff College students and the recent Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard lieutenant colonels board, were achieved,” he said. “In addition, to lessen the impact to Airmen, we’re not waiting for CDSAR to come back up. We’re implementing short-term software work-arounds to cover processes through new pro-

gramming or leveraging other Air Force capabilities.”

For students who have to take exams at testing control facilities, specialists in the Air University registrar’s office have provided guidance to staff members at these testing sites across the Air Force on how to administer the exams. All officers and enlisted members were able to resume testing as of June 9.

Registrar officials ask Airmen to contact their TCF specialists for testing updates and guidance if they are enrolled in the following courses: Squadron Officer College Course 20 and Course 28; any enlisted professional military education; CDCs; and any specialized courses. The majority of the disruption to WAPS ordering and delivery actions will be in-house inventorying, tracking and processing, said Chief Master Sgt. Brie McMillon, Air University command chief.

“WAPS program managers

at base levels are still able to request materials via a request letter as outlined in the WAPS catalog,” he said. “Airmen can contact their program managers should they have any questions or need assistance. The WAPS material will go out Air Force-wide to cycle 11E eligible personnel as normally scheduled, the only difference being that the material will be labeled and mailed ‘by hand’ versus automatically by the CDSAR system.”

A significant work-around to update personnel records was achieved recently, Colonel Zucco said.

“Working with the Air Force Personnel Center, the move of the CDSAR interface with the Military Personnel Data System to another Air University system was successful,” he said. “The nearly 3,600 transactions held in the queue when CDSAR went down can now flow to and update those military records.

“Meanwhile,” he added, “as we continue to write new software code to replace other lost processes in the CDSAR system, our priority is to continue to work with customers to ensure they establish manual work-arounds, where possible.”

Active duty, Reserve and Air National Guard officers with questions concerning their education records can e-mail their questions to the Air University registrar’s office at au.cfro@maxwell.af.mil.

Active duty, Reserve and Air National Guard enlisted servicemembers with questions concerning their education and career development course records can e-mail the Air University educational support services desk at auecampussupport@maxwell.af.mil

All Airmen — regular Air Force, Reserve and ANG — with questions about the status of their personnel records, call the Total Force Service Center, 1-800-525-0102.



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Colonel Moore discusses his patient's symptoms as Captain Freeman and Major Rippon observe. Airman Gina Brown, an aerospace medical apprentice Phase II course student, was the "patient."

1st advanced trauma life support course is conducted since Katrina

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

This month, the 81st Medical Group conducted its first advanced trauma life support course since it was suspended in August 2005 following Hurricane Katrina.

Fifteen students — physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants — participated in the three-day course June 7-9.

The training was intended to prepare students to treat traumatic injuries they could encounter while deployed.

According to Tech. Sgt. Matthew Wiese, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron and ATLS coordinator for the 81st Medical Group, "The course is governed by the American College of Surgeons. Although primarily for providers, it eventually may be audited by nurses and medical technicians."

The training fulfills readiness skills verification for providers that's required before they deploy. It also provides valuable skills to medical residents. Course certification is effective for four years.

"Being able to provide the program at Keesler alleviates the cost of sending providers on temporary duty to other locations to acquire the certification," Sergeant Wiese said.

Lt. Col. (Dr.) Valerie Pruitt, course director, remarked, "We were really excited about conducting a course at Keesler again after many years."

Students in this first session were:

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Maj. (Dr.) George Kotti, Jennifer Rippon,

Kirk Hinkley, Louis Varner and Matthew Carlson; Maj. Michael Wascher; Capt. (Dr.) Mark Burbridge and Catherine Kim; and Capt. Mark Rountree and Robert Brown, 81st Medical Operations Squadron.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Lt. Col. (Dr.) William Moore and Maj. (Dr.) Ryan McHugh and Oscar Currie.

81st AMDS — Maj. Tracy Hinote.

403rd Aeromedical Staging Squadron — Maj. (Dr.) Brian Friloux.

Course instructors were:

81st MSGS — Maj. (Dr.) Robert Cromer and Craig Kolasch and Capt. (Dr.) Andrea Blake and Theresa Freeman.

81st MDOS — Col. (Dr.) Gerald Schwartz.

81st MDG — Randy Bernhardt.

Major McHugh stated, "It's a good thing to be certified with ATLS as that is becoming a standard."

Colonel Moore said, "This was my first ATLS course ever. It provided beneficial knowledge, especially if I were to deploy. The surgery residents were excellent teachers."

"I found the training to be outstanding," Major Wascher noted. "It was excellent preparation for deployment, but the skills were also very applicable to everyday clinical practice. This was my first time taking ATLS."

Col. (Dr.) Warren Dorlac, ATLS military liaison, was on hand as an observer.

The next course is Sept. 13-15.

JAG Corps announces 2011 law school programs

Applications for the Funded Legal Education Program and Excess Leave Program are accepted Jan. 1-March 1, 2011, for active-duty officers to apply for and attend law school.

FLEP is a paid legal studies program for active-duty Air Force commissioned officers and is considered an assignment action in which participants receive full pay, allowances and tuition. Applicants must have between two and six years active-duty service (enlisted or commissioned) and must be in the pay grade O-3 or below as of the day they begin law school.

The FLEP program is subject to tuition limitations and positions may be limited due to overall funding availability. The Air Force Institute of Technology tuition limit for fiscal year 2010 was approximately \$16,000 per year.

ELP is an unpaid legal studies program for Air Force officers where participants don't receive pay and allowances, but remain on active duty for retirement eligibility and benefits purposes. Applicants must have two to



10 years of active duty service and must be captains or below on the first day of law school.

Air Force JAGs do more than just provide legal assistance. In addition to prosecuting and defending clients brought before courts-martial, JAG officers routinely participate in nearly every facet of the Air Force mission including developing and acquiring weapons systems, ensuring availability of airspace and ranges where those

systems are tested and operated, consulting with commanders about how those systems are employed in armed conflict, and assisting commanders in the day-to-day running of military installations around the world.

Both the FLEP and ELP programs require attendance at an American Bar Association accredited law school. Upon graduation and admission to practice law in the highest court of any state, territory of the United States, or

a federal court, candidates are eligible for designation as judge advocates.

To be considered, applicants must complete all application forms, applied to at least one ABA accredited law school (acceptance isn't required at the time of application), received their Law School Admissions Test results, and completed a Staff Judge Advocate interview by Feb. 15, 2011. Officers must also provide a letter of conditional release from their current career field. Selection for both programs is competitive.

Applications go before a selection board in early March 2011, and selections are made based on a review of the application package using a whole person concept.

Visit www.airforce.com/jag for application materials. For more information on the programs, read Air Force Instruction 51-101, Judge Advocate Accession Program, Chapters 2 and 3 or contact Capt. Laura DeSio, Headquarters Air Force Judge Advocate Office, 1-800-524-8723.



**Make summer time
your safety time.
Be careful and alert
during work, play and travel.**

UBU house party

A UBU house party for nonprior service students 8 p.m. June 25 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.

Services scholarship

July 1 is the deadline to apply for the Air Force Services Agency's 15th annual Air Force Club Membership Scholarship Program.

Current Air Force club members in good standing and their family members are eligible to win one of 25 \$1,000 scholarships.

Participants must provide proof of having been accepted or currently enrolled in an accredited college or university for entry this fall.

To enter, write and submit an essay of 500 words or less on with the topic: "What Does it Mean to be a Member of the Air Force Family?"

For entry forms, eligibility requirements and essay guidelines, visit the Katrina Kantina or log on to www.afclubs.net.

Submit essay packages to Glenn Jones, 505 C Street, Room 5423, Locker House, Building 3101.

Drill downs, parades

Drill downs — 8 a.m. Aug. 20 and Oct. 15.

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

For more information on drill downs, call Tech. Sgt. Julie Hammond, 377-2103. For information on parades, call Staff Sgt. Gregory Washington, 377-2789.

Commissioning briefings

Commissioning briefings are 10 a.m. Tuesdays in Room 224, Sablich Center.

DANTES procedures

The Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support won't fund re-testing on a previously funded exam title for the College Level Examination Program, DANTES Subject Standardized Tests and Excelsior College Examinations.

As a result, service members taking these exams who don't receive a passing score must be informed they won't be allowed to retest as a DANTES-funded candidate on a previously funded exam of the same title. However, they may personally pay for a retest after waiting the requisite period of time.

This includes spouses and Civil Service personnel of Reserve components and Coast Guard.

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

NEWS AND FEATURES

Council tackles retiree concerns

Air Force News Service

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The Air Force Retiree Council held its annual meeting last month to review topics such as pay and benefits, medical care, and base-level retiree activities and support.

Retired Lt. Gen. Steven Polk and retired Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray currently serve as council co-chairmen. They lead council members representing 15 geographical areas worldwide.

The Air Force Retiree Council is “a safety net for those of us who currently serve,” said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz.

The general visited this year’s meeting and praised the council for serving as a link between him and the Air Force’s retired community.

“Although they no longer wear the uniform, Air Force retirees still represent the service,” General Schwartz said.

“The retiree community is an extension of the active-duty Air Force,” said retired Col. Thomas Adams of the Keesler Retiree Affairs Office.

“When the community views an Air Force retiree, it sees the mark of the Air Force, and it sees the training and experiences of Air Force careers embodied in men and women who served their country and now serve their community.” Mr. Adams said. “The retiree represents the best advertising and recruiting tool of the Air Force.”

Area representatives provide oversight and guidance to 109 retiree activities offices worldwide. Most RAOs are located on Air Force installations, and all staff members are volunteers. The area representatives work with their RAO directors to provide topics for each year’s annual meeting based on what they glean from their respective retiree population.

The group heard from senior leaders about current war operations, plus plans for the future of the Air Force’s members, weapons and mission.

“This was, by far, the best council meeting I have attended,” said retired Chief Master Sgt. Burton Clyde, who represents Arizona and New Mexico. “The support of our active-duty leaders for retirees was evident by the appearance of senior staff and others.”

The council also heard from representatives of Tricare, Delta Dental, Veterans Affairs, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, and the Military Coalition. AFPC briefers covered topics such as the Air Force Wounded Warrior Program, combat-related special compensation, identification cards, and current and future staffing challenges. The council toured the Center for the Intrepid, which provides rehabilitation for wounded warriors, and attended a basic military training graduation at nearby Lackland Air Force Base.

The council co-chairmen will meet with General Schwartz later this year to discuss the council’s findings and other matters related to

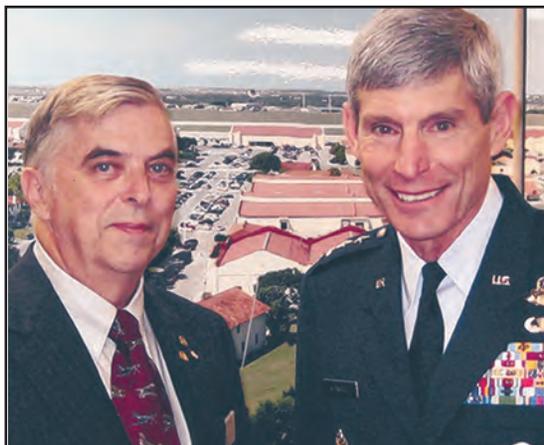


Photo by Roger Winburg

Mr. Adams and General Schwartz

Adams provides base with key representation

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

In 2007, retired Col. Tom Adams began a four-year appointment as Area IX representative to the Air Force Retiree Council. Before his appointment, Mr. Adams served as deputy director of the Keesler Retiree Activities Office and was editor of the Keesler retiree and annuitant newsletter mailed to more than 13,000 recipients.

While on active duty at Keesler, he served as pharmacy flight commander (1995-96), 81st Medical Support commander (1997) and the first commander of the 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron (1997-99).

“My service at the Keesler RAO prepared me to effectively serve retirees and annuitants in Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, and Louisiana,” he pointed out. “RAOs provide vital services to retirees and annuitants. All Air Force bases are required to have an RAO, and the Keesler office in the Sablich Center is second to none. No base in Area IX does more to support its RAO than Keesler.”

the Air Force retirement community.

General Schwartz believes when people talk about today’s Air Force as a whole, they must include its retirees, family members and survivors.

“Everyone is valued, and that includes our alumni,” General Schwartz said.

He lauded the Air Force retirees who volunteer hundreds of thousands of hours at bases worldwide, saving millions of dollars.

IN THE NEWS

4 Airmen die in helicopter crash

Four Airmen died June 9 in a helicopter crash near Forward Operating Base Jackson, Afghanistan.

Killed were Staff Sgt. Michael Flores, 31, of San Antonio, Texas, and Senior Airman Benjamin White, 24, of Erwin, Tenn., assigned to the 48th Rescue Squadron, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.; 1st Lt. Joel C. Gentz, 25, of Grass Lake, Mich., assigned to the 58th RQS, Nellis AFB, Nev., and Staff Sgt. David Smith, 26, of Eight Mile, Ala., assigned to the 66th Rescue Squadron, Nellis.

Hazardous waste turn-in day today

A free household hazardous waste and personal electronics turn-in day is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at the recycling center.

For more information, call 377-3004.

81st MSGS welcomes new leader

Col. (Dr.) Joseph Giovannini assumes command of the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron from Col. (Dr.) Bartlett Hayes, 3 p.m. today in the 81st Medical Group Hospital’s Don Wylie Auditorium.

Colonel Giovannini comes to Keesler from Travis Air Force Base, Calif., where he commanded the 60th Surgical Operations Squadron surgical specialties flight since August 2005. He’s served as an emergency services physician, staff ophthalmologist and ophthalmology element chief.

Colonel Hayes, also an ophthalmologist, has led the 81st MSGS since July 2007. He and his family are relocating to Houston where the colonel will complete an Air Force Institute of Technology-approved two-year fellowship in retina and uveitis surgery.

81st MSG change of command

Col. Jeffrey Jackson relinquishes command of the 81st Mission Support Group to Col. Rodney Berk, 9 a.m. June 24 at the Dragon’s Lair.

Colonel Jackson, who’s commanded the 81st MSG for the past two years, is retiring with more than 25 years of military service.

Col. Berk comes to Keesler from U.S. Pacific Command, where he served as comptroller. Previously he was the chief of the budget division for the comptroller directorate at Air Combat Command. He’s held a variety of financial management and command positions at wing, major command and Air Force headquarters levels.

Air Force public relations award

Air Force News Service

The Air Force was selected from 134 entries to receive the “Best of Silver Anvil” award from the Public Relations Society of America for a video about coordinating media coverage of the return of the remains of service members killed in combat to American soil.

No Keesler News July 8

The Keesler News won’t be published July 8.

Under contract, 4th of July week is one of the three weeks a year a paper isn’t published.

Cyber training,

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“In addition, we’re not just teaching point A to point B communications connectivity,” Colonel Solomon continued. “We’re teaching our operators how to connect the dots for operational effect, a fundamental change in how we’ve conducted our training in the past.”

The new course provides initial training for 17DX cyber operations officers, a career field that replaces 33SX communications officers. The course is intended to provide a foundation on which officers can build their skill sets.

Graduates will have the fundamental training to establish, secure, operate, assess and actively defend seven types of networks including command and control systems, IP, telephony, satellite and mobile telecommunications.

“What we’ll be producing for the Air Force coming right out of initial skills training is an officer that is a full-up loaded round who can actually fly, fight and win in cyberspace,” Colonel Solomon commented. “In the past, there have been training gaps because of the evolving nature of cyberspace, a manmade domain that’s changing all the time.”

Because of the fluid nature of that domain, the colonel said it’s essential to keep pace with changes in cyberspace technology, tactics, techniques and procedures.

“We’ve built into the program the capability to update course material as the technology changes,” Colonel Solomon emphasized. “We must ensure that we stay relevant and keep pace with the threats that are out there. The only way to do that is to incorporate changes as quickly as possible within the course curriculum standards.”

The first class is expected to have 16 students. Up to 400 military members, civilians and international students are expected to complete the course annually.

“Every ‘17 Delta’ active-duty officer that

comes through the schoolhouse will (make a permanent change of station) and be here for six months,” Colonel Solomon said. “The first phase of the course is at the unclassified level, where students earn their Security + certification which is a commercial standard in industry.”

International students leave the course at the halfway point due to security clearance requirements for the second half of the course.

“In the second half of the course, students get into the ‘meat and potatoes’ of what it means to fly, fight and win in cyberspace at the IP level,” Colonel Solomon said. “They’ll do a lot of training on networking fundamentals and a variety of simulators. For example, in one exercise, two blue team students will be defending an installation’s cyberspace while two red team students will be trying to penetrate the network boundaries and security.”

Officers who complete the course will initially follow one of two career tracks.

A-Shred officers, about 15 percent of the class, will head to the 39th Information Operations Squadron at Hurlburt Field, Fla., for intermediate network warfare training, followed by mission qualification training and crew mission-ready training, usually at their assigned base.

B-Shred officers will move on to more mainstream communication officer duties involving telecommunications infrastructure, installation and operations, base communications and network operations. They’ll complete required qualification training at their assigned bases.

“We didn’t develop this course in a vacuum — we had strong partnerships with the career fields managers, Air Education and Training Command representatives, other Department of Defense agencies, industry and academia to develop the most comprehensive and relevant course we can offer,” Colonel Solomon stressed.

“Nobody in the world can contest our Air Force in the air and space domains — we dominate them,” he added. “We also need to dominate cyberspace. It all starts right here at Keesler.”

Voluntary separation pay for officers — date to apply extended, multiplier reduced

AFPC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas —The application period for eligible officers to apply for voluntary separation pay is extended through July 31, but the multiplier is lowered to 1½ times the authorized separation pay effective July 1.

“Unlike the past, we will not increase the multiplier; therefore, we highly encourage (reduction-in-force) eligible officers to act before June 30 to take advantage of the current rate,” said Col. Joan Garbutt,

director of force management policy at the Pentagon. “For the extended VSP window beginning July 1, the separation pay multiplier will be reduced to 1½ times the separation pay.”

Eligible officers include those in the year groups 1998, 1999, 2002, 2003 and 2004, in the grades of major and below with more than six and less than 14 years of commissioned service in the core Air Force specialties 13S, 15W, 21A, 17D, 38F, 61B, 61C, 65F and 52R, except for Catholic chaplains.

Officers approved for VSP receive a lump sum payment. The amount calculated by officials from their servicing finance office is subject to federal and state income taxes upon their date of separation.

To date, more than 240 eligible officers have been approved for voluntary separation under the force management program.

For more information, visit the AFPC personnel services Web site or call the Total Force Service Center, 1-800-525-0102.

Third date of separation rollback announced

Air Force News Service

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Air Force officials announced June 8 plans for a third enlisted date of separation rollback with a mandatory DOS of Aug. 31, 2010. This program is part of an overall effort by the Air Force to maintain a quality enlisted force and meet the congressionally mandated end strength.

Under the third DOS rollback, Airmen with fewer than 14, or more than 20 years of service must separate no later than Aug. 31, or retire no later than Sept. 1 if they possess a code preventing their re-enlistment.

Airmen separated or retired under the DOS rollback are authorized transition assistance benefits that include 180 days of extended medical care for themselves and their families, and an ID card permitting base commissary and exchange privileges for two years.

Those separated with more than six years, but less than 20 years total active service are eligible for one-half the amount of separation pay, but they must sign an Individual Ready Reserve agreement to serve for a minimum three years. Those declining to serve in the IRR will be ineligible for separation pay.

Air Force officials will not recoup unearned portions of education assistance funds, special pay, bonuses or other monetary incentives under the DOS Rollback Program.

Additionally, most Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits will not be impacted; however,

the transferability of benefits to dependents may be affected. Airmen should consult their local education centers or the VA concerning transferability.

Airmen with more than 20 years of service who are affected by the DOS rollback must request a retirement date via the Virtual Military Personnel Flight.

Air Force officials said the third enlisted DOS rollback will allow leaders to manage the force and strategically balance skills and abilities in the midst of a 15-year high for retention.

In November, officials announced plans to conduct an April 30 DOS rollback for enlisted members. A second rollback was announced in March with a mandatory DOS rollback of June 30. The third rollback will also accelerate the date of separation for Airmen, based on their years of service and re-enlistment eligibility or assignment availability codes.

As with the June 30 rollback, commanders are allowed to conduct early consideration under the Selective Re-enlistment Program for Airmen who possess select re-enlistment codes and meet the rollback program criteria, Air Force Personnel Officials said. Any personnel-related actions by commanders must be accomplished before June 24, when the roster of affected Airmen will be pulled by members of the AFPC separations branch.

For more information, visit the AFPC personnel services Web site and enter "DOS rollback" in the search engine or call the Total Force Service Center, 1-800-525-0102.

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at <http://www.keesler.af.mil>**

PERSONNEL NOTES

Technical sergeant promotion list

The technical sergeant promotion list is released today.

The list of those selected for promotion will appear in the June 24 Keesler News.

Gathering for female veterans

Airman and family readiness center

A gathering to provide information and communication for female veterans is 7-11 a.m. July 27 in Sablich Center Room 108B.

The event is hosted by the Women Veterans Program of the Gulf Coast Veterans Administration.

To register, call 376-8728.

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 non-training 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.

Finance call center

81st Comptroller Squadron

The financial services flight has established a call center, 376-8225, that's manned during regular customer services hours.

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

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.

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>

Virtual finance

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

Resources for supervisors

A virtual site for emerging leaders, supervisors and leadership is available to assist supervisors in effectively carrying out their duties.

The Supervisor Resource Center provides easy access to information on mandatory supervisor training, books, exercises, discussion forums, self development, continuous learning and more.

The SRC link, <https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/CoP/SRCCoP.asp?Filter=OO-DP-MC-15>, incorporates existing Air Force tools in one location.

For more information, call 376-8161/8154.

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'Virtual Finance' enhances online resources

By Darryl Brooks

Air Force Accounting and Finance Office

When the 'Money – Finance Central' page on the Air Force Portal was overhauled in March, it was renamed 'Money – Welcome to Virtual Finance!' under the 'Life and Career' tab.

Virtual Finance offers an online launching point for customers that brings together information and transaction resources. In many cases, the information provided or the available forms eliminates the need for a trip to the base finance office.

Virtual Finance utilizes well known applications such as myPay and Defense Travel System and introduces the newer eFinance Workspace application to a larger audience. In many cases, these applications combine to provide more electronic document processing. In other cases, they assist you with creating documents that are manually processed. Greater accessibility and convenience is the goal.

On the landing page, the 'Welcome' tab provides information about virtual Finance, while the 'Navigation' tab provides a quick tutorial. Other tabs provide quick links to a variety of resources.

The 'Take Me To...' tab links to 11 widely-recognized applications. The 'Rates and References' tab provides links to information such as current per diem rates and pay tables. The 'Tools' tab links to a variety of financial tools, including calculators to



estimate reimbursement for temporary lodging expenses or allowances.

Additional tools include calculators to estimate your reimbursement for domestic permanent change-of-station travel, calculate deployment entitlements, estimate leave dates in conjunction with separation and determine reimbursement when leave is sold upon reenlistment or separation.

The left navigation menu offers event-oriented options to complete many transactions. For example,

if you need to submit a temporary travel voucher, process an allotment change or even complete a military PCS voucher, you'll find a menu item to accomplish it. If you need to request advance military pay for PCS travel or request a change to your number of dependents for the cost of living allowance, there's a menu item pointing to the subject.

The left menu also links the user to the Top 180 frequently asked questions with answers to many common financial questions.

Enhancing online capabilities familiarizes users with how services will be delivered in the future when the Air Force Financial Services Center's Contact Center opens at Ellsworth Air Force Base, SD. These online capabilities and enhancements are the initial part of the Air Force's 'Click, Call, Walk' vision for providing financial services. 'Click' refers to providing the vast majority of services using online and Web resources.

The 'Call' and 'Walk' service channels will be used for higher level service or issues which cannot be resolved via the 'Click' channel.

Soon, Virtual Finance enhancements will include the addition of nearly 800 FAQs and more than 100 Instant Advice pages. Instant Advice pages provide instant summaries of information on selected topics as well as links to related FAQs and transaction systems.

Users are encouraged to use the 'Email Us' link to provide content managers with feedback on the page.

Wounded warrior brings message to Keesler

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

More than 4½ years and 120 surgeries after an explosion in Afghanistan burned more than 80 percent of his body, Tech. Sgt. Israel Del Toro brought his story of determination, commitment and hope to Team Keesler June 10.

Beating the odds

Sergeant Del Toro spent three months in a coma after injuries he sustained in Afghanistan and was given less than a 20 percent chance of survival. He beat those odds after months of surgeries, skin grafts, grueling physical therapy and rehabilitation.

After fighting for more than four years to remain in the Air Force, he reenlisted four months ago and now serves as a tactical air control party instructor and recruiter at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Raised in Chicago, Sergeant Del Toro recalled that he was 22 when a TV commercial, a pretty recruiter and advice from friends influenced him to join the Air Force.

He was going to be a pararescue jumper, but a tactical air control party recruiter steered him to that career. TACP operators control the air power in support of the ground forces commander.

Doing 'cool stuff'

"Dropping bombs, jumping out of planes, cool stuff like that ... that was right up my alley," Sergeant Del Toro recalled.

After technical training at Hurlburt Field, Fla., he was one of the three top graduates in his class and was chosen to go to jump school and survival school.

He was at his first base, Pope AFB, N.C., for six years, becoming a jump master and completing Army air assault training. He made senior airman below the zone and qualified as a joint terminal attack controller in less than three years.

His first deployment was



Photo by Adam Bond

Sergeant Del Toro speaks to combat control trainees in the 334th Training Squadron June 10.

to Bosnia, where he served with special forces from Fort Bragg, N.C. He returned in June 2001.

Getting the call

"The 9/11 attacks happened just a few months later and all my guys got the call," Sergeant Del Toro recalled. "Since I had just gotten back, a lot of the guys went before me. I was jealous — I wanted to get out there to do my job. In our career field, if there's no war, you're just working on training, but I knew my time would come and in January 2003, I was in Iraq."

Sergeant Del Toro was in Fallujah when he was called home for the funeral of one of the troops he had trained who was killed in Afghanistan.

"Airman Lozano was our first TACP to be killed since Vietnam," he recalled. "A lot of us TACPs pride ourselves on being big, tough, showing no emotion, but when I had to bury that young troop, it was one of the toughest things I've ever had to do."

After returning from deployment, he married and had a son. When he got orders to Osan Air Base, Korea, it was the first time he wasn't stationed with the Army.

"My mentality toward the Air Force changed," he said. "I realized that everyone had an important job to do."

Next stop for Sergeant Del Toro and his family was his dream assignment in Vicenza, Italy. But he soon learned that he'd be deploying in six months for eight months to a year. He stalled about telling his wife, Carmen.

"She was upset and wanted me to promise that I'd get out of the Air Force when I returned so I could be a dad to our son," he commented.

Fighting in Afghanistan

When he deployed to Afghanistan, he supported more than 20 missions before he was hurt.

"When you're deployed out there with Army, Navy, Marines, you're teammates," he emphasized. "You take care of each other. We're all brothers — we're all U.S. service members."

Dec. 4, 2005, he was the joint terminal attack controller on a mission with Soldiers of the 2nd Battalion of the 503rd Infantry Regiment. The team was investigating intelligence that the Taliban, including a high-value target, was using a supply route in the nearby mountains.

Driving back down the mountain, the lead vehicle in which Sergeant Del Toro was riding was crossing a creek when it was hit by an improvised explosive device.

"I felt an intense heat blast

on my left side," he remembered. "I thought, 'Holy crap! I just got hit!'"

Life flashes by

"People talk about your life passing in front of you ... all these things started running through my head ... we're supposed to have a church wedding, we're supposed to go to Greece, we're supposed to travel, I'm supposed to teach my little boy to play ball ... then something just clicked and I had to get out of that truck."

On fire from head to toe, he knew the creek was behind him, but the flames overtook him and he collapsed.

"I was thinking I'll never see my wife again — I'll never see my son again — I broke my promise that I was always going to come home," he said. "My LT said, 'DT, you're not going to die here.' He threw some dirt on the flames, helped me up and we both jumped into the creek."

"The sound I heard was like when you put a big hot skillet into cold water," he remembered. "It's weird — I really didn't feel anything. Maybe my adrenaline was just all up. I didn't feel pain until my body had time to relax. When I was laying there having trouble breathing, that's when it really hurt."

"I knew I still had a job to

Whirlwind visit

While at Keesler, Tech. Sgt. Israel Del Toro met with Brig. Gen. Ian Dickinson, 81st Training Wing commander.

Then he spoke to two audiences of nonprior service students, a combat controller class, Airman Leadership School and Mathies NCO Academy students and 81st Medical Group personnel.

NCO Academy Class 10-5 presented Sergeant Del Toro \$500 for the Air Force Wounded Warrior Program.

do," he continued. "I knew my guys needed close air support. My medic was trying to take care of me and I told him, 'Leave me alone ... my guys need my help.' Our radios were destroyed; our backup radios were destroyed."

Sergeant Del Toro emphasized the importance of the "thick and boring" standard operating instructions members receive when they deploy.

Job still to do

"There's a lot of useful info in there," he pointed out. "Thank God I had a great NCO that made me read them and quizzed me. Because I had a boss that made me learn that stuff, I knew what to do. I told a private, 'Get on this frequency, say these words, to get CAS in here.'"

It took about 20 minutes for help to arrive, and by that time, Sergeant Del Toro said his body was shutting down.

"All the guys know if you fall asleep out there, you might not wake up again," he explained. "They knew I lost my dad when I was a kid and I didn't want that to happen to my son. The medic kept saying, 'You've got to stay awake, you've got to fight for your boy.' It worked ... it kept me up."

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When the medevac came, Sergeant Del Toro said, "I remember the flight, I remember landing, I remember the doc saying it was going to be OK. That was in December of '05 — I woke up in March of '06. For four months I had no idea what happened."

He arrived at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio Dec. 7. His wife was told he only had a 15 to 20 percent of survival, he'd probably never walk again, and if he survived, he'd probably be on a respirator the rest of his life.

"When I was in the hospital, I was supposed to die three times, and all three times, my Air Force family was there for my wife," Sergeant Del Toro said. "My wife told them, 'Trust me — my husband is going to survive. He's too damn stubborn to die.'"

When Sergeant Del Toro awoke, he thought he was still in Afghanistan. The medical team told him where he was and what his prognosis was.

Scarred lungs, atrophied muscles

"I couldn't talk because I had a (tracheotomy) and I couldn't move because all my muscles had atrophied," he noted. "I went from 200 pounds to 115, not even able to lift my arms. My lungs were like someone's who had smoked for 60 or 70 years — my inhalation burns were worse than my other burns."

Sergeant Del Toro said that learning how to walk again was one of the most painful things he's ever had to do.

"Physical therapy was 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.," he said. "Being a burn patient, they had to stretch my skin out. My fingers were so hypersensitive that if you ran a feather across them, it felt like you were cutting me with knives."

All through his therapy, Sergeant Del Toro said he never wished he had died until the first time he saw his disfigured face.

"When you're severely burned, they hide the mirrors," he told the audience. "This isn't the face I woke up to — this is after more than 120 surgeries. I had no lips, my eyelids were gone, my ears were gone, my nose was gone."

Face unveiled

One day as his wife and therapist helped him to the bathroom, Sergeant Del Toro slipped and the towel covering the mirror fell and he saw his face for the first time.

"I went down — I said I should have died," he recalled. "I cried, 'Why did you let me live? You should have pulled the plug.' It wasn't vanity — if I thought I looked like a monster, what was my 3-year-old going to think? No parent would want their child to see something like that."

"I was bawling my head off, my wife was crying and my therapist, my guardian angel, said, 'DT, don't quit. You don't know how many people you've inspired.'"

"I knew I didn't want my son to ask why his dad was just sitting in a chair looking out the window hating life," he stressed.

The first time Sergeant Del Toro saw his son, little Israel Jr. started running toward him, stopped, looked and ran up to give him a hug.

"It was the greatest feeling I ever had," he admit-

Keesler team provides wounded warrior support

Wounded Warrior support service contacts:

Active duty wounded warrior care coordinator — Donna Anderson, 376-3068

Recovery care coordinator — Daniel Ransom, 376-3076

Airman and family readiness center — works with wounded warriors and their extended families by providing a thorough analysis of opportunities and benefits available to medically-retired and medically-separated combat veterans, 376-8500

Transition service officer — Naomi Kraima, 376-8518

Referral management center — 376-0490

Health benefits adviser — 376-4752

Army liaison — Staff Sgt. Erick Majano, 376-5112



ted. "My wife said, 'Don't hurt your dad,' and I said, 'Shut up, woman, let my boy hug me!'"

"Don't get me wrong — I'm never going to say I haven't had a bad day," he remarked. "One day I was in my room feeling sorry for myself, and there was this guy, Kevin, in a wheelchair who had lost both of his legs and his left arm, his fiancée had left him and he had no family. He was always out in the hallway, laughing with the nurses. If that dude can do it, so much worse off than I am, I can do it too."

"I still go back to visit and tell those guys, 'I've been there — I know what you're going through; you can do it,'" he added.

His wife was once determined that he should leave the military, but now she understands why he loves the Air Force.

Teammates were there

"Every day I was in the hospital, my teammates were there ... from Korea, Alaska, Europe, Japan, Italy, from all parts of the country," Sergeant Del Toro pointed out. "If you ask my wife now, 'Will you ever ask DT to get out?' she'll tell you, 'Never again.'"

Although his life and his career have changed dramatically since he was injured, it's obvious that Sergeant Del Toro still has a warrior's heart and spirit.

"I don't type as fast as I used to," he said. "I may not be able to do all the PT I want to do. I still work out and I have prosthetics to help me with some things. I still live an active life. I go out, I hang out with my friends, I play sports, I run 5Ks, I do charity work."

After a four-year fight to remain in the Air Force, Sergeant Del Toro explained, "As an NCO, I miss my team — I miss being on the operations side. People ask me if I'd do it again and I say, 'Hell yes!'"

"My mind is still there — I can be an instructor and a recruiter. I'm sure some people wonder if I'm the first person the Air Force wants recruits to see. You can look at me and see the danger that's in my career field.

"If an Airman looks me straight in the eye and says,



Air Force photo

The Del Toro family in December 2006. Last August, the couple finally had the church wedding of their dreams in Joliet, Ill.

"Sergeant, I was to be a TACP, that's the Airman I want. When the s—t hits the fan, he's not going to freak out — he'll know what he's going into."

Sergeant Del Toro considers service members with combat injuries to be his teammates now.

"I fight for them — if I see something messed up, I'll bring it up," he stressed. "The Air Force claims it's the best at taking care of its troops and it's true. I've pretty much been the prototype for the Air Force's policies on its wounded members. I've been out there fighting for change. I may not see the benefits, but as an NCO, my guys behind me will."

"The Air Force is a family — we take care of our own. That's what a good wingman does."

News tips? Call the Keesler News, 377-4130, or e-mail keeslernews@us.af.mil



New program to eliminate sexual assault being launched

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

A new program piloted at Keesler 17 months ago that's intended to eliminate sexual assault is now being launched across the Air Force.

"Bystander intervention training is intended to assist in changing cultural norms to recognize situations where sexual assaults may occur and provide intervention strategies to give Airmen the tools needed to help," said Barry Newman of Keesler's sexual assault prevention and response office.

"Now bystander intervention training will be provided in lieu of annual sexual assault prevention and response training."

The training teaches who the bystander is, why it is important to get involved and how to intervene to prevent sexual assaults.

One goal of the training, which is closely aligned with the wingman concept, is to convey the importance of bystander intervention training in relation to the Air Force's core values and how it



can help in instances of sexual inappropriateness or sexual aggression,

Training is mandatory for all military members, including Guard and Reserve, and civilians who supervise military members.

The one-time training event must be completed before June 30, 2012. Training is for permanent party members, not for students in pipeline training status.

Bystander intervention training kicks off at Keesler this week with modules for Keesler leaders. One session took place Monday and another is planned for this morning.

This leaders' module is intended for squadron com-

manders and their deputies, chiefs and first sergeants; group commanders, their deputies and superintendents; and wing commanders and vice commanders, command chief, director of staff and O-6 and civilian equivalent wing staff agency directors.

"The training itself is very interactive and relies on trained facilitators to guide the discussions," Mr. Newman said. "We've worked with the

81st Mission Support Group to develop a share point site for people to see scheduled training dates and sign up to satisfy the ancillary training requirement."

The site is keesler.eis.aetc.af.mil/81TRW/SARC/default.aspx.

"We're excited about finally implementing this training that was piloted here almost two years ago," Mr. Newman pointed out. "The Air Force's approach to com-

bating sexual assault is unparalleled. It's the only organization that I'm aware of that has developed a module geared specifically to leaders.

Research has shown that by dividing participants by sex, a more open dialogue can be achieved among the participants and that can help change behaviors and attitudes."

For information, call the sexual assault prevention and response office, 377-7278.

Self-defense classes offered at Dragon

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Two free self-defense courses are offered at Dragon Fitness Center next week by the sexual assault prevention and response office.

Monday — 8-11 a.m., "Target Hardening" for women. This comprehensive training program on the dynamics of sexual assault incorporates several martial arts disciplines to offer women self-defense options specifically designed for close-in, acquaintance-type situations. The training addresses the topic of sexual assault through the predator-prey paradigm, how people respond to a traumatic situ-

ation, bystander intervention issues and self-defense responses.

Wednesday — 8-11 a.m., "Targeted Intervention" for men. This program explores how people respond to a traumatic situation, bystander intervention issues unique to the sexual assault venue, the impact of alcohol on intervention, soft vs. hard target and self-defense responses from getting yourself and/or friends out of a potentially bad situation to severe attacks. The curriculum is delivered by the use of three perspectives: telling, showing and doing. Each class is limited to 20 participants.

To register, call 377-8635.

New base fire station is larger, stronger, safer

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News Editor

Nearly 70 years after Keesler's original fire station was built, the base unveils its new fire emergency services facility Wednesday.

From noon to 3 p.m., visitors may tour the new structure, followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony, according to Gary Pierson, deputy fire chief.

Thirteen additions were made to the former building since 1941, according to Fire Chief J.D. Donnett.

"The old station was built to withstand Category 2 hurricanes, but it was able to withstand many stronger storms, including Hurricane Camille, a Category 5 storm, back in 1969," Chief Donnett said.

"Then Hurricane Katrina came along almost five years ago, which caused the building to be condemned. During Katrina, with 32 firefighters in the station, we lost five roofs to decking and the hose tower roof came completely off."

The new station's windows, doors and roof are built to withstand 150 mph winds.

"The old station was too small and lacked many safety features required by the Department of Defense and National Fire Prevention Association for a modern crash fire rescue facility," he added.

The chief pointed out that the new station, with a \$20 million price tag for construction and furnishings, serves more than 80 firefighters daily.

The 81st Training Wing usually has from 50 to 60 firefighters assigned at any one time, and the 30 firefighters from the 403rd Wing occupy their office in the station one weekend a month.

The new structure features 50,000 square feet of space under roof, with 16 truck bays, a self-contained breathing apparatus room, fire extinguisher maintenance room, mobility storage, two large training rooms, day rooms, a kitchen and dining area, an exercise room and several offices.

The 25 bunk rooms each accommodate two firefighters.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

The new fire station features 50,000 square feet under roof and is built to withstand 150 mph winds. Its upgraded safety features meet current DOD and National Fire Prevention Association standards.

"In 25 years of service with DOD and civilian fire departments, I've never seen a finer facility for 'fire dawgs.'"

— Chief Donnett

Keesler's new \$1 million hardened fire control/911 center contains backup generators, security systems, advanced fire control systems, infectious disease control areas for contaminated gear, and sep-

arate locker rooms for personal belongings and personal protective equipment locker.

"In 25 years of service with DOD and civilian fire departments, I've never seen a finer facility for 'fire dawgs,'" Chief Donnett pointed out. "This is my fifth new fire station in 25 years in the U.S. and overseas — the attention to detail, hardening, and quality of life features surpass anything I've encountered in my career.

"The men and women of the wing's fire emergency services flight are truly grateful to DOD, Air Force and Keesler leadership and all involved in providing the FES with this new home," he continued. "All Keesler firefighters, including chiefs, spend 60-72 hours a week at work in the fire station, so a quality home-away-from-home is the goal.

"We're manned 24/7/365 and we're double-staffed during hurricanes and other emergencies, so the added space is a huge plus."



The new station features 16 spacious truck bays.



Staff Sgt. Kyle Pourcia, noncommissioned officer in charge of the fire emergency services flight, makes weather announcements in the fire control center.

Base construction sites
are off-limits
without authorization.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Airman Basic Alan Tomaszycy, a electronic principles student in the 332nd Training Squadron, solders a wire to a terminal post connection as videographer Julio Quintana moves in for a closeup shot June 10 in Dolan Hall during a commercial shoot by GSD&M from Austin, Texas. The video team spent four days at Keesler last week to film footage for the Air Force Recruiting Service. The final product will include footage from Keesler and other training bases to refresh portions of the recruiting service's national Web site at airforce.com.



Lights ... camera ... action!

Creative director Tom Gilmore, left, interviews Airman 1st Class Christopher Melchor, a student in the 332nd TRS electronic principles course, as classmates in the background prepare work stations for troubleshooting faulty wire connections in Dolan Hall June 8. The project is intended to highlight various lifestyle aspects at Keesler. The shoot focused on interviews with members of Team Keesler, especially students, and highlighted base facilities.

Cancer survivor remains positive and ready to fly again

By Capt. Joseph Knable

19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

LITTLE ROCK Air Force Base, Ark. — One year ago, Senior Airman Brian Petras was flying C-130 Hercules missions around the world. In less than a year, the flight engineer was diagnosed with cancer, underwent extensive surgery, recuperated, returned to all duties except actually flying in the plane and passed his physical fitness test with no score adjustments.

And he passed with just one foot.

At just 24 years old, Airman Petras is a Bloomsbury, N.J., native with 700 deployed flying hours from two deployments, and he's a cancer survivor.

Last summer, after icing his sore foot for a month and seeing no improvement, he went to the doctor.

"It started out as kind of like a lump on my foot," he said, "like a swelling and I just thought it was sprained muscle or something."

After a month and a half of tests and treatments, "the doctors, they told me 'this is a malignant tumor and we're going to have to amputate your foot'," Airman Petras said.

"I was shocked," he continued, "But since I found out about it and I knew it was definitely going to happen, I just decided I could either stay positive or feel sorry for myself. I've just been trying to go on as normal as possible."

Before his surgery, Airman Petras was an active 23-year-old who enjoyed biking, running and snowboarding. Now, after his surgery, he enjoys all of the same things he did before and is even more active.

He recently rode his bicycle 350 miles across Texas in six days, and later this month he will begin a two-month, 4,000-mile coast-to-coast bike ride from San Francisco to Virginia. The trip, organized by World Team Sports, is called "The Face of America: Sea to Shining Sea Ride." Airman Petras will join about five to six injured service members from each of the military branches, along with a few civilians, to raise money for charities.

Returning to flying was a major factor that motivated Airman Petras to recover and return to work so quickly.

"I just enjoy flying," he said, "I

can't stand sitting around. I like traveling. I like just being on the flight and I like the challenge of it.

"As of right now, I'm 95 percent back to normal; there's really not much holding me back," Airman Petras said. "I can run, snowboard, ride a bike, pretty much do anything. I can do everything I could before. I feel 100 percent confident I can go back and do my job, without any problem."

Despite his unshakable positive attitude, the road to recovery hasn't been easy.

"The first couple of months were pretty rough," Airman Petras explained. After the amputation Aug. 24, they gave him six weeks to heal before he got a

prosthetic leg. In the middle of September, he started his first of four rounds of chemotherapy, which spanned three months.

"It was one week on, then three weeks off to recover," he explained.

He got his prosthetic leg shortly after his first round and began rehabilitation between subsequent rounds.

"That was pretty rough. The chemo pretty much knocked me out. I had almost no energy. I felt sick. I really couldn't do much. I could barely take care of myself. Luckily, I was able to get a prosthetic and walk around without crutches and still do certain things, but I was still really tired."

Airman Petras went home for Christmas after his final chemotherapy session and in January went to The Center for the Intrepid at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio.

"It specializes in care for amputees and burn victims," he said, "It's mostly guys coming from Iraq and Afghanistan that are there. But they do a really good job."

"That place kind of helped put things in perspective because here's me with a below-the-knee amputation, rehabbing and getting done in three months, and there are guys who've been there for years. They're missing both of their legs, they're missing (legs) above the knee, they're missing arms and hands, or 90 percent of their body is burned, and me coming in there is like a scratch; it's not a big deal at all.

"Those guys are very inspiring.

Some of the guys, with the stuff they're going through, have just as

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— Airman Petras



Photo by Senior Airman Steele C.G. Britton
Sitting in the cockpit of a C-130 Hercules, Airman Petras returned to duty less than a year after an amputation to remove cancer from his right leg. He's a flight engineer with the 50th Airlift Squadron at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.

good an attitude as I have, so we all kind of helped each other. To (the other patients), you're no different; you don't get treated any different."

Airman Petras was very pleased with the care he received at the center:

"The people who worked at the CFI are really good at their jobs, from the physical therapists, to the occupational therapist to the psychologist there," he said. "Everybody cared about us and made sure we got the best training possible or the best rehabilitation possible. They did a really good job."

Airman Petras is especially grateful for the care he received from John Wood, his recover care coordinator, and Lauren Palmer, his medical case manager. They "were two people who helped me out immensely. Not even just medical stuff, but anything," he said.

"I don't like to consider myself handicapped ... I feel normal," Airman Petras emphasized.

As for looking to the future. "The biggest thing I want to convey is that I don't see it as a serious problem right now; I see it as a minor inconvenience and I want other people to treat me like that. I think of this thing as a pair of glasses. For me, it's something that takes me five extra minutes to get out of bed in the morning ... The biggest challenge for me is taking a shower standing on one leg ... Some people have injuries that are not as visible as mine, yet they're not even as mobile as me. I don't limp, I can run, I can do whatever.

"I don't want my accomplishments to be thought of as 'Brian the amputee' did something. I don't like that. I want it to just be 'Brian' did something. I want to be treated like it's not that big of a deal. I don't feel handicapped ... As far as I'm concerned, I was ready to (return to flying) in January."

The Sesame Street/USO Experience for Military Families



June 23 and 24

3:30 and 6 p.m. Welch Auditorium

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Contracting ramps up for summer



By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

During May, the 81st Contracting Squadron made three contract actions totaling \$707,869 which impacted the Mississippi Gulf Coast's economy, according to Lt. Col. Jonathan Wright, who assumed command of the squadron June 2.

So far, fiscal year 2010 reflects 33 contracting

actions totaling \$4,145,432 with area businesses.

"Looking ahead, the summer quarter projects the busiest time for contract awards," Colonel Wright said. "Squadron personnel will try to solicit from local sources as much as possible."

Contractors and vendors interested in competing on business opportunities, call George Budz, 81st CONS director of business operations, 377-3131.

Volunteers sought for Coast Watch

81st Force Support Squadron and Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service

Keesler families can work together to make an impact on Mississippi's shoreline through a volunteer initiative recently launched by the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service.

Coast Watch focuses on surveying beaches and coastal habitats that may be affected by the BP oil spill.

Volunteers survey, record and report shoreline observations along about 46 miles of beach in Hancock, Harrison and Jackson counties.

"This effort can be a great family activity and a wonderful opportunity for Keesler volunteers to get involved," said Cherrie Tigge-man, 81st Force Support Squadron airman and family services flight chief. "Especially during the Year of the Air Force Family, we can share this effort with our children and gain a greater appreciation of our coastal resources."

"Coast Watch is the first line of defense for coastal communities facing possible oil impact," said Brandi McNeil, MCVS deputy director. "Volunteers in the Coast Watch program play an extremely important role in the oil spill response because they are the most familiar with the beaches and wildlife in their community."

Individuals who live along coastal communities can watch for oiled wildlife, vegetation and beaches by becoming Coast Watch volunteers. Coast Watch volunteers are community members who know the daily wildlife and plants that exist on their local beach. "Coast Watchers" will assist state agencies, BP and their partnering organizations in identifying beaches that need attention.

Coast Watchers working and living in Mississippi's coastal communities commit to report injured or oiled animals, oiled shoreline or changes in air quality.

Coast Watchers aren't permitted to enter off-limit areas to obtain observations and must not make contact with oiled wildlife, vegetation and beaches due to the associated health concerns.



To become a Coast Watcher, register online at www.volunteermississippi.org.

Training will be offered on an ongoing basis and be provided to all individuals participating in volunteer activities.

"MCVS is offering a valuable service to the coastal communities and an avenue for the many volunteers who want to participate in response efforts," said BP spokesperson Marti Powers, BP spokesperson. "We appreciate the opportunity to partner with MCVS to provide this assistance to Mississippi."

To date, more than 4,000 volunteers from 46 states, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Singapore, Canada, and Australia have registered to help in response to the BP oil spill. Hundreds of volunteers from Mississippi's lower three counties have given almost 1,000 hours of service, and cleaned and surveyed over 37 miles of beach and coastal habitats.

For more information, call 1-888-353-1793 or log on to www.mcv.org.

Family programs

The airman and family readiness center plans a weekly series of 50-minute presentations during June and July at McBride Library intended to strengthen family and workplace relationships.

Friday — Fatherhood.

June 25 — Conflict Resolution.

July 2 — Leadership through Teamwork.

July 9 — Coping Strategies for the Uncertainties of Life.

July 16 — Bully-Busting Activities for Children and Bullying: A Guide for Parents and Caregivers.

July 23 — Diversity and Tolerance.

July 30 — Deployment Survival.

For more information, call 376-8728.

Diversity Day

Plans are under way for Keesler's inaugural diversity day, noon to 5 p.m. July 22 at marina park.

The event will include music, literature, dance, poetry, face painting, games and food.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Adrienne Russell-George, 377-2759, or e-mail Adrienne.russellgeorge.1@us.af.mil.

Supply classes

Quarterly supply classes are held in Room 109, Taylor Logistics Building.

Block I basic supply class is 9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22 and Dec. 15.

All newly-assigned supply custodians and resource managers are required to attend.

For more information, contact Patrick Governale, 377-5998 or patrick.governale.ctr@us.af.mil, or Paulette Powell, 377-2270, paulette.powell.1.ctr@us.af.mil.

Block III training is 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22 and Dec. 15. All newly-assigned supply equipment custodians are required to attend as well as all other custodians annually.

For more information, contact Willie McDonald, 377-2660 or willie.mcdonald.1.ctr@us.af.mil or Paulette Powell, 377-2270, paulette.powell.1.ctr@us.af.mil

Senior NCO induction

The senior noncommissioned officer induction ceremony is 6:30 p.m. Aug. 5 at the Roberts Consolidated Air-craft Maintenance Facility.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Ezra Khan, 377-9160.

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.

Wheelchair taxi

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

For more information, call 377-2430.

Visitor center hours

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

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.

Zero overpricing

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

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

Airman's Attic hours

Airman's Attic is expanding its hours to 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and the last Saturday of the month and 10 a.m. to noon on non-training Fridays.

Airman's Attic is currently located in the former chapel west of Sablich Center next to the Keesler Thrift Store.

Airmen's Attic offers personnel from airman basic through staff sergeant a way to obtain free household supplies. Donations come from other Airmen and base personnel. Needed items include maternity and baby clothes, kitchen items and toys. Items that can't be washed such as mattresses. Donations can be dropped off during regular hours.

Proper nutrition prepares Airmen for fitness tests

By Jonathan Hicks

Keesler Public Affairs

Proper nutrition may help airmen prepare for their Air Force physical fitness tests.

According to Maj. Stacy Van Orden, 81st Medical Group dietitian, there's not much difference between men and women when it comes to nutritional needs.

"Men might require more calorie intake, but both men and women should have a balanced diet that comes from 45-55 percent carbohydrates, 30 percent fat and 20 percent protein," she said.

"It's also important to eat plenty of fruits and vegetables for good nutrition," Major Van Orden added. "The Air Force is way below the national average for consuming fruits and vegetables based on data from the Centers for Disease Control. Healthy snacks will

help with the craving for unhealthy processed food such as chips and cookies."

For Airmen who need to lose weight, cutting out 3,500 calories per week equals one pound lost.

"In addition to calorie cutting, eating at least three meals a day will help speed up the metabolism," advised Major Van Orden.

"Believe it or not, waist measurement really is a good indicator of overall health and probable heart problems," she pointed out. "However, Airmen should be careful about taking too many supplements, but a daily multivitamin is a good thing."

To make an appointment for a nutrition consultation, Airmen should contact their primary physician at the base hospital and ask for a referral.

For more information, call 376-5066.



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Staff Sgt. Jeanmarie Novak, noncommissioned officer in charge of clinical dietetics for the 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron nutritional medicine flight, talks to Senior Airman Antoine Hastie, 81st MDTs, about proper nutrition.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Make-up games in full swing as softball season winds down

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The intramural softball regular season is winding down, with a full schedule of make-up games through Wednesday for the American League and through June 29 for the National League.

Sports director Sam Miller said a postseason meeting is planned for 2 p.m. June 30 at Vandenberg Community Center to discuss the playoffs.

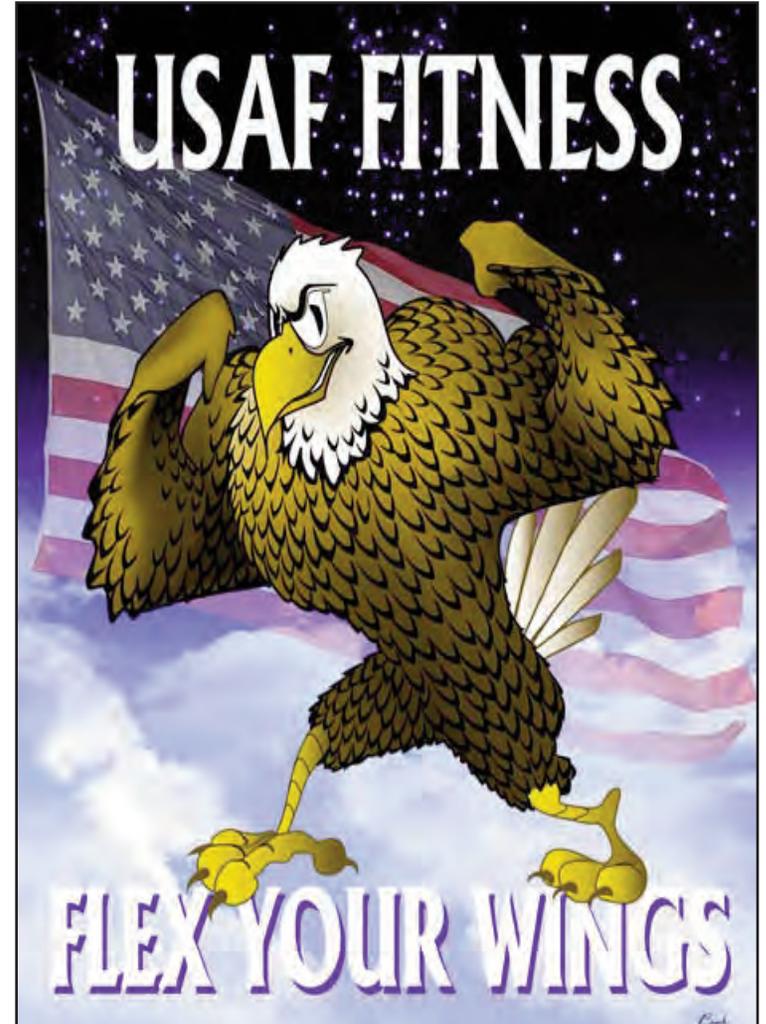
“Postseason play is tentatively scheduled to begin July 6,” Miller stated. “The playoffs will consist of the top four teams in each division playing in a double elimination format.”

As of Friday, only three of the 11 teams in the American League had winning records. Two teams were undefeated – the Marine Corps Detachment, 7-0, and the 335th Training Squadron, 5-0. The 332nd TRS is near the top of the standings at 6-1.

At the end of last week, half of the 10 teams had maintained winning records. The combined team from the 81st Training Wing staff agencies and the 81st Force Support Squadron topped the standings at 6-1, followed by the 334th TRS, 5-1; 81st Dental Squadron, 4-1; and the 81st Medical Support Squadron-A and 336th TRS-B, 4-2.

For standings, scores and schedules, see Page 29.

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



SCORES AND MORE

Fitness centers

Free powerlifting meet — 9 a.m. June 26. Weigh-in noon to 6 p.m. June 25. Weight classes for male and females. T-shirts and trophies for best male and female lifter.

Free equipment orientations — new equipment has been installed at the Keesler fitness centers. Contact the fitness center of your choice for an appointment for a free equipment orientation.

Golf

Dragon fun golf — 4:30 p.m. Thursdays. \$20 including greens fee, cart, food, beverages and prizes. Four-person teams. Two-person blind draw. Check in as a twosome or single. Format decided by draw each week. Limited to first 36 golfers.

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

Father's Day special — Sunday. Free rod and reel rental for fathers.

Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo — July 4 weekend. Civilian and military divisions. Sign up at the Gulfport Island View Casino parking garage July 1-4.

Special fishing rodeo trip — pre-register now for a special tournament trip on the Keesler Dolphin July 1 and 4. Only 16 spaces available for each trip. Trip takes about 14 hours per day. Cost is \$125 per person. Daily and overall tournament prizes.

New hours for Gaudé Lanes

Starting Monday, Gaudé Lanes and the 11th Frame Café are closed Mondays and Tuesdays until further notice.

The bowling center will be open Wednesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays 10 a.m. to midnight.

Hours at the 11th Frame Café will be Wednesdays 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5-9:30 p.m.; Thursdays 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Fridays 6:30 a.m. to midnight; and Saturdays 10 a.m. to midnight.

Both are closed on Sundays and holidays.

For more information, call 377-2817.

Beach trips to Horn Island aboard the Keesler Dolphin — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$30 per person including a barbecue grill, charcoal and ice. You bring food, beverages and fishing equipment. Minimum 15 passengers. Group rates available. For more information, call 377-3160.

Archery — check out our archery equipment and range.

Wolf River canoe or kayak trips — with experienced guide; 2-4 hour or 4-7 hour trips 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 — this Friday 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.

Keesler and Throver 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.

Soccer

Intramural league — deadline for letters of intent and coaches meeting 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Vandenberg Community Center. Season starts June 28. For more information, call 377-2444.

Softball

Intramural

American League

(As of Friday)

Team	Won	Lost
MARDET	7	0
335th TRS	5	0
332nd TRS	6	1
338th TRS-A	3	3
81st TRSS	3	3
336th TRS-A	3	3
403rd Wing	3	4
333rd TRS	2	4
81st LRS	2	5
CNATTU	1	6
81st MDSS-B	1	7

June 7 — MARDET 15, 403rd Wing 4; 81st LRS 15, 81st MDSS-B 5; CNATTU 14, 336th TRS-A6; 335th TRS 15, 333rd TRS 4; 332nd TRS 11, 81st TRSS 0.

June 9 — MARDET 18, 332nd TRS 16; 336th TRS-A 6, 338th TRS-A 5; 335th TRS 19, 81st MDSS-B 3; 81st TRSS 10, 403rd Wing 4.; 81st LRS 14, CNATTU 4.

Monday — 6 p.m. 81st TRSS vs 81st MDSS-B and MARDET vs 81st LRS; 7 p.m. 338th TRS-A vs 81st TRSS; 8 p.m. MARDET vs 338th TRS-A and 332nd TRS vs 335th TRS.

Wednesday — 6 p.m. 335th TRS vs MARDET and 81st TRSS vs 336th TRS-A; 7 p.m. 335th TRS vs 338th TRS-A and 81st LRS vs 333rd TRS.

National League

(As of Friday)

Team	Won	Lost
81st WSA-FSS	6	1
334th TRS	5	1
81st DS	4	1
81st MDSS-A	4	2
336th TRS-B	4	2
81st SFS	3	4
Firefighters	3	5
338th TRS-B	2	5
45th AS	1	6
81st MDTS	1	6

June 8 — 81st DS 14, 336th TRS-B 4; 81st MDTS 19, 45th AS 2; 334th TRS 11, Firefighters 9; 81st WSA-FSS 21, 81st SFS 3; 81st MDSS-A 13, 338th TRS-B 9.

June 10 — 338th TRS-B 7, 45th AS 0; Firefighters 8, 81st MDSS-A 6; 81st WSA-FSS 25, 81st MDTS 6; 81st DS 16, 334th TRS 6; 336th TRS-B 16, 81st SFS 15.

Today — 6 p.m. 81st DS vs Firefighters and 45th AS vs 334th TRS; 7 p.m. 45th AS vs 336th TRS-B and 81st MDTS vs 81st SFS; 8 p.m. 81st WSA-FSS vs 338th TRS-B and 81st MDSS-A vs 334th TRS.

Tuesday — 6 p.m. 45th AS vs 81st SFS and 81st MDSS-A vs 81st DS; 7 p.m., 334th TRS-A vs 81st WSA-FSS and 338th TRS-B vs 336th TRS-B; 8 p.m. 81st WSA-FSS vs Firefighters.

June 29 — 6 p.m. 81st MDTS vs 334th TRS; 7 p.m. 45th AS vs 81st DS; 8 p.m. 81st SFS vs. 81st MDSS-A.

Renovations continue at fitness center

Certain areas of Blake Fitness Center will be closed for renovation:

Through July 16 — men's restroom/locker room. Portable showers available.

July 19-Aug. 20 — women's restroom/locker room. closed July 19-Aug. 20. Portable showers available.

Aug. 23-Sept. 27 — reception area.

For more information, call 377-4385.

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles/information technology fundamentals — Airmen Basic Wolff Aaron, Diane Abarca, Matthew Alexander, Alex Auch, Zeth Bell, Sherman Brooks, Nathan Cain, Robert Carballo, David Davis, Donald Farris, Wesley Foudriat, Randal Gutierrez, Timothy Hemquist, William Hopkins, Matthew Jacobs, Damian Kelton, Michael Lawrence, Jacob Levy, Roger Linder, Cort Maddox, William Majors, Tyler May, Myles McCluer, James McCormick, Keith Mckee, Christopher Mclarty, Jeffrey McNamara, Brandon Mcneary, Donald Millard, Joseph Mixon, Brian Pagel, Robert Price, Kurtis Randall, Johnthan Randolph, Shawn Reeves, Seth Russo, Erza Smith, Joshua Snyder, Francisco Solis, Sovine Stephen, Tanner Thompson, Trevor Williams, Timothy Williams, Richard Yates; Airmen Rodney Alaniz, Carl Ditona, Micheal Harper, Michael Hicks, Micheal Hill, Raymond Holmer, Spencer Joshua, Kelsey Kane, Eric Kanning, Benjamin Lee, Patricia Lendon, Burney Mitchel, Thomas Morning, David Nance, Benjamin Quade, Cory Robinson, Jesses Santillano, Micah Sheffield and Donell Williams; Airmen 1st Class McAnthony Awaya, Cord Bailey, Matthew Baker, Peter Boenker, Allen Braswell, Adam Britton, Daniel Brown, Matthew Brown, Chance Bruno, Steven Calzada, Matthew Chrest, Benton Chun, Gianluca Cugnetti, William Descoteaux, Andrew Duncan, Jordan Farmer, Matthew Fitzgerald, Kevin Galusha, Geoffrey Gommels, Arthessius Hampton, Phillip Henkel, Benjamin Herbert, David Ho, Esaisa Hobbs, Kristian Lamb, Chad Langford, Kelly Lasko, Joseph Lee, Abraham Lopez, Justin Miller, Michael Miller, Michelle Miranda, Rachel Moon, Jose Morales-Velazquez, Evan Morrell, Caleb Palmer, Joenil Panaganan, John Pawlak, Helio Pereira, Nancy Picard, Phillip Pinillos, Trevor Proffit, Rauland Robinson, John Rosson, Damion Rowe, Victor Sanchezzapata, Tiffany Shore, Brain Silva, Joseph Stamps, Jeremy Stewart, Johnathan Suarez, James Sweeney, Jacob Thompson, Christian Vandenberghe, Tiffany Viljevac and Vinson Waldo; Senior Airmen Kenneth Andrews, Noah Erdman, Steven Katkus, Tiffani Lawter, Amy Masuyama, Martin Newberry, Warren Powell; Staff Sgts. Kevin Barton, Aaron Hanisco, Samuel Allen, Shawn Holmes, Steven Oster, RandyBlake, Lester Samano, James Clanahan, Jackson Contreras and Louis Bianco.

Metrology basic course — Airman Ryan Gray; Airman 1st Class Dylan Rickaby.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Brianna Ayala, Jason Buettner, Kortney Bush, Sam Bushery, Owen Davies, Jake Jansen, Maverick Jones, Matthew Kurtz, Matthew London, Jessica Navarro, Sean Rodasti, Anthony Trabucco, Shumms Ullah, William Webster and Kyle Willis; Airmen Jennifer Bruce, Phillip Conklin, Nathan Hubbard, Matthew Macutkiewicz, Seth Norman and Antonio Wells; Airmen 1st Class Ashley Anderson, Andrew Campos, Austin Cooner, Zachary Craven, Russll Crenshaw, Capreshia Dowdy, Kevin Durgan, Samantha Gara, Matthew Garrette, Blake Hanson, Christopher Holthouser, Adam Karre, Preston Knight, James Langley, Stephen Livingston, Joseph McClure, Alexander McCluree, Seth Mclagan, Ryan Nizamuldin, Matthew Rardon, Amanda Richardson, Derrick Risner, Jonathan Smits, Ryan Stamper, Phillip Threlkeld, Ryan Travers and Alexander White; Senior Airmen Matthew Hunter and Millard Morgan; Staff Sgts. Ryan James and Keith Janda; Senior Master Sgt. Huqwi..

Airfield management apprentice course — Airmen Basic Donnie Hinson; Staff Sgt. Douglas Baldwin.

Command post apprentice course — Airmen 1st Class Joel Archambault, Lesliann Bell, Christopher Capkovic, Joseph Grana, Katelyn Held, Christopher Mills, Patrick Paddick,

Brooke Pickering, Philip Sheridan and Zachary Taillie; Senior Airmen Brian Anders, Heather David, Kevin Fontes, Roseann Hill and Carly Lang; Staff Sgts. Kimon Beard, Lisa Beckett, James Brooks, Sandi Johnston, Joshua Kearns, Roderick Lapham, David Lawrenz and Tiaunta Thompson; Technical Sgts. Venessa Hernandez, Carl Laws, Daphne McMahon, Kristen McVey and Rachel Thomas; Master Sgt. David Ropte.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Alaura Cason, Sean Hall, Jillian Toto, Cody Vandermartin, Brittany Witcher and Jeremy Yee; Airmen Elizabeth Alecci, Dillon Montague and Pradeep Muddasani; Airmen 1st Class Phillip Calton, Timothy Cram, Matthew Dier, Kevin Goldsmith, Zachary Kossack, Myosha Robinson, Brandon Srebnik, Briana Williams and Chelsea Wrensford; Senior Airmen Ronald Carter and Gary Sills; Staff Sgts. Michael Best, Bryan Case, Christopher Gonzales, Stella Hoy, Andrea Kenney, Rachel Lawrence, Danielle Marshall, Victoria Morrison, Mark Paquette, Steven Pflug, Harold Rios, Chad Smith, Matthew Such, Cynthia Swensen, Kimberly Thomas, Vanessa Valentine, Daniel Vasquez and Clint Woods; Tech. Sgt. Glenn Buie and Kirk Chatman.

Personnel apprentice course — Airmen Basic Daniel Hernandez, Pedro Lima, and Kurt Minks; Airman Paul Mutwiri; Tech. Sgts. Monique Klabis and Julia Smith; Master Sgt. Jessica King

Weather initial skills course — Airmen Devin Brewer, Scott Osborne and Wesley Pope; Marine Pvt. Jordan Kiser; Airmen Matthew Hoppensteadt and Brad Welbourn; Marine PFCs Cassandra Nichelson and Kevin Rush; Airmen 1st Class Benjamin Alyswoth and Jessica Gill; Navy Airmen Apprentice Gabriel Farkus and Neal Pearson; Marine Cpl. David Miller; Staff Sgt. Theodore Collins; Navy Aerographer's Mate 2nd Class Marcelona Stephenson; Marine Sgts. Brian Brandehoff, Michael Oddo and Nathan Will.

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.

338th TRS

Airfield systems — Airmen 1st Class Jacob Hansen, Tyler Plyem and Sida Thach; Staff Sgt. Justin James.

Cyber transport systems — Airman Basic Cody Hill; Airmen Maricio Garcia and Thomas White; Airmen 1st Class Vitaly Bistrevsky and Michael Speicher; Senior Airmen Kristoffer Mishel and Sandra Guija; Staff Sgts. David O'Brien and Stacey Roberts; Tech. Sgts. Charles Collins and Brian Cooney; Master Sgt. Jay Watts.

Ground radar systems — Airman Basic Christopher Barrera; Airman Ethan Porter; Airmen 1st Class James Bell, Michael Busby, Zachary Cannon, Timothy Freeman, Johnny Ross, Jeremy Tharp, Barry Welborn and James Woolfolk; Master Sgt. Keith Henry.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 10-5 — graduates June 30.

Mathies NCO Academy

Class 10-5 — graduates July 8.

Arts and crafts center

Summer arts youth camp — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays through July 28. Different craft featured each week. \$25 per week including all materials. Pre-register for one or all camps. For more information call 377-2821.

Jewelry making — 10:30 a.m. to noon June 26. \$30 including materials. Learn wire wrapping and tooling.

Pottery — 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday. \$40 including materials.

Personalized Father's Day card making — 10:30 a.m. to noon June 26. \$7 per person.

Scrapbooking — 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday. \$20 including materials.

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

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

Advanced intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. June 26. \$20 per person including materials and tool use.

Framing class — 12:30-4 p.m. June 25. \$30 per person including materials. Bring a photograph or art work, no larger than 11x14 inches, for framing.

Nonprior service student special — show your UBU card and get 10 percent off items purchased in our crafts store.

Engraving shop — squadron, office and individual orders.

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.

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

Chapel

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

McBride Library

Adventure to Book Island reading program — 2-3 p.m. June 24 and 10-11 a.m. June 30. Stories, games, activities and prizes.

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

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.

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

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.

Monday lunches — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 28. Menu changes each week. \$6 for club members, \$8 for nonmembers.

German special — 4 p.m. Friday. German food, beer tasting and door prizes.

Wings and things — 5-7 p.m. June 30. Free for Keesler club members; \$3 for nonmembers. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and \$1 domestic draft beer.

Father's Day special — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday. Honey glazed ham, potato bar with an array of toppings, buttered seasoned green beans, Kantina chef's salad, dinner rolls, strawberry shortcake with whipped French cream, fresh squeezed lemonade, southern style sweetened and unsweetened tea, and water. \$6 for members, \$8 for nonmembers. Giveaways include a golf bag, free golf and bowling passes, and rides on the Keesler Dolphin.

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.

Vandenberg Community Center

Editor's note: All events but dances open to all Keesler personnel.

Dances — 8 p.m. to midnight Thursdays before nontraining Fridays, and Fridays and Saturdays. \$3.

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

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

Luau — 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. June 25 for nonprior service students. \$1 draft beer 8-9 p.m. \$3 Mai Tais and \$4 personal size pineapple and ham pizzas. Coconut decorating, limbo, hula hoop and best dressed Hawaiian attire contests. Prizes and giveaways. \$3 per person. Free for students with June birthdays. Co-hosted with the Legends Café.

Youth center

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

Summer camp — ages 6-18. for school agers and teens. Parents can register their children for specific weeks. For more information, call 377-4116.

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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 McCombs, 377-7116; e-mail charlene.morse@us.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 McCombs, 377-7116; visit Room 125-F, Sablich Center, or e-mail charlene.morse@us.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 July 19-20; Aug. 9-12; Sept. 13-16; Oct. 18-21; Nov. 15-18; and Dec. 13-16. To register, call 376-8728.

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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, creamed corn, spinach, fruit salad, bean salad, chicken chili, minestrone soup, baja chicken enchilada and chicken nuggets.

Sunday

Lunch — oven fried fish, barbecue ribs, chicken parmesan, baked macaroni and cheese, O'Brien potatoes, gravy, peas, sweet potatoes, broccoli combo, German cole slaw, country 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, country tomato salad, 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, cucumber onion salad, macaroni salad, chili con queso, Tuscan vegetable, cheeseburger chowder, 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, 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, garlic toast, spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken cacciatore, noodles, baked potatoes, Italian baked beans, green beans with mushrooms, marinara gravy, squash, Mexican cole slaw, frijole salad, white bean chicken chili, clam chowder, chicken gumbo, cheese fishwich and pizza.

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

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ENERGY AWARENESS

The Air Force is committed to energy efficiency. Everyone -- servicemembers, civilians and family members -- can help save energy and work toward a cleaner future. Here are some "Energy Facts" to think about:

- Each winter, the equivalent of all the oil in the Alaskan oil pipeline is lost as heat through American windows
- "Energy Star" makes a difference. Energy Star tagged appliances typically use 50 percent less energy than their older counterparts
- Every time an oven door is opened, 25-50 degrees of temperature is lost
- Each ton of recycled paper saves the energy equivalent of 380 barrels of oil
- Ceiling fans cost about \$2.40 a month to run 10 hours a day; they can reduce energy bills by \$10
- Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a television for three hours

Make energy awareness
a part of your day

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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. For more information, call Capt. Jermaine Jordan, 377-1704.

Keesler 5.6 — 3:30 p.m. third Wednesday of the month at the Katrina Kantina. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Javaughn Johnson, 377-3456, or visit <https://keesler.eis.aetc.af.mil/81TRW/K56>.

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@cablene.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