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## Happy Valentine's Day



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Air Force retiree Edward Sellard Jr. receives a Valentine from Staff Sgt. Kimberly Perez, 81st Training Support Squadron, during Keesler's annual Valentines for Vets visit to the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Biloxi on Feb. 14.

## Air Force Aid Society \$2.1 million paid to Keesler people since Katrina hit

By Staff Sgt. Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

Keesler members don't have to look very hard to find a reason to give to the Air Force Assistance Fund during the 2006 campaign.

"As of Feb. 16, \$2.1 million was donated to Hurricane Katrina victims from the Air Force Aid Society, which is a part of the Air Force Assistance Fund," said Jackie Pope, base AFAS officer. "Most of the money went to members' insurance deductibles and temporary repairs."

That's more than 46 times the \$45,147 Keesler contributed to AFAF during last year's drive.

AFAS is one of four charities under AFAF. A hurricane assistance fund was established by AFAS immediately after Katrina to help distribute aid to victims of the storm.

"When we first started giving out the funds to Keesler personnel, we said to consider the money as an interest-free loan, per the rules of the AFAS," Ms. Pope said. "It was decided to convert those loans to outright grants, meaning people who received the funds would no longer have to worry about paying them back."

Ms. Pope noted it isn't only active-duty Air Force members who received assistance from AFAS.

"We wrote checks here for people from the other branches of the service," she said. "Army, Navy, Marines, Guard and reservists (provided they were on orders to be stationed here for more than 15 days) also benefited."

She urged people to keep

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## Wing honors top performers of 2005 tonight

By Senior Airman Sarah Stegman

Keesler News staff

The Keesler spotlight shines on the 81st Training Wing's top military and civilian performers of 2005 today.

The 81st TRW's annual awards banquet is 6 p.m. in the 403rd Wing hangar, Building 4247, 123 Phantom Street.

The nominees in nine categories are:

**Airman** — Airmen 1st Class Heather Hines, 81st Medical Support Squadron, and

Jose Madrigal, 81st Communications Squadron; Senior Airmen Jared Narlock, 336th Training Squadron, and Brian Ramirez, chapel.

**Noncommissioned officer** — Staff Sgt. Siah Driggers, 81st MDSS; Tech. Sgts. William Byrd, 81st CS; Patrick Galivan, 81st Comptroller Squadron, and Joshua Turnier, 335th TRS.

**Senior NCO** — Master Sgt. Nicole Pearson,

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## AFAF,

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all this in mind as they consider contributing to the current AFAF drive.

"It's hard now to ask people for money because people are still trying to recover and rebuild," Ms. Pope said. "But, if people can give just \$5-\$10 a paycheck, that will go a long way.

"Maybe it means not eating out at lunch for a few days out of the month. A little bit can really make a difference in the end."

## Awards,

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81st Surgical Operations Squadron; Senior Master Sgts. Al Clemmons, chapel; Colin O'Neill, 81st TRSS, and Damian Orslene, 81st Mission Support Squadron.

**Company grade officer** — 1st Lt. Michael Chandler, 81st MSS; Capts. Tera Carter, 81st MDSS; Terrill McCall, 333rd TRS Detachment 1, Falls Church, Va., and Daniel Vaillant, legal office.

**Field grade officer** — Chaplain (Maj.) Timothy Butler; Lt. Cols. George Budz, 81st Contracting Squadron, and Steven Reese, 81st MDSS.

People can still come to AFAS for assistance, Ms. Pope said, adding the process has been slightly modified since immediately after the storm.

"In the past, when people came in, we simply wrote a check to the individual," she said. "Now, when a person comes in for assistance, they must have an estimate and we will write the check to the contractor or agency."

The Air Force-wide campaign continues through May 5. Local dates are March 15-April 26. For more information, contact your unit representative or Maj. Gregory Kendrick, 333rd Training Squadron, 377-1766.

**Entry level civilian** — Melva Kroll, 81st MDSS; Greg Lewis, legal office; Christine McGill, 334th TRS, and Robert Omara, 81st Transportation Squadron.

**Intermediate level civilian** — Susan Burnett, 338th TRS; Robert Elliott, 81st Operational Support Flight, and Kwo-Jen Gibson, 81st MDSS.

**Senior level civilian** — Elizabeth LeBlanc, 333rd TRS; Denice McLain, 81st CPTS, and John Wilhelm, 81st MDSS.

**First sergeant** — Master Sgt. Roderick McKinley, 336th TRS, and Senior Master Sgt. Timothy Jordan, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron.

## CORRECTION

A caption about Hurricane Katrina artwork done at the child development center which ran in the Feb. 9 issue of the Keesler News misidentified one of the young artists.

She is 3-year-old Venevia Hawkins, daughter of Angela Hawkins, 81st Services Division, and Staff Sgt. Vincent Hawkins, 403rd Wing.

# COMMENTARY

## Diet, exercise healthy ways to spring into coming season

By Col. (Dr.) Virgil Jefferson

81st Surgical Operations Squadron commander

Spring is just around the corner with its clear skies, comfortable temperatures and lengthening days.

This winning combination is sure to lure you off the sofa and onto the nearest athletic field. But before you take the plunge into springtime activities, keep in mind a few simple suggestions regarding nutrition and stretching. With a little attention now, you'll be sure to maximize your enjoyment and minimize your risk of injury.

### Eat healthy

Remember those New Year's resolutions? For many of us, these include a commitment to better nutrition. Spring — a time of renewal — is the perfect time to shape up your diet and focus on healthful eating.

Fruits and veggies are key, and nothing says spring like fresh strawberries. You'll find these and lots of other fresh produce at your farmer's market. Not only will you be energized by the experience, you'll enjoy the fresh flavors and your body will reap the benefits of great nutrition.

### Great Web site

The Department of Agriculture has a great Web site which allows you to explore nutrition and take steps towards a healthier you. Everyone is unique — age, sex, activity level, medical needs — which means we all don't need to eat the same thing or the same quantity.

[Http://www.mypyramid.gov](http://www.mypyramid.gov) is free, easy, and has tools that allow you to calculate what and how much you should eat. Plus, the site is child-friendly so you can get yours (or grandkids) involved with making smart nutritional choices. Who says keeping resolutions can't be fun and tasty?

After getting a good nutrition plan under your belt — yes, pun intended — get out and enjoy your favorite activity. Before you wipe the dust off the bicycle, fishing pole, softball glove or golf clubs, do a little injury prevention for yourself. Otherwise, you might end the season early.

During the week, get your stamina up by doing an aerobic activity most days of the week. Aerobic means doing something that elevates and sustains your heart rate for 20 or more minutes — 30 to 60 minutes is preferable. After you finish your activity, be sure to stretch. Remember, a muscle stretch should be comfortable enough to hold for 25-30 seconds. Repeat the same stretch five to six times to get the best results. Don't rush. Your muscles have worked hard for you, so pay them back by giving them a 10-minute reward.

### Tune up yourself

If your favorite spring and summer activity involves swinging, throwing or casting, focus on stretching your upper body and prepare your hands, arms and shoulders for the season. Just starting the old lawn mower utilizes all muscles in the arm and back — so be sure to tune up not only the mower, but yourself as well.

Beginning with your shoulders, start lightly by throwing a tennis ball against the wall for 8 to 10 minutes. When you can do so comfortably, you can increase the speed, force and, hopefully, accuracy of your throws.

Exercise tubing is also a great way to tune up the arms and shoulders. You can hold a small length of tubing in front of you and try to pull it apart. Changing the angle and direction of your pull effectively challenges your muscles through their entire range of motion and quickly gets them ready for your spring activity.

### Improving your grip

Don't forget your hands. Even though you use them countless times every day, you should take time to tune them up as well. Spreading rubber bands apart with your thumb and fingers and squeezing putty, sponges or any other pliable material are great ways to improve your grip.

For more information on fitness and injury prevention, visit the 81st Surgical Operations physical medicine flight at the health and wellness center.

## ACTION LINE ... 377-4357


By Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso

81st Training Wing commander

First, try to work concerns through the proper chain of command. When you've exhausted this recourse, turn to the commander's action line for assistance.

We welcome any suggestions to help make this a more valuable and useful tool. You may call the commander's action line at 377-4357, write to Commander's Action Line, 81 TRW/PA, Keesler AFB, MS 39534-2603, e-mail 81 TRW Commander's Action Line (on-base) or [commanders.line@keesler.af.mil](mailto:commanders.line@keesler.af.mil) (off-base). For a personal response, include your name, address and phone number.

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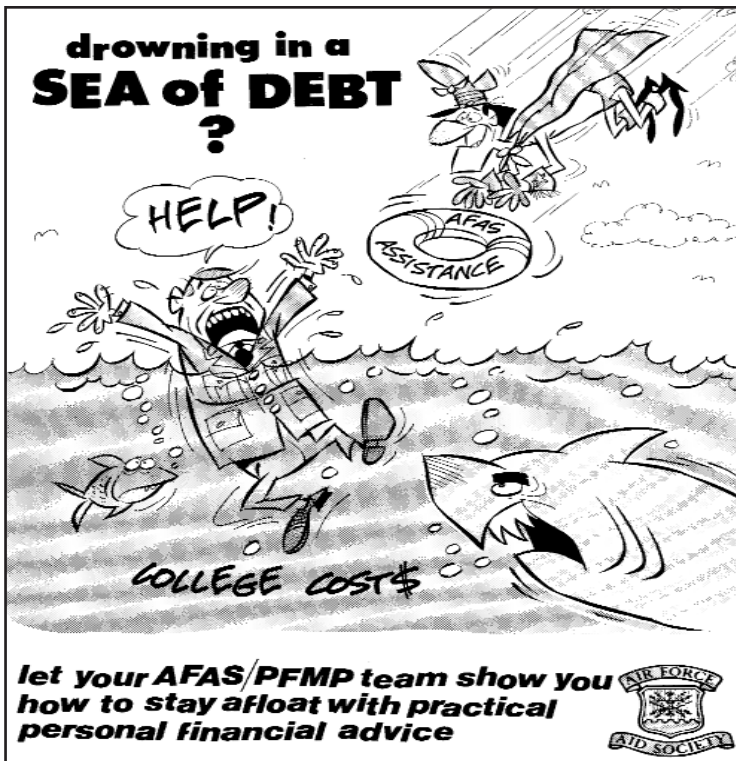
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## Keesler's 2006 safety goals

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feel safe at work and home.**

# TRAINING AND EDUCATION

## Combat controller course

# Instructors' losses take back seat to mission

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

When Air Staff came up with training priorities for Keesler in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, the 334th Training Squadron's combat controller course was near the top of the list.

Combat controllers are in great demand for the global war on terror, according to Maj. Doug Leamon, the squadron's director of operations.

### Vital training, teamwork

Combat controllers are certified air traffic controllers who serve as the Air Force's counterpart to Navy SEALs, Army Rangers and the Marine Corps' Force Reconnaissance. They operate in direct action, airfield seizure, personnel recovery missions in hostile territory, international emergencies and humanitarian relief efforts.

Their mission often puts them in hostile environments where their lives depend on specialized training and each other.

### Katrina challenges

Keesler's combat control training team faced formidable challenges in Katrina's aftermath:

**The four instructors** lost a total of five homes, along with virtually all of their personal possessions.

**At Locker House**, student quarters, training facilities, equipment and supplies sustained significant damage. More than \$200,000 of fitness equipment was rendered useless by flood waters.

**The Biloxi Natatorium** was battered and couldn't be used for water training.

"In those early days after Katrina, no one ever expected training to come back up so soon," said Major Leamon, who commanded the air traffic control operations training flight at the time. "Two major factors came into play — our instructors personify the core



Photo by Kemberly Groue

**Combat controller students scale the cargo net climb during an early-morning physical training session Feb. 10.**

value of 'service before self,' and other base agencies stepped up to help us get back on track."

The training team consists of Staff Sgts. David Stapp and Michael Charvat, Tech. Sgt. Michael Sciortino and Master Sgt. Timothy Roosa. Tech. Sgt. Jarmin Blanton from 2nd Air Force was called on to assist the group as training geared back up.

Sergeant Roosa, who arrived at Keesler earlier in the summer, had just completed jumpmaster school and flew into Mobile, Ala., Aug. 28, the day before Katrina clobbered Keesler. He headed for Florida to shelter with family members. Other instructors evacuated, and some sheltered with the squadron at Allee Hall.

"We had two to three classes

with 12 to 14 enlisted members, plus two officers, when Katrina hit," Major Leamon said. "After the storm, we were anxious to help the students depart. Sergeant Roosa's car was crushed under a fallen pine tree by Locker House, and one of our guys called him so they could siphon the gas for some of the students that needed to leave."

Initial skills training for combat controllers at Keesler includes not only the 15 1/2 weeks of air traffic control technical training, but intensive physical training to prepare them for advanced training in parachuting, survival skills, field tactics, weapons use, communication, navigation, diving and underwater egress.

To reinforce the combat controller team philosophy, students live together at Locker House and remain together for classroom instruction and physical training.

"Our training here is just the beginning of the journey for our combat controllers," Major Leamon explained. "Any delays in training at Keesler affect all the follow-on schools."

Air traffic control training resumed Sept. 19, and 12 to 14 combat control students returned the next day. Since then, student numbers have risen to pre-Katrina levels.

### Personal hardships

"The biggest personal challenge was having no equipment, shoes, socks or PT gear," said Sergeant Stapp, who lost two houses and virtually all of his personal property in the hurricane. "We were making things up as we went along, trying to keep students from having training deficiencies. All the while, we had to try to find a place to live and deal with insurance and FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency)."

### Interim arrangements

Until the combat controller fitness equipment is replaced, instructors and students are using Dragon Fitness Center for their early-morning workouts. New equipment has been ordered and facility repairs are under way. Wet suits were purchased so students could train at the Triangle Pool, instead of the damaged natatorium.

"The combat controller pipeline is flowing smoothly again," Major Leamon pointed out. "Our instructors are absolutely incredible — how they were able to maintain a high caliber of training while dealing with personal loss is nothing short of miraculous. In my 17 years in the Air Force, I've never encountered such teamwork, commitment and dedication."

## What are combat controllers?

Air Force Print News

Combat controllers are certified air traffic controllers who are an integral part of the Air Force's ground combat team that specializes in unconventional missions.

They can set up navigational aid equipment anywhere in the world to guide aircraft for landing on makeshift runways without the benefit of a tower or large communications system.

Their motto, "First There," indicates their commitment to be the first deployed into restricted environments by air, land or sea tactics to establish assault zones. The assault zone is a drop zone for parachute operations, a landing zone for fixed wing or helicopter operations or an extraction zone for low altitude re-supply.

Combat controllers can also control air attacks for fixed-wing and rotary-wing operations for aircraft from all military services.

In addition, they provide vital command and control, intelligence gathering, surveying capabilities and limited weather observations.

They're also qualified in demolition to clear obstructions and hazards from potential runways and landing zones.

Operating around the clock in all climates, combat controllers maintain the highest standards of physical fitness and proficiency in the use of light weapons. Their demanding training and their unique mission earns combat controllers the right to wear the scarlet beret.

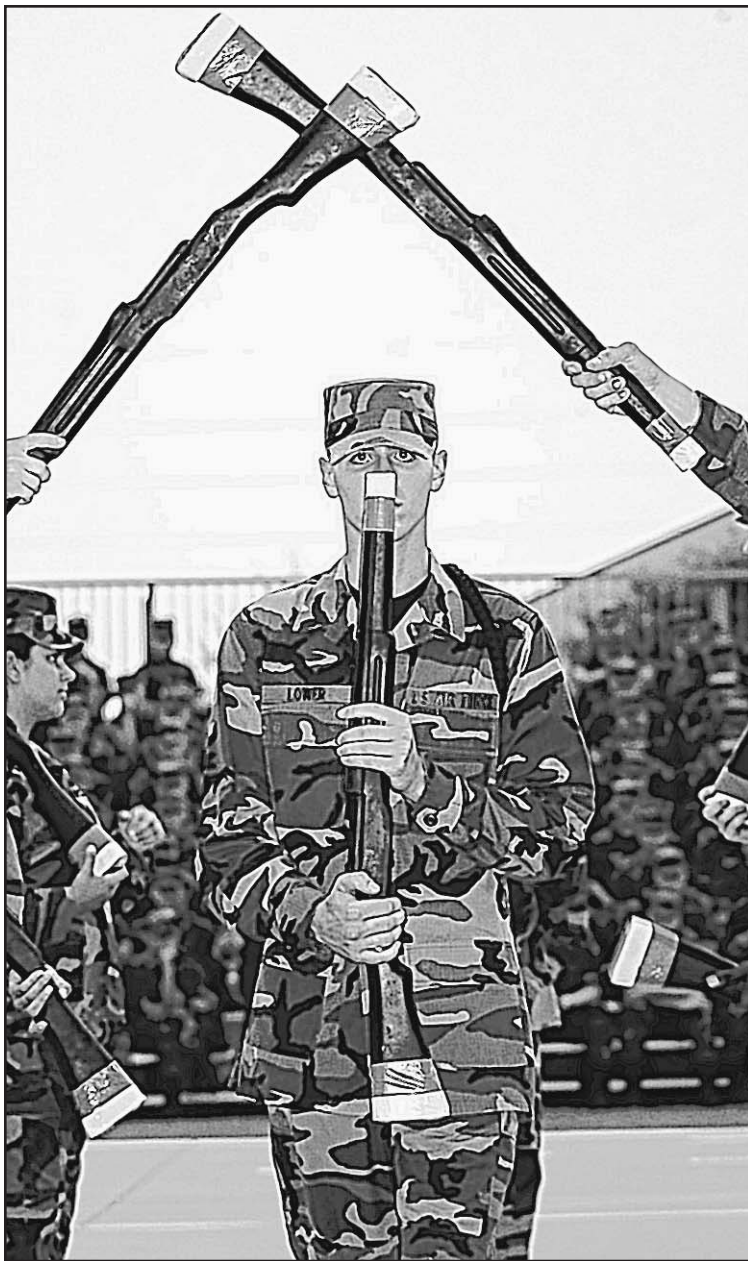


Photo by Kemberly Groue

**Airman Andrew Lower, 334th TRS, pauses beneath crossed rifles during a freestyle routine in the last drill down of the 2005 season, Aug. 12.**

## Bulls are team to beat for drill down title

**By Susan Griggs**

**Keesler News staff**

The 81st Training Group's first drill down of the season is 8 a.m. Friday at the drill pad adjacent to the Levitow Training Support Facility.

The 335th Training Squadron is the defending champion. The Bulls won three of the four drill downs last year in a season abbreviated by Hurricane Katrina.

Competitions are planned every other month. In alternate months, student parades are held.

Other drill downs are 8 a.m. April 21 and June 16, and 7 a.m. Aug. 11 and Oct. 20.

Parades are 6 p.m. March 23 and Nov. 16, and 7 p.m. May 18, July 14 and Sept. 21.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Kwame Felton, 377-9527, for drill downs and Staff Sgt. Deanna Attaway, 377-2103, for parades.

# TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

## CCAF deadline

Today is the deadline to apply for the Community College of the Air Force spring graduation.

All supporting documentation must be on file at CCAF at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., including nomination action requests which are submitted by education office counselors.

To make an appointment with a counselor, call 377-2323 or 2171, or visit Room 212, old Cody Hall.

## KOSC scholarships

March 17 is the deadline to apply for the Keesler Officers Spouses Club's annual scholarship program.

The four \$1,000 and four \$500 scholarships are for 2006

high school and home school graduates and spouses of military members.

Eligibility requirements and application packages are available from area high school guidance counselors, the base education office, family support center, the Fishbowl Student Center, McBride Library and Keesler Thrift Shop.

The thrift shop is one of the organization's fund-raising efforts that make the scholarships possible.

For more information, call Shannon Sanders, scholarship chair, 374-2368.

## Spouse scholarships

These scholarship programs are available to spouses:

**National Military Family Association** — eligible are uni-

formed service spouses — active duty, retired, National Guard, Reserve or survivor — studying toward professional certification or attending post-secondary or graduate school. The deadline to apply for the \$1,000 scholarships is midnight April 15. To apply, visit <http://www.nmfa.org/scholarships2006>.

**Aerospace Education Foundation** — eligible are civilian spouses of active-duty Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Reserve members. For more information or to apply for one of the 30 \$1,000 scholarships, visit the education office, Room 212, old Cody Hall, or go to <http://www.aef.org/aid/scholarships.asp>.

## Education survey

An educational needs assessment survey is conducted online

during February for military and civilian employees, retirees and their family members.

Access the 10-question survey at <https://afvec.langley.af.mil/needs/>.

## Testing dates

The education office offers ACT, SAT and PRAXIS tests.

Deadlines are:

**ACT** — March 9 for April 11 test, June 8 for July 11 test.

**SAT** — April 13 for May 16 test.

**PRAXIS I** — March 20 for May 1 test, June 26 for Aug. 7 test.

**PRAXIS II** — March 20 for May 2 test, June 26 for Aug. 8 test.

To schedule, call 377-2323.

## MGCCC classes

Mississippi Gulf Coast

Community College-Keesler Center's spring term is March 6 through May 18.

Registration by appointment in Room 214, old Cody Hall, begins Wednesday for active duty.

Students who take English composition I, oral communication or mathematics for the first time must have an assessment of skills.

The schedule, including new classes in physics, calculus and study skills, is available at <http://www.mgccc.edu>.

For more information, call 377-2287.

## \$1,000 scholarships

Military Officers Association of America scholarships are available to military children.

For more information, go to <http://moaa.org>.

# NEWS AND FEATURES

## 2 medics claim Air Force honors

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Two 81st Medical Group noncommissioned officers are recipients of 2005 Air Force Medical Service awards.

They are:

**Master Sgt. Nicole Pearson**, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron physical medicine flight section chief, physical therapy supervisor/manager award in the senior NCO category.

**Tech. Sgt. Alvin Holland**, NCO in charge of the 81st Medical Support Squadron's pharmacy support element, is pharmacy technician of the year in the NCO category.

Sergeant Pearson managed 26,000 patient treatments and 7,000 preventative health encounters. She oversaw a \$116,000 budget and \$1.1 million in equipment.

She led reconstitution of four flight elements after Hurricane Katrina and networked with Oklahoma and Mississippi churches to bring \$50,000 in commodities to hurricane victims.

As career field practicum manager, she validated five 4J0X2 technician national



Sergeant Pearson

certification requirements and ensured they were ready for their physical therapy assistant licensure board.

She also briefed family-care plans to deploying squadron members.

Sergeant Holland led 20 coworkers and managed a \$12 million annual budget at the satellite pharmacy.

Sergeant Holland's team dispensed more than 400,000 prescriptions with 99.9 percent accuracy, topping the national average of 98 percent.

His actions during and after



Sergeant Holland

Hurricane Katrina were also cited. He reentered the ruined pharmacies by flashlight to secure medications which contributed to the air evacuation of more than 70 pregnant patients.

He assisted disaster relief agencies in establishing medical supply lines, reestablished refill operations at Wilford Hall Medical Center and resurrected the pharmacy's call-in service in less than three weeks after Katrina, restoring drug benefits for more than 100,000 beneficiaries.

## 'And the Beat Goes On' Air Force entertainers perform March 13

By Master Sgt. Roger Drinnon

Keesler Public Affairs

Tops in Blue, the world-renowned Air Force expeditionary entertainers, perform in a free concert, 6-8 p.m. March 13 at the parade field behind the Levitow Training Support Facility.

Two Keesler Airmen are members of the 2005 Tops In Blue team:

**Capt. William Middleswart**, a 334th Training Squadron air traffic control officer.

**Senior Airman Brook Hoffman**, an 81st Surgical Operations Squadron medical technician.

"The 2005 performers originally were scheduled to end their year of touring March 11, but they extended their tour dates to March 13 just so they could perform at Keesler," said Dave Bowers, director of Vandenberg Community Center and base Tops in Blue coordinator.



Mr. Bowers said the show originally was scheduled for Feb. 2 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum, but difficulties with logistics in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina left the parade field as the most feasible location.

All service members, their dependents, military retirees, and civilian employees with access to Keesler are invited to attend. This year's theme is "And the Beat Goes On."

The 35 vocalists, musicians and dancers are all active-duty Air Force members who competed in base talent competitions to earn their spots with the group.

## IN THE NEWS

### New rules for cell phones, driving

As of Monday, under new Department of Defense guidance, it's a primary offense for Keesler members to use a cell phone while driving on base without a hands-free device.

Violators can be stopped for this offense by the 81st Security Forces Squadron. For driver's license points assessment purposes, violations fall under the category violation, which includes other moving violations involving driver behavior only. Three points are assessed, and when two or more violations are committed on a single occasion, points may be assessed for each individual violation.

For more information, call 377-3762.

### Prayer breakfast March 14

Keesler's 2006 National Prayer Breakfast is 7 a.m. March 14 in the 403rd Wing hangar, Building 4247, 123 Phantom Street.

For more information, permanent party members call Chap. (Capt.) Winston Jones, 377-2520, and students call Chap. (Capt.) Michael Howard, 377-2331.

### Death notification

Senior Airman Valerie Soto, formerly assigned to the 81st Medical Support Squadron, died Jan. 29 in a one-car accident en route to a new assignment at Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

Capt. Braden Friday, Maxwell AFB, Ala., is authorized to make disposition of Airmen Soto's personal effects. For claims for or against Airman Soto's estate, call Captain Friday, 1-334-224-1628.

### Past 2nd Air Force leader honored

Air Force Print News

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Feb. 11, Air Force Space Command's enlisted personnel bestowed the Order of the Sword upon Gen. Lance Lord, AFSC commander.

The Order of the Sword is the highest honor enlisted Airmen can bestow on a leader. General Lord, former commander of 2nd Air Force, is the eighth recipient of the honor in AFSPC since the command's inception in 1982.

### General punished for misconduct

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — March 1, Brig. Gen. Richard Hassan, former director of the Air Force senior leader management office, retires as a colonel as nonjudicial punishment for engaging in conduct unbecoming an officer.

The general was punished for engaging in an unprofessional relationship, sexually harassed his subordinates and maltreated a subordinate.

Retirement as a colonel instead of brigadier general results in an estimated future pay loss of more than \$514,000 before taxes.

### Early Keesler News deadline

The deadline for submissions to the March 2 issue of the Keesler News is noon today due to the Mardi Gras regional holiday Tuesday.

The holiday is observed by Gulf Publishing Co., the newspaper's publisher.

The newspaper office is open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday.





## Airmen Against Drunk Driving

# Alternative to DUI as close as nearest phone

By Master Sgt. Roger Drinnon

### Keesler Public Affairs

**Editor's note:** This is the second in a five-part series on alternatives to the unsafe and illegal use of alcohol, and the consequences of driving under the influence of alcohol, underage drinking and providing alcohol to minors.

Death was inconceivable for one 8-year-old boy, until his cousin died due to a careless drunk driver.

As an adult, Tech. Sgt. Mark Harrell, vehicle maintenance craftsman for the 81st Transportation Squadron, does his best to ensure no one has to deal with a loss such as his. Since June, Sergeant Harrell has served as president of Keesler's Airmen Against Drunk Driving — a group of Airmen devoted to preventing the loss of life due to alcohol-related incidents.

"April was killed at the age of 14 by a man who was so intoxicated he was unable to read his own license plate," he recalled of the loss of his cousin. "She was hit Feb. 21, 1981, and died a few days later on March 3, 1981. April

was not only my cousin; she also was my friend that I looked up to.

"(As a child), 'death' was watching 'Wyle E. Coyote' and 'Roadrunner' cartoons and always seeing the coyote come back to life," he said. "(April's) death was the first that I had ever experienced, and it was very difficult for me to handle at the time, because as an 8-year-old, death was something that was foreign to me."

AADD is an initiative to safely return Keesler personnel — active duty, Guard, Reserve, military retirees, Defense Department civilian employees and spouses — to a residence if they're unable to drive due to alcohol consumption.

"I was especially interested in the AADD program because, simply put, they save lives every weekend by employing the 'wingman concept' and by helping to get our Keesler personnel and their family members home safely," Sergeant Harrell said. "That means a lot to me, because having two children of my own, I would hate to

have their lives cut short due to a drunk driver."

The sergeant described the purpose of AADD as two-fold.

"First, we strive to reduce alcohol-related incidents in our military and surrounding community," he said. "Second, we save the armed forces money in terms of the costs of disciplining, retraining and replacing military personnel."

Anyone given a safe ride home is dubbed a "save" by AADD. Members logged 948 saves from 2004 through 2005.

Airmen need only call 547-1534 to get a safe ride home with no questions asked, according to Sergeant Harrell. An AADD dispatcher is available from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily Thursdays before compressed work schedule Fridays through Saturdays and Sundays preceding Monday federal holidays.

When a call comes in, the dispatcher takes down the caller's first name, location, number of people in the party and destination. The nearest

of AADD's volunteers to the location of the call is sent to provide the transportation.

AADD's 112 volunteers include enlisted, officers, military retirees, DOD civilian employees, military dependents and any other DOD identification cardholders at least 18 years old.

Sergeant Harrell said the childhood memory of his cousin's death is particularly tragic when he considers modern-day alternatives for safe driving after drinking alcoholic beverages.

"Back then, having a designated driver was not at the forefront of most people's minds," he said. "However in today's society, there are many avenues that an individual can take to ensure that they get home safely."

The sergeant encourages Airmen to take advantage of AADD, as well as similar programs offered by supervisors, first sergeants and commanders.

Next week: Home Safe.



Drink responsibly.  
Have a plan.  
If your plan goes bad,  
call  
Airmen  
Against  
Drunk  
Driving,  
547-1534.

## Courts-martial: one acquittal, one conviction

### Legal office and Keesler News staff

A senior airman was acquitted and an airman convicted in courts-martial held in January.

Acquitted of using cocaine was a senior airman from the 81st Transportation Squadron.

An airman from the 81st Security Forces Squadron was found guilty of conspiring with two other Airmen to steal four video games valued at

less than \$500, of stealing those video games and of breaking and entering another Airman's dormitory room.

The 81st SFS member was reduced to airman basic, forfeited \$598 pay per month for five months, was confined for five months and received a bad conduct discharge.

Ted Jordan, legal office, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

### Underage drinking leads to Articles 15

#### Legal office and Keesler News staff

Four technical training students received Articles 15 for alcohol-related offenses in January.

An airman in the 338th Training Squadron was reduced to airman basic and sent to correctional custody for 30 days.

An airman basic in the 336th TRS was reprimanded and forfeited \$636 pay for one month.

An airman first class in the 332nd TRS, who was also charged with wearing civilian clothes without authority, was reduced to airman basic and forfeited \$636 pay per month for two months.

An airman basic in the 334th TRS was sent to correctional custody for 30 days and forfeited \$200 pay per month for two months. One month of the pay forfeiture was suspended pending successful completion of the suspension period.

Ted Jordan, legal office, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.



### Cops: 9 DUIs at Keesler in January

#### 81st Security Forces Squadron and Keesler News staff

Nine Keesler people were charged with driving under the influence in January, according to 81st Security Forces Squadron officials.

Six are civilians and three are Air Force members assigned here for technical training. The incidents took place on base streets, in parking lots, at gates and buildings.

One of the DUI drivers blew a .143 on the breathalyzer — .10 is intoxicated.

Six more technical training students, Airmen ages 18 to 20, were charged with underage drinking last month. Five incidents occurred in dormitories and one at a gate.

Tech. Sgt. James Kirk, 81st SFS, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

# Another extension OK'd for safe haven per diem

By Susan Griggs

## Keesler News staff

The safe haven per diem entitlement for dependents of Keesler's uniformed members displaced by Hurricane Katrina has been extended through March 31.

"The office of the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness approved additional authorization for evacuation allowances until Aug. 1," said Maj. Richard Fogg, 81st Comptroller Squadron commander.

"The per diem travel and transportation allowance committee approved 100 per cent entitlements for military dependents through March 31," the major explained.

"That extension provides authority until the military advisory panel can work changes to the joint federal travel regulation," he continued. "Those changes are expected to be approved by April 1 to give the services the authority and responsibility to make determinations on a case-by-case basis on payment of safe haven allowances."

Reimbursement rates are 100 percent for dependents 12 and older and 50 percent for those under 12.

Lodging reimbursement is limited to the actual cost not to exceed the authorized amount; receipts are required.

Receipts aren't required for the meals and incidentals expense that's reimbursed as a flat amount.

As of Tuesday, no extensions are approved beyond Friday for in-place per diem entitlements for civilians and their dependents or single-rate basic allowance for housing.

Other assistance sources:

## Air Force Aid Society

Assistance requests are taken at the family support center, Room 117, old Cody Hall.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Jeffrey Cartier, 377-2593.

## Civilian assistance

The Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund Emergency Assistance Program may provide assistance to federal civilian employees affected by Hurricane Katrina.

For more information, call Sheila Noel, 377-7973, or visit <http://www.feea.org/emergency/shtml>.

Civilian employees may donate unused annual leave to other employees adversely affected by the hurricane.

Up to 104 hours of leave can be donated, but it can't be given to a specific person. Submit an Office of Personnel Management Form 1638 through the civilian personnel flight.

## Civilian absences

May 31 is the last day for civilians to use up to 30 days of excused absence to attend to personal issues caused by Hurricane Katrina.

Employees don't get extra time added to the original 30 days approved, but can continue to take the leave to handle storm-related issues. Time is tracked on time cards in hourly increments.

For more information, call 377-3142.

## Coins, patches

The sale of Operation Dragon Comeback coins and patches benefits the base's

Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund. Coins are \$7 and patches are \$5.

Contact unit representatives or e-mail Tech. Sgts. Eric Alvarez, [eric.alvarez@keesler.af.mil](mailto:eric.alvarez@keesler.af.mil), or Anthony Bellocq, [anthony.bellocq@keesler.af.mil](mailto:anthony.bellocq@keesler.af.mil).

## Government travel card

People who used government travel cards for prepaid transactions that weren't used as a result of Hurricane Katrina can dispute the charge for credit.

Before filing a dispute, try to contact the merchant to see if charges can be credited to the account. If that isn't possible, submit the dispute form found at <https://www.gcsuthd.bankofamerica.com/forms/maintenance.asp>. Use reason code 10 and use your own words to reference Hurricane Katrina. To fax the form, call 1-888-678-6046.

## IRS publication

Internal Revenue Service Publication 4492, Information for Taxpayers Affected by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and

Wilma, is available at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p4492.pdf>.

## Retirees, annuitants

Military retirees and annuitants who've relocated or changed banking information, call 1-800-321-1080, 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. weekdays. They can also use myPay to update information; call 1-800-390-2348.

## SGLI

The Defense Department extended the deadline for reducing or declining increased Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance coverage for service members affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Sept. 1, eligible members were automatically insured for the maximum coverage of \$400,000.

To keep the \$400,000 coverage with the same beneficiary designations, don't take any action.

To decline or reduce coverage, complete a new SGLI 8286 at <http://www.insurance.va.gov>, indicating the amount of coverage desired.

# Aid still available from Katrina relief fund

By Staff Sgt. Lee Smith

## Keesler News staff

The Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund has helped many Keesler members since the first check was cut four months ago.

More than 1,300 checks and more than \$450,000 later, the fund can still help those people who have suffered losses from Hurricane Katrina, which devastated the base Aug. 29.

"Obviously, most of the people who needed assistance have already applied, but there are still funds available to anyone who hasn't applied yet for whatever reason," said Maj. Teresa Roberts, family support center director. "As of Friday, we estimate about 1,350 checks have been written to the amount of \$450,000. We wrote the first check in October, and have been going strong ever since."

Major Roberts said that many Keesler people — military and civilians alike — benefited from the fund.

"The largest check we have written was \$500, and due to our categorical breakdown, a lot of people were eligible for that assistance," she said. "We have

To apply  
for assistance or  
to make a donation,  
call the  
family support center,  
377-2179.

a category for people who lost everything, those who had a significant amount of loss, minimal loss and those who did not lose anything at all. We have had a good number of people come in who fell into each of the categories."

The relief fund was established primarily through the donations of people from other military bases and installations, Major Roberts said.

"We want to help as many individuals as we can," she said.

## NCO gets helping hand after hurricane losses

By Staff Sgt. Lee Smith

## Keesler News staff

Staff Sgt. Matthew Alexander, assistant noncommissioned officer in charge of the 81st Mission Support Squadron commander's support staff, is one of the people who's received help from the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.

"I lived in the South Pinehaven area before the storm," Sergeant Alexander said. "There was absolutely nothing that I could salvage from inside of the house. My wife and I had to leave."

Like many other base housing residents, he had to stay on base after the storm and find temporary living quarters.

Master Sgt. Douglas Wilder, 81st

MSS first sergeant, mentioned the Katrina Relief Fund.

"Right after the storm, my bank account was getting low," Sergeant Alexander said. "Event though we didn't have a house to live in, we still had bills to pay. I knew my insurance claim wasn't going to get done overnight, so I applied for the Katrina Relief Fund."

He said about a week after he applied at the family support center, he received a check for \$500.

"We used it for items for the house — chairs, comforters, food for my pets and other essential items that we really needed at the time," Sergeant Alexander said. "The money really helped us out. It was almost as important mentally for us as it was physically."

# Concessionaires available for lunch alternatives

By Senior Airman Sarah Stegman

## Keesler News staff

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service has coordinated with two local businesses to provide more alternatives for meals on base.

Backyard Burger and Cat's Catering, from Hattiesburg, have trailers set up in front of the Class Six/Shoppette on Meadows Drive.

Hours of operation are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Open base facilities are:

## 81st Services Division

**11th Frame Café** — located in Gaudé Lanes. Open 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-9:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and Friday; 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-9:30 p.m. Thursday; 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, and 1-7 p.m. Sunday.

**Vandenberg Community Center** — open 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to midnight working Fridays and Saturdays and 10 a.m. to midnight non-working Fridays and noon to 6 p.m. Sundays.

**Half Time Café** — 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-working Fridays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. non-working Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The café offers breakfast 6-9 a.m. Monday-working Fridays.

**Katrina Kantina** — a lounge, located in the main marina building, is open for all ranks over 21 years old. It opens at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, with snacks and beverages available.

**Arts and crafts, frame and engraving shops** — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. A mini arts and crafts center is located in the Vandenberg Community Center. Hours are 5-9 p.m. Thursday, noon to 5 p.m. non-working Fridays, and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays following down Fridays.

**Auto skills center** — 1-7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and non-working Fridays. The car wash is open 24 hours a day.

**Child development center** — 5:30 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. For more information, call 377-2211.

**Information, ticket and travel** — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays-working Fridays in Vandenberg Community Center.

**McBride Library** — open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday; noon to 5 p.m. Friday and Sunday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

**Veterinary clinic** — open 8 a.m. to noon Mondays-Fridays for sales. For appointments to have pets vaccinated or for sick pets, call 377-6883.

**Wood shop** — 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and non-working Fridays. The shop is closed through Monday for floor refinishing.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

**Staff Sgt. Christopher Kissam, 81st Training Wing, gets lunch from Cat's Catering Friday. The vendor, along with Backyard Burger, is located outside of the shoppette.**

**Youth center** — 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. workdays and 2-10 p.m. Saturdays. Before- and after-school program is 6-8:30 a.m. and 3:30-6 p.m. for children in kindergarten through grade 6.

## AAFES

**Car care center** — 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Service bays close at 3:30 p.m.

For more information, call 432-2404.

**Class Six/Shoppette** — open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.

**Home furnishings store** — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily at 220 Ploesti Drive with an entrance on Hercules Street.

**Mini-mall** — 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**Subway** — 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

## Gates

Oak Park Gate is open 5:30-7:30

a.m. and 3:30-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Pass Road, White Avenue and Meadows Drive gates are open around the clock. Judge Sekul Gate is closed.

## Housing

The housing office in former Chapel One is reassigning homes to families whose base housing is uninhabitable. For a list of available off-base housing, call Mary Krystosek, 377-9741.

## Moves

**Contracting** — now located in Room 101, old Cody Hall.

**Education office** — now located in Room 212, old Cody Hall. For assistance, call 377-2323 or 2171.

**Family support center** — now located on the first floor, old Cody Hall. A student office remains open in the Fishbowl.

**Finance** — located on the second floor, Vosler Center. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. working Fridays. For military and travel pay questions, call 377-7272 or 4212.

**Legal office** — aid is available from attorneys, 8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. workdays; notaries and powers of attorney, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. workdays, Room 246, Levitow Training Support Facility. For appointments, call 377-3510. For Katrina claims, call 377-3630. The fax number is 377-3630.

**Personnel offices** — now located in Room 218, old Cody Hall. The civilian personnel office has relocated to the Airman Leadership School building.

**Tax assistance** — Keesler's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program Office relocated to Room 234, old Cody Hall.

The office provides free tax advice and preparation services, 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. workdays.

For more information, call 377-4454.

**Traffic management office** — located in old Cody Hall, Room 166, and is open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Phone numbers are inbound issues, 377-7291 and outbound counselors, 377-5471.

## PODS

Portable on demand storage units must be returned to the contractor by March 13 and April 7, depending on the location of the unit.

PODs located next to the gas station, Bay Breeze Golf Course or on Hercules Drive need to be cleared out no later than March 12.

PODs located behind the tennis court or in the Sablich Center parking lot need to be cleared by April 6.

If a POD is still required, the individual can continue using the POD at their own expense. Monthly cost is \$129, and the POD must be moved to their property, which costs \$75 to \$150 depending on where the unit is moved.

If items aren't removed prior to the deadline date, the remaining items will be treated as abandoned property and disposed of accordingly.

For more information, call Ray Turner, 377-7201.

## Self-help store

The self-help store is open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday for facility managers, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for housing residents and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays. For more information, call 377-5397.

## Thrift shop

The Keesler Thrift Shop, located in the former Chapel One next to the dental clinic, is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

For more information, call 377-3217.



From left, Master Sgt. Gerald Hotchkiss, 81st Mission Support Group, and Pfc. Rene Espinoza and Lance Cpl. John Williams, Keesler Marine Corps Detachment, assemble lamps for Coastal Family Health Center Feb. 14 in Biloxi. The clinic was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina and rebuilt by "Extreme Makeover Home Edition."



Senior Airmen Christopher McShan, left, and Karina Alba, 81st Transportation Squadron, move a donated washing machine into a hurricane victim's trailer behind Biloxi's Yankee Stadium Feb. 17 during filming of the popular ABC series.

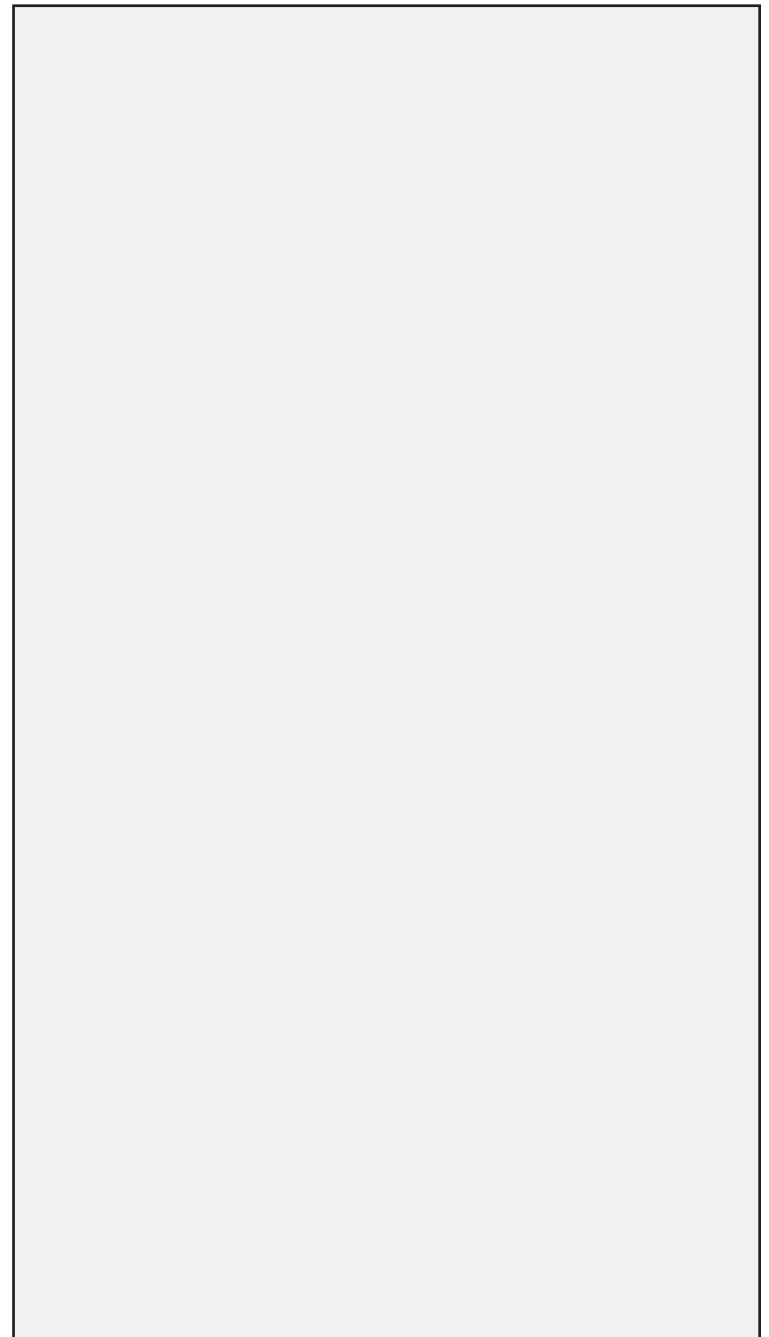
## TV program gets assist from Keesler Airmen, Marines

Pvt. Patrick Burke, left, MARDET, and Airman 1st Class Arthur Gonzalez, 335th Training Squadron, put together chairs for the waiting room of Biloxi's Coastal Family Health Center, a low-income clinic. The Extreme Makeover team also constructed a Katrina memorial at the Biloxi Town Green.



Master Sgt. Doug Wilder, 81st Mission Support Squadron, finishes a youth chair for Coastal Family Health Center in Biloxi Feb. 14. It's one of the sites remodeled during a visit by "Extreme Makeover Home Edition" to the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



# What's available, what's not in medical care on base

## 81st Medical Group

Services available through the 81st Medical Group:

**The appointment line** is open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to noon Sunday. Active-duty personnel may begin calling at 5 a.m. Monday-Friday.

**Clinic hours** are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. working Fridays. The family practice, internal medicine and pediatric clinics see patients 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays.

**To access care** on the first floor of Keesler Medical Center, enter through the "A Tower" at the top of the steps leading from Fisher Street. Signs directing patients to the respective clinics are posted along the route from the entrance to the clinic areas. The security staff is also available to provide directions.

**First aid station** — in the area once housing the emergency room is open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The last appointment for checkin is 5 p.m. The first aid station staff is able to treat only new, acute health care problems. They don't have the capability to treat urgent and emergency problems. Patients with urgent and emergent problems — difficulty breathing, chest pain, abdominal pain, etc. — go to the nearest off-base urgent care facility or emergency room. Ambulance coverage for Keesler is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week through the base 911 line. Patients are taken directly to off-base medical facilities by the contracted ambulance service. Active-duty sick call at the first aid station is scheduled through the central appointment line, 1-800-700-8603.

**Mental health flight** is in 1D in the medical center. Services include life skills (377-6216), family advocacy and exceptional family member program (377-7006) and alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment (377-8960). Signs to the applicable check-in areas are posted at the entrance. Patients may use the entrance at the west end of the building. Call 377-7006 or 6216 to confirm appointments or the information desk, 377-6550. The off-base civilian prescription pharmacy currently occupies Room 1D-103, the first office on the right where life skills customers previously were checked in.

**Tricare office** is in Room 1A-200. For patient registration or eligibility, call 377-6149 or 6276. For Tricare enrollments or MEB, call 377-9962. For the referral management office, Room 1A-201, call 377-6177. For health benefits advisors, visit Room 1F-306 or call 377-6580. Tricare Prime beneficiaries, call 1-800-700-8603 for appointments, leaving phone consults for their primary care managers or requesting authorizations for any non-emergency services. Hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. working Fridays.

**Family practice** staff, in the former medical specialties clinic, sees acute uncomplicated illnesses, handles personal health assessments and provides medication refills. Urgicare and walk-in services aren't available. A case management and social worker are available.

**Coumadin clinic** in Room 1F-158 in the family practice clinic area is open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays. Coumadin is an anticoagulation medication requiring close monitoring of certain



Katherine O'Donnell, 2, brushes the teeth of a willing kangaroo as Senior Airman Rui Gameiro, 81st Dental Squadron dental technician, looks on at the dental clinic Feb. 13. Katherine's parents are Maj. James and Georgia O'Donnell, 332nd Training Squadron. Child development center youngsters visited the clinic as part of National Children's Dental Health month.

Photo by Steve Pivnick

blood levels. The staff monitors and manages the dosage for patients. Patients are seen by referral only, requiring a physician at Keesler to submit a consult for the patient to be enrolled. For more information, call 377-6104.

**Clinical laboratory** is in its medical center location. The lab's phlebotomy station is open in the main lab and routine blood testing is provided for Tricare Prime patients seen at the medical center.

**Blood donor center** is open. To arrange to donate blood, call 377-9324.

**Radiology** is back in its previous location. Provided are routine radiographs, computerized tomography and ultrasounds for Tricare Prime patients seen at the medical center.

**Immunization clinic** in the former urology clinic provides all inoculations to active duty, retirees and dependents. Flu shots and limited allergy services are available.

**Temporary pharmacy** is in the medical photo/oral surgery area. Hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. For remaining refills from on-base prescriptions, call 377-6360. Pick up refills at least four duty days later at the temporary pharmacy distribution area in Building 5 of the Biloxi Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Veterans Boulevard, just off Pass Road. To renew prescriptions, see your primary care manager or another Tricare network provider.

**Internal medicine** on the first floor sees active-duty, dependents and Tricare Prime enrollees. Services are acute medical care, limited evaluation and treatment of chronic medical illnesses, medical consultation and referral for select subspecialty services.

**Optometry clinic** is on the first floor within the internal medicine clinic area. The staff sees active duty patients only. All exams are by appointment only through the Tricare appointment line, 1-800-700-8603. The clinic can order spectacles and gas mask inserts for active duty and eligible retirees provided they have a current prescription (within two years).

**Pediatric clinic** in the former oncology/hematology clinic area provides scheduled acute medical care for children, well baby/child visits, routine appointments, Q Code exams, and exceptional family member program and special needs family paperwork. For appointments, use the Tricare appointment line. A child psychologist and social worker are available. Appointments are by PCM referral.

**Women's health** in the former general surgery clinic, next to the new flight medicine clinic, provides routine women's health care to active duty, dependents and Tricare Prime enrollees. Other patients are seen on a space-available basis. Services are general gynecological problems, annual Pap smear exams, birth control and follow-up of abnormal Paps (dysplasia). No obstetrical services are available. The clinic can initiate profiles for pregnant active-duty patients. Eligible patients with questions, call 377-6920. For appointments, call 1-800-700-8603.

**Flight medicine** in the surgical specialties clinic furnishes walk-in acute care, duties-not-involved-in-flying paperwork, profiles and physical health assessments.

**General surgery and orthopedics** share the former orthopedic clinic. Surgery is available by primary care manager consult only.

**Medical records** are in the Wylie Auditorium. Original records are maintained by the medical center. For copies, complete a request form at the outpatient record's customer service desk. Allow five to seven days for copies.

**Endocrine services** are available by appointment only in the internal medicine clinic. Call the Tricare appointment line.

**New dermatology** patients are seen by referral only. Established patients may be seen by calling 377-1673 or the appointment line.

**Triangle clinic**, Levitow Training Support Facility, sees only non-prior service students.

**Services at the dental clinic** include routine care, cleanings and routine outpatient oral surgery for active-duty members only. Dental emergencies for all patients are seen through dental sick call. Call 377-4510 for appointments.

**Physical and occupational therapy** see patients at the health and wellness center. Services include assessment and treatment of musculoskeletal disorders such as upper and lower extremity dysfunction and neck and back pain. Treatment is limited to gym and home exercise programs, heat, ice, ultrasound and electrical stimulation modalities. Once patients receive referrals from their primary care managers, the referral management center calls them to schedule the appointment.

**For the director of customer relations**, call 377-9498.

# Inspector general

## Wide range of assistance available to people, units

By 1st Lt. Elaine Larson

AETC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — An Airman is denied a retraining opportunity. The communications breakdown is resolved, and he gets a class start date.

An Air Force member suspects fumes in base housing are making his pregnant wife ill, but the couple is denied an address change. The decision is overturned, and the family moves into a different home.

A dependent spouse is denied base access for her children's medical care. Access is restored, and the medical care is provided.

All of these situations present challenging obstacles for Airmen to overcome on their own. But that's not the only thing these real-life scenarios have in common. They were all resolved with help from the base inspector general's office.

The main job for base IG offices is to handle personnel complaints and grievances, but they also monitor fraud, waste and abuse reports, as well as unit self-inspection programs and operational readiness inspections.

"Overall, we work for the commander to inform him or her of any systemic problems, morale issues, or anything that might negatively impact the

efficiency and effectiveness of the mission," said Col. Marcia Rossi, the inspector general for the 82nd Training Wing at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. "We wear the 'white hat.' Folks shouldn't be daunted because they hear the word 'IG.' At base level, we're your IG office — we're here for you."

While all inspector general offices advocate Airmen following their chain of command to resolve issues, Colonel Rossi said once they've exhausted those channels, and if they're dissatisfied with the answers they're getting, they should run, not walk, to the IG office.

"Under law, anybody is entitled to go to the IG. No Armed Forces member can be restricted from contacting their inspector general or their Congressmembers," she said. "And sometimes there's just nobody else to go to."

"Even if it's not an IG issue, come to us," the colonel said. "We can point you in the right direction — or point to the commanders to take care of it, if that's what is needed."

For more information or assistance at Keesler, call the 81st Training Wing IG office, 377-7053.

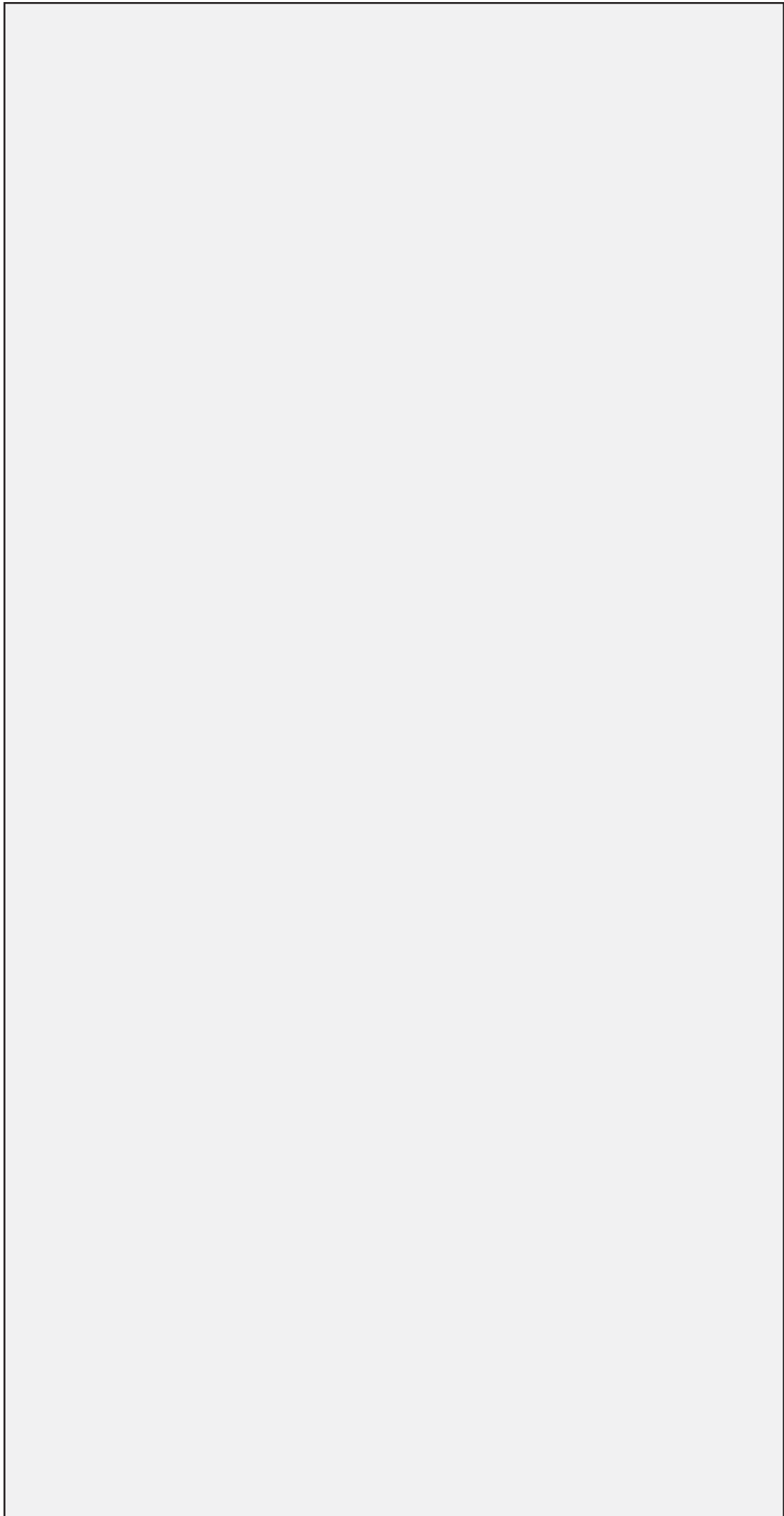
## Church choirs in gospel event at Seabee base

The Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport presents its second annual gospel celebration, 6-8 p.m. today at the base's Smith Memorial Theater.

Entertainment is provided by area church choirs. A concession stand is available, and donations are accepted.

The event is sponsored by the base's diversity committee.

For more information, call 871-2452 or 2883.



# 85th EIS 'engineers' its way around Qatar, Afghanistan, during recent deployment

By Staff Sgt. Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

Four members of the 85th Engineering and Installation Squadron recently returned from an overseas deployment.

Capt. Jeff Baker, combat engineering installation project chief; 2nd Lt. Aaron Chen, combat EI project engineer; and Staff Sgts. Justin Meyer and Joshua Thornsberry, combat EI duty team members, were deployed to Kandahar and Bagram Air Bases, Afghanistan, and Al Udeid AB, Qatar, Nov. 29 to Dec. 24.

According to Captain Baker, their mission at the three sites was radio detection finding — seeking sources of radio interference allowing friendly forces to effectively communicate with each other.

“Our Afghanistan mission was straightforward,” Captain Baker said. “Once we detected the interference, we

utilized special equipment to analyze the signal, and then used that information to track down and locate its point of origin.”

“Imagine listening to your favorite radio station, when suddenly you begin hearing other voices on that station’s frequency,” Lieutenant Chen said. “After listening to the voices for a while, you determine the interference to be people using high-power walkie-talkies. It was our job to determine where those people were so the frequency conflict can be resolved.”

Sergeant Meyer said the most interesting part of the deployment was a night mission on an Army convoy.

“We were trying to figure out if the interference signals were emanating from a particular location off-base. We contacted some Army personnel who were heading in the same direction, so we hitched

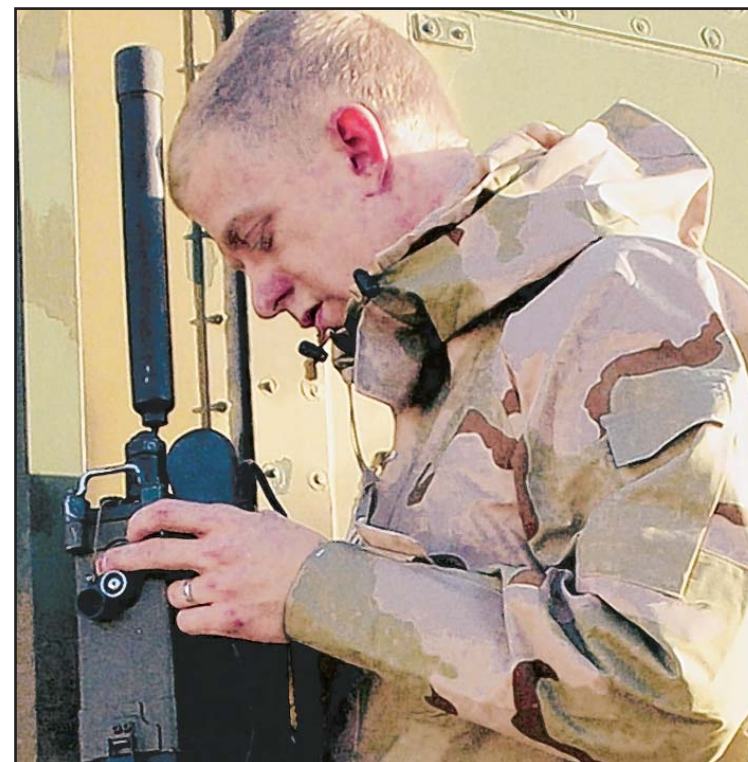
a ride in one of their humvees,” Sergeant Meyer said. “It’s a good thing the Army had night-vision goggles, because I remember not being able to see a thing.”

Captain Baker said the mission was the only thing that didn’t change.

“Our schedule varied quite a bit from day to day,” he said. “We had to work many different hours in cold weather and austere conditions, but we managed to find a way.”

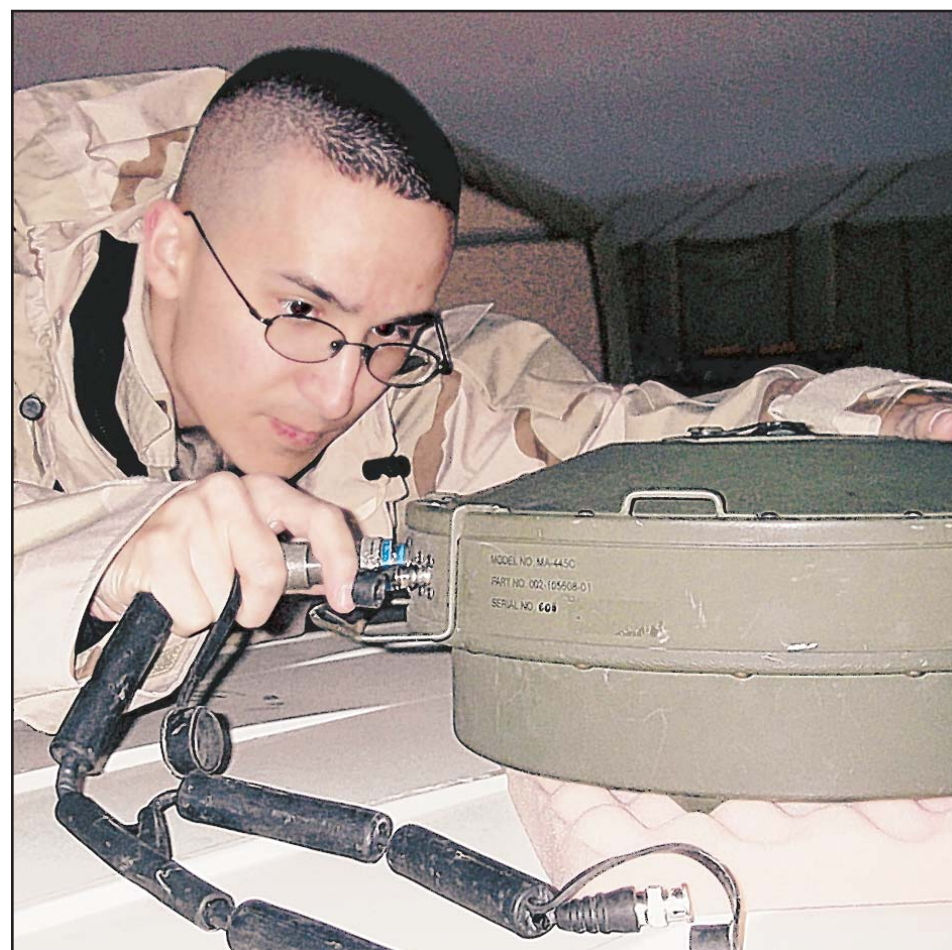
All but one of the members had been deployed before.

“I had been to Balad Air Base, Iraq, about a year ago,” said Captain Baker. “It was decided that I would go with this group and give them top cover just in case they needed my experience. We worked great together to complete our mission; I couldn’t have asked for a better team.”



Courtesy photo

Sergeant Meyer tests for radio interference signals at Bagram.



Courtesy photo

Lieutenant Chen attaches an antenna to a radio detection finding unit at Kandahar.

## Conditions nothing like home

By Staff Sgt. Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

Military members never get used to their sleeping arrangements when deployed because it depends on where you go.

Four members of the 85th Engineering and Installation Squadron were introduced to a different type of living quarters while deployed to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan.

The team was on a radio direction finding mission to identify and locate sources of radio interference for coalition forces in Afghanistan.

Second Lt. Aaron Chen, combat EI project engineer, learned on his first deployment to expect the unexpected.

“We lived in B-huts,” Lieutenant Chen said. “They are essentially small wooden cabins that the Army uses for their sleeping quarters.”

Staff Sgt. Justin Meyer, combat EI duty team member, described it in laymen’s terms.

“Imagine a fishing hut, like the ones fishermen use in Alaska,” Sergeant Meyer said. “Now, imagine a space specifically designed for

four people being used by 10. And it’s not like they’re little guys!”

In this situation, it would be hard to imagine that there would be any heating issues. After all, the general theory is the more people that are inside of a room, the higher the temperature should be.

It didn’t work out that way, according to Lieutenant Chen.

“Every B-hut is equipped with two heaters, one on either end of the building. In our particular hut, only one of them was operational,” he said. “However, it only worked if the outside temperature was above 40 degrees. If the temperature dropped any further, the heater would only emit cold air.”

All members of the RDF team said that the deployment was a quite an experience and living in the B-huts makes them appreciate even more what they have at home.

“There are some deployments where people have to cope in harsher, more severe conditions,” said Lieutenant Chen. “We were fortunate to have a bed to sleep in at night and a roof over our heads.”



## Gators, spiders, snakes, oh my!



Photo by Kemberly Groue

The child development center's 3- and 4-year-old preschoolers pet an alligator held by Bridgette Porto, domestic sale director for Florida's Gatorland Zoo in Orlando. Zoo personnel brought an assortment of critters including snakes, birds, scorpions and tarantulas to the youth center Feb. 15.

## Black heritage Soul food sampling today

**Soul food sampling/tasting** — 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today, Larcher Chapel Annex.

**Three-on-three basketball** — Friday, Blake Fitness Center. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Calvin Oliver, 377-3967; Senior Master Sgt. Clifford Massey, 377-1305, or Tech. Sgt. Byron Bryant, 377-4198.

**Gospel fest** — 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Welch Auditorium.

Guest performers include Mount Calvary Church, Grace Temple, Victory Full Gospel Outreach Center, Triumphant Choir and Keesler Community Choir.

Organization day winners are announced during the concert.

For more information, call Capt. David Robinson, 377-1920; Kim Johnson, 377-2453, or Tech. Sgt. Anthony Thomas, 377-8628.

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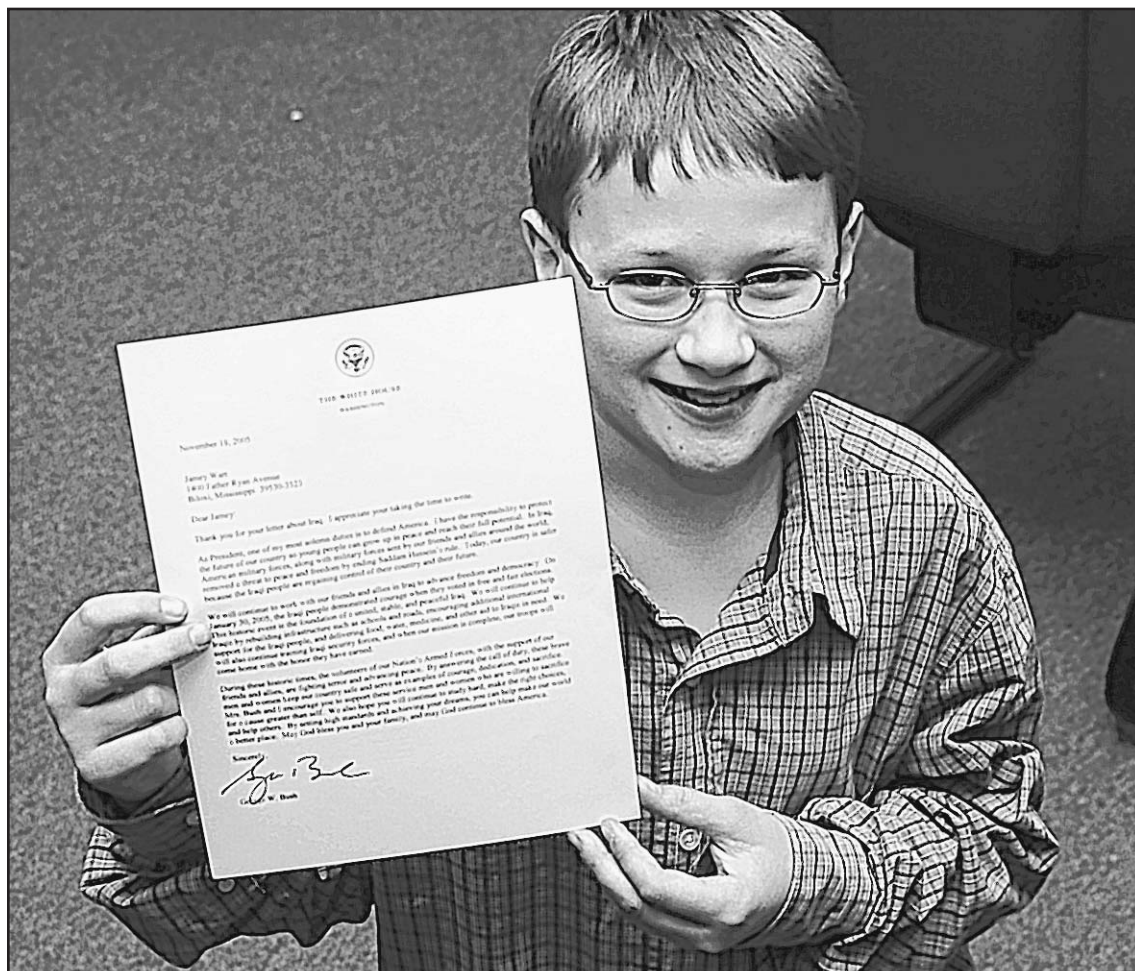


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Jamey Warr shows the letter he received from the president in November.

# Seventh grader gets letter from commander-in-chief

By Staff Sgt. Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

The son of a senior non-commissioned officer from 2nd Air Force received a letter from President George Bush in November.

Jamey Warr, 12, son of Master Sgt. Ron Warr, senior training designer, wrote a letter to the commander-in-chief as part of a school project at Mary Michel Seventh Grade School in Biloxi.

"When we returned to school after Hurricane Katrina hit, our teacher had us write thank you-letters to the Red Cross, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and our state senators," said Jamey. "I wrote more letters that week than in my entire life! On the last day of writing letters, she put a bunch of names on the board and told us we could pick one to write to. I was one of two people in the class who wrote to the

president. I picked him because I thought he was the most important person on the board."

Sergeant Barr said he and his family actually met President Bush a couple of years ago here.

"He was visiting the Gulf Coast during Haley Barbour's campaign for governor," Sergeant Barr said. "We were helping out with the campaign and the president stopped by to shake everyone's hand, including mine and Jamey's."

When the letter from the president arrived at the school, Jamey was surprised.

"It came here in November and I wrote it in October," Jamey said. "I had forgotten all about it!"

"Eight weeks is a long time when you're in the seventh grade," Sergeant Barr added.

Jamey was called into Principal Vincent Shannon's

office, who then called Jamey's mother, Susan.

"The first thing my wife asked was, 'What did he do?'" Sergeant Barr said. "After the principal told her, she screamed and then she told me. Of course, the next day, I told everyone in the 2nd Air Force headquarters about it."

At the school, it was announced over the loudspeaker that Jamey had received the letter.

Jamey says he plans to put the letter, as well as a photo of President Bush that was also sent, in a frame.

Sergeant Barr said that the letter, signed by President Bush, is a nice gesture.

"It could have been very easy for him to have not replied," he said. "The fact that he took the time to look at and answer a letter from a seventh grader says a lot about his character."

# KEESLER NOTES

## Preschool playgroup

A preschool pals playgroup is offered 9:30-10:30 a.m. Thursdays in Room 100-B of the former Chapel One.

The group is a joint venture of the chapel and the family support center. The hour offers toys, games, music and a chance for parents to visit.

For more information, call Chap. (Capt.) John Vander Kaay, 377-2520, or the family support center, 377-2179.

## Awards luncheon

The 2006 communications and information awards luncheon is 11:30 a.m. March 3 in the Katrina Kantina.

This event recognizes individuals selected to compete for Air Education and Training Command information man-

agement, communications-computer, communications-electronics systems, communications-electronics maintenance and group awards.

Cost is \$8. The deadline for reservations is Feb. 23.

For reservations or more information, call 377-8885 or 2440.

## Hypertension briefing

The medical center sponsors a hypertension educational offering, 8-9 a.m. March 17 in the medical specialties classroom, Room 1F-121, family practice clinic.

## Tax office

The tax office is now in Room 234, old Cody Hall.

The office provides free tax information and preparation to base personnel, 8 a.m. to noon

and 1-4 p.m. workdays.

For more information, call 377-4454.

## Playgroup

The family advocacy staff sponsors a playgroup 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesdays at the youth center.

The program provides support for anyone with military privileges and is directed mainly at preschoolers.

For more information, call 377-8612.

## Preschool openings

The part-day preschool program has openings for 3-5 year olds in the 12:30-3:30 p.m. afternoon session

Classes are Mondays through working Fridays at the youth center, and suspended on feder-

al holidays and Christmas holidays for area schools.

Enrollment is at the child development center. The fee is based on family income.

Learning experiences are balanced between active and quiet, indoors and outdoors, child-initiated and teacher-directed, individual and group oriented, and spontaneous and planned.

For more information, call 377-2211.

## Vehicle decals

Vehicle decals are available in the trailer on the south side of visitors center at the White Avenue Gate.

For more information, call 377-2143 or 2595.

## Zero overpricing

Submit zero overpricing

items on Air Force Form 1046 to 81SUPS/LGSPQ, Attn: Terry Brandenburg, 377-4252, or e-mail to [terry.brandenburg@keesler.af.mil](mailto:terry.brandenburg@keesler.af.mil).

## DRMO withdrawals

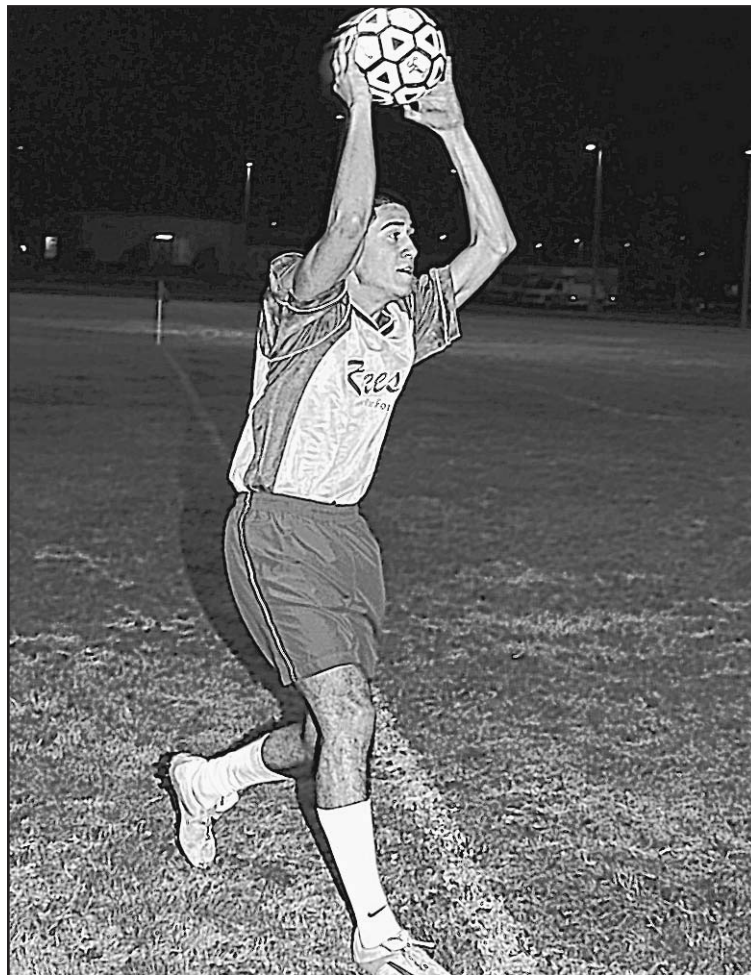
Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office withdrawals for organizational requirements must be for assets normally authorized for requesting organizations and specific customer requirements.

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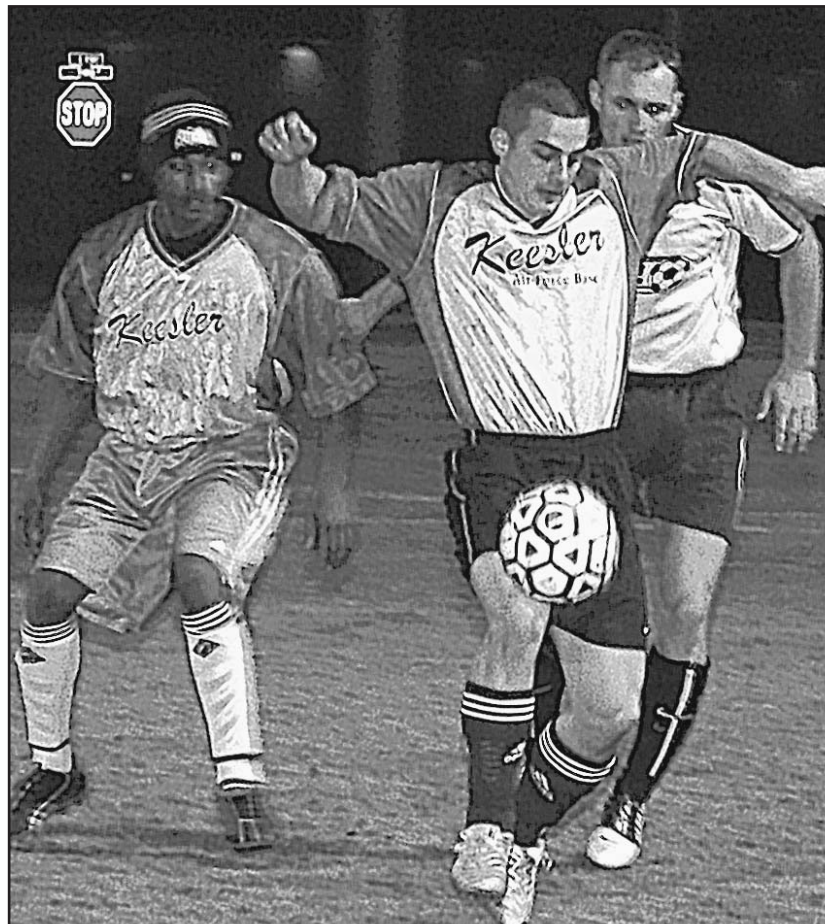
# SPORTS AND RECREATION

## Soccer tournament

Keesler United takes title over 81st Communications Squadron, 4-0

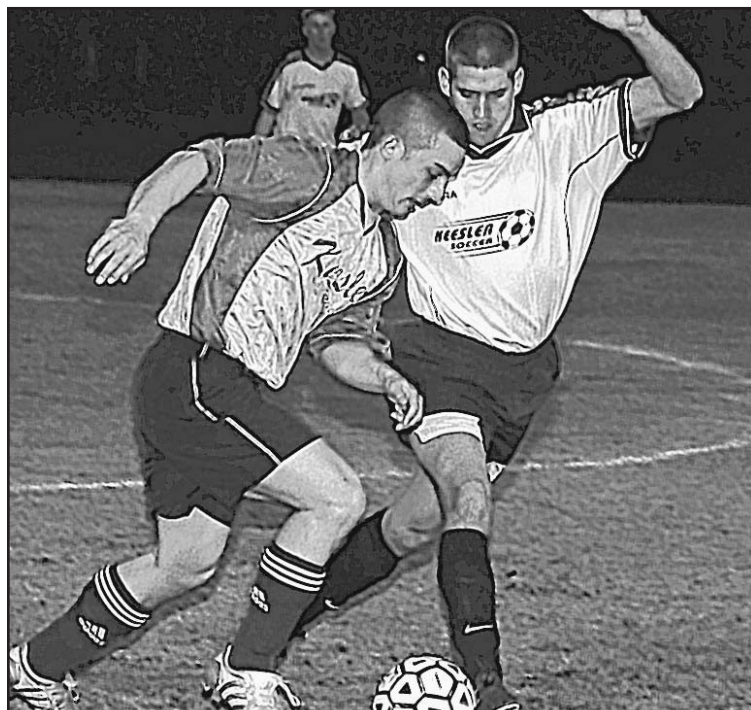


Guadalupe Vasquez, 81st CS, throws the ball into play.



Jason Townsend, left, and Josh Warren, with the 81st Communications Squadron, dribble past Ben Milspagh, Keesler United, during the Keesler Classic soccer tournament Feb. 18 at the soccer fields. Keesler United was comprised of members of various squadrons and they took the tournament championship game, 4-0, over the 81st CS. For complete results, go to <http://eteamz.active.com/keeslerafb/index.cfm?subsite=1150834>.

Photos by  
Kemberly Groue



Warren, left, dribbles past Jeremy Gorline, Keesler United.



Timothy Duewell, left, and Townsend, right, 81st CS, battle for the ball with Milspagh.

## Black heritage bowling

Scott Sippel, 338th Training Squadron, bowls during the African-American Heritage Committee's bowling tournament Feb. 17 at Gaudé Lanes. The event was a part of Keesler's celebration of Black History Month. Upcoming events include a basketball tournament today and a gospel fest Saturday.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



## Air Force has its own Winter Olympics

By Master Sgt.  
Chance Babin

401st Air Expeditionary Wing  
Public Affairs

TUZLA Air Base, Bosnia and Herzegovina — Not long after the Olympic torch was lit honoring the beginning of the Winter Olympics games in Torino, Italy, a local team of Airmen were preparing for winter games of their own — Operation Winter Games.

The games, held Feb. 11 at Igriste-Vlasenica Ski Area, Bosnia, may have lacked the pomp and circumstance associated with the Winter Olympics, but it did share the spirit of the Olympics as a venue of brotherhood between nations and within teams.

“It brings us together as a team,” said David Lowe, Detachment 1 commander, 401st Air Expeditionary Wing. “We do a lot together already,

but this really builds camaraderie and gives us a common thing to look back upon.”

The 12-team competition consisted of three events for each three-person team.

It worked out perfectly for the Air Force team since the base only has three bluesuiters.

“If we didn’t have the three of us, we could have paired up with the Army, but this was better,” Lowe said. “We had Air Force esprit de corps.”

The first leg of the competition was a downhill slalom run, fully equipped with a flak jacket, helmet and rifle.

This was followed by a 100-meter sprint through the snow to a firing range, where an air gun was used to shoot targets.

After sprinting back up the hill, the third team member sprinted down for a dummy hand-grenade toss and back to the finish.

“Our goal was to go out and have fun and not get too worried about who won or lost,” Lowe said. “Mostly it was about making new friends and new connections.”

The event was hosted by the Austrian contingency from Multinational Task Force North. The Austrians are the lead for European forces here.

“It was the idea of the Austrians to have these games,” said Thomas Gauster, Austrian public affairs. “It wasn’t about competition, but more about getting to know each other. In German we would say the ‘Olympic thinking’ is what’s most important, not winning. We’re just having fun.”

The Air Force team placed eighth out of 12 teams from 14 nations.

## Love run



Photo by Kemberly Groue  
Kevin McElroy, left, 403rd Maintenance Squadron, and his wife, Maria, cross the finish line during the Sweethearts 5-kilometer run at Blake Fitness Center Feb. 14. The race was open to couples and both members had to finish together. The McElroys were the first couple to cross the finish line with a time of 24 minutes and 21 seconds.

## SCORES AND MORE

### Bowling

**Play and save cards** — bowl 21 games for \$29.95.

### Fitness centers

**Blake Fitness Center** — 4:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Mondays-through working Fridays; 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. non-working Fridays; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

**Dragon Fitness Center** — closed Monday through March 3 for renovations.

**Triangle Fitness Center** — closed until further notice.

### Golf

All 18 holes of the Bay Breeze

Golf Course are available. The golf course is open 7 a.m. to dusk daily. Free for walkers only. Retrieve your own balls due to loss of ball picker. Driving range opens at 7 a.m. daily for free use.

### Outdoor recreation

**Katrina Kantina** — a lounge for adults age 21 and over is in the main marina building. Opens at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. For more information, call 377-3160.

**Fam camp** — available for mission-essential active-duty, civilian and contractors, and non-mission essential active-duty who've been displaced. For more information, call 594-0543.

**February special** — camping

package No. 1 discounted 10 percent. Package includes four-person tent, four sleeping bags, lantern, stove, 48-quart ice chest and camper's bow saw.

**February fishing tournament** — weigh in the largest redfish during the month and win a \$100 savings bond.

**Bicycle rental** — new 3500 Trek, 7-speed, \$3 a day or \$15 a week.

**Resale items** — hunting and fishing licenses, snacks, and a variety of beverages.

### Youth center

**Open recreation** — Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., ages 6 and older.

# DIGEST

## HONORS

### Student honor roll

#### 334th Training Squadron

**Air traffic control operations training flight** — Airmen Basic Christopher Bahlman, Matthew Calhoun, Salvador Canales, Jacob Clinesmith, Michael Coyne, Anthony Cross, Jared Dunn, Jeremy Holman, Noah Jenkins, Phoetama Neal, Shane Ooten, Joseph Sievert, Aaron Sitton, Cyn Springer, Joshua Stinar, Benjamin Turnipseede, John Ward and Zebulon York; Airman Noel Foley; Airmen 1st Class Aaron Adcock, Royce Bockelman, Brian Chisham, Sara Fitzpatrick, Roger Henthorn, Leon Montroy, Felix Ortiz, Ernesto Rivera, Robert Rohlfing, Isaac Shreves, Ryan Towns, John Weisensee, Kristen White, Daynesha Worsham and Isaac Yi; Senior Airmen Laura Andrews, Justin Barger, Christopher Dyer, Michael Hutchins, Steven Sorensen and Christopher Spencer; Staff Sgts. Antonio Araiza, Alexander Collozo, Mark Darrigo, Jessie Jackson, Elizabeth Jones, Christopher Martinez, Joshua Paugh, Richard Taylor, Eric Wagner and Justin Wutzke.

**Command post apprentice course** — Airman Basic Marie Moore; Senior Airmen Moses Souchet and Benjamin Zeringue; Tech. Sgt. Randall Borton, Antonious Brooks and John Bratcher; Master Sgt. Shannon Simon.

#### 335th TRS

**Comptroller training flight** — Airmen Basic John Bridges, Hannah Cabingasosig, Tiffany Chaffin, Alexander Cueva, Jodi Nicholson, Winnie Otieno and Joshua Rotondo; Airmen Lourditha Quintina and Aaron Yoder; Airmen 1st Class Jessica Camacho, Austin Jones and Kurt Saine; Senior Airmen Charlie Belton, Mark Joseph DeVega, Sonia Jones and Melissa Menck; Staff Sgts. Bruce Comer, Lisa Krejci, Stephen Libertini, Kevin Harrison-Lombardi and Lance Terrel; Tech. Sgts. Caroline Cousineau and Mark Morgenstern; Rachell Wood.

**Weather training flight** — Airmen Basic Mason Cairns, Christopher Dearborn, David Ford, Jonathon Lash, Matthew Marlow and Kimberly Savitz; Navy Airmen Recruit Dustin Covault and Glenn Zubler; Airman Eric Rocheleau; Navy Airman Apprentice Nicholas Burt; Airmen 1st Class Nicholas Broome, Angela Campbell, Philip Carnathan, Adam Gradyan, Daniel Harris and Micaela Walling; Navy Airmen Dustin Brewer, Eric Wajnarowski and Lucas Welton; Tech. Sgts. Keith LeBlond and William Stones.

## CHAPEL SERVICES

### Roman Catholic

#### Sunday Mass

Larcher Chapel .....10 a.m.

#### Daily Mass

Larcher Chapel.....11:15 a.m.

### Protestant

#### Sunday worship

Larcher Chapel traditional service.....8:30 a.m.

Fishbowl student contemporary service.....10 a.m.

Larcher Chapel praise and worship service .....11:30 a.m.

Larcher Chapel gospel service.....1 p.m.

### Islamic

**Building 2003** — for international students, temporary duty and permanent party; prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jummah congregational prayer, noon Friday.

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

### Latter-Day Saints

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints** — student group service, 3 p.m. Sundays, Fishbowl. Family home evenings, 7 p.m. Mondays, Fishbowl Student Center.

#### 338th TRS

**Ground radio** — Airman Basic Virginia Liranzo; Airman Sam Lombardo; Airman 1st Class Kenneth Dietrich.

## CLASSES

### Airman Leadership School

**Class 06-B** — graduation Wednesday.

**Class 06-C** — April 3-May 9.

**Class 06-D** — May 22-June 27.

**Class 06-E** — Aug. 1-Sept. 6.

**Class 06-F** — Sept. 18-Oct. 25.

**Class 06-G** — Nov. 1-Dec. 12.

### Chapel

**Journey to financial freedom** — 6-9 p.m. Friday, continuing 8:30-noon Saturday, Fishbowl Student Ministry Center. For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) John VanderKaay, 377-2331.

### McBride Library

**Orientations** — 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

**Orientations and tours** — for more information, call 377-2181.

### Health and wellness center

**Tobacco cessation** — for more information or to register, call 377-5305.

## TRANSITIONS

### Workshops, briefings

**Veterans benefits briefing** — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 16, April 6, May 11, June 15, July 13, Aug. 17, Sept. 14, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 14, Room 122, old Cody Hall. To pre-register, call Ron Bublik, 377-8592 or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

**Transition assistance program workshop** — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 13-15, April 3-5, May 8-10, June 12-14, July 10-12, Aug. 14-16, Sept. 11-13, Oct. 16-18, Nov. 13-15 and Dec. 11-13, Room 122, old Cody Hall. To pre-register, call Ron Bublik, 377-8592, or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

### Web sites

**Defense Manpower Data Center** — <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dors> or <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/tbb>.

**Air Force Blue to Corporate Gray** — <http://www.blue.togray.com>.

**Air Force Federal Employment Resume and Information** — <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/resweb>.

**Civilian job certification and licensing requirements for military personnel and veterans** — <http://www.dol.gov/dol/vets>.

**Department of Veterans Affairs** — <http://www.vba.va.gov/efif/index.htm>; for members returning from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

**Southern Region Military and Civilian Job Fair** — <http://www.mesc.state.ms.us/jobfair>.

**New military spouse career center** — <http://www.military.com/spouse>. Extensive job board including jobs from public and private sectors. For more information, call Vince Patton, 703-269-0154, or e-mail at [vince@militaryadventure.com](mailto:vince@militaryadventure.com).

**America's Job Bank** — <http://www.ajb.dni.us>.

### Computer use

**Government computers** — commanders may authorize their use for preparation of personal resumes by people separating or retiring from the service on an "as available" basis as long as use doesn't adversely affect the mission.

**Transition employment opportunities public folder** — go to e-mail "public folders" and click on "transition employment opportunities" for job opportunities for active duty and family members. For more information, call 377-8592 or 8593.

## SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE

### 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30 332nd TRS, Building 6955
:01	:31 338th TRS, Building 6965
:02	:32 Welch Auditorium
:04	:34 Smith Manor
:07	:37 Thomson Hall
:08	:38 Supply
:09	:39 Shoppette
:10	:40 Shaw House
:11	:41 Main exchange
:12	:42 McBride Library
:13	:43 Medical center, Tyer House
:14	:44 Sablich Center
:15	:45 Dental clinic
:16	:46 Allee and Wolfe Halls
:17	:47 Base operations
:18	:48 Hangar 4

### Technical training route 5:10-5:37 a.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:10	Building 5025
:12	Building 5022
:14	Shaw House
:16	Muse Manor
:18	Tyer House
:20	TLQ east side 2000 block
:21	TLQ east side of Locker House
:25	332nd TRS
:28	Welch Auditorium
:33	Thomson/Dolan/Cody Halls
:34	McClellan Hall
:36	Allee/Wolfe Halls
:37	Stennis Hall/Weather

### Prior-service students lodged off-base

Call 377-2432 for transportation needs. Traffic in the local area impacts base taxi times.

**Editor's note: Duty passengers have priority over "space available" riders. Schedule may be impacted by increased official operations or severe weather. Those who are physically challenged or have excess baggage, call 377-2432 for the base taxi. For more information, call 377-2430.**

## CLUBS AND CENTERS

### Vandenberg Community Center

**Texas Hold 'Em** — 1 p.m. Saturday for all persons eligible to use Keesler facilities. \$10 entry fee; limited seating. Prizes sponsored by Budweiser.

**Eight-ball pool tournament** — 6-9:30 p.m. Mondays.

**Nine-ball pool tournament** — 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

**Game night** — 6 p.m. Wednesdays. Board games, ping pong tournament and more.

**Karaoke** — 6 p.m. Thursdays.

**Late night dance and DJ** — 6 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays. \$3.

**Half Time Café** — open for breakfast 5:30-9 a.m. workdays. Open for lunch and dinner. Asian buffet 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today; catfish buffet 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. work Fridays.

### Youth center

**Annual membership** — \$25, ages 6 and older. Discounted prices for programs, classes and sports.

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**Self-directed activities** — 3-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, ages 9-18. Free for members, 50 cents daily guest fee.

**Movies and snacks** — 5 p.m. Mondays, ages 9 and older.

**Smart girls** — 5 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 9-16. Girls-only topics.

**Training responsible adolescents in leadership/Keystone Club** — 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 13-17.

**Game room tournaments** — 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

**Torch Club** — 5 p.m. Thursdays, ages 9-12.

**FitFactor fitness club** — 5 p.m. Fridays, ages 9-18.

**Friday dances** — 6:30-10 p.m., ages 9-15. \$4 members, \$5 nonmembers.

**Super Saturdays** — 2-5 p.m., ages 6-12; 6-10 p.m., ages 13-18.

**Creative corner club** — 4:30 p.m. today.

**Read by mail program** — 4:30 p.m. today.

**Free home alone safety workshop** — 6 p.m. today, ages 10 and older. Parent must accompany child.

**Mardi Gras camp** — Monday-Wednesday, kindergarten through grade 6; sign up deadline is today.

## MEETINGS

**Editor's note: To list time, place and point of contact for organization meetings, call 377-3837 or e-mail KN@keesler.af.mil.**

**African-American Heritage Committee** — 3:30 p.m. second Tuesday of the month, Room 109, Taylor Logistics Building. For more information, call Paulette Powell, 377-2270, or Kurt Higgins, 377-1390.

**Air Force Sergeants Association** — 11 a.m. third Tuesday of the month, Keesler NCO Academy auditorium. For more information, call Master Sgt. Scott Sippel, 377-2337.

**At Eze Toastmasters Club** — noon Tuesdays, Building 1101 conference room. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Don Seaton, 377-5958, or Fred Blache, 377-1048, or visit <http://www.toastmasters.org>.

**Keesler Christian Home Educators Association** — 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, September-May, Larcher Chapel. Open to all military home educators. For more information, call Michelle Durkin, 872-9393, or e-mail chelleIrn@yahoo.com.

**Keesler Officers Spouses Club** — for more information, call Jeanette Jackson, 872-0626.

**Native American Heritage Committee** — for more information, call R.I. Whiteside, 863-0479, or Capt. Elizabeth Taillon, 377-6242.

**Rising VI Association** — 3 p.m. third Wednesday of the month, Keesler NCO Academy auditorium. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Shanda Yarborough, 377-3653, or Tech. Sgt. Kevin Benjamin, 377-7924.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Movies

**Editor's note: Movies are shown at Welch Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children for regular features, and \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for children for matinees. For a recorded message about current features, call 377-6627.**

### Mardi Gras parades

#### Saturday

**Jackson County Carnival Association** — Pascagoula, 1 p.m.  
**Krewe of Gemini** — Gulfport, 2 p.m.

#### Sunday

**St. Paul Carnival Association** — Pass Christian, noon.  
**North Bay Carnival Association** — D'Iberville, 2 p.m.

#### Tuesday

**Gulf Coast Carnival Association 98th annual parade** — 1 p.m., Biloxi.

### Reunions

**Torrejon Air Base, Spain** — Sept. 1-3, Oklahoma City, for all years. For more information, call William Hardin, 1-405-672-8939, or e-mail [torrejonspainreunion@yahoo.com](mailto:torrejonspainreunion@yahoo.com).

## DINING HALL MENUS

### Today

**Lunch** — orange-spiced pork chops, braised liver with onions, fried fish, rissole potatoes, rice, gravy, broccoli, peas and carrots, wax beans, fruit salad, potato salad, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, buffalo wings and cream of broccoli soup.

**Dinner** — baked chicken, pepper steak, pasta primavera, mashed potatoes, rice, gravy, mixed vegetables, fried okra, green beans, potato salad, fruit salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, buffalo wings and roast beef subs.

### Friday

**Lunch** — seafood newburg, bean and corn pie, roast turkey, cornbread, franconia potatoes, pea and pepper rice, gravy, corn on the cob, stewed tomatoes, mustard greens, pasta salad, three-bean salad, clam chowder, vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork and burritos.

**Dinner** — corned beef, cornbread, pineapple chicken, Yankee pot roast, potato wedges, simmered potatoes, gravy, fried cabbage, carrots, blackeyed peas, three-bean salad, clam chowder, garden vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

### Saturday

**Lunch** — baked chicken, Swedish meatballs, creole shrimp, baked potatoes, rice, gravy, creamed corn, asparagus, steamed squash, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, country bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili and chicken nuggets.

**Dinner** — baked fish, Hungarian goulash, barbecue chicken, potatoes, rice, gravy, stir-fry vegetables, baked beans, creamed corn, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, country bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili and chicken nuggets.

### Sunday

**Lunch** — oven fried fish, spareribs, grilled mustard chicken breast, macaroni and cheese, egg noodles, gravy, peas, sweet potatoes, broccoli combo, jellied spring salad, tomato salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

**Dinner** — stir-fry beef with broccoli, turkey nuggets, loin strip steak, mushroom and onion sauce, baked potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, corn on the cob, green beans, jellied spring salad, tomato salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

### Monday

**Lunch** — beef pot roast, baked stuffed fish, cornbread, pork loin, potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, succotash, green beans, cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone soup, chili with beans, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

**Dinner** — chili macaroni, cornbread, beef canelloni, fried chicken, cottage fries, mashed potatoes, gravy, steamed squash, glazed carrots, peas, cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone soup, chili with beans, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

### Tuesday

**Lunch** — teriyaki chicken, veal parmesan, salmon cakes, garlic toast, filipino rice, parsley buttered potatoes, gravy, fried cabbage, succotash, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail salad, spinach salad, bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup, white chicken chili, barbecue beef sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

**Dinner** — country captain chicken, meatloaf, turkey a la king, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, garlic toast, harvard beets, mustard greens, okra tomato gumbo, fruit cocktail salad, spinach salad, bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup, white chicken chili, barbecue beef sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

**Lunch** — Chinese five-spice chicken, beef and broccoli stir fry, Cantonese spareribs, vegetable egg rolls, shrimp fried rice, stir fry vegetables, chow mein noodles, fried cabbage, chicken gravy, lemon sesame green beans, Mexican coleslaw, pasta fagioli soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

**Dinner** — lemon-herb chicken, barbecue ribs, jalapeno cornbread, stuffed pork chops, scalloped potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, Mexican corn, tempura vegetables, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and Monte Cristo sandwich.



Mississippi Gulf Coast railways  
are returning to  
pre-Katrina schedules.

Stop ... look ... and listen  
at railroad crossings.



## ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

**Editor's note:** Preregistration is required for all classes. Registration opens the first of the month prior to the scheduled date at craft sales, Building 5904. Space is limited. For more information, call 377-2821.

### Multi-crafts shop

**National Craft Month giveaways** — scrapbook gift pack, a silk painting set and many other prizes.

**Craft shop demonstrations** — March 10 — 11 a.m. scrapbooking, 1 p.m. pottery and 3 p.m. beading. March 11 — 11 a.m. ceramics, 3 p.m. ceramic painting.

**Ceramic mold pouring class** — 10 a.m. March 25. \$25. Two-for-one; ages 13 and older. Learn to pour your own ceramics.

**Kids crafting class** — 1 p.m. March 11. \$10, including supplies. St. Patrick's Day project.

### Frame shop

**National Craft Month giveaways** — framed and unframed print and other items. Check out display March 3-4.

**Frame shop demonstrations** — March 18 — 11 a.m. framing skills, 1 p.m. advanced matting skills, 3 p.m. computer mat cutting skills.

**Beginners framing class** — one class, four sessions, 5:30-7:30 p.m. March 8, 15, 22 and 29. \$60. Sign up in the multi-crafts shop.

**Advanced matting class** — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 24. \$25. Beginners framing is prerequisite.

### Wood shop

**National Craft Month giveaways** — coin tower. Check out display March 3-4.

**Wood shop demonstrations** — March 25 — 3:30 p.m. wood shop skills, 2:30 p.m. intarsia.

**Beginners woodworking class** — 5-7:30 p.m. March 29. \$25. Earn your safety certification and get your operator's card for future shop use.

**Beginning intarsia class** — 10 a.m. March 4 or 18. \$15. Intarsia is the art form of inlaying pieces of wood in a decorative pattern.

**Advanced intarsia class** — 10 a.m. March 11 or 25. \$20.

### Engraving shop

**National Craft Month giveaways** — custom gift items. Check out display March 3-4.

**Great personalized gifts** — custom items for going-away gifts, special mementos and squadron awards. Check out new laser engraver and new inventory.

### Auto hobby shop

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-3832.

**National Craft Month giveaways** — free cars wash and free stall use with lift.

**Auto skills shop** — stalls, tools and mechanic support available.

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

## RESALE LOT

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

**Buy, sell, trade** — Park your vehicle on the lot for only \$5 for two weeks. Vehicles must be registered with the arts and crafts center prior to parking on the lot; must show proof of ownership and insurance. The lot is on the corner of M and T Streets.

## MUSE MANOR MINI-MART

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-2752.

**Convenience store** — snacks, cold drinks, health and hygiene products; open 24 hours a day.

## VANDENBERG COMMUNITY CENTER

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-5576 or 377-4355.

**CyberSports Internet gaming** — base-to-base competitions, squadron challenges, all nighters, wireless Internet connection, hot games (instruction available).

**Eight-ball pool tournament** — 6-9:30 p.m. Mondays. Tournament winners get free entry into the weekend dance.

**Nine-ball pool tournament** — 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Tournament winners get free entry into the weekend dance.

**Game night** — 6 p.m. Wednesdays. Dominos, Yahtzee, Uno, Phase 10 and ping-pong tournaments.

**Karaoke** — 6-9:30 p.m. Thursdays.

**Late night dance** — 6 p.m. to midnight Thursdays before down Fridays, Fridays and Saturdays. \$3 admission

**Birthday dance** — 6 p.m. March 18. People with March birthdays enter the dance free.

## MINI CRAFTS CENTER

**Editor's note:** Located inside Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call 377-2821.

**New hours** — 5-9 p.m. Thursdays, noon to 5 p.m. Fridays, and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays after working Fridays; closed March 4. Stop by the arts and crafts center's open house.

**Air Force photography contest** — bring in your photos of military life. The student-base wide competition is in April.

**Ceramic painting** — every Thursday. Complete kit \$10.

**St. Patrick's Day T-shirts** — 6-8 p.m. March 16. \$10 including all supplies. Sign up and give us your shirt size by March 10.

**Pottery wheel class** — 4-8 p.m. every Thursday. \$10 for one hour; pick a time convenient to you. Maximum four students; sign up early.

## INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TRAVEL

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

**Information on local and out-of-state attractions** — informational brochures for Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Georgia attractions.

**Discounted tickets** — for Orlando attractions.

**Busch Gardens** — \$49; ages 3-9, \$40.50.

**SeaWorld** — \$52; ages 3-9, \$42.

**Universal Orlando one-day** — \$50; ages 3-9 \$40.50.

**Universal Orlando two-day/third-day free** — \$90.50; ages 3-9, \$76.75.

**Disney's "Magic Your Way" tickets**

Tickets expire 14 days after the first day of activation at Disney World. Ticket upgrades are made at Disney World.

**Four-day hopper** — \$225; ages 3-9 \$190.75.

**Five-day hopper** — \$228.75; ages 3-9 \$193.50.

\***Six-day hopper** — \$231.75; ages 3-9 \$195.25.

\***Seven-day hopper** — \$233.50; ages 3-9 \$196.25.

\*Special order, requires 15 working days notice and payment at time of order; no refunds or exchanges.

\$1 service charge added to all ticket sales.

## Half Time Café now features hearty buffets

*Breakfast buffet ~ \$4.25*

6-9 a.m. Mondays-work Fridays.

*Italian buffet ~ \$5.95*

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays

*Catfish buffet ~ \$6.50*

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. work Fridays

**No buffet take-outs allowed.**

Open for lunch and dinner serving pizza, wings, burgers, Philly steak sandwiches and more.

Dine in or take out — 377-2424.

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PLEASE PULL OUT AND KEEP THIS SUPPLEMENT AS A HANDY REFERENCE FOR MONTHLY EVENTS OF THE 81ST SERVICES DIVISION.

## 313th Army Show Band and Rock Band Concert

7-8:30 p.m. March 3  
inside

*Vandenberg Community Center.  
Two 45-minute shows for  
nonprior service students only.*

The 313th Army Show Band and Rock Band  
are composed of reservists  
assigned to 87th Division Training Support  
in Birmingham, Ala.

The bands play pop, classic rock, new punk,  
heavy metal, country, patriotic tunes,  
marches, contemporary pieces  
and vocal arrangements.

**For more information, call 377-3308.**



# OPERATION SLUGFEST 2 THE BATTLE CONTINUES

## 7 P.M. MARCH 17 ~ HANGAR 4

### 24 FIGHTERS SLUGGIN' THEIR WAY TO THE TOP! LAST MAN STANDING IS "KING OF THE RING"!

A night of amateur boxing sanctioned  
by the Mississippi State Athletic  
Commission. Three weight divisions  
with eight fighters in each division.

**\$15** GENERAL  
ADMISSION  
**\$20** RESERVED  
TABLES

**Entertainment  
between rounds.**

**Food and beverages  
available.**

Tickets available at  
Gaudé Lanes and  
Vandenberg Community Center.  
Price reflects military discount.  
Tickets available off base for \$25.

Presented by Bomber Promotions.

Sponsored by Budweiser, USAA and Planet Beach Tanning Salon.

## \$1,000 CASH PRIZE IN EACH DIVISION!

*March is National Craft Month  
and the Arts and Crafts Center is showing off.*

## Open House ~ March 3-4

**March 3 ~ noon to 4 p.m.**

Check out our facility with all our  
wonderful post-Katrina changes.  
Snacks, displays from each shop.  
Don't forget to pick up your shamrock  
pin and punch card.

**March 4 ~ 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

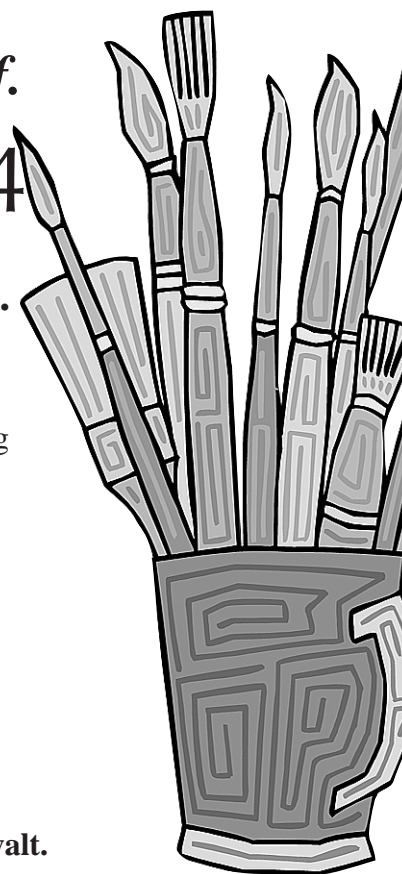
Snacks, games, demonstrations from  
each shop and special projects like  
ceramic painting and scrapbooking!  
Bingo at 1 p.m., scavenger hunt drawing  
at 3:30 p.m. Pick up punch card for  
drawings during the rest of the month.

*Register to win prizes from the engraving,  
multi-crafts, frame and wood shops.*

*Activities and drawings every week of the month.*

*For more information, call 377-2821.*

Sponsored by the family support center, Grainger Inc., Stanley/Proto and Dewalt.



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# H A P P E N I N G S



# EXTRA! Here's what's happening! EXTRA!

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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

**Give Parents a Break night** — 4-10 p.m. March 4. This program, funded by the Air Force Aid Society, offers free child care at the child development center for Air Force families who are referred by base helping agencies such as the family support center and family advocacy, as well as first sergeants, commanders and chaplains. Family members of deployed Air Force military members are also available. The program is offered 4-10 p.m. the first Saturday of each month.

**Parents Night Out** — 4-10 p.m. March 4. Held in conjunction with "Give Parents a Break" every month, this program offers child care for ages 6 weeks to 12 years at \$3 per hour per child. The program is offered the first Saturday of each month.

## 11TH FRAME CAFÉ

Editor's note: Located inside Gaudé Lanes. For more information, call 377-2036.

**Serving lunch and dinner** — burgers, hot dogs, submarine and specialty sandwiches, chicken and shrimp baskets and a large assortment of side items available for dine in or take out. Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages also available. For complete menu with prices, log on to <https://www.mil.keesler.af.mil/81svs/wheretoeat/11thframe/11thframe.htm>.

## YOUTH CENTER ••• VISIT THE NEW FACILITY ••• 377-4116

**Youth Center programs annual membership** — \$25 for ages 6 and older. Membership allows for discounted prices for programs, classes and sports.

**Teen center** — game room, snack bar, TV lounge, pool room, gymnasium, games, tournaments, workshops and computers.

**Creative corner** — 4:30 p.m. March 2 and 16. Art projects.

**"Read by Mail"** — register on-line; 4:30 p.m. March 2 and 16. Discuss available books, take test and log progress for cool prizes.

**Free home alone safety workshop** — 6 p.m. March 9, ages 10 and older; register by March 8. Child must be accompanied by parent.

**Teen Air Force Space Camp** — applications accepted through March 20. Space camp for ages 12-14, advanced space camp for ages 15-18. Competitive application process; pick up application and set interview.

**Baseball/T-ball registration** — being accepted for ages 5-12. \$30, nonmembers \$35.

**Operation Night Hoops** — register now. Late-night teen basketball league for ages 13-18. \$30, nonmembers \$35.

**Smart girls** — 5 p.m. Tuesdays for ages 9-16. Topics for girls only; discussion and activities promote healthy life choices.

**Free Junior Olympic tennis skills competition** — 2 p.m. March 25, ages 8-13. Sign up March 1-23.

**Youth of the year** — quarterly nominations for January-March accepted now. Ages 13 years and older. Based on community service and teen club involvement.

**Gymnastics** — 4-5 p.m. Mondays, ages 3-5; 5-6:30 p.m., ages 6 and older. \$30 month, nonmembers \$35.

**Tae kwon do** — 7-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, ages 6 and older. \$35 month, nonmembers \$40.

## THE YOUTH CENTER IS A GREAT PLACE FOR AN OFFICE MEETING

Brand new facility featuring meeting rooms and audiovisual equipment. Soft drinks and assorted snacks available in the snack bar. After the meeting, enjoy a game of pool, foosball, basketball, dodge ball, softball, kickball or roller skating.

## HELP WANTED

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-9032.

**Nonappropriated fund jobs** — apply Mondays-Thursdays noon to 5 p.m. and work Fridays noon to 4 p.m. The human resource Office is in Room 5417, Locker House, Building 3101, 505 C St. Information pamphlet and complete job listings are available in Locker House. For more information, call the 24-hour job line, 377-9055 or visit <http://www.aetcsv.us/employment.html>.

## BAY BREEZE GOLF COURSE

**Free golf** — 18-hole course is open daily 7 a.m. to dusk for walkers only. Free pull carts and rental clubs available.

**Free driving range** — open daily 7 a.m. to dusk. Shag your own balls due to loss of ball picker during hurricane Katrina.

**Two-for-one golf lessons** — through March, schedule a half-hour lesson for \$25, receive a second half-hour lesson free. For an appointment, call 377-3832 or 348-7589.

**Dance classes** — Tuesdays, 4:15-5:15 p.m. ages 3-5; 5:15-6:15 p.m. ages 6 and older. \$30 month, nonmembers \$35.

**Self-directed activities** — 3-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, ages 9-18. Free for members, 50 cents daily guest fee. Homework help, computer lab, 4-H Clubs, game room, snack bar, gym, multimedia room and arcade area.

**Movies and snacks** — 5 p.m. Mondays, ages 9 and older.

**TRAIL Keystone Teen Meeting** — 6 p.m. Tuesdays for ages 13-17. Outdoor adventures and community service projects to improve communication, leadership skills and self-esteem.

**Wacky Wednesday tournaments** — 5-6 p.m.; March 1, foosball; March 8, ping-pong; March 15, Uno; March 22, pool.

**Torch club** — 5 p.m. Thursdays, ages 9-12. Leadership programs, activities, community service, fun and friends.

**FitFactor club** — online fitness program, 5 p.m. Fridays, ages 9-18. Different activity weekly; free prize for registering. Win prizes tracking your fitness activities.

**Friday dances** — 6:30-10 p.m., ages 9-15. Admission \$4, nonmembers \$5. March 3, hip-hop; March 10, sock hop; March 17, St. Patrick's Day dance; March 24, electric slide; March 31, DDR dance revolution.

**Super Saturdays** — 2-5 p.m., ages 6-12, free admission. March 4, games; March 11, fitness challenge; March 18, crafts and games; March 25, Junior Olympics tennis skills competition.

**Teen Super Saturdays** — 6-10 p.m., ages 13-18, free admission. March 4, games; March 11, FitFactor; March 18, crafts and games; March 25, tennis skills challenge.

**Family support center play group** — 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays, ages 2-5.

**Congressional award program** — 6 p.m. March 13, ages 14-21. Set and achieve personal goals in four areas to become eligible for the Congressional Award Medal presented by a member of Congress.

## FITNESS

**Free wearin' o' the green 5-kilometer run/walk** — 3 p.m. March 17 at the marina; sign up on race day. Four-leaf clovers to all who wear green; T-shirts to top finishers.

**Free fitness classes at Dragon Fitness Center** — variety of classes at many convenient times during the week including step aerobics, salsa dancing aerobics, kickboxing and spin cycling. Schedule is available at Dragon and Blake fitness centers.

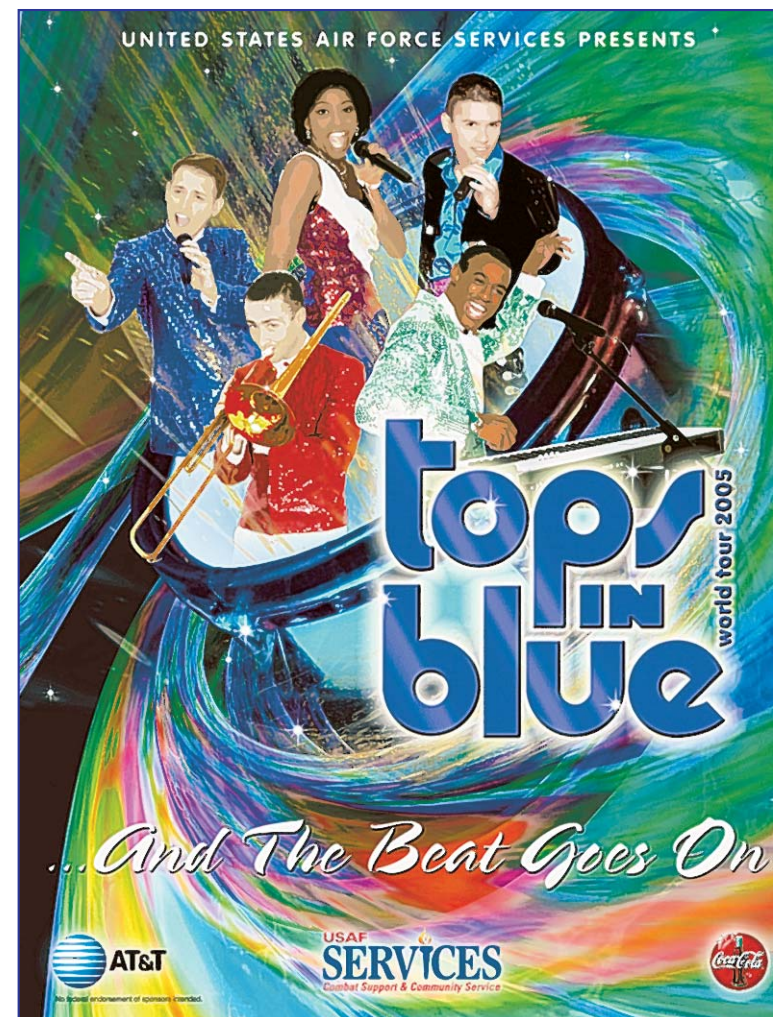
**Free yoga classes** — Thursdays at Dragon Fitness Center. Noon class is gentle yoga, 4 p.m. class is dynamic yoga. Participants provide their own mats.

**Computerized fitness assessments and counseling** — available by appointment only at Dragon Fitness Center. Call 377-2907 or 4409.

**Aerobic workout tapes** — available at Dragon Fitness Center for checkout and use in the facility only. For more information, call 377-4409.

**Parent/child fitness room** — open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays at Dragon Fitness Center. Workout equipment. Play area for ages 6 months to 7 years. Children must be directly supervised by parent while in the facility.

**Varsity/intramural sports** — for information call 377-2907 or 4409.



Free show 6-8 p.m. March 13

Triangle Parade Grounds

For more information, call 377-3308.

Open to all personnel eligible to use Keesler facilities.

## MCBRIDE LIBRARY

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

**Electronic reference orientations** — 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

**Dr. Seuss birthday party** — 10 a.m. March 1, ages 2-5.

**Umbrella month** — stop by and see our umbrella display.

**Tours/orientations** — call 377-2827.

## FAMILY CHILD CARE

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3189 Mondays-Fridays, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Training is at the FCC office, Bldg J0043, in Thrower Park.

**Be your own boss** — now recruiting military spouses living 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 physical impairments, and to work swing and evening shifts.

**Providers pre-training orientation** — 4 p.m. Mondays at the family child care office, Building J0043, Thrower Park.

**Extended duty child care and mildly ill child care** — providers are available.

## KATRINA KANTINA

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2719.

**All ranks are invited** — snacks, beverages and music. Located in the marina building overlooking Biloxi's Back Bay. Opens at 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays. St. Patrick's Day specials.

## OUTDOOR RECREATION AND MARINA

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3160 or 377-0002.

**St. Patrick's Day special** — March 17, wear green and get 10 percent off rental equipment.

**March fishing tournament** — weigh in the largest croaker for the month and take home a \$100 savings bond.

**Retail items** — snacks, soft drinks and beer for sale.

**Hunting and fishing licenses** — available for sale.

**Place for a large family picnic** — reserve one of our outside pavilions.

**Bicycle rental** — new 3500 Trek seven-speed bicycle rents for \$3 per day or \$15 per week.

## GAUDÉ LANES

Editor's note: for more information, call 377-2817.

**Schedule of lanes for open bowling** — Evenings: Monday, 10; Tuesday and Wednesday, 12; Thursday, eight, and Friday, 14. Twenty-four lanes are open 1:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays and 1-7 p.m. Sundays.

**Play-and-save Card** — 21 games for \$29.95. Some restrictions apply; shoes aren't included.

**Youth special** — ages 17 and younger bowl for \$1 a game; some restrictions apply.

**Bowling birthday parties** — great fun for the kids bowling and playing arcade games. Bring a birthday cake; refreshments available at the snack bar. Reduced pricing for reservations with over 20 participants. Call to reserve lanes and for more information.

**Plan ahead** — to schedule your Christmas fundraisers. Call now.

## Active duty military, retirees, reservists and National Guard\* members are eligible to use the Keesler Veterinary Clinic



Your pet gets great care; you get great savings. You save money on vaccinations for dogs and cats, diagnostic tests, and Heartguard® and Frontline® products.

The clinic has the HomeAgain® identification microchip, recognized worldwide, for \$20.

For more information, call 377-6887, 8 a.m. to noon, Mondays-Fridays.

\*National Guard members must be on active-duty status for more than 72 hours with orders.