

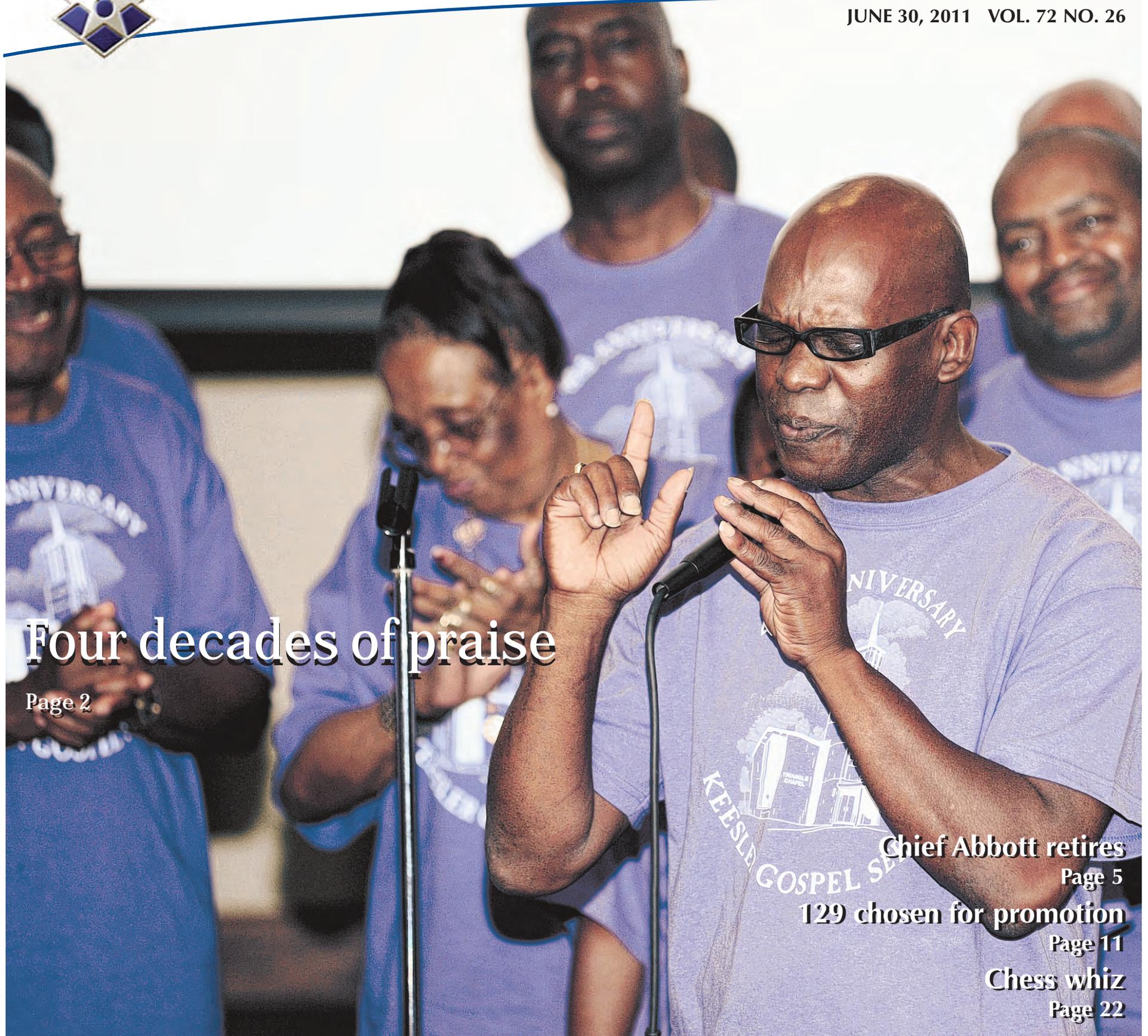


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Critical Days of Summer

Keep safety in mind during 4th of July festivities

By Maj. Gen. Mary Kay Hertog

2nd Air Force commander

Editor's note: General Hertog turns over command of 2nd Air Force to Brig. Gen. Leonard Patrick, 9 a.m. July 21 on the parade field.

She's headed to the Pentagon to direct the Department of Defense Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office. General Patrick commands the 502nd Air Base Wing at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

As we get ready to celebrate Independence Day, let me just say "Thank You" for the difference you make every day, as member of the Armed Forces, a family member or as one of our Department of Defense civilians.

The Fourth of July marks the second major holiday in the "Critical Days of Summer," campaign. Normally, we take time this long weekend to celebrate with our families and friends, enjoy the summer weather and just relax. Many of you will travel to various locations across the country while others will spend their holidays deployed in defense of freedom or on duty at a critical duty station. Wherever and however you spend the holiday, I encourage you to continue making a difference, especially in the lives of those immediately around you.

Over the years, many of us have taken risks with our personal safety (and others) and done things that were just not smart. Be it speeding, riding a motorcycle without the right protective gear, drinking and driving, drinking and boating, throwing gasoline on charcoal to accelerate the grill, flying a private plane beyond its limits — you name it, it's been done. Some were lucky to escape a mishap; others weren't as lucky. So far this year, 31 Air Force members, including seven in Air Education and Training Command and one in 2nd Air Force, have lost their lives in tragic mishaps. That's 31 deaths too many! These were all members of our Air Force family and these tragic and avoidable losses left behind hundreds of grieving family members. These are not statistics — these were our team mates who were unique and can never be replaced, people we worked with or hung out with daily, who have left a hole that cannot be filled.

Our Air Force family and mission depend on each and every one of you, so as we commemorate our Nation's independence with fun-filled celebrations, let us be mindful that mishaps are preventable. Make a difference as a Wingman. I need each commander, supervisor, and Airman to get personally involved. Know the holiday travel plans of your Wingmen. Check each other and if travel plans don't pass the



common sense test, adjust them. Apply personal risk management to all your planned activities. I want you and your fellow Airmen to return safely after the holiday.

And one other very important point. Suicide remains a formidable enemy for our Air Force. This calendar year alone 24 Air Force warriors have taken their lives, and we in 2nd Air Force have not gone unscathed — three members took their lives while several others made attempts. Please watch for the signs of distress and stress and take action to help your fellow Airmen when needed.

Again, thank you for your service and for making a difference every day. Have a safe holiday!

ON THE COVER

Minister Eddie Franklin, former member of the Keesler Gospel Service Choir, sings a solo, "I Won't Complain," at the 40th anniversary worship service Sunday at the Bay Breeze Event Center. Franklin currently serves as an associate pastor at Main Street Baptist Church in Biloxi. The Keesler Gospel Service is the oldest continuously running gospel service in the Air Force. The guest speaker was Florida Civil Air Patrol Wing Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Marcus Taylor. The four-day celebration also included a fellowship reunion, praise service, picnic, prayer walk and a formal gala.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



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DRAGONS ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue, Keesler News photojournalist

What can we do at Keesler
to reduce
energy consumption?



“Cut down the sprinkling system on Larcher Boulevard.”

**Retired Master Sgt.
Charles Taylor, Gulfport**



“Go to a four-day work week with 10-hour days.”

**Master Sgt. David
Workman, 403rd Wing**

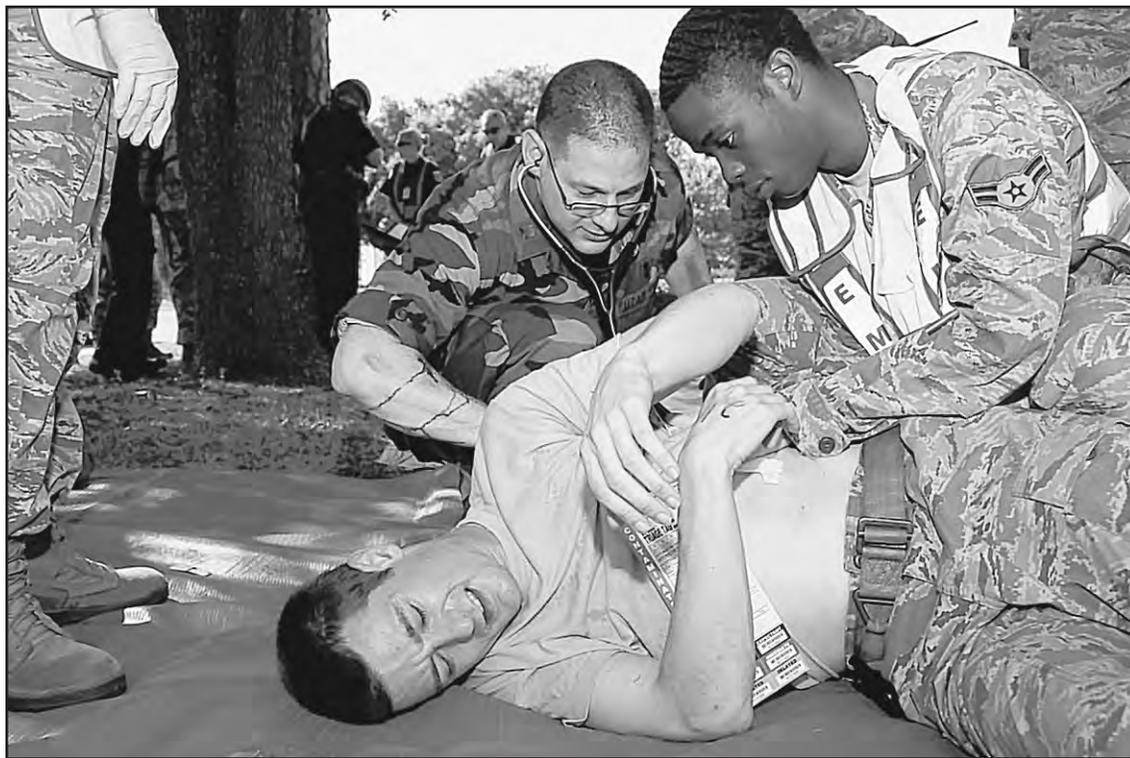


“Control building temperatures separately, setting it higher when no one is there.”

**Kendra Robinson, 81st
Force Support Squadron**

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Shooter exercise tests wide-ranging response



Staff Sgt. Matthew Bricker, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron, receives emergency medical treatment for a gunshot wound to the side from Maj. (Dr.) Allen Stering, left, and Airman 1st Class Rodney Davis, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, during the initial medical triage with other “victims” of Keesler’s active shooter exercise, June 21-22. A “victim” himself, Dr. Stering was still able to check Sergeant Bricker’s vital signs.



Tech. Sgt. Scott Anderson, left, 81st Infrastructure Division fire operations commander, and Tech. Sgt. Billy Waller, 81st Security Forces Squadron on-scene commander, relay pertinent information as the events of the active shooter exercise unfold.

Benjamin Thomas, left, 81st SFS, and Staff Sgt. Jermaine Wilson, right, 81st SFS apprehend Staff Sgt. Derrick Gerlich, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron, who played the role of the alleged perpetrator during the active shooter exercise. Security forces shot Sergeant Gerlich, thwarting his attempt to take his own life after killing 10 Airmen, one civilian and injuring 17 others in a rampage that took place at the Airman Leadership School.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Sergeant Gerlich is loaded into the ambulance by Airman 1st Class Vincent Soles, left, and Airman 1st Class Ashley Figueroa, center. Both are with the 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron. Master Sgt. Josh Sigler, 81st Medical Group, stands by to evaluate their performance as a member of the exercise evaluation team. Sergeant Gerlich later “died” after being transported to the hospital for treatment.

Chief Abbott retires after 30 years of service

By Airman 1st Class
Heather Heiney

Keesler Public Affairs

Chief Master Sgt. Billy Abbott will soon face an event he has dreaded for 30 years — retirement.

“Not getting to do what you love anymore is a hard pill to swallow,” said Chief Abbott, 81st Training Group superintendent.

He began his Air Force journey when he stepped off the bus at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, in October 1981 and will be transitioning into a new chapter of his life at his retirement ceremony here at Keesler July 7.

“There have been numerous tangible changes over the last 30 years,” Chief Abbott said.

He said that base pay for an E-1 in October 1981 was \$551 a month, compared to \$1,467 today; he went from cashing his check at the cashiers cage to direct deposit; there were 570,302 Airmen on active duty in 1981 compared to 328,847 today; technology transformed from mainframe computers to desktop; and uniforms and insignia changed as Airmen went from green fatigues, to the battle dress uniform to the current airman battle uniform.

He also said that the Air Force has increased fitness expectations and is a more educated force overall.

During the course of his career, Chief Abbott was trained in telecommunications and given 12 assignments at 11 different duty stations.

One of those assignments placed him at the Pentagon on September 11, 2001.

In an article published Sept. 19, 2006 by the Sentinel-Record of Hot Springs National Park, Ark., Chief Abbott said, “I never felt the room shake or heard anything when the plane hit the Pentagon.”

“As I walked out, I turned and looked over my shoulder toward the other side of the building and saw a huge cloud of smoke,” he continued in the article. “There were people

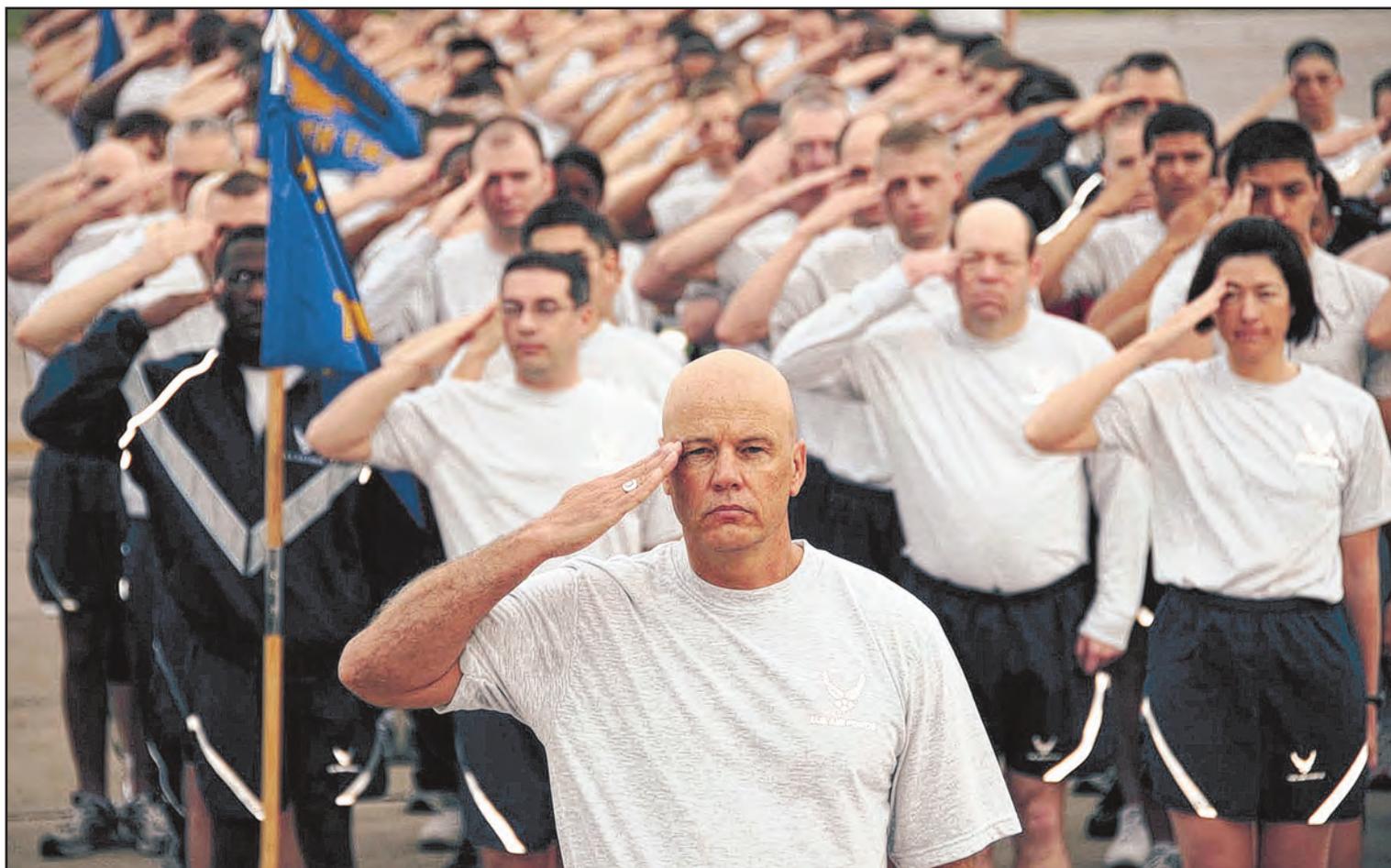


Photo by Kemberly Groue

Chief Abbott, center, and other Team Keesler members salute during the National Anthem prior to the quarterly wing run on the flightline April 7, 2010.

Commander praises Abbott's leadership

Col. Lynn Connett, 81st Training Group commander, says that one of Chief Master Sgt. Billy Abbott's most significant roles is as a senior mentor.

“It took 30 years to develop Chief Abbott into the leader he is today, and that's 30 years of experience this group has benefitted

from,” the colonel remarked.

“During his tenure at Keesler, he's impacted our next generation of leaders,” she continued. There's no greater contribution to our force than ensuring tomorrow's leaders are ready for the challenges they'll face; that's the legacy Chief Abbott leaves.”

and ambulances going everywhere. I found my Airmen and instructed them to go ahead and go home.

“We all went back the next morning and you could still smell the smoke. We had to show the terrorists they could not and would not stop us from performing our duties.”

He said that the events of 9/11 were particularly difficult on his family because they were watching the events unfold on television and knew he was in the Pentagon that day. It took hours after the attack to get in contact with

his family and let them know he was safe.

His family has always been supportive of his career and now both of his children are pursuing Air Force careers. His daughter is a staff sergeant at Langley Air Force Base, Va., and his son is currently attending pharmacy school with the hope of receiving a commission after graduation.

“Bruce and Ashley have grown up to be outstanding adults, have always been supportive of my career and I am extremely proud to be their father,” the chief said. “My

wife, Kim, has been such a blessing. She has a heart of gold, is always supportive and I couldn't have asked for more.”

Chief Abbott said that the greatest honor of his military career was when he escorted the remains of Chief Master Sgt. Jack Pearce from Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, to his family in Milford, Pa.

“If you had told me on March 29, 1972, when I was 10 years old, that an Airman had died in the Vietnam War and that 36 years later, I would be escorting that Airman home to his family, I would have

never believed it.” Chief Abbott said, “What an honor.”

The chief urges Airmen just beginning their careers to uphold the core values of integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do, both on and off duty.

“Never forget what you learned in basic military training — those are the minimum standards,” Chief Abbott said, “Uphold those standards, enforce those standards, live by those standards.”

The chief urges others to be proud of who they are, the work they do and what they represent as members of the Air Force.

“The Air Force has given me more than I could have ever imagined or dreamed of and for that, I'm truly thankful,” the chief said. “I love the Air Force and life will never be the same after I take off that uniform for the last time.”

81st TRG realignment brings student dorm move

By Steve Hoffmann

Keesler News staff

You put a squadron in, you take a squadron out, you put a squadron in and you shake it all about. You do the student shuffle and you turn yourself around. That's what it's all about — hey!

Although there was no musical accompaniment over the giant voice system and no reports of students spontaneously breaking out into a flash mob dance team, there was a moving and a shuffling of students that happened on Friday.

As a result of the realignment of the 81st Training Group and the 332nd Training Squadron stand-down, a realignment of the student's living situation also occurred.

"This provides a good opportunity to rearrange the students to consolidate and make it logistically easier for them to get to their classes," said Master Sgt. Anthony Fisher, 81st TRG military train-

ing superintendent.

All the students who were formally aligned under the 332nd TRS were absorbed by the 335th TRS. As a result, some of the 335th students moved to occupy Davis and Connor Manor, placing all the students in the 335th TRS side by side and closer to their classrooms.

The 334th TRS occupying Avery Manor as well as the students who were in the 332nd TRS, now the 335th TRS, stayed right where they were. The 336th TRS and the 338th TRS were also involved in the reorganization.

"This was all well planned out and on Friday, it was just a matter of executing that plan," said Sergeant Fisher. The students who needed to move had been prepping for it all last week.

With the military training leaders supervising and ensuring a smooth operation, the move began Friday morning and was over at approximately 1 p.m.



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Airman Basic Tavoria Chambers, 335th TRS student, packs her belongings in preparation for Friday's move.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Ronald Holtorf, left, 81st TRSS, and Mr. Lassabe perform a quality assurance inspection to ensure the travel distance of the doors on the trainer meet specifications prior to shipping to Sheppard.

81st TRSS develops new trainer for aircraft ramp, door assembly

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The 81st Training Support Squadron's trainer development flight is wrapping up another training enhancement project, this time for Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

The trainer development team is making good use of its new high-tech facility which opened a year ago to create a new C-130H and J ramp and door assembly simulator. The new project will allow students at Sheppard to learn how to operate an actual aircraft ramp and door assembly in a classroom environment.

Tomme Lassabe, trainer development flight chief, said the device currently in use at Sheppard requires a 400-cycle power source to drive large hydraulic actuators. To meet that power requirement, training is conducted in a noisy aircraft hangar where students are continuously exposed to potential safety and environmental hazards.

Keesler's trainer development professionals traveled to Sheppard to take detailed photographs and discuss the customer's specific needs.

"The new trainer was built to a significantly smaller scale, allowing for mobility and incorporating 110 VAC electrical actuators to simulate the bulky hydraulic actuators," Mr. Lassabe explained. "This allows instruction to be conducted in a classroom environment using only a standard wall outlet.

"The instructor once had to talk above the noise of the external equipment to provide effective training, but the new trainer is extremely quiet. It also takes on a 'green' concept by eliminating the need for hazardous hydraulic fluid."

The trainer development team took advantage of its state-of-the-art equipment and facility that merges hardware production and software development components under one roof. The \$13.5 million facility replaced a

condemned facility near the flightline that was battered by Hurricane Katrina nearly six years ago.

About 18,000 square feet of the 38,000-square-foot facility is devoted to an industrial area equipped with a down draft paint booth, a powder coating paint booth and oven and a multi-cam router for fabricating items from wood, plastics, and metals. It features an improved sawdust collection system with under-floor duct work and a fused deposition modeling machine.

There's also a welding shop with a fume collection/extraction system, a materials receiving and warehouse storage area, a transfer truck height loading dock with dock leveler, an overhead crane with a two-ton capacity hoist to handle materials and equipment and a 4,000-pound electric forklift for materials management and loading/unloading.

Anchor enters 'Golden' years



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Photo by Aviation Electronics Technician 2nd Class Raymond Lee Keesler Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit Airman Carolyn Jones and Airman Apprentice Tabitha Hernandez paint the anchor in front of Alho Manor gold, a symbol of distinction practiced by deployable ships for earning the Retention Excellence Award, also known as the Golden Anchor Award. It's given by the Department of the Navy for sustaining superior levels of military retention.

3 electronic principles graduates earn perfect scores



Airmen 1st Class David Garritson, left, Michelle Thiberville and Alec Swartz graduated from the electronic principles course in the 335th Training Squadron with perfect scores. All are headed to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, for further training. Airman Garritson, from Atlanta, will train in the avionic communication/navigation/mission systems apprentice course. Airman Thiberville, from New Orleans, will train in the electronic warfare systems apprentice school. Airman Swartz, from Lansing, Mich., will train in the F-15 avionic communication, navigation and penetration aid systems apprentice course.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Cycle awareness ride

The 81st Training Group plans a motorcycle safety/awareness ride after the July 8 drill down hosted by the 336th Training Squadron.

Staff Sgt. Edward Lotz, a military training leader who is organizing the event, said it's intended to promote safety ethics and techniques to non-prior service students and to stress awareness of other riders on the road.

Riders gather on the troop walk at 8:45 a.m.

For more information, call 377-5197 or (504) 352-1443.

Drill downs, parades

The 81st Training Group's drill downs are 8 a.m. July 8, Aug. 19 and Oct. 28 on the parade grounds.

Parades are 6 p.m. July 28 and Sept 29.

For drill down information, call 377-2103. For parade information, call 377-2789.

Spouse tour

The 81st Training Group is sponsoring a spouse tour of its training facilities July 20.

The tour begins at 9 a.m. at

Bulls welcome new commander

Maj. Tabetha Clark turns over command of the Bulls to Lt. Col. Bradley McAlpine, 9 a.m. June 30 at the Roberts Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Facility.

Colonel McAlpine comes to Keesler from Peterson AFB, Colo., where he's chief of strategic studies, doctrine and policy at Air Force Space Command headquarters.

Major Clark remains at Keesler as the 81st Training Wing's inspector general.

Matero Hall and ends at 12:40 p.m. following lunch at the Magnolia Dining Facility.

All spouses of permanent party, technical trainees and civilians assigned to Keesler are eligible to attend.

Attendance is limited to the first 30 spouses who call 377-3792. The registration deadline is July 14.

2nd AF ceremony

Maj. Gen. Mary Kay Hertog turns over command of 2nd Air Force to Brig. Gen. Leonard Patrick, 9 a.m. July 21 on the parade field.

CCAF deadline

The deadline to apply for the Community College of the Air Force fall graduating class is Aug. 26.

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

For more information, visit the education office, Room 224, Sablich Center, or call 376-8708 or 8710.

Manager certification

The Community College of the Air Force awards professional manager certification that recognizes an individual's advanced level of education and experience in leadership and management, as well as professional accomplishments.

For more information, log on to <http://www.au.af.mil/au/ccaf/certifications.asp> or call 376-8708 or 8710.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

By the end of August, Keesler's 1,188 military family housing units will be turned over to Forest City Military Communities.

Keesler housing privatization begins transition in August

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Keesler's family housing transitions to privatized housing in mid to late August.

Tuesday's town hall meetings outlined what the future holds for residents of the 1,188 homes in Bay Ridge, East and West Falcon Park, Thrower Park and Sandhill housing areas.

The Air Force's military housing privatization initiative was incorporated in the 1996 National Defense Authorization Act. The provision allows the Air Force to use private sector business alternatives in place of traditional military housing.

"Housing privatization is a partnership between the Air Force and a developer in which both parties benefit from its success," said Brett Long, 81st Mission Support Group housing flight chief. "A private developer leases the land, constructs new or renovates existing homes and operates and manages family housing for 50 years.

"It's not a contract, but a real estate transaction where we partner with the developer to better serve our resi-

dents," Mr. Long said.

Keesler housing will be managed by Forest City Military Communities, a subsidiary of Forest City Enterprises, Inc., an \$11.5 billion real estate company that's developed, managed and acquired properties in 25 states, with expertise in public/private partnerships.

FCCM is responsible for 14,679 homes across the country, according to John Hoyt, FCCM's vice president, who describes the company's goals at Keesler as providing "exceptional service and building thriving communities for Airmen and their families" and becoming a "committed partner to the Air Force."

Specific Keesler objectives are to:

- Offer homes of superior quality and livability.
- Minimize relocation impacts to current residents.
- Enhance existing amenities and programs.
- Maintain neighborhood military rank whenever possible.
- Match family size to the number of bedrooms.

FCCM's six-member management team is currently located at 303 Patrick Drive,

but plans are in the works to build a community center with multipurpose room, kitchen, conference room, fitness room with children's play area, locker rooms and Forest City offices. A permanent maintenance and self-help facility will be located in Thrower Park.

The management team aims to develop strong communications with military families through town hall meetings, monthly newsletters, online instant feedback forms, resident advisory boards and satisfaction surveys and a community Web site, www.fckeeslerafb.com.

Residents must convert to a 12-month rental agreement with military clause that's described as "fairly standard across Air Force privatization."

Basic allowance for housing starts after termination of government quarters upon transition to Forest City. The amount of BAH covers rent, utilities and renter's insurance. Rent is paid in arrears for existing residents by allotment.

For more information, call the housing flight, 376-5336, or Forest City, 374-5336.

IN THE NEWS

2nd Air Force change of command

Maj. Gen. Mary Kay Hertog turns over command of 2nd Air Force to Brig. Gen. Leonard Patrick, 9 a.m. July 21 on the parade field.

General Hertog will direct the Department of Defense Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office. Her new duty title was previously reported incorrectly.

General Patrick commands the 502nd Air Base Wing at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Friday is a 'family day'

Friday is a "family day" for military members. A liberal leave policy is in effect for civilians.

Death notification

With great regret, the commander of the 81st Training Wing announces the death of Capt. Jennifer Gayle, 81st Medical Operations Squadron.

Anyone having claims for or against Captain Gayle's estate, call the summary court officer, 376-3785.

81st MDSS change of command

Lt. Col. Craig Lambert assumes command of the 81st Medical Support Squadron from Lt. Col. Michael Dietz, 8 a.m. Wednesday in front of the Keesler Hospital.

Colonel Lambert comes to Keesler from Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., where he commanded the 45th MDSS and served as 45th Medical Group deputy commander and administrator.

Colonel Dietz, who's been selected for promotion to colonel, leaves Keesler to become hospital administrator at Langley AFB, Va.

Main gate closed

The White Avenue Gate is closed from 7 a.m. July 8 until 7 a.m. July 11 to complete water and sewer connections and repair asphalt around the guard shack.

DBIDS deadline is today

Today is the deadline to register for Defense Biometric Identification System cards at the visitor center, the military personnel section in Sablich Center, exchange pharmacy, 81st Medical Group Hospital's information desk and A tower lobby, Hewes Hall, 403rd Maintenance Squadron and the Levitow Training Support Facility.

Clinics close for warrior training

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

The 81st Medical Group conducts warrior training noon to 5 p.m. July 14.

Staffing is reduced in family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics general surgery, pharmacy, radiology and laboratory services. For emergency situations, go to the nearest emergency room or call 911 for an ambulance.

No Keesler News next week

The Keesler News isn't published July 7.

Dragons deployed — 246

129 names on technical sergeant promotion list

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The technical sergeant promotion list released June 23 included 129 Keesler members.

There were 542 Keesler staff sergeants eligible for a 23.8 percent selection rate, slightly less than the Air Force selection rate of 24.94 percent for the 34,257 members considered.

Across the Air Force, the average score for those selected was 320.48, with an average time-in-grade of 5.55 years and an average time-in-service of 10.61 years.

Those selected from Keesler are:

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron — Monica Schaefer.

81st Comptroller Squadron — Matthew Such.

81st Dental Squadron — Earnest Everett, Claudia Holcomb, Wayne King Jr. and Marcus McQuaig.

81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron — Christopher Chucta, James Grizzard, William Hugel, Mariano Pacheco, Camelin Riley, Ryann Snipes and Elizabeth Vanhuffel.

81st Force Support Squadron — Lashawnda Singleton.

81st Logistics Readiness Squadron — Joshua Armes, Joshua Champagne, Derrick Gerlich, Christopher Hogsett, Arianna Isaac, Brandis Sims and Jason Walters.

81st Medical Group — Derrick Meeks and Tawnie Miller.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Cecilia Cardenas, Shane Matti and Krystal Sandoz.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Rebecca Young.

81st Mission Support Group — Kyle Murphy.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Vincent Brasher,



Tracey Carroll, Jason Gavin, Eric Goebel, Joshua Hamilton, Jonathan Johnson, Terrance McGee, Keishonda Signater and Nicholas Tessmer.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Rachel Chiartano.

81st Training Group — Terry Booth.

81st Training Support Squadron — Ashley Brandmeier, Geoffrey Gagnon, Kira Thomas and Jason Trenz.

81st Training Wing — Brian Thornton and Jessica Murphy.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Matthew Bricker, Robert Conger, April Hoelzer, Steven Hunt and Granville Smith.

332nd Training Squadron — Gilbert Barrera, Lucas Bidulph, Jason Degrasse, Joshua Morgan, Nicholas Race, Gregory Robidoux, Daniel Thomas and Jared Whitcomb.

333rd TRS — Gritzaltu Asuncion, Phillip Harris, Christopher Hollin, Jeffrey Jones, Guillermo Muniz, Charles Poston, Brian Rear-don, Michael Wright and Matthew Zilisch.

334th TRS — Isaac Barber, Erik Barranger, Creighton Cope, Nathanael Crawford, Kasey Crowe, Thomas Crowther, Angelina Evans, Kerry Gaubault, Scott Hanna, Shiree Holder, Marlene Jackson, Lagaydra Lawrence, Dereck Lewis, Ryan McQuillan, Guy Miller, Melissa Neild, Westley Owens, Trevor Smart, Nicholas Volz, Emilee Williams and

Michael Young.

335th TRS — Daniel Alexander, Jonathan Berry, Travis Boyer, Timothy Brace, Jeremy Christian, Michael Delgado, Andrea Dill, Serena Ellis, Eric Jaeger, Trevor Kilip, Michael Plaisance, Cody Pryer, Melissa Raye, Robert Royals, Kyle Schmidt, Daniel Schumann, Brian Stokes and Kenyatta Williams.

336th TRS — Keith Cherry, Stephen Cooper, Joseph Dill, Douglas Dredden, Angela Ever-son, Percy Fish, Todd O'Quinn, Johanna Pillitiere, Cassandra Raby, Robert Soliz and Latoya Tellis.

338th TRS — Christopher Bouker, Brandon Fidler, Joshua Leguillon, Willard Mitchell, Christina Re, Shane Reynolds, Thomas Rich, Matthew Speaks, Chris Ver-non, Shirmica Vernon and Bryan Walsh.

345th Airlift Squadron — Dean Sehm III.

Training set for managers, supervisors, other leaders

The equal opportunity office hosts free training sessions for managers, supervisors and other leadership personnel to assist them in dealing effectively with internal and external customers, subordinates, and co-workers.

Training doesn't certify participants to operate in the capacity of an official mediator, but it provides tools that are useful in dealing with people in and out of the workplace.

Upcoming sessions are:
Creative Problem-Solving and Strategic Thinking — 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 14.

Action Skills for Supervisors and Effective Teams — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 20-21 or 27-28.

Dealing with Unacceptable Employee Behavior — 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 4.

Dealing with Difficult People — 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 25.

All seminars are held in Room 121, Building 2902 (Airman Leadership School).

There's a limit of 25 participants for each training session, with participation on a first-come first-served basis.

To register or for more information, call 377-2975.

Watering lawns during drought

The housing office advises residents to water lawns in the early morning or early evening hours, but not overnight or during the hottest part of the day.

Adjust sprinklers so water isn't wasted on non-grassy areas.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Most moves to Minot halted

Most permanent change of station and temporary duty moves to Minot Air Force Base, N.D., have been stopped because of serious flooding.

For more information, active-duty members call 1-210-565-3815, DSN 665-3815. Civilians call 1-210-565-5737, DSN 665-5737. For 24-hour information, call 1-210-565-2020 or 1-800-435-9941 or e-mail afpc.dpfr.prc@us.af.mil.

Transition assistance classes

81st Force Support Squadron

The airman and family readiness center plans the following classes for 2011 at the Sablich Center.

For more information or to preregister for classes, call 376-8728.

Mandatory pre-separation briefings — 1 p.m. Tuesdays for those separating with honorable discharges and 2:30 for retirees, Room 110. Bring one copy of separation or retirement orders. This appointment is required by law, and must be accomplished 90 calendar days before the separation or retirement date. For short-notice separations or retirements, the briefing should be done as soon as possible. Medical separation must receive a one-on-one briefing.

Transition assistance program workshops — 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. July 18-20, Aug. 8-10, Sept. 12-14, Oct. 17-19, Nov. 14-16 and Dec. 12-14, Room 108A. Dress is business casual; no jeans, T-shirts or uniforms.

Veterans benefits briefing — 8-11 a.m. July 21, Aug. 11, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15, Room 108A.

Retirement briefings — 1-3:30 p.m. July 21, Aug. 11, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15, Room 108A; for members with less than a year until retirement.

Executive transition assistance workshop — Dec. 6-9 for colonels and chief master sergeants with the necessary knowledge and skills to organize their search for a second career in the private, nonprofit and government sector. Air Education and Training Command headquarters facilitates this workshop. For more information, call Robert Bertels, DSN 487-2669.

Special duty team visit

Air Education and Training Command

Air Education and Training Command's special duty briefing team visits Keesler July 12 to provide information on careers as a military training instructor, military training leader or professional military education instructor:

8:30-10:30 a.m. — Sablich Center auditorium.

11:30 to noon — Mathies NCO Academy auditorium, for NCO Academy and Airman Leadership School students.

12:30-2 p.m. — Room GC612, Keesler Hospital.

2:30-3:30 p.m. — Sablich Center auditorium, senior enlisted members.

4-5:30 p.m. — Welch Auditorium.

Senior airmen with at least 35 months time in service through master sergeants with less than 16 years total active federal military service may be eligible to apply and are encouraged to attend the briefing. Spouses are welcome to attend.

For more information, call Keesler's career assistance adviser, 377-3697.

Leave after the fact memo

If a member is attempting to process leave after the leave has already occurred, a memorandum signed by a level no lower than the squadron first sergeant is required.

For more information, call 376-8347.

General Ediger tours new tower

Capt. Matthew Clugston, senior project health facilities officer, describes the integration of the two new operating suites in the Keesler Hospital inpatient tower during a June 16 tour of the facility for Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Mark Ediger, left. Others listening are Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Kory Cornum, 81st Medical Group commander, second from left, and Col. Cary Collins, a member of the Air Education and Training Command command surgeon's staff. General Ediger is commander of the Air Force Medical Operations Agency in San Antonio. Contract completion date for the tower is scheduled for October.

Photo by Steve Pivnick



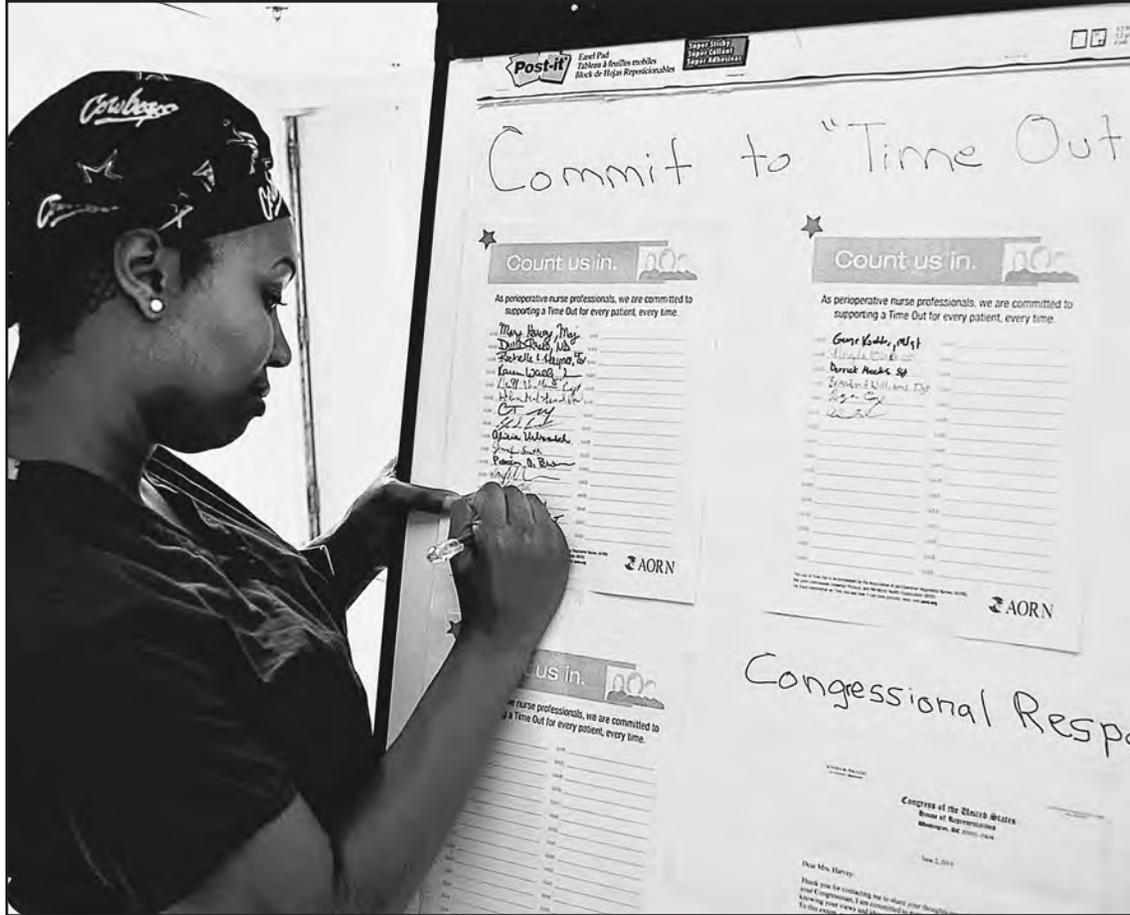


Photo by Steve Pivnick

Surgical technician Airman 1st Class Joelle Soles signs the commitment board in the operating room June 15. The board was used to raise awareness and renew the commitment of the hospital's surgical teams to patient safety.

Surgical staff observes 'Time Out' to highlight patient safety efforts

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

The Keesler Hospital Operating Room staff observed National Time Out Day June 15, a day set aside to “encourage and commend the surgical team’s commitment to patient safety protocols.”

According to Maj. Mary Harvey, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron perioperative clinical nurse specialist, “Before the start of every surgical procedure, the surgical team – anesthesiologist, surgical technician, perioperative nurse or nurse circulator and surgeon – pause to confirm the patient, the surgical site and the procedure are all accurate. The pause is called ‘Time Out’ and, while the practice may seem like common sense to lay people, a recent report by The Joint Commission indicated errors such as wrong patient, wrong surgery site and wrong procedure were the third most frequent sentinel event in 2010.”

Major Harvey continued, “The Keesler Hospital operating room staff celebrated National Safety Day to help remind its entire

surgical team how vital ‘Time Out’ is to patient safety.”

The Association of PeriOperative Nurses launched National Time Out Day in 2004 to prevent errors by ensuring all physicians, nurses and surgical technologists pause before all invasive procedures so they can communicate as a group and confirm key information about the patient and procedure.

“The Keesler Hospital operating room is dedicated to providing safe patient care,” Major Harvey emphasized. “Before any procedure starts, a bell is sounded to grab everyone’s attention. The entire surgical team pauses and verifies the correct patient, the correct surgical site and that any prescribed antibiotics have been administered. To mark National Time Out Day, surgical team members signed a commitment board to raise awareness and renew their commitment to ‘Time Out’ every patient, every time.”

Col. (Dr.) Joseph Giovannini, 81st MSGS commander, created laminated “Time Out” boards for each operating room as reusable visual aids for the surgical staff.

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

KEESLER NOTES

Memorial ruck march

Members of the 81st Security Forces Squadron march 148 miles from Livingston, Texas, to Alexandria, La., July 20-24.

They team is part of an Air Force Security Forces ruck march to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks and to pay tribute to fellow defenders who have been killed since the start of Operation Enduring Freedom.

For more information or to donate to the cause, call 376-6606 or 6625.

81st CS closed

The 81st Communications Squadron is closed 1-4 p.m. today for an official function.

For emergencies, call 377-8127.

Housing office closed

The military family housing office is closed Friday for Air Education and Training Command's family day.

The housing referral office is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday.

SAPR office closed

The sexual assault prevention and response office is closed Friday and July 8.

The office hotline, 377-7278, is available for emergencies.

Vacation Bible School

Monday is the deadline at Larcher and Triangle Chapels for Panda Mania, an ecumenical

Vacation Bible School program.

The program, for children 4-12 years old, kicks off with a fellowship cookout, 4 p.m. July 31. Families must arrive by 3 p.m.

Classes are 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 1-3.

To register or to volunteer, call 377-0834 or 2520.

Health benefits

Health benefit advisers for the 81st Medical Group are available at 376-4737 or 4010.

The Tricare contract liaison's number is 376-4752.

Thrift shop closed

The Keesler Thrift Shop reopens Aug. 1.

For donations and pickups, call 377-3217.

Periodontal patients

The 81st Dental Squadron periodontics department is seeking people with gum problems for the general dental residency teaching program.

Limited numbers of patients, including retirees and eligible military dependents, accepted as teaching cases receive free periodontal care at Keesler.

Patients will be treated by Air Force general dentistry residents under specialty supervision. Patients must be readily available for lengthy recurring appointments, generally Monday afternoons and Tuesday mornings.

For more information, call 376-5225.

Airman's Attic

Airman's Attic, at the corner of Meadows Drive and 1st Street, assists junior enlisted members with obtaining free basic household items.

Donations are needed such as furniture, area rugs, cutlery, dishware, infant wear and maternity clothes which are clean and in good condition. Bring donations to Airman's Attic during regular hours, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, non-training Fridays and the last Saturday of the month.

Airman's Attic is open on a trial basis, 5-7 p.m. Tuesdays.

Visitor center hours

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

Waste not

Environmental office, recycling center plan hazardous waste disposal day

Environmental office

CSC's environmental office and the recycling center are teaming up for a household hazardous waste and personal electronics turn-in day, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 12 in front of the base recycling center on Chappie James Avenue just north of base supply.

Military housing, dormitory residents, base employees and retirees are urged to participate.

Hazardous waste includes anything flammable, corrosive, toxic, poisonous, or reactive. Look for words like "caution," "warning" or "danger" on container labels.

Common household hazardous waste items include paints, solvents, lawn care chemicals, household cleaning materials, maintenance products, pool chemicals, hobby supplies, automotive products, lithium batteries, nickel cadmium batteries, lead acid batteries, thermometers, lead solder and fluorescent lights.

Items that won't be



accepted include radioactive waste, needles, syringes, medical waste, ammunition, explosive materials, appliances such as stoves and refrigerators, waste generated by businesses or base work areas and containers large than five gallons in size.

Personal electronics items include personal computers,

laptops, personal digital assistants, cell phones, radios, telephones and televisions. All batteries must be removed from these items. Ensure that all personal data is removed from the electronic items prior to disposal.

For more information, call the hazardous waste management office, 377-3004

Classes offer chance to improve parenting, relationship skills

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Keesler parents can fine-tune their child-rearing and relationship skills with four upcoming classes offered by the family advocacy program.

All classes are open to active-duty members, retirees, reservists, civilians and family members and take place in the Arnold Annex classroom. Civilian clothes are preferred.

Dad's 101 — 8-11 a.m. July 15. Recognizing that a father's involvement is a major influence in a child's development, this course led by a dad focuses on active roles in infant care basics such as diapering, feeding and basics and discussions about concerns, issues, fears and expectations about fatherhood.

Friends for Life — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 12. This program is for dating couples, those considering marriage, already married or con-

sidering divorce. Some of the topics include the foundations of a strong relationship, communication danger signs, dealing with stress, coping with issues and events, relationship expectations, love and commitment.

The Five Love Languages of Children — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 26. Based on the best-selling book by Dr. Gary Chapman, learn about the most effective way to communicate, teach and discipline children.

Active Parenting of Teens — 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 3-4:30 p.m. for six consecutive weeks, Aug. 18-Sept. 22. This course provides guidance and support with methods of respectful discipline, communication skills, concrete strategies to prevent risky behavior, encouragement techniques and insight into issues such as teens online, bullying and depression.

To register or for more information, call 376-3459

Evaluation system improves disability support

**Air Force Medical Operations Agency
and 81st Medical Group Public Affairs**

Starting Friday, Keesler service members referred for medical evaluation boards will go through a new Disability Evaluation System that integrates the processes of the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs.

The Integrated Disability Evaluation System provides a more seamless transition to veteran disability benefits with fewer hurdles, faster results and more consistent ratings between DOD and Va than the previous system.

Under the previous system, service members completed the military disability evaluation system in an average of 10 months. This included a set of medical examinations by military physicians, a series of boards to determine if the member was still able to serve, and if not, assignment of a disability rating used by DOD to calculate disability compensation. Service members couldn't begin to apply for disability compensation and benefits from the VA until after receiving a discharge date from their service.

It was then up to the veteran to complete an application to the VA and provide all required documentation. If any documents were missing, it was the veteran's responsibility to locate them. Then, the veteran had to complete another set of medical exams in accordance with standards set by the VA and wait for a VA panel to provide another disability rating, this one used to calculate veterans disability

compensation and benefits. This second process took about eight more months during which benefits were gapped.

Under the new IDDES, there's only one set of medical exams, performed to VA standards, which provide all information needed by both departments. A VA panel issues disability ratings that meet the needs of both departments. The integrated process still takes just over eight months, but now when the service member is finished with the military process, a disability claim is already filed with the VA so veteran disability compensation and benefits can arrive after one month in veteran status, the earliest allowed under current law.

In designing the IDDES, the two departments examined the recommendations of several commissions and task forces established to improve the delivery of benefits to wounded, ill and injured service members and veterans. The resulting integrated system was first introduced as a pilot program at three military treatment facilities in November 2007. It was further tested and improved as the pilot expanded to 24 additional locations over two years, bringing the integrated system to 47 percent of service members referred for disability evaluation.

In thousands of surveys, service members and their families in the pilot program consistently reported higher average satisfaction with fairness, customer service and the overall IDDES experience than did participants in the legacy system.

Based on the proven performance of the pilot, the

departments plan to extend these advantages to all remaining service members by the end of September.

Lt. Col. Christopher Morgan, 81st Medical Support Squadron Tricare operations and patient administration flight commander, is leading the IDDES adaptation for the Keesler Hospital.

"I'm very excited about this change, which is the biggest modification the DES has experienced since its inception in 1948," Colonel Morgan said. "These changes will affect all service members who will go through a DES rating. We've been working with our local Army, Navy and National Guard medical representatives and will soon process their DES cases here in our hospital.

"We're tasked to achieve initial operating capability by June 30 and will begin processing new IDDES cases at Keesler," the colonel continued. "We are also required to reach our full operational capability by Oct. 1. We've had many meetings with our veteran's benefits administration and veteran's healthcare administration teammates and we're confident that we'll improve the time required to process IDDES cases."

For more on the MEB and PEB process, log on to <https://gumcrm.csd.disa.mil> and do a keyword search for MEB.

For more information about the Air Force Wounded Warrior program, go to <http://www.woundedwarrior.af.mil>.

Steve Pivnick, 81st MDG Public Affairs, contributed to this report.



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AAFES facilities adjust schedules for July 4 weekend

Army and Air Force Exchange Service

Here's the holiday weekend schedule for Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities:

Main store — regular hours Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday and Monday.

Shoppette/Class 6 — regular hours Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday.

Military clothing sales — regular hours Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday; Building 6970 store closed.

Mini-mall — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday-Monday.

Subway — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday-Monday.

Popeye's — regular hours Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday.

Starbuck's — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday.

Charley's — regular hours Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday.

Manchu Wok — closed.
Anthony's — regular hours Saturday and Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday.

Taco Bell — regular hours Saturday and Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday.

Baskin Robins — regular hours Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Monday.

Flower shop — regular hours Saturday and Sunday, closed Monday.

GNC — Building 2306, regular hours Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday; Building 6970, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday-Monday.

Asian shop — regular hours Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday.

Regal Nails — regular hours Saturday and Sunday,

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday.

Beauty shop — regular hours Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday.

Barber shops — Building 2306, regular hours Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday; Building 1510, regular hours Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday; Building 6970, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday-Monday; hospital closed.

Optometry shop — regular hours Saturday, closed Sunday and Monday.

Enterprise Car Rental — regular hours Saturday, closed Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday.

Alterations — regular hours Saturday, closed Sunday and Monday.

Sports memorabilia — regular hours Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday.

Ugur Ustunier Coin Shop — regular hours Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday.

Game Stop — regular hours Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday.

Firestone — regular hours Saturday and Sunday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday.

Noble Romans Pizza — regular hours Saturday and Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday.

Laundry/cleaners — regular hours Saturday, closed Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday.

Force One Rental — regular hours Saturday, closed Sunday and Monday.

Java Gypsy Coffee — closed.

Guitar shop — regular hours Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday.

Jewelry repair — closed.

Mobile center — 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday and Monday.

Be prepared

In case of moving claims, here's what to do

By J.D. Reese

Air Force Claims Service Center

Summer is a busy season for Airmen making a permanent change of station move. You can help alleviate any potential loss or damage to your household goods by learning the rules under which your household goods are moved and by preparing yourself for a potential moving claim:

Take stock of what you own and its condition prior to your transportation service provider's arrival.

Take digital photos or a video of high value items and family heirlooms. Consider keeping such items in your possession during your move.

Having a professional appraisal done on antique furniture is a good idea, not just for any potential moving claims, but in case you suffer a home fire or theft. A professional appraisal establishes the value of the item and can be used in the claims process to help establish any loss if the item arrive damaged from the move.

When your goods are packed up by the TSP, some of your high value items may be placed on the high value/high risk inventory. This special inventory supplements your household goods inventory and is used by the TSP to protect these high value items such as currency, coins, jewelry, silverware and silver sets, crystal, figurines, furs, and objects of art. There are very specific rules about this special inventory; ask your TSP or the Air Force Claims Service Center about these rules.

Although members aren't prohibited from shipping currency and jewelry, the AFCSC strongly discourages this and recommends members move these items personally.

Unfortunately, damage does occur. If you do suffer damage, you should be aware that your property is covered under the provisions of the Full Replacement Value legislation enacted by Congress in 2006. This means that TSPs are required to pay the full replacement value on any items missing or destroyed during your move or replace the item. TSPs are also required to repair any item that can be repaired. They are also responsible for contacting a repair firm, unlike pre-FRV moves when the member was responsible for tracking down a repair firm.

The FRV program is an important benefit for Airmen and comes with some changes to

the process that you may not know.

First, most Airmen are required to use the Defense Personal Property System for the claims process. DPS can be accessed online at www.move.mil. Also, the FRV program requires Airmen to deal more directly with the TSP. For example, the loss/damage report that lists damages and losses Airmen discover after the TSP has completed delivery goes directly to the TSP through DPS. If DPS isn't available for your move, you can also file your loss/damage report through the AFCSC website at <https://claims.jag.af.mil>.

Filing a loss/damage report isn't the same as filing a claim. The loss/damage report simply puts the carrier on notice that an Airman has discovered additional damage or loss since delivery. The loss/damage report must be received by the carrier within 75 days of delivery. Failure to meet the 75-day deadline could result in no reimbursement for loss or damage to those items not noted at the time of delivery.

Under the FRV program, you're required to file your claim directly against your TSP. This claim must be made within nine months of delivery of your household goods in order for you to receive FRV. If you miss the nine-month deadline, you can still file a claim up to two years from the delivery date, but you would receive only depreciated valuation. If you aren't happy with how your claim processing is proceeding, you can transfer your claim to the AFCSC 30 days after filing against your TSP for any reason. Additionally, if you are negotiating with your TSP and would like someone within the Air Force to assist you, you can contact the AFCSC for support.

Finally, if you receive an offer from your TSP that you believe is unfair, you can transfer the claim to the AFCSC. The AFCSC can only pay depreciated valuation in most situations. However, after paying your claim, the Air Force will file an FRV claim against the responsible TSP and may be able to pay you an additional award recovered from the TSP. The AFCSC currently has a 98 percent recovery rate against responsible TSPs.

For assistance with the claims process, e-mail AFCSC.JA@wpafb.af.mil or call DSN 986-8044 or 1-877-754-1212 and press 1.



Airman finalist in national photo contest

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Airman 1st Class Lance Morgan hopes to turn an interest in photography into a Ron Howard film production.

The 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron medical laboratory technician is a finalist in a photography contest, "Project Imagin8ion," a competition that will use contest entries to inspire a Hollywood short film. Howard will serve as the film short's executive producer and his daughter, Bryce Dallas Howard, will direct.

Airman Morgan learned he's now a finalist after online voting ended June 23.

"I have moved on from being a semifinalist to a finalist," Airman Morgan said. "Now I'm competing with 10 others to be the No. 1 photo in our category. Ron Howard is selecting one of our photos, which will be a grand finalist. I believe there will be eight grand finalists, one person from each of the eight categories." He believes the final selection will be made by the end of July.

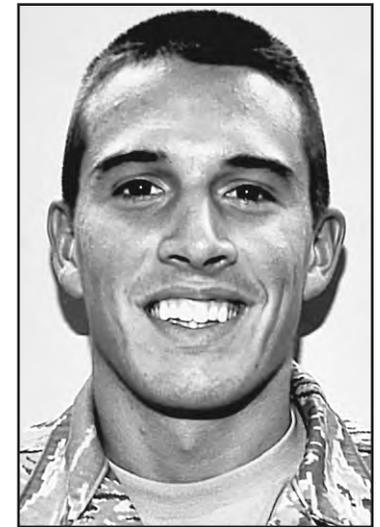
The Port Edwards, Wis., native said he came across the contest on YouTube.



Airman Morgan's photo was taken in Daytona Beach, Fla.

"I submitted a bunch of photos and had one that made it to the semifinals. The photo was taken in Daytona, Fla., where I was on vacation with some family and friends. I was out in the water and saw an interesting cloud coming into view and then a wave coming in. I thought this would make a great photo and I took it."

Airman Morgan enlisted in the Air Force in September 2008. He was assigned to Keesler in February 2010 following completion of Phase II training at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.



Airman Morgan

Art camps spur creativity among Keesler kids



Zoe Davis, left, and Christine Hazuga paint names on the backs of ceramic tiles created by children at one of the arts and crafts center's youth art camps June 23. The 10-year-olds are the daughters of Tech. Sgt. Michelle and Ryan Davis, 334th Training Squadron, and Marie and Master Sgt. Todd Hazuga Sr., 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron. Three more three-day sessions are planned in July. To register, call 377-2821.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

Chess master moves on to Sheppard

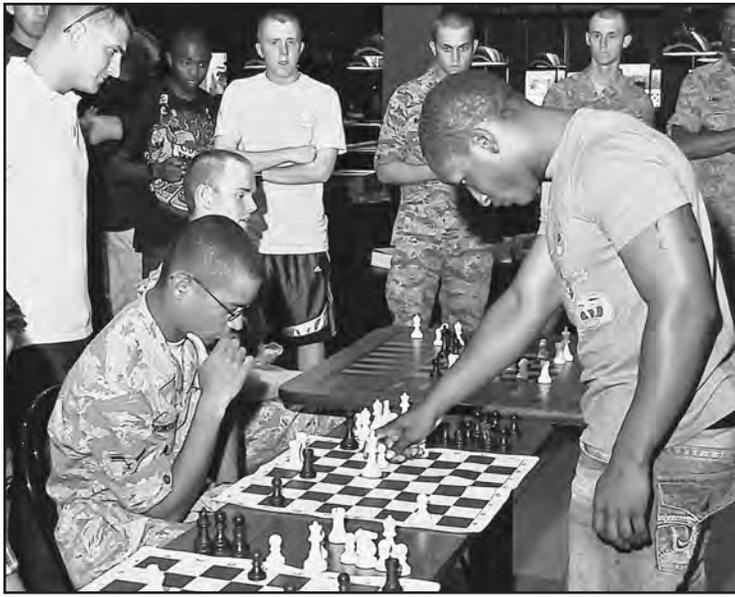


Photo by Maria Taylor

Canty, right, takes on another member of the 336th TRS, Jonathan Monsalvo, in a chess match June 9 at the Vandenberg Community Center.

By Lisa Campbell

CSC marketing director

“Checkmate” has become a familiar phrase for James Canty III, a recent graduate of the 336th Training Squadron.

At the ripe age of 8, Canty picked up his first chessboard and his father taught him how to play the game. Intrigued by the challenge, he spent countless hours playing chess against his friends and other online opponents.

One day when playing against his dad, Canty beat him and at that point he says, “It took it to a whole new level for me.” His drive to be the best landed him on chess teams throughout grade school and high school.

Canty has played more than 6,000 games, placed in every tournament he entered and won first place in 36 tournaments. Of the 1,297 chess players that are ranked in Michigan, he is ranked sixth. In 2006 he was named an Expert player, two years later he became a National Master.

At Keesler, Canty was no stranger to the game, often playing chess among his fellow nonprior service students at the Vandenberg Community Center. Known for his speed and skill, he has the ability to see 25 moves ahead of his opponent and is able to play multiple games simultaneously.

June 9, Airman Canty took on 12 opponents in about 26 games at the Vandenberg, winning them all.

Ambitious to continue his education and play chess, Canty joined the Air Force, which he considers “the best decision in my life.” He plans to play in an upcoming chess tournament at his new duty station, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, and hopes to go on from there to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization team. Overall, his goal is to become an International Master, then Grand Master — a title that less than 1 percent of chess players worldwide can claim.

Smart Start for summer soccer



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Four-year-old Wyatt Morris, son of Staff Sgt. Trenton and Rachel Bland, 336th Training Squadron, kicks the ball toward the goal during a youth soccer match Saturday. More than 75 play in the Smart Start program for 3- and 4-year-olds and another 110 play in the league's other three divisions. The league has 22 teams.

Dragon Challenge earns \$3,000 for Fisher House

Keesler Public Affairs

Keesler runners put their best feet forward to raise \$3,000 for Fisher House through the 12-hour Dragon Challenge fundraising relay marathon June 10.

According to Rich Striggow, 333rd Training Squadron, 238 runners participated in the event at the Triangle Track. Striggow is president of the Keesler 5/6, Dragon Challenge sponsor.

Mach 12 from the 81st Medical Operations Squadron tallied the most miles of the 18 teams with 255½ miles.

Guillermo Hernandez, 81st MDOS, was the individual who ran the most miles for the second year, this time with “only” 45 miles. He also had the most donations with \$384 and served as team captain for



Hernandez

the 12-member Shortcakes team made up of runners from the 81st MDOS, 81st Contracting Squadron, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, 403rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and 81st Training Wing.

“I still can’t believe I did as well as I did,” Hernandez said. “I did it mainly to help raise



Submitted photo

From left, Zsuzsanna Krokovay, Jermain Smith, Brig. Gen. Andrew Mueller, Kayla Spiel, Aleksandar Petrakov, Striggow and Chief Master Sergeant Curtis Jennings. Krokovay, Smith, Spiel and Petrakov represented the Mach 12 team that tallied 255½ miles. General Mueller is the 81st Training Wing commander, Striggow is the Keesler 5/6 president and Chief Jennings is the wing’s command chief.

money for the Fisher House but also just for the fun of it and to see if I could beat my record from last year of 47½ miles by running 60 miles. Unfortunately, I only ran 45 miles in about 10 hours

because I had to leave for school.

“I really lost training time due to knee problems — the day of the relay was actually my first day running in two weeks,” he continued. “I did start hav-

ing a little knee pain at about Mile 27 but managed to stretch it out and finish the relay.”

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

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‘Insane’ workout



Photo by Steve Pivnick

“Dragon Medics” work out June 21 in the Keesler Hospital’s Don Wylie Auditorium. Program initiator Nackeesia Holmes, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, said the group does the ‘Insanity’ high intense interval training workout at least three days a week to promote a healthy lifestyle and bring fitness to the 81st Medical Group.



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Passes and information on eligibility can be attained through the Airman & Family Readiness Center at 376-8278.

July 2011



H A P P E N I N G S

4th of July Beach Party!

4 p.m. on the front beach between
White Ave. and Morrison Ave.

Games! Music! Contests!

Food & beverages available 5-8 p.m. Food tickets
available for advance purchase at the marina,
bowling center and Vandenberg Community Center.

Hot Dog	\$2	Gatorade	\$2
Brat	\$2	Soda	\$1
Corn on the Cob	\$2	Water	\$1

Sponsored by: Adams Produce, Coca-Cola, DECA, ForestCity, Kraft Foods, McCains Foods, Pepsico, Rex Distributing, US Foods and the USO.

Note: No glass containers permitted on the beach.

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AIRMAN AND FAMILY READINESS CENTER

Editor's note: All briefings are held Room 108, Sablich Center, unless otherwise noted. Space is limited. Registration is required, call 376-8728.

Financial counseling — one-on-one counseling for first-term Airmen and nonprior service students with more than 20 weeks. Complete your appointment and get a free car-care voucher.

Mandatory pre-separation counseling — Tuesdays, 1 p.m. for those separating, 2:30 p.m. for retirees. Must complete 90 days prior to separation/retirement.

Post-deployment brief — 9 a.m. Tuesdays or 1 p.m. Thursdays for all those returning from deployment.

Newcomers orientation — 7 a.m. to noon July 13 and 27.

Transition assistance workshop — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 18-20. Open to those 12 months or less from separation or 24 months from retirement. Spouses are invited to attend.

Veterans Administration benefits brief — 8-11 a.m. July 21.

Retirement benefits briefing — 1-4 p.m. July 21.

Smooth move — 1-4:30 p.m. July 21. Get expert advice on how to make relocation easier for you and your dependents. Open to anyone with access to Keesler.

Survivors benefit briefing — 9-11 a.m. July 27 for single and married members and their spouses.

Sponsor training — one-on-one consultation on the new electronic sponsor training/communication program.

Resume review — individual resumes can be reviewed after completion of any class or transition assistance workshop. Call to schedule.

Deployment briefing — 9 a.m. the first Wednesday of each month and 1 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month. All deployers must attend prior to departure.

Heart Link — spouse orientation program intended to increase awareness of the Air Force mission, customs, traditions, protocol and on/off base resources and services. Lunch is provided. Heart Link coins, tote bags and much more. Limited child care is available. Offered quarterly; call for dates.

BAY BREEZE COLLOCATED CLUB

Editor's note: All ranks and contractors welcome. Must show club card to receive discounts. Free Wi-Fi. For more information, call 377-2334.

Mongolian barbecue — 5-8 p.m. July 21. Air Force Club members pay 95-cents per ounce, nonmembers \$1.10 per ounce.

All-you-can-eat buffet — served 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. For menu, visit <http://www.keesler81fss.us>. Also try our daily lunch specials, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$7.95 members, \$9.95 non-members. Specials include soup, salad bar and beverage. Monday, taco bar; Tuesday, potato bar; Wednesday, pasta station.

Buffet-a-day-giveaway — register to win 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays.

Catering — whatever your catering needs, our friendly staff is here to help. Club membership is not required, 377-2219.

Air Force Club member discounts — show your Air Force Club card and get 25 percent off stall fees at the auto hobby shop; 25 percent off bowling Friday nights at Gaudé Lanes; 10 percent off youth sports at the youth center; 10 percent off camper rentals at outdoor recreation; \$2 off cart rentals Mondays-Fridays at Bay Breeze Golf Course and ride free on the Dragon Wagon.

Collocated lounge

Editor's note: Must be age 18 or older to enter.

Texas hold'em tournament — 5-11 p.m. July 22; doors open at 5 p.m., game begins at 6 p.m. Free for members; \$5 for non-members. \$1,000 in chips to each player. Food and drinks available. Order from the grill and receive \$25 in chips. Grand prize winner. Reservations recommended, first 100 are guaranteed seating. Sponsored by Budweiser - responsibility matters.

Social hour — 4-7 p.m. daily. Domestic beer specials.

DJ Dynamite dance night — 8 p.m. July 9.

Hump day at the "Breezy" — 5 p.m. Wednesdays. Specials include \$5 domestic draft pitchers, \$6 premium draft pitchers and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Free for members, nonmembers pay \$5 at the door.

Darts — bring your buddies for a game of darts.

Bonanza bingo — cards \$1, available at the cashier or ask your bartender; you could win a \$1,000 prize.

BAY BREEZE COMMUNITY CENTER

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2509. Free Wi-Fi.

Free cybersports gaming — Xbox, PlayStation 3, Nintendo Wii and computer stations dedicated solely to Internet gaming.

Free pool — enjoy a game of billiards on the house.

Piano lessons — call for information.

Voice lessons — \$100/month; Saturdays, 30-minute sessions.

Drum lessons — \$25/lesson for a 30-minute session.

Guitar lessons — \$50/month for four 30-minute sessions available 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays-Fridays.

Book your next event at the Bay Breeze Event Center — a variety of rooms and services are available for both personal and official base functions. We can accommodate parties up to 500 people. For more information, call or email bos.svc@us.af.mil.

BAY BREEZE GOLF COURSE

Editor's note: For more information or tee time, call 377-3832. Open 6 a.m. to dusk. Free Wi-Fi.

Independence Day scramble — 8 a.m. Monday. Four person, select shot. \$20 inclusive members, \$25 annual members, \$35 non-members. Fee includes greens, cart, food, beverages and prizes.

Pro shop sale — Monday, clearance items on display.

Youth golf camp — July 12-14, 19-21 and 26-28. 8-10 a.m. for ages 6-9; 10 a.m. to noon, for ages 10-14. \$40 per child.

Demonstration day — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 23. Vendors from Callaway Golf®, Adams Golf®, Srixon® and Cleveland Golf® will demonstrate products from each line.

Twilight special — 2 p.m. until closing Mondays-Thursdays, play unlimited golf. E1-E4, \$12; E5-O3, \$20; O4 and up, \$22; and guests \$22. Fees include cart rental.

DINING FACILITIES

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

Daily menu — call 377-DINE (3463).

Monthly birthday celebration — 5:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month for all nonprior service students, permanent party enlisted, and Essential Station Messing members. Reservations must be made in advance by the 25th of the previous month; call 377-4368. Those collecting basic allowance for subsistence must pay cash and surcharge.

FITNESS CENTERS

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

A trip to the market: you are what you eat — 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday take a tour of the commissary with the registered dietician from the health and wellness center. This health seminar is free. To preregister, call 376-3170.

Massage therapy — hour and half-hour appointments are available at Dragon and Triangle Fitness Centers. Certified therapist offers Swedish, aromatherapy, reflexology, deep tissue, pregnancy and hot stone massages. To schedule, call (228) 282-4734.

GAUDÉ LANES BOWLING CENTER

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

Rent a lane by the hour — one hour \$12.95 plus shoe rental, two hours \$23.95 plus shoe rental. Unlimited bowlers allowed on the lane. Available anytime except during Friday and Saturday night glow bowling.

Nine-pin no-tap tournament — Saturdays anytime between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. and Sundays between 1-4 p.m. bowl a three game, no-tap with shoes for \$15 per person, per set. One in five chance of winning up to \$800. Multiple entries allowed.

Casino night — 6 p.m. the first and third Saturday of each month. \$15 per person for three games, shoes included. Win cash.

Bonanza bingo — \$1 per card, daily drawings. You could win \$2,000.

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

Birthday parties — 1:30-3 p.m. or 3:30-5 p.m. Saturdays. The birthday child is free, you provide the cake. Parties range in price from \$8.95 to \$15.95 per child. Reservations are required.

11TH FRAME CAFÉ

Editor's note: Located inside Gaudé Lanes Bowling Center, 377-2036. Free Wi-Fi. Contractors welcome. Menu subject to change.

Lunch and bowl special — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. \$1 a game, plus \$1 for shoes.

Kingpin daily specials \$6.95 — 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. For menu log onto <http://www.keesler81fss.us> and click on the link for 11th Frame Café. Call-in orders accepted 10-11 a.m.

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

INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TRAVEL

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

Discounted tickets — for local and out of state attractions including Audubon Nature Institute, Orlando attractions and more.

Gulf Islands Waterpark — \$20 each for adult or child. Upgrades to season passes are available at the park.

Ship Island Excursions — \$22 for adults, \$13 for ages 3-10.

Big Kahuna's Water Park (Destin, Fla.) — \$35 for adults, \$28 for those under 48-inches tall.

Day trip charters — bus tours available for groups of 14-22 people. Call for more information.

Armed Forces Vacation Club — space available program offers seven nights and eight days in resort condominiums for \$369. Log on to <http://www.afvclub.com>. Keesler is designated installation #121.

LEISURE TRAVEL OFFICE

Stop by for information on cruises, airline tickets and hotels. We offer packages to Las Vegas, Orlando, the Caribbean and more.

Five-day Caribbean cruise* — Oct. 31-Nov. 5. Cruise aboard the Carnival Ecstasy departing from New Orleans traveling to Progreso and Cozumel, Mexico and returning to New Orleans. Prices range from \$372.19 to \$417.19. Balcony on request. Sign up by Aug. 25. Military traveling to Mexico must have approval from an O-6 in their chain of command. Passports are recommended.

Seven-day eastern Caribbean cruise* — Sept. 2-9, 2012. Cruise aboard the Carnival Conquest departing from New Orleans traveling to Key West, Fla.; Freeport and Nassau in the Bahamas returning to New Orleans. No Mexico destination, great for active duty military. Inside cabin \$540.92, ocean view \$650.92 and balcony \$810.92. Passports are recommended.

Seven-night Alaska inside passage cruise* — May 4-11, 2012 aboard the Royal Caribbean Radiance of the Seas departing from Vancouver, British Columbia traveling to Alaska's Icy Strait Point, Hubbard Glacier, Juneau, Ketchikan and returning to Vancouver. Inside cabin \$875.78, ocean view \$955.78 and balcony \$1225.78. Passports are required.

* Prices are per person, based on double occupancy and include taxes, meals and entertainment on board the ship. A \$250 deposit per person and a \$7 processing fee are required at the time of booking. Call (228) 377-1658 for more information or to book.

INNS OF KEESLER

Editor's note: For reservations and more information, call 374-0088 or DSN 597-4900.

Check-in/out — at Tyer House located on Fisher Street. If arriving after 6 p.m., please call with credit card to reserve. A business center with free Wi-Fi access is on site for your convenience.

Rooms — space-available reservations are available up to seven days in advance. Rooms offered are visiting airmen's quarters \$34.75; visitor's quarters \$39; and temporary lodging facility \$41.50 for one- and two-bedroom units with full kitchen. Pet TLFs are available for an additional \$10 per night.

LEGENDS CAFÉ

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

New menu — stop by, open evenings Thursdays-Saturdays.

Become an Air Force Club member — nonprior service students pay no dues for the first year. Submit your application to the cashier and receive an \$8 coupon for your next meal at Legends.

MCBRIDE LIBRARY

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

Free summer reading program — "A Midsummer Knight's Read" program for age 3-12. Free activities for children and families to inspire a love of reading. For more information visit our Web page at <http://www.keesler81fss.us/Library2.html>.

OUTDOOR RECREATION AND MARINA

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

Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo, military division — Friday-Monday at the Long Beach Marina Pavilion. Free to participate. No pre-registration required. Scales open noon to 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday and noon to 4 p.m. Monday. Prizes awarded for the heaviest fish caught daily and overall in each category. Open to all U.S. Armed Forces personnel, Department of Defense civilians and common access card holders. Sponsored by Forest City.

4th of July special — 10 percent off camping and fishing rental equipment, Monday only.

Sailing classes — July 21-24. Class certifies you to rent sailboats in the future. Classroom instruction is 5:30 p.m. July 21 at McBride Library. On-the-water instruction is July 22, 23 or 24 to be arranged with the instructor. \$45 per person.

Beach trips to Horn Island — \$30 per person 12 person minimum, 22 person maximum. Call to schedule.

Gulf barrier island fishing sign-up trips — nontraining Fridays and Sundays aboard the Dolphin II, weather permitting. \$75 per person. No license required. Trips include everything you need to fish. Bring food, beverages, sunscreen and personal items. Advanced payment is required at time of reservation. Minimum of 12 people, maximum 22; 14 required for a trip to the rigs.

Mississippi Sound charter fishing trips — aboard the Keesler Dolphin II. No license required. Trips include everything you need to fish. Bring food, beverages, sunscreen and personal items. Maximum 22 people. \$100 deposit required.

Back bay fishing trips — \$30 per person. Learn how to catch fish and what kind there are in the Biloxi Back Bay. Mississippi state fishing license is required. Trips run 7 a.m. to noon. Minimum four, maximum six people.

Indoor and open air pavilions — conveniently located next to playground equipment, fishing, boating, volleyball and more. Open air pavilions are \$10 for the first four hours and \$2 for each additional hour. The indoor pavilion is \$40 for the first four hours and \$6 for each additional hour. Payment and a \$50 refundable cleaning deposit is required at time of reservation.

SWIMMING POOLS

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3948 or 377-3568.

Swimming lessons — for 6 months of age and older.

Pools are open — to anyone authorized to use 81st Force Support Squadron facilities. Identification and \$1.50 entry fee or season pass required for admission. Seasonal passes available at outdoor recreation and both pools; \$20 single season, \$60 family season (three or more). Only Coast Guard-certified life vests and floating devices are allowed.

Age requirement — ages 10 and younger must be accompanied in the pool by an adult. Ages 11-13 may use the pool unattended if they can swim at least 12 meters. Infants and small children are required to wear rubber pants or swim diapers.

Parties — available 6-8 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Reserve at least two weeks in advance. \$50 for the first two hours and \$25 for each additional hour. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed.

GO BOWLING!
AT GAUDÉ LANES BOWLING CENTER
SUMMER SPECIAL \$1 PER GAME!
Need a great children's activity during the summer? Kids bowl Monday-Thursday until close and Fridays until 6 p.m. for \$1 per game + \$1 shoe rentals!
SUNDAY IS FAMILY DAY!
Bring the family and bowl for two hours including shoes plus get a large pizza and a pitcher of soda or teal
\$35
For more information, call 377-2817.

ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

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

Multi-crafts shop

Editor's note: Potter's wheels, ceramic molds, air brush and tools are available for use.

A variety of craft classes are offered. Classes begin at 11 a.m. on the weekends unless otherwise noted. Call the Wednesday before to schedule. Prices vary.

Summer photo contest — show off your best shot in our summer photo contest. All entries will be displayed at the arts and crafts center. Prizes awarded. Free to enter. Call for entry guidelines.

Summer arts camp — for ages 9 and older. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays. Preregister for one or all camps. \$30 per week includes all materials. Registration is accepted by phone with a credit card. July 12-14, cupcake and cookie decorating; July 19-21, woodworking-coat rack; July 26-28, collage and framing.

Frame shop

Framing class — 12:30 p.m. July 8 and 22. Bring a piece of art or photograph no larger than 5x7-inches to frame.

Wood shop

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

Woodworking class — 9 a.m. Saturdays. Learn basic techniques and how to use shop equipment. \$25 includes materials. Class certifies you to use shop for future do-it-yourself projects.

Creative woodworking — learn intarsia, the art of piecing wood together in a decorative pattern. Beginners' class is 10 a.m. Saturday and July 16, \$20. Advanced is 10 a.m. July 9 and 23, \$25.

Engraving shop

Custom items — engraved mugs, pens, shadow boxes and more. We also etch glass items. Purchase new from our selection or bring an item of your own.

Strut Your Mutt!

Noon to 3 p.m.
July 22

FREE at the "V"
(Vandenberg Community Center).

Pet lovers are encouraged to bring their furry friends for a day of pooch pampering and parading!

Contests include best looking dog, ugliest dog, owner/pet look-alike and best tricks!

Sponsored by Powers K9 Dog Obedience, Penny's Pampered Pets, Two Dogs Dancing and ForestCity.

For more information, call 377-5576 or 377-2509.

Auto hobby shop

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

Air condition recharging — make sure your vehicle is ready for the summer heat.

Car wash — 24-hour coin-operated, features foamy-brush wash, high-pressure rinse, wax system, towelettes and Armorall, and a vacuum station.

Vehicle maintenance training — stop by anytime between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. July 8 or 22 and let our certified mechanics show you how to check your vehicle's fluid levels and change the oil and tires. \$10 per person. Great for all ages.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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

Give parents a break — 4-10 p.m. July 9. This Air Force Aid program offers free child care at the center for Air Force families who are referred by base agencies such as the airman and family readiness center and family advocacy, first sergeants, commanders and chaplains. Certificates must be coordinated through the airman and family readiness center. School-age children go to the youth center.

DRAGON WAGON

Editor's note: Anyone on Keesler is welcome to ride.

Fee — 50 cents per ride or purchase a \$10 unlimited monthly pass at Gaudé Lanes or Legends Café. Air Force Club members ride free.

Schedule — 5 p.m. to midnight Thursdays before nontraining Fridays, noon to midnight nontraining Fridays, 5 p.m. to midnight training Fridays, noon to midnight Saturdays, and noon to 6 p.m. Sundays.

Route — stops include 81st Force Support Squadron and base hot spots. Log onto <http://www.keesler81fss.us> for locations and times.

FAMILY CHILD CARE

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3189.

Child care slots — call for availability.

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

HELP WANTED

Editor's note: The 81st Force Support Squadron human resource office is in Room 213, Sablich Center.

Nonappropriated fund positions — apply in house or online. A computer lab is now available for job seekers to use on site during normal business hours. To apply online or for current job openings log onto <https://nafjobs.afsv.net>, click on "hot jobs."

RESALE LOT

Buy, sell, trade — \$10 per month to place your vehicle on the lot, \$20 for recreational vehicles and boats. Located on Meadows Drive; register at the arts and crafts center 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Registration, license and insurance required.

VANDENBERG COMMUNITY CENTER

Editor's note: Events listed are for nonprior service students only. For more information, call 377-3308.

*Part of the late night dances; \$3 cover charge applies.

Independence dance* — 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday.

White out party* — 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. July 8. The dress code for the night is all white.

Scooper bowl night* — 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. July 16. Enjoy free ice cream with all the toppings. Drink and food specials provided by Legends Café.

Late night dances* — 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursdays before nontraining Fridays and every Friday and Saturday. Karaoke 9 p.m. Thursday dance nights.

Game room — 6-11 p.m. during late night dances and 5-9 p.m. all other nights.

Tae kwon do classes — 5-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays for ages 18 and older. \$75 per month. Participation is unlimited.

VETERINARY TREATMENT FACILITY

Editor's note: All animals in base housing must be registered with the veterinary office. For an appointment, call 376-7495.

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

Sick call and vaccines — by appointment only.

YOUTH CENTER

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

Dance — Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. for ages 3-5 and 6:30-7:30 p.m. for ages 6 and older. \$45/month.

Classes — guitar, tae kwon do and tennis are offered. Call to schedule.

Free Sittercity membership — funded by the Department of Defense, helps you locate summer child care. Log on to <http://www.sittercity.com/dod>.

School age camp — for ages 6-12. Fees are based on family income. Tuesday-July 8, all around the world; July 11-15, science week; July 18-22, invention week; July 25-29, children's choice.

Teen summer camp — for ages 13-18. \$5 per day. Tuesday-July 8, entrepreneur week; July 11-15, activity center; July 18-22, challenge country; July 25-29,* and Aug. 1-3, closing ceremonies.

***Missoula Theatre camp** — July 25-29 for youth in grades 1-12; free to attend. Youth will perform "The Tortoise Versus the Hare." Auditions July 25, performance July 29.

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