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TLC – tender, loving color – for a turtle

Hagen Sherman, 3, colors a ceramic turtle at Child Pride Day in marina park Saturday. His parents are Navy Builder 2nd Class Andrew Sherman, Naval Construction Battalion Center-Gulfport, and Gretchen Albrecht. More photos, Page 15.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

Budget dilemma: Health care costs

By Senior Airman J.G. Buzanowski

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Sustaining health care for service members, their families and retirees is a priority for the Defense Department, Gen. John Corley assured the House and Senate Armed Services Committees recently .

General Corley, Air Force vice chief of staff, and other service vice chiefs and representatives from the Office of the

Secretary of Defense, went before the committees to discuss a DOD plan that ensures medical coverage doesn't cut into the budget more than it already does.

In the last five years, the budget for health care has doubled from \$19 billion to \$38 billion. At that rate, over the next eight years, health care could account for more than 12 percent of the total DOD budget, affecting training, equipment and other budgets essential for the military,

said David Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

There are several solutions, however, to the effect on the total DOD budget. One plan calls for fee increases for retirees younger than 65. The new rates would be commensurate with the rank at which the service member retired.

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This week in the Triangle

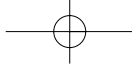
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Interactive radio frequency management, 9:30 a.m. today, Katrina Kantina.
Financial management and comptroller apprentice, 9 a.m. Friday, Allee Hall.
Basic instructor, 10 a.m. Friday, Hewes Hall.
Command post apprentice, 10 a.m. Friday, Bryan Hall.
Information management apprentice, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Thomson Hall.
Airborne mission systems specialist apprentice, 9 a.m. Wednesday, Dolan Hall.
Weather forecast apprentice, 10 a.m. Wednesday, weather training complex.



Student numbers

Total students — 3,487
Non-prior service — 2,213
Temporary duty — 1,244
Combat controllers — 30

Non-prior service arrivals — 109
Guard, Reserve — 813
International — 3



COMMENTARY

Air Force leaders dedicated to addressing sexual assault

Editor's note: The following is a "Letter to Airmen" from Secretary of the Air Force Michael Wynne and Chief of Staff of the Air Force T. Michael Moseley, who note that Sexual Assault Awareness Month is observed nationally in April.

SAN ANTONIO — Your Air Force leadership has been aggressively addressing the national problem of sexual assault.

Core values

Heart of the matter for Air Force members

By Chief Master Sgt. Rodney McKinley

Command chief master sergeant, Pacific Air Forces
HICKAM Air Force Base, Hawaii — The core is the center, the very foundation, the most intimate part of a thing.

The core is heart of the matter. When we joined the Air Force, we became part of a unique culture, and its foundation is our core values, central to all we do and all we are: integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do. Our Air Force culture and these core values give us a design not only for duty but for our whole lives.

The core values apply everywhere, all the time. As Airmen in the world's greatest air and space force, we represent the Air Force. We're Airmen whether we're at our home station or deployed on a temporary duty assignment.

The old notion that "what goes TDY, stays TDY" is simply that: a useless, outdated notion. It has no place in today's Air Force. The senior leaders of the United States and the Air Force across the board work hard to establish and maintain cordial relationships with our allies around the world. As guests in those countries where we are on temporary duty assignments, we must be aware our behavior can affect our relationships with the people of those countries — for better or worse.

When we were kids, our parents always cautioned us to "be on our best behavior" when we were guests anywhere. We're adults now, responsible for our own behavior. If we follow the core values, we're always on our best behavior.

Most Airmen live the core values on a daily basis. But it only takes a few — choosing to ignore those principles — to damage the public perception of the Air Force and, possibly, even the United States.

Whether we're TDY to Texas, Turkey,

We'll continue to dedicate ourselves to preventing it, and if it occurs, responding deliberately to sexual assault within the Air Force.

We've made significant strides in our prevention and response efforts over the past year with mandatory awareness training to over 360,000 Airmen, worldwide.

India or Iraq, we're the face of the Air Force for all those with whom we have contact.

When you're on TDY, your performance off duty is as important as your performance on duty. Your actions while on TDY can affect your squadron, your wing, your major command, the Air Force as a whole and the United States — in addition to your family and your military career.

If you still have the perception you can relax your moral standards when you're on TDY, you need to take a good, hard look at yourself. The Air Force has no room for you on its team.

Team members look out for each other. Airmen take care of Airmen. It's the wingman concept — the confidence that we aren't flying alone. Someone else is looking out for us to keep us on track and out of trouble.

The wingman concept stretches from top to bottom — it means commanders and supervisors at all levels being fully engaged with their Airmen, not only at home but at TDY locations as well. It means setting the right example, whether you're a basic airman or a general. You have a responsibility, not only to yourself but to your co-workers and the Air Force, to be a good wingman.

Let me re-emphasize that most of our Airmen already take the core values to heart. Integrity, service before self and excellence in all they do are simply part of their daily lives — at the core of who they are. But when even one of our Airmen misbehaves while on TDY, it can impact the public perception of the entire Air Force.

We can't afford to let that happen — ever. When you're on TDY in an unfamiliar place, take a buddy with you when you go out. Be aware of yourself and look out for each other.

Be a good Airman and you'll be a good wingman, too. That's the heart of the matter.

ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso

81st Training Wing commander

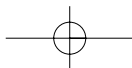
First, try to work concerns through the proper chain of command. When you've exhausted this recourse, turn to the commander's action line for assistance.

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 (off-base). For a personal response, include your name, address and phone number.

Items of general interest may appear in this column.



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Hurricane season is June 1-Nov. 30.

Early forecast for 2006:

17 tropical storms, sustained winds of 39-73 mph;
9 hurricanes, sustained winds of at least 74 mph;
5 major hurricanes, sustained winds of at least 111 mph.

(Source: Colorado State University)

**Keesler's
2006 safety goals**

Make safety ...

a core value,

a best business practice,

a competitive and asymmetric

advantage.

Make every employee ...

feel safe at work and home.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Weather school clinches 3 command awards

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The 335th Training Squadron claimed three Air Education and Training Command weather awards for 2005:

The weather training flight received the Moorman Award, named in honor of Lt. Gen. Thomas Moorman, a former commander of the Air Weather Service. The award recognizes the most outstanding Air Force weather unit providing specialized support.

Master Sgt. Gabriel Lacayo, instructor supervisor, won the Best Award in the enlisted category.

Michael Wieand, training specialist, claimed the Best Award in the civilian category.

The Best Awards, which recognize individual excel-



Sergeant Lacayo

lence by a member providing aerospace weather staff support at squadron level and above, honor Brig. Gen. William Best Jr., another former Air Weather Service commander.

The weather training flight, composed of 75 Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and civilian educators, trained 729 students last year.

The flight overcame significant hurdles during the year, including Hurricane Katrina, training reconstruction and inspections.

While still sheltered during Katrina, instructors were able to graduate 18 apprentice students. The flight was one of the first to resume training after the storm, with more than 150 students in spite of a 20 percent instructor loss.

Weather training instructors also provided 97 man-hours to the Keesler weather station during a post-hurricane manning shortfall.

Sergeant Lacayo served as weather flight superintendent and oversaw the 12-week combat weather team opera-



Mr. Wieand

tions course's 12 instructors and 60 students. He was instrumental in implementing the course's \$4.5 million revalidation two months ahead of schedule by updating 400 slides, 68 pages of lesson

plans and 330 test questions.

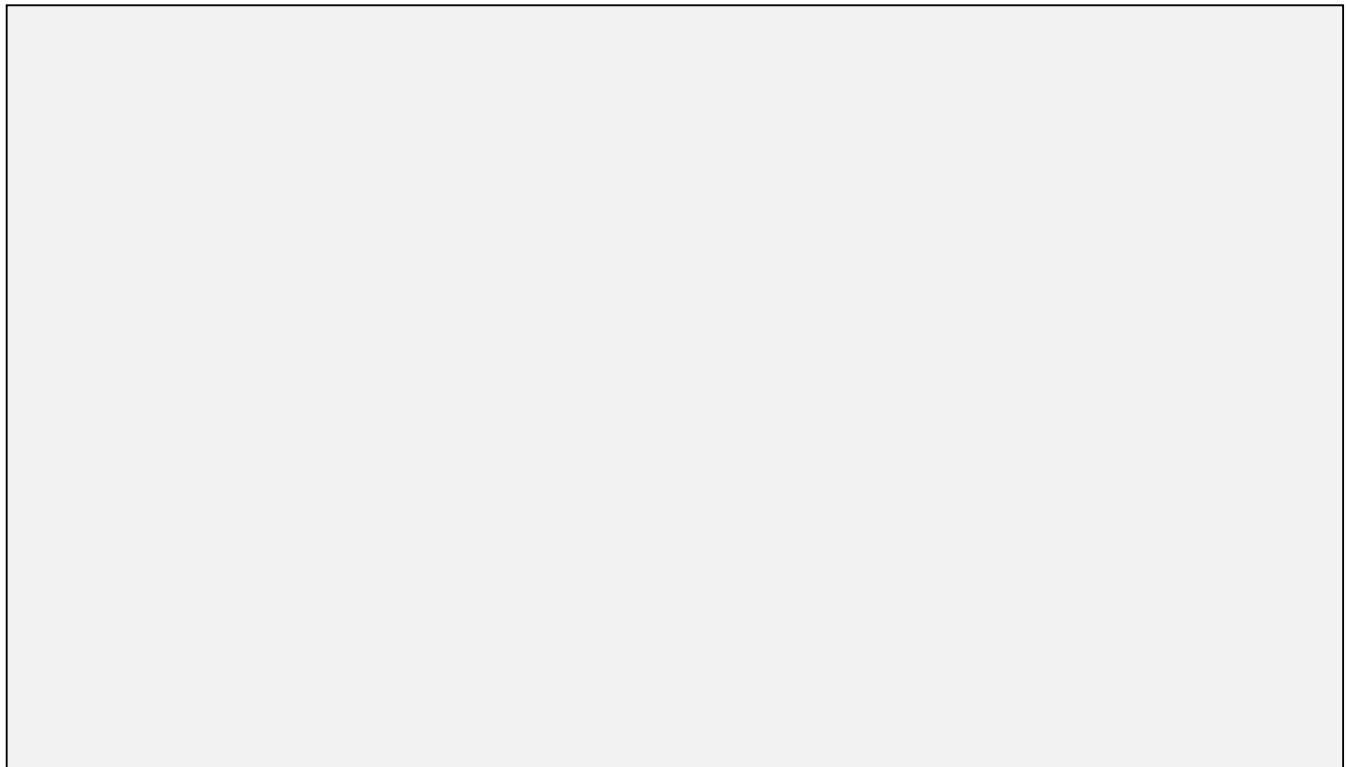
During Katrina, he served as noncommissioned officer in charge of his squadron's shelter team.

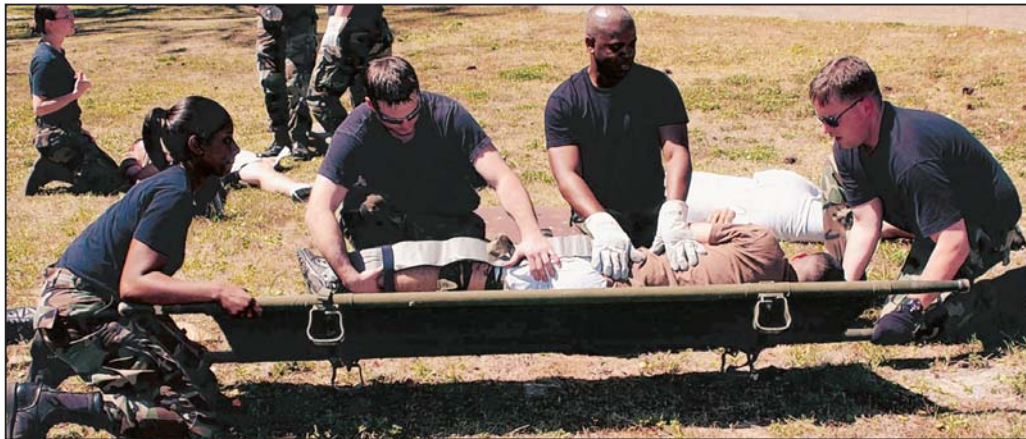
When training resumed three weeks after the storm, he crafted duty rosters to ensure fiscal 2006 training requirements were met in spite of a 45 percent instructor loss.

Sergeant Lacayo has been in the Air Force almost 18 years and has been at Keesler nearly three years.

Mr. Wieand taught nearly 1,000 classroom hours, with student averages at better than 90 percent. He retired from military service as a master sergeant in 2001.

He joined the civil service ranks as a training instructor the following year and was promoted to training specialist in November.





From left, Staff Sgt. Camille Scott and Senior Airman Derek Gablinske, 81st Medical Operations Squadron; Master Sgt. Terry Augustine, 81st Medical Support Squadron, and Tech. Sgt. Jason Hanley, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, load Airman 1st Class Nathaniel McConahay, a "patient" from the 336th TRS, onto a stretcher for medical care after a simulated well collapse.

Photos by Kemberly Groue

'Jambalaya Jeopardy' tests medics' response

81st Medical Group Public Affairs and Keesler News staff

The setting was south Louisiana bayou country. "Jambalaya Jeopardy" featured a path of severe thunderstorms which spawned flooding and a series of tornadoes.

Panic, rioting, looting and

shootings were reported. A well collapsed. To top it all off, visiting Malaysian businessmen and residents were stricken by a cholera epidemic.

This wasn't your run-of-the-mill medical exercise, but it contained several chal-

lenges that medics may encounter in homeland defense medical missions and overseas deployments.

The area near the 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron Readiness Flight's warehouse, west of Keesler Medical Center, was the setting for readiness training April 4 for 18 medics. Another 32 people are being trained Wednesday.

Master Sgt. Mary Sarris, noncommissioned officer in charge of medical readiness training, said the purpose of the exercise was to provide homeland natural disaster-response training.

The severe weather scenario included several aspects faced by emergency relief workers in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina last year.

"The 336th Training Squadron provided 20 cholera 'patients' to make the exercise more realistic," Sergeant Sarris explained. "We couldn't train our medics to their full potential without crucial support from the 81st Training Group.

"While Keesler Medical Center is involved in post-Katrina recovery restoration, we also continue to train medics for deployments," Sergeant Sarris pointed out. "In addition, we're preparing a new homeland defense team, the Medical Rapid Response Force."

Keesler's MRRF tasking involves 72 medical personnel ready to respond to natural disasters or terrorist events



Master Sgt. Lisa Ware, left, an 81st MDOS mental health technician, comforts Capt. Pamela Brown-Grayson, who portrays a mother who learns that her children are dying of cholera.



Airman Basic Charlotte Harper, 336th TRS, portrayed one of the "fatalities" when a well collapsed.



Sergeant Scott calls for help as a truckload of people with cholera arrives as she tries to care for Airman 1st Class Alexandra Scarpa, 336th TRS, one of the "victims" who eventually succumbs to the disease.

that happen anywhere in the United States.

Sergeant Sarris commented that medical unit readiness training is required for medics entering an air expeditionary force cycle to ensure they can perform

wartime and homeland defense duties.

"The personnel in this training class are assigned to AEF 1/2," Sergeant Sarris said.

Steve Pivnick, 81st MDG Public Affairs, and Susan Griggs, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.

2 commands team up to improve IMA training

By 2nd Lt. Dustin Doyle

Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs
ROBINS Air Force Base, Ga. — A partnership between Air Force Reserve Command and Air Force Space Command may signal a change in how individual mobilization augmentees train.

A common training assembly at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., earlier this month allowed more than 200 IMAs to fulfill more than 20 hours of training and readiness requirements. Typically, IMAs have to juggle their schedules and find time on their own to complete this kind of training throughout the year.

In the first day of the CTA, commanders and supervisors receive training on the ins-and-outs of the IMA program while the IMAs arrive or receive their required physical health assessment. The second and third days focus on fulfilling other ancillary training and readiness requirements.

“This is the first and only large program designed to fulfill all annual training requirements for IMAs,” said Lt. Col. Doug Young, program manager of Readiness Management Group Detachment 4, Peterson AFB, Colo. “In three days we are able to do everything from awareness briefings to hands-on buddy care training to physical fitness testing and health assessments.”

While the active duty is responsible for the actual training programs for these reservists, it’s the job of Air Force Reserve Command’s RMG to track IMAs to ensure they’re mission-ready with the required training. With more than 13,000 IMAs in the Air Force, finding the time and resources to fulfill training requirements for each IMA can be a daunting task.

“A great deal of work goes on behind the scenes before the first IMA even shows up,” Colonel Young said. “The teamwork between us and our

active-duty counterparts is amazing, and we can all see the benefits in a group of well-trained, ready-to-fight IMAs.”

Col. James Rendleman, a past Reserve advisor to Gen. Lance Lord, commander of Air Force Space Command, pioneered the development of CTA as a way to coordinate active-duty training with Reserve accountability. The program began in 2004 when Colonel Young received additional funding for the Reserve and approval from General Lord to use active-duty wing resources. In support of the CTA, General Lord made attendance mandatory for IMAs assigned or attached to Air Force Space Command.

Since 2004, the two major commands have worked together to hold 10 CTAs, resulting in more than 750 IMAs trained annually.

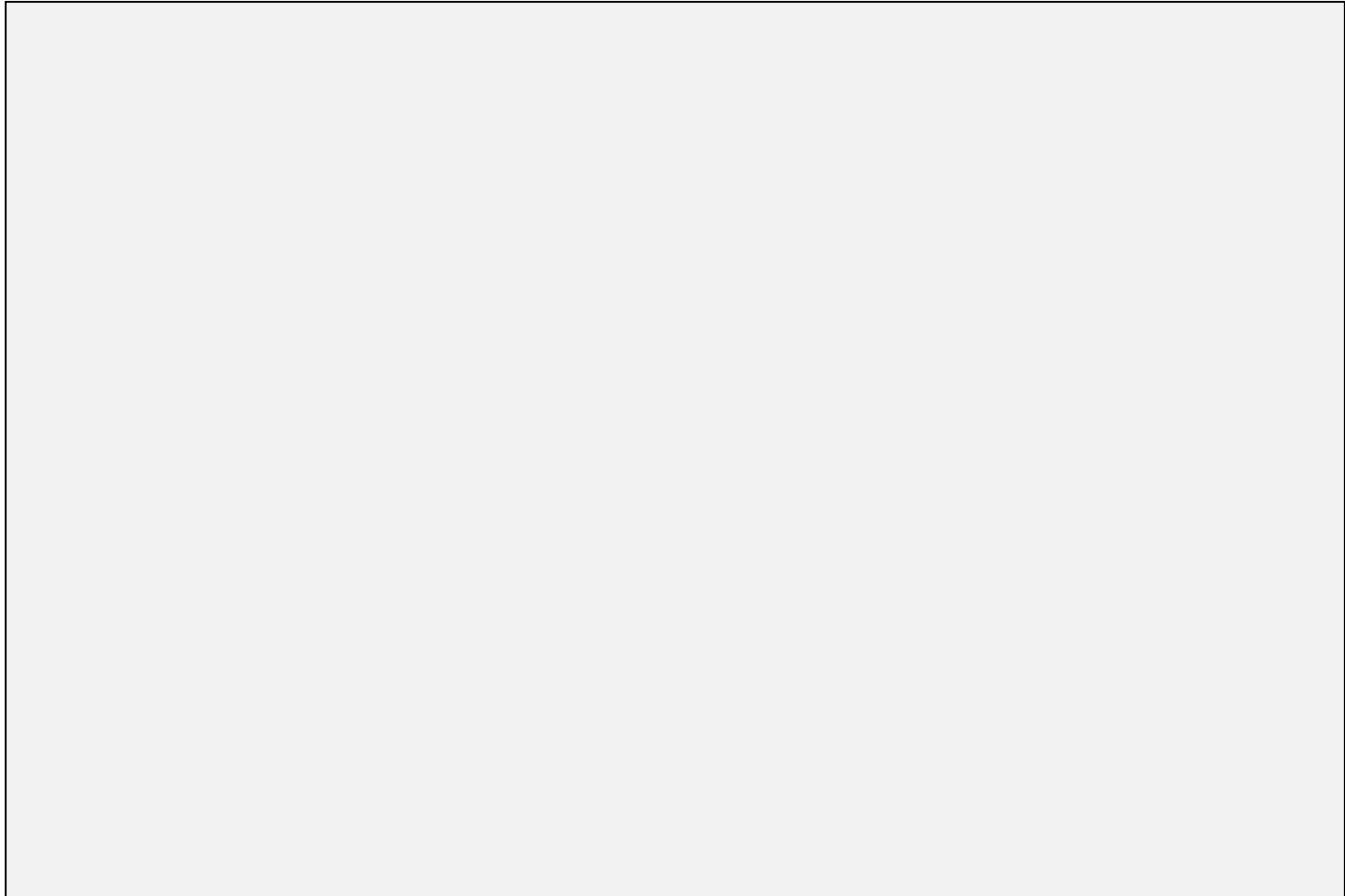
“Without AFSPC, these CTAs would not be possible,” Colonel

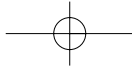
Young said. “We offered (Air Force Space Command officials) part of a solution to a personnel problem, and they jumped right on board to make it happen.”

Since the addition of the RMG in 2005, Col. Roxane Towner, the group commander, has fully supported the CTA programs.

“The CTAs are an outstanding way to partner with the active duty to ensure training is accomplished in an effective manner,” she said. “Our IMAs are not simply receiving standardized training, but a sense of camaraderie and esprit de corps develops when they come together for a common purpose.”

While most major commands don’t hold CTAs to train their IMAs, the program is becoming more popular. Both Air Force Special Operations Command and the Defense Information Systems Agency have held CTAs on a smaller scale.





TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Quarterly awards

The 81st Training Group quarterly awards ceremony for January-March is 7:15 a.m. today in Welch Auditorium.

For more information, call 377-0315.

Drill downs, parades

The 81st Training Wing holds drill downs every other month, and student parades in alternate months.

Parades — 7 p.m. May 18, July 14 and Sept. 21; 6 p.m. Nov. 16.

Drill downs — 8 a.m. April 21 and June 16; 7 a.m. Aug. 11 and Oct. 20.

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

Spouse scholarships

These scholarship programs are available to spouses:

National Military Family Association — for uniformed 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 Saturday. To apply, visit <http://www.nmfa.org/scholarships2006>.

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

USM program

The University of Southern Mississippi offers a technical and occupational educational bachelor's degree program on base.

The next term starts May 30.

An academic adviser is at Keesler Tuesdays and Thursday afternoons in Room 208, old Cody Hall.

For more information, call 377-2309.

Scholarship program

Homefront America, Inc., a nonprofit organization, has partnered with the W. Daniel Tate Family and Sara's Hope Foundation to fund a scholarship program for military children.

The American Patriot Freedom Scholarship Award essay contest provides 20 individ-

ual \$1,000 scholarships.

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

Nursing assistant class

The family support and-Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College partner to train 15 Air Force spouses as certified nurse assistants.

Classes are at the MGCCC Jeff Davis campus in Gulfport, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 12-Nov. 9.

The course requires more than 80 hours of class time and practical application sessions in medical facilities.

Non-military spouses of active-duty personnel are eligible.

For more information, call Lana Smith, 377-8593.

Testing dates

The education office offers ACT, SAT and PRAXIS tests.

Deadlines are:

SAT — April 13 for May 16 test.

ACT — June 8 for July 11 test.

PRAXIS I — June 26 for Aug. 7 test.

PRAXIS II — June 26 for Aug. 8 test.

To schedule, call 377-2323.

MOAA scholarships

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

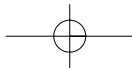
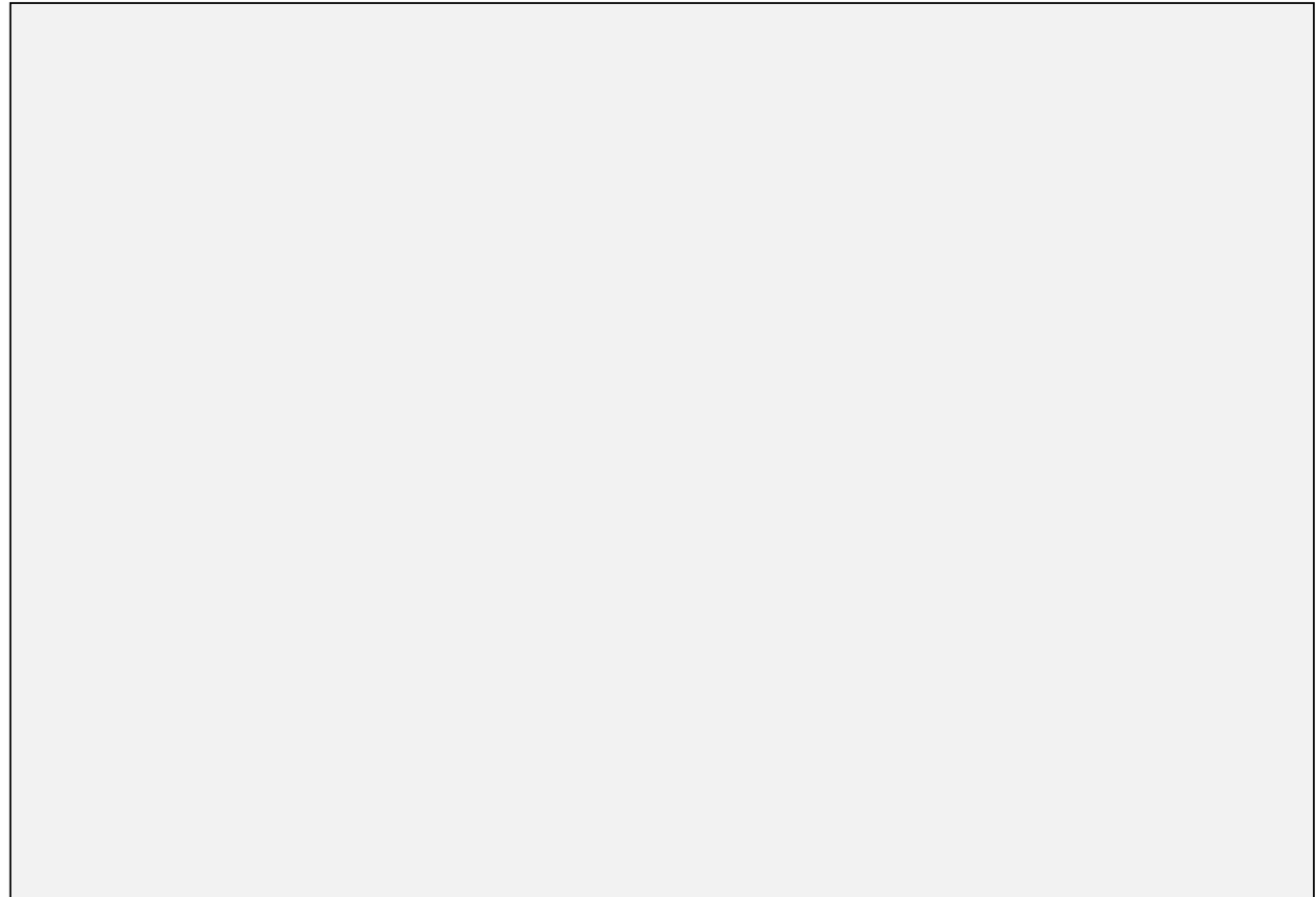
For more information, go to <http://moaa.org>.

Civilian tuition aid

College tuition assistance is available for permanent civil service employees at Keesler.

Courses must be related to the Air Force mission.

For more information, call or visit the education office, 377-2323, Room 212, old Cody Hall.



NEWS AND FEATURES

Moseley: Major challenges ahead

Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO — The Air Force chief of staff told visitors at Capitol Hill Club in the nation's capital April 4 the service faces serious challenges in the coming years.

However, Gen. T. Michael Moseley said the service will use all its capabilities to continue its joint warfighting efforts while going through a massive recapitalization.

The general said one of the challenges the Air Force faces is that it makes the job it does look easy. That makes the American public think it's easy, too.

"That's a challenge for us," he said. "By culture and tradition, just like in the Army, we normally don't whine about any of this. We don't complain about any of this. We just execute the task."

But doing that task will be inherently more difficult in the coming years as the Air Force undergoes a top-to-bottom transition, he said.



General Moseley

New Tricare initiatives target obesity, smoking, alcohol abuse

Air Force Print News

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — Take care of your body, and it will take care of you, say health experts.

In today's fast-paced world, they also say that's getting harder to do.

Being overweight, using tobacco products and excessive drinking go against this adage and can cause serious health problems and possibly early death. The military community isn't immune to the health issues these activities can cause.

Tricare Management Activity has created two demonstration projects and a pilot program to test multiple education and prevention initiatives designed to help service members and their families battle the dangerous effects of obesity, tobacco use and excessive drinking.

Tricare is the Department of Defense agency responsible for the health care of 9.2 million beneficiaries.

Tricare plans to launch weight management, tobacco cessation and alcohol programs in the coming months. These

projects involve service members and their families who volunteer to participate.

"Weight management, tobacco cessation and the responsible use of alcohol are health priorities targeted by the Department of Defense for active education and prevention," said Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of Defense for Health Affairs and director of Tricare.

The demonstration projects span three years and the pilot program covers two years from start-up. They help identify ways to deliver the best possible benefit for Tricare beneficiaries.

Demonstration programs or pilot project participation criteria:

Weight management demonstration project — non-active duty Tricare prime beneficiaries ages 18 to 64 not receiving Medicare or enrolled in the Tricare extended care health option and living within 50 miles of the research centers in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Illinois.

Tobacco quitline demonstration project — Tricare

Prime beneficiaries ages 18 to 64 not receiving Medicare or enrolled in the extended care health option and living near military treatment facilities in Colorado, Kansas, Missouri and Minnesota.

Alcohol prevention pilot program — active-duty service members ages 21 to 25 assigned to Hurlburt Field, Fla.; Fort Bliss, Texas; Fort Sill, Okla.; Norfolk Naval Base, Va.; Naval Base Ventura County, Calif.; Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station, S.C., and Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The projects are scientifically-based studies that help DOD determine the effectiveness of behavior-modification programs that may be used throughout the military health system.

"Preventing these unhealthy behaviors is critical to the readiness of our forces and the health of our nation as a whole," Dr. Winkenwerder said. "I am pleased by the successful programs already in place in the military services and the innovative approaches to prevention, education and treatment that Tricare is pursuing for their families."

IN THE NEWS

AFAF total continues to climb

As of Monday, Keesler's Air Force Assistance Fund campaign has raised \$80,292.30, 121 percent of the \$66,145 goal.

With three weeks left in the campaign, the first sergeants council continues its "penny war" to raise money for the AFAF.

For more information, call your unit representative.

Formal retreat today

April's formal retreat ceremony is 5 p.m. today at the flagpole in front of 81st Training Wing headquarters on Chappie James Avenue.

In case of rain, ceremonies move to the next duty day.

The 81st Training Group is responsible for the ceremony.

Community assessment survey

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force leaders launch the community assessment survey later this month in an effort to better understand what issues people face at their individual installations.

The survey is conducted every two to three years. This year, it includes both active-duty and Reserve Airmen, their spouses, and for the first time, some civilians.

The 320,000-person survey is Web-based and takes about 25-30 minutes to complete. It's also somewhat personalized, so it only asks questions pertinent to the individual taking the survey. For example, if an Airman checks "single with no dependants," the survey isn't going to ask him about local schools.

Survey results should be compiled by Sept. 1.

April 29 is Seabee Day

The Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport sponsors the 2006 Seabee Day April 29.

The event, open to the public, includes:

8 a.m. — 10-kilometer and 2-mile runs.

10 a.m. — opening ceremony parade featuring the Navy Marching Band from New Orleans.

11 a.m. — food and craft booths open.

Military static displays from Mississippi Gulf Coast units, a Seabee Command historical display, and performances by area bands and the Gulfport High School drill team are planned.

For more information, call 871-2538.

Commander's call

An 81st Training Wing commander's call is scheduled for 9 a.m. May 3 and 3:30 p.m. May 4 in Welch Auditorium.

Tax office open until Sept. 15

The Keesler Tax Office, Room 234, old Cody Hall, remains open through Sept. 15 because of filing extensions for south Mississippi taxpayers due to Hurricane Katrina.

Manager Ruthie Bell said extensions apply to federal and state tax returns.

Office hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. work days. For more information, call 377-4454.

For tax questions related to Katrina, call the Internal Revenue Service's hurricane hotline, 1-866-562-5227.

Health care,

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For example, the retirees who would be affected currently pay \$460 per year if they have a family.

Under the new plan, the same group would pay:

Officers: \$1,400 per year.

Enlisted in pay grades E-7 and higher: \$950 per year.

Enlisted in pay grades E-

6 or lower: \$650 per year.

The raise in fees would be spread over a two-year period, Mr. Chu said.

Concerned elected officials questioned if this was really necessary and what would be the likely outcome if they didn't raise the fees.

The panel was unanimous in the opinion that without more operating funds, quality of other military programs would decrease.

If the money needed to sus-

tain health care didn't come from other places, then the quality of the health care would likely diminish.

"In 1995, beneficiaries paid 27 percent of total health costs; today they pay 12 percent," Mr. Chu said. "We believe it is absolutely essential to achieve a financial balance between the government and individual's care contributions closer to when Tricare was inaugurated 11 years ago."

Recycling center accepts hazardous waste April 20

Keesler's semi-annual household hazardous waste collection is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 20 at the recycling center, Building 4004.

Environmental officials encourage participation by base housing and dormitory residents.

Hazardous waste includes anything flammable, corrosive, toxic, poisonous or reactive, according to environmental officials.

Clues are words like "Caution," "Warning" or "Danger" on container labels.

Paints and solvents, lawn care chemicals,

household cleaning and maintenance products, pool chemicals, craft and hobby supplies, automotive products, batteries, thermometers, lead solder and fluorescent lights are all considered hazardous.

Radioactive waste, needles, syringes or medical waste, white goods such as stoves and fridges, ammunition, explosive materials and containers larger than five gallons aren't accepted.

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

The places your

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can go!



At home and around the world, all blood types are needed. Please donate regardless to what your blood type is, but if you are an O your blood type is especially needed.

"O" type is in great demand.

Donate Blood Today!

For more information, please contact the Keesler Donor Center

377-9306 or 377-9304

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PERSONNEL NOTES

Editor's note: This column is a service of the Keesler News. Contributors include the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, and the 81st Mission Support Squadron's military and civilian personnel flights.

Sexual harassment reporting

The Air Force Personnel Center operates a hotline to receive sexual harassment and other forms of discrimination inquiries at 1-800-558-1404, DSN 665-2949, or commercial 1-210-565-2949.

An AFPC call center representative answers each call to the hotline. Callers with a sexual harassment or discrimination concern are forwarded to a qualified military equal opportunity counselor.

Counselors ensure callers understand the avenues available to them and complaints are channeled to the proper authority. Counselors take calls during normal duty hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CDT. After normal duty hours, voice mail is available to leave messages for emergencies.

At Keesler, Liz Waters is the sexual assault response coordinator. She can be reached at 377-8635, 8637 or 8638.

Force shaping

For information on force shaping, visit the Air Force Personnel Center Web site, <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/retsep/shape.htm>, or call the AFPC contact center, 1-800-616-3775.

Hurricane relief medals

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Service members and civilians who took part in Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita relief efforts may be eligible for a medal.

The director of the Joint Staff has approved awarding the Humanitarian Service Medal and the Armed Forces Service Medal for military personnel. Department of Defense civilians may receive the Armed Forces Civilian Service Medal.

For more information, contact the local military personnel flight or civilian personnel office.

Temporary duty and test cycles

If members' temporary duty period begins before the testing cycle starts and extends beyond the end of the testing cycle, they should test at the TDY location if facilities are available and requirements permit.

Testing up to 10 days prior to the announced cycle is authorized for members TDY during the entire testing cycle who can't test at their TDY location.

Members who decline to test early when so directed are ineligible for promotion for the remainder of the test cycle.

For more information, see Air Force Instruction 36-2605, Air Force Military Personnel Testing System.

Long-term care insurance

For information on the long-term care insurance program and how to enroll, go online to <http://www.ltcfeds.com> or call 1-800-582-3337 or TDD 1-800-843-3557, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

Mailing care packages

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Postal Service and Military Postal Service Agency process mail for troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For more information, call 1-800-275-8777 or visit <http://www.usps.com>.

E-mailing deployed troops

Stars and Stripes features "Messages of Support" to deployed service members from family and friends free of charge.

E-mail no more than 60 words to messages@estripes.com.

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 By David Long

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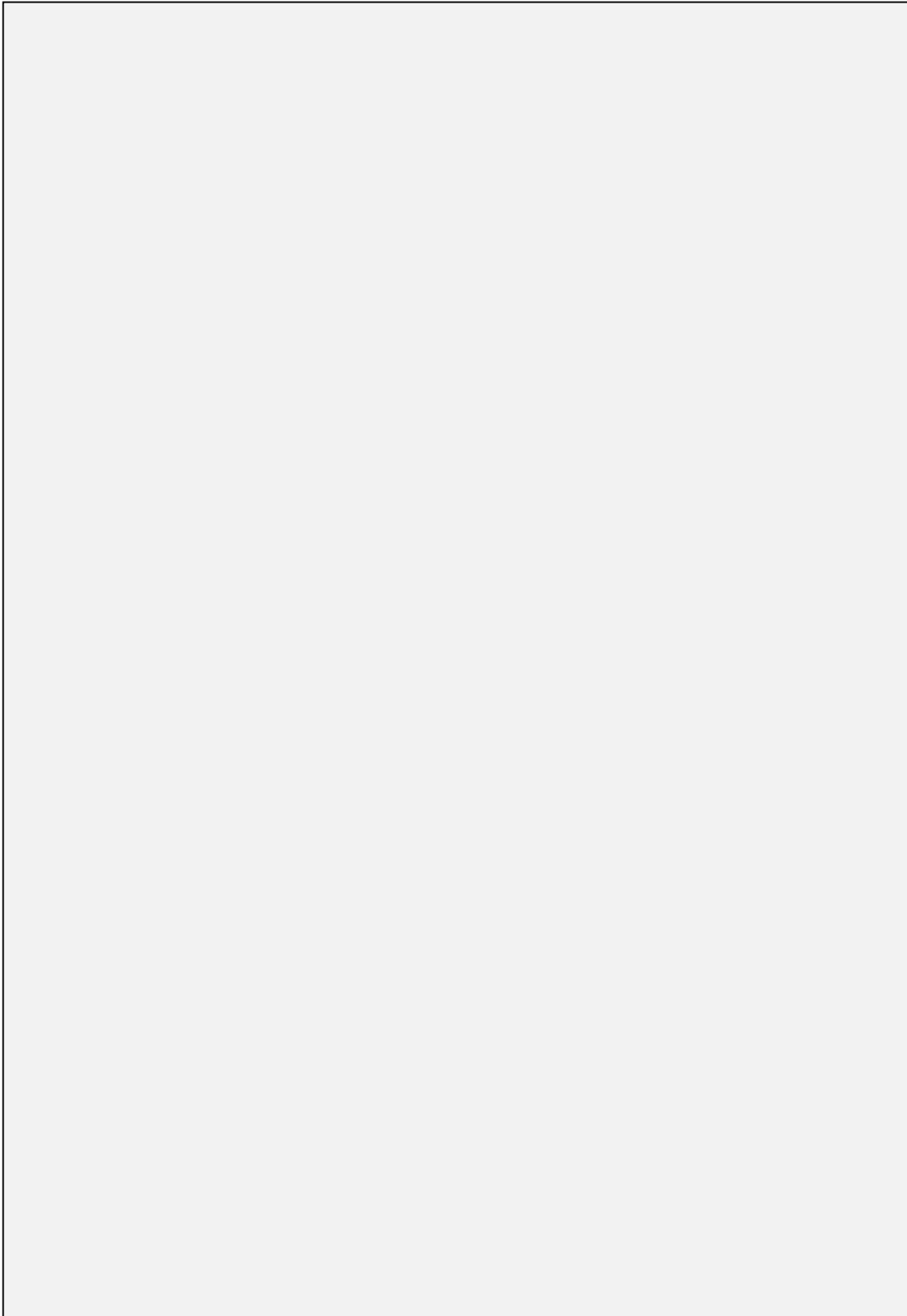
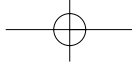
For Keesler News delivery or display racks, facility managers call 377-3163.

Katrina Homeowner's Grant Program

For appointments to complete an application call Keesler's Service Center, 228-377-1378.

Located at 2nd Air Force Headquarters
 Appointments begin April 20.

Sponsored by the Mississippi Development Authority
 Homeowner Assistance Call Center: 1-866-369-6302
www.mshomehelp.com or www.mshomehelp.gov



4 lieutenants gain 2nd bar

By Staff Sgt. Michael Eaton

Keesler News staff

Four Keesler first lieutenants have been selected for promotion.

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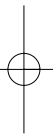
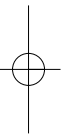
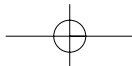
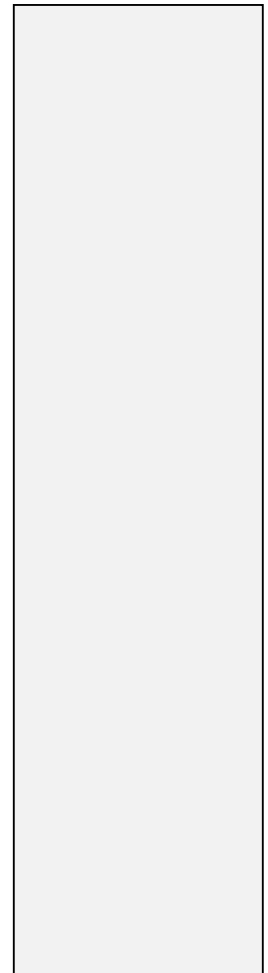
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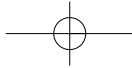
334th TRS — Troy Kirkbride.

336th TRS — John Burt.

81st Transportation Squadron — Mildred Ziebell.

Air Force-wide, 793 lieutenants were selected from the 797 officers eligible for the promotion, a rate of 99.5 percent.





Tree topples; rubble cleared

Left, a home on North Court Street in Pinehaven military family housing was crushed by a pine tree during Hurricane Katrina. At right, the lot has been cleared. More than 700 Keesler housing units are being vacated and demolished before June in preparation for the largest military housing project in Air Force history.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Homeowner grant process now starts April 20

The new application processing dates for the Keesler Service Center of the Hurricane Katrina Homeowners' Grant Program are April 20 through May 5.

Keesler personnel may call 1-228-377-1378 or DSN 597-1378, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, for appointments to apply for the program. Appointments are at the center in the 2nd Air Force headquarters conference room, 721 Hangar Road.

Eligible homeowners who sustained flood-related damage, although their residences were outside a designated flood zone, may qualify for grants of up to \$150,000.

The federally-funded program is administered by the Mississippi Development Authority.

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 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

Operation Dragon Comeback coins and patches are still available.

The \$7 coins and \$5 patches benefit the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.

Contact unit representatives or e-mail Tech. Sgts. Eric Alvarez, eric.alvarez@keesler.af.mil, or Anthony Bellocq, anthony.bellocq@keesler.af.mil.

Relief fund recipient rode out storm in attic

By Staff Sgt. Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

A member of the 81st Mission Support Squadron received assistance from Keesler's Hurricane Relief Fund after her residence was damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

Anique Miller, lead assignment counselor and passport agent, found out about the program from her supervisor.

"Master Sgt. Sandy LePine mentioned the program to me, so I decided to apply," Mrs. Miller said.

She received \$500 from the fund, established after donations began pouring in from other bases and organizations in the storm's aftermath.

"We used it to get clothing for our four children and supplies for our home," Mrs. Miller said. "Money was a

constant need due to no flood insurance, so it was great to receive the \$500.

"Staying in our house during the storm, it was very hard emotionally to go through the steps of rebuilding," she continued. "Thanks to the Katrina fund, it made things for us a little easier."

She, her husband, Johnny, a Federal Express employee, and their four children had no place to stay after the storm as their Ocean Springs residence was uninhabitable.

"Our house is by the bayou and about a mile and a half from the Gulf," Mrs. Miller said. "The frame of the house wasn't damaged, but the entire inside had to be gutted."

During the hurricane, the Millers moved from the ground floor to the second story to the attic of their home

"Money was a constant need due to no flood insurance, so it was great to receive the \$500."

— Mrs. Miller



as the flood waters rose.

"Within 10 minutes, water started pouring through every crack, window and door, shifting furniture and knocking things over," Mrs. Miller

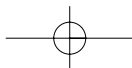
said. "We told the children to grab some clothes and eventually made our way to the attic."

"Our dog, which weighs more than 100 pounds, was swimming in the water down-

stairs. The children were screaming for him, so Johnny had to push and pull the dog up a ladder to the attic with us.

"After the water started to go down, within five hours, some neighbors drove as far as they could and walked through the water to see if we were OK," Mrs. Miller recalled. "They evacuated north, but they knew we stayed so they came to check on us. We, along with my husband's grandparents and our neighbors, all walked through the water and left."

The Millers sent their children to stay with Anique's parents in Asheville, N.C., and the couple lived with family and friends on the coast. In October, they moved into another house and brought the children back home.



New escalator going up at medical center

81st Medical Group

Installation of the new escalator for the outpatient clinic lobby at Keesler Medical Center is under way.

The original escalator was damaged beyond repair by Hurricane Katrina.

The installation is expected to take a few weeks.

This project and replacement of the storm-damaged elevator at the rear of the lobby are essential to the reopening of the clinic entrance in early May, 81st Medical Group officials said.

The status of other services through the 81st Medical Group:

Coumadin clinic is now located in Room 1F-167, in the family practice clinic. Hours are 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 blood levels. The staff monitors and manages the dosage for patients taking this medication. Patients are seen by referral only, meaning a physician at Keesler must submit a consult for the patient to be enrolled in the clinic. For more information, call 377-6104.

Ophthalmology clinic operates part-time in the general surgery clinic in the medical center. The staff see patients for standard, non-surgical consults and follow-ups. Appointments are limited because the staff shares equipment with the optometry clinic and is unable to see patients every day. Consults are sent to the referral management center and reviewed by the ophthalmology staff. PRK/LASIK patients who didn't receive all of their required postoperative exams (monthly for one year following the procedure), call or e-mail Master Sgt. Rickey Mann, 377-6671, or Rickey.Mann@keesler.af.mil.

All clinics are closed for training 1-5 p.m. the second Thursday of every month. Family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics and general surgery each have one doctor available for urgent appointments. For such appointments, report to the appropriate clinic or call central appointments, 1-800-700-8603.

First aid station closes at 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday until at least June as an electrical contractor completes repairs and upgrades to the medical center's electrical system. The work requires 12-hour power outages from 6 p.m. Friday to 6 a.m. Saturday and 6 p.m. Saturday to 6 a.m. Sunday until the electrical work is complete. Otherwise, the hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The last appointment for check-in is 5 p.m. The first aid station staff is able to treat only new, acute health care problems. Patients with urgent and emergency problems — difficulty breathing, chest pain, abdominal pain, etc. — can 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.

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 clin-

ics see patients 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays.

To access care on the first floor of the 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.

Genetics is located in the medical center. The office provides case-by-case genetic counseling and cystic fibrosis testing for Tricare Prime beneficiaries only who are referred through their primary care managers.

Nutritional medicine is in the health and wellness center. The flight provides nutritional consultations through consults from clinic PCMs.

Chiropractic clinic, in the medical center's surgery clinic, sees active-duty military only. Active-duty members need to see their primary care provider for a referral and then can call 377-6608 to schedule an appointment. Hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. working Fridays.

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

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.

Clinical laboratory is in its medical center. 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.

Radiology is 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.

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 is in the former orthopedic clinic. Surgery is available by primary care manager consult only. No orthopedic services are available.

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. 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.

4th in 4th Keesler Airman one of the leaders in Bataan march



Airman Barnes

By Staff Sgt. Carlos Diaz

Keesler Public Affairs

A system administrator in the 335th Training Squadron takes marching to a whole new level.

March 26, Senior Airman Julia Barnes participated in her fourth Bataan Memorial Death March. She placed fourth in the 20-29 female age category and 172nd out of 683 military participants.

"I never would've thought that I would've done that well — I really did surprise myself," said Airman Barnes, whose hometown of White Sands Missile Range, N.M., is the site of the annual event.

The march honors a group of World War II soldiers who defended the Philippines until they were overwhelmed by the invading Japanese forces. Many of them died on the forced march to a prisoner of war camp.

The grueling 26.2-mile march consists of tough, hilly desert terrain. Elevation ranges from 4,100 to 5,300 feet.

Airman Barnes learns something new each time she participates in the march.

"I learned from the previous march how to wrap my feet to keep them from getting too many blisters," she said. "I've also learned to take as little with me as possible and to take Motrin as much as possible the week before."

Marchers can wear a 35-pound rucksack, but she opted not to because she chose to be in the lightweight category.

"Normally, when I train for this event, I do a lot of hiking and walking on the beach in the boots I'm going to wear the day of the march," said the 3 1/2-year Air Force member.

To maintain her stamina, "I usually eat bananas, apples and oranges at each water point," she said. "I usually drink a cup of water and Gatorade, too. I also drink what I have in my camelback."

Participants march at their own pace. Rest stops are taken as needed.

"People usually rest at the water points," she said. "However, there are a lot of people that chose not to rest because once you stop, it's really hard to get up and moving again."

"The best memories I have are of the heroes I'm out here marching for," she said. "Just meeting them and knowing what they've been through is a great experience for me."

"Hearing them tell their stories of that horrible time is very touching, and that's something that not everyone has a chance to ever do."



Courtesy photo

Airman Barnes' 5-year-old sister, Baylee Gardella, met her to cross the finish line.

Her respect for those heroes motivated her during her most arduous moments.

"I felt like I had hit 'my wall' right before mile marker 21," she recalled. "My feet and legs hurt so badly. I had just made it to the deep sand pits, and no matter how fast your legs are going, you're not making it very far."

"Once I hit that wall, I'd just think about what those soldiers went through and how they were treated during the 100 miles they marched without any food or water."

"By doing that, I had the strength to go on, and anytime I needed that extra push, I'd just go back to what they went through," she added.

For her last push, Airman Barnes' 5-year-old sister, Baylee Gardella, took her hand and encouraged her to run toward the finish line.

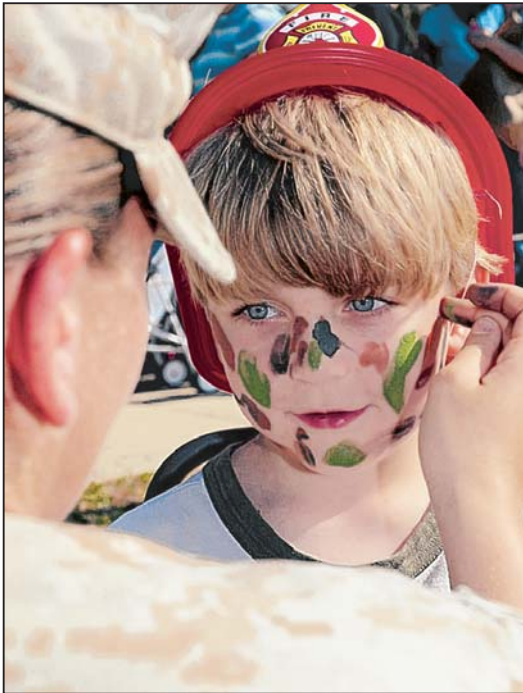
"Once I finished, I sat still for a few minutes because my body ached so much," she said. "I felt so exhausted, but I wasn't as sore this year as I have been in the past. I guess the more training I do, the easier it is on my body."

Airman Barnes plans to continue participating in the march.

"With what these heroes did for me, the least I can do is honor them each year," she said.

Child Pride Day

Parade, egg hunt, games highlight events at marina



Six-year-old Connor Kuiper gets his face painted by Lance Cpl. Liza Arana from the Marine Corps Detachment. Connor's dad, Senior Airman Justin Kuiper, Indiana Air National Guard 122nd Fighter Wing in Fort Wayne, is on temporary duty here with the 335th Training Squadron.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Parents and children line the street in marina park during Saturday's Child Pride Day parade. Toys, beads and candy were tossed to the crowds. Participants at the event were treated to games and other activities including an egg hunt, face painting, quarterback toss, toothbrush demonstrations and ceramic painting. Sponsors include Cellular South, Domino's Pizza, family support center, First Command Financial Planning, Keesler Federal Credit Union, Home Depot and USAA.



Five-year-old Alex Barton looks for Easter eggs. His mom is Senior Airman Lisa Barton, 81st Medical Support Squadron.



Scott Durbin from the Imagination Movers gets the kids involved in the song, "What's in the Fridge?"



Seven-year-old Zachary Edwards demonstrates the proper way to brush teeth with a stuffed kangaroo. Zachary's parents are Tech. Sgt. Charles and Nina Edwards, 81st Transportation Squadron.

Medical IMA retires after 30 years' service

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Col. Janie McKenzie, individual mobilization augmentee to the 81st Medical Group chief nurse, retired April 6 with 30 years of active-duty and Reserve service.

Colonel McKenzie earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Louisiana School of Nursing at Lafayette in 1973 and later, a master's degree in nursing from the University of Southern Mississippi. In 1976, she entered the Air Force and was commissioned a first lieutenant.

Her first active-duty assignment was at Keesler Medical Center until 1978 when she separated from active duty. Upon joining the Air Force Reserve Nurse Corps, she was assigned to the 920th Tactical Clinic at Keesler as staff development officer and assistant chief nurse.

Colonel McKenzie also served with the 920th Tactical Hospital and 403rd Aeromedical Staging Squadron, and was activated during Desert Storm/Desert Shield.

The colonel is one of two female officers and the first African-American female to achieve the rank of colonel in the 403rd Wing.

Following her promotion to colonel, Colonel McKenzie was accepted into the IMA



Colonel McKenzie

program. She has served as IMA to the 81st MDG chief nurse since Sept. 21, 2001.

The colonel served on the board of commissioners for Slidell, La., Memorial Medical Center, as a youth sponsor for the Slidell Youth Leadership Club and as a speaker for professional organizations.

She received the 2000 Outstanding Graduate Nursing Student Award, 1999 YWCA Role Model Award and Alpha Phi Alpha Caduceus Service Award, 2000 Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing Administration Excellence Award and 1999 Head Nurse Award at her civilian job with the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in New Orleans.

The colonel and her husband, Don, live in Slidell.

Web-based customer service Reservists can access duty history 'virtually'

By Tech. Sgt. Rob Mims

Air Reserve Personnel Center

DENVER — Air Force Reserve members worldwide can now correct or change their duty history via the virtual Personnel Center Guard and Reserve, a customer-service Web portal operated by the Air Reserve Personnel Center.

Previously, Airmen had to visit their local military personnel flight or call several agencies to correct their duty history. Now, no matter the time of day, reservists can log on to the vPC-GR at <http://arpc.afrc.af.mil/support/default.asp>.

Airmen can click on the "Correct Duty History" link and annotate changes, attach relevant supporting documentation and click on "submit."

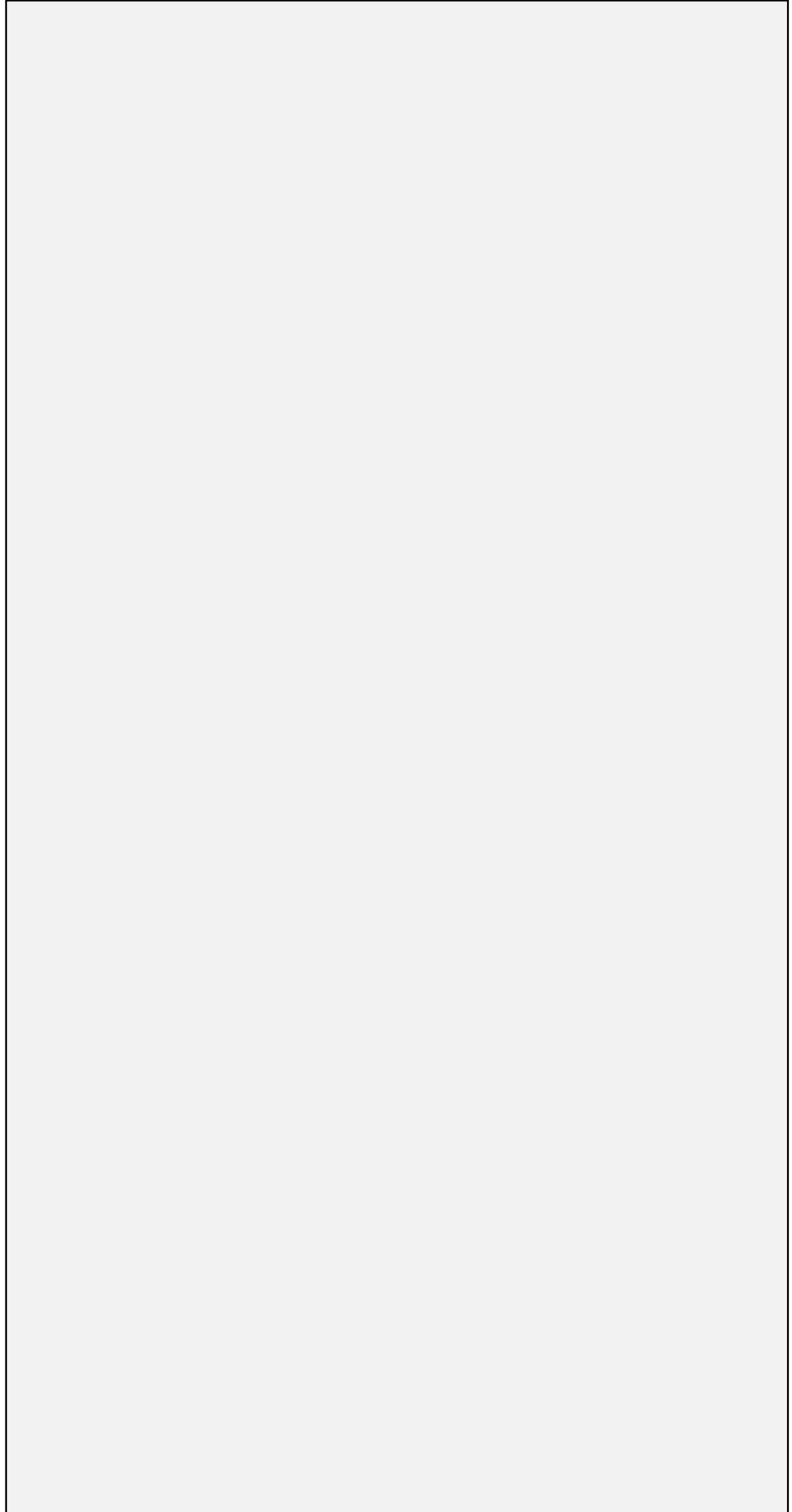
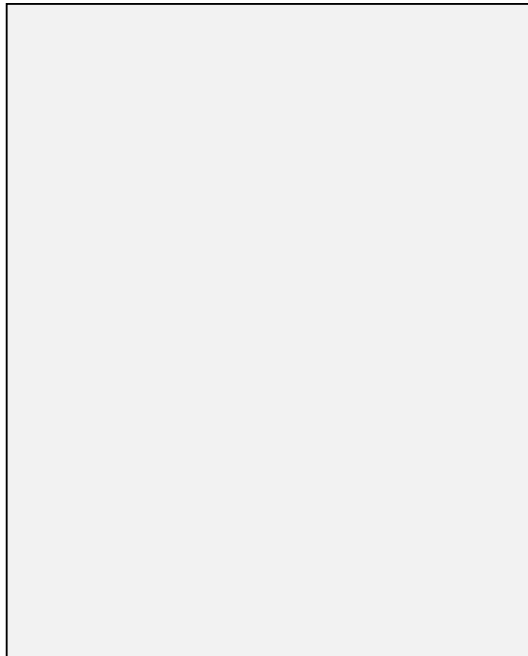
There's no change to the process for updating current duty information; it still must be done through the local commander's support staff or base individual mobilization augmentee administrators.

ARPC and the Air Force Personnel Center are working on centralizing and automating many of their processes for all Airmen and civilians in the total force.

Processes that have been automated or centralized at ARPC include 20-year letter (re-issue), mortgage letter, current points request, promotion board counseling request, and electronic promotion letter to the board president.

In the future, automated and centralized services should account for nearly all aspects of an Airman's personnel actions, from initial enlistment to retirement.

Between now and Sept. 1, 2007, ARPC is working to automate or centralize retirements, separations, awards and decorations, evaluations, enlisted promotions, assignments, retraining, reenlistments, duty status, classifications, adverse actions and accessions.



Spouse honored for letter to CNN

By Staff Sgt. Michael Eaton

Keesler Public Affairs

Cassie Schneider said she didn't think she was any different from anyone else and she really didn't deserve any special attention.

Special attention is just what she got April 6 when she was recognized on stage by Biloxi Mayor A.J. Holloway during the Reviving the Renaissance kickoff meeting.

Mrs. Schneider, the wife of Master Sgt. Randy Schneider, superintendent of information systems for the 81st Communications Squadron, was recognized for a letter she wrote to CNN.

She said she was only trying to let people know there are some good things happening on the coast, when she wrote to the network explaining that things weren't so grim here in the aftermath of the storm.

"I had never done anything like that before," she said.

"She wrote it because she felt the press wasn't capturing the spirit of what was really going on," said Sergeant Schneider.

Mrs. Schneider said she felt most of the media coverage about the coast in the aftermath of the storm didn't reflect the way those in the community came together to help one another.

"I wanted people to know that good things were happening on the coast," she said.

The Schneiders have three sons, Trenton, Ethan and Chandler.

Two days after Hurricane Katrina destroyed the family's home and forced them to take up residence in their church shelter, Mrs. Schneider, along with other church members, was out and about in the community helping others clean up and rebuild. Mrs. Schneider also helped in the church's supply house. Like many after the storm, she provided countless hours of her time to helping others.

She encouraged her family to help others in the community as well.



Mrs. Schneider

"We lost everything, and she still was trying to help others — I am impressed," said Sergeant Schneider.

The Schneiders have been helping friends rebuild homes since the storm.

They turned down what they considered their dream assignment in order to stay and help the coast recover.

Prior to Katrina, Sergeant Schneider was preparing for an assignment to Germany. Sergeant Schneider and his wife decided it would be better if they stayed here and helped his unit and those on the coast instead of going to Germany for a permanent change of station.

"These people are like family," said Mrs. Schneider, referring to coast residents.

"How could we pack up and go to Germany when so many of the people need help?"

Mrs. Schneider credits her tenacious work ethic and strong belief in helping others to her parents.

Despite the fact that she received the recognition because of her letter, Mrs. Schneider gives all the credit to her spouse.

"I honestly feel I wouldn't have been able to do what I did without his support," she said. "I feel like we are in it together."



Triangle Chapel reopens for services

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Triangle Chapel reopens its doors Friday after completion of Hurricane Katrina repairs.

Chaplain (Col.) David Cote, 81st Training Wing chaplain, praised the 81st Civil Engineer and Communications squadrons for "busting their chops" for the past two weeks to finish up the work before Easter.

Extensive renovations to the chapel's annex continue.

Here's the Holy Week worship schedule:

Catholic

Today — 6:30 p.m., Holy Thursday service, Larcher Chapel.

Friday — 6:30 p.m., Good Friday service, Larcher Chapel.

Saturday — 7:30 p.m., Easter Vigil, Larcher Chapel.

Sunday — 10 a.m., Easter Mass, Triangle Chapel.

Protestant

Sunday — 6 a.m. Easter sunrise service, Triangle Chapel; 8:30, traditional service, Larcher Chapel; 11:30, contemporary service at Larcher Chapel and gospel service at Triangle Chapel.

KEESLER NOTES

Legal office closure

The legal office is closed 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday for an official function.

Green thumb?

Plants, shrubs and other landscape products are available at the self-help store, Building 3517, for base housing occupants, 8:30 a.m. May 2.

For more information, call 377-5397.

MEO office

The military equal opportunity office is in Room 239, old Cody Hall.

The office's goal is to improve mission effectiveness by eliminating unlawful discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

For more information, call 377-2759.

Assault awareness

These events are scheduled for the observance of Sexual Assault Awareness month:

Tuesday — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., information booth, mini-mall; 6 p.m., TRAIL program, youth center.

April 24 — 6-8 p.m., candle-light vigil with the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Non-Violence, Biloxi Town Green. One of the speakers is Tricia Van

Prooyen, spouse of Tech. Sgt. Tim Van Prooyen, 81st Training Support Squadron.

Keesler's sexual assault response coordinator's office is available for briefings or to set up an information booth for individual squadrons.

To arrange a time and date, call 377-8635.

Playgroup

The preschool playgroup sponsored by family advocacy staff meets 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesdays at the youth center.

For more information, call 377-8612.

Honor guard

The honor guard has openings for officers and senior noncommissioned officers.

For more information, call 377-1986, or visit <https://www.mil.keesler.af.mil/honor/index.htm>.

PT uniform wear

Air Force members are required to wear physical training shorts and T-shirts together, not mixed with other items.

However, the running suit may be worn in any combination or with civilian clothes.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Jay McKenzie, 377-1091.

Tax office

The tax office in Room 234, old Cody Hall, is open 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. workdays.

For more information, call 377-4454.

Wing awards

The 81st Training Wing first quarter awards ceremony is 3 p.m. May 3 in Welch Auditorium.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Dean Ross, 377-1189.

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.

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.

Blood drives

To schedule mobile blood drives, call Jill Peterson, 377-9324.

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 federal 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.

Lithographs

Air Force lithographs on these subjects are available for unit display on a first-come, first served basis through the public affairs office:

Air Force core values.
Safety/operational risk management.

Air Force History and Art Program series, including 60th anniversary of World War II.

Publicity posters from past Keesler open houses, including the canceled 2005 event.

Lithographs may be picked up by first sergeants in Room 113, Taylor Logistics Center (Building 4002).

DRMO withdrawals

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

For audit purposes, base activities other than nonappropriated fund activities must request all property in DRMO through the retail supply activity.

Speed limit up

The speed limit on Bayview Avenue behind Keesler Medical Center has been increased from 15 to 25 mph, according to safety officials.

Supply visits

Supply customer liaison is available to visit organizations for feedback on support.

To schedule a visit, call Terry Brandenburg, 377-4252 or e-mail terry.brandenburg@keesler.af.mil.



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SPORTS AND RECREATION

Pro boxers pound out punishment at Keesler

By Staff Sgt. Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

For the third time in five months, Keesler hosted a boxing event as professional boxers slugged it out at Hangar 4 Friday.

The base hosted two boxing events, Operation Slugfest, in December and March, but both of those cards featured amateur boxers.

Seven boxing matches were on the card Friday and the main event saw heavyweight Cliff Couser stop Ocean Springs native Troy Beets in the fourth round by technical knockout.

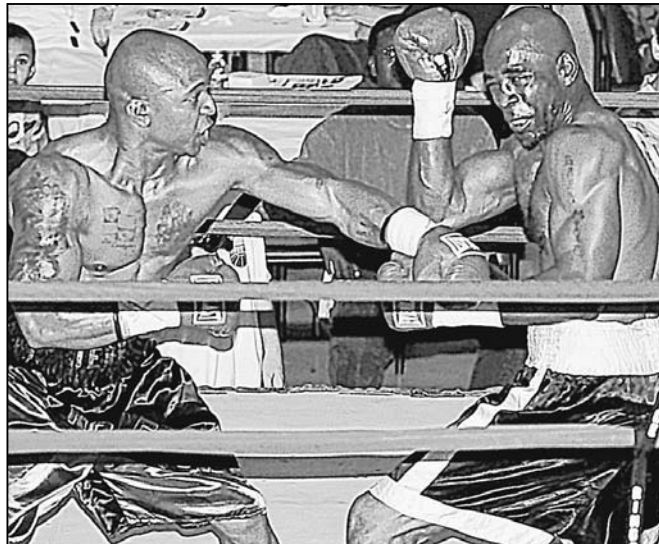
The judges had Couser leading on the scorecards 2-1 after three rounds. In the fourth, Couser, half-brother of former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson, landed three straight shots to the head of Beets, who turned away in pain.

The referee stopped the action and called the ringside doctor to examine Beets. After a brief examination and consultation, the referee called for the bell and declared Couser the winner.

The victory improves his professional record to 26 wins, 10 losses and two draws. Couser, raised on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, is the North American Midwest Association's North American heavyweight champion.

With the loss, Beets' record fell to 12-8-1.

Another Ocean Springs native, Julio Fleming, lost a four-round decision to light middleweight Jay Krupp,



Terry Broughton, left, jabs at Michael Waters during their light heavyweight fight Friday.

Catskills, N.Y. Fleming was knocked to the canvas in the first round and never recovered.

The bout was only Fleming's second professional fight, and the loss evened his record at 1-1.

Krupp's victory improved his record to 9-1.

Terry Broughton, former Air Force

member and Ocean Springs native, fought to a no-contest with Michael Walters, Lewisville, Texas. Both fighters' made their professional debuts in the light heavyweight division.

The fight was stopped in the fourth round due to a cut on Broughton's forehead.

Broughton, as well as Fleming, are



Robert Parham, left, Terry Broughton's trainer, looks on as Broughton and Waters congratulate each other after the fight was stopped and declared a draw.

trained by Robert Parham, who was formerly stationed at Keesler and has also competed in martial arts competitions.

In other action, heavyweight Aaron Lyons of Gulfport came back after being knocked down in the first round to defeat Aubrey Weeden, Baton Rouge, La., with a second-round knockout. Both fighters were previously undefeated.

In the opening contest, heavyweight Ronnie Smith, Atlanta, Texas, scored an opening-round knockout of Jamie Paige in Paige's professional debut. Smith's knockout was the seventh of his career, against 42 losses.

Friday's event was sponsored by World Wide Boxing.

Golf tournament for 2006 Special Olympics is Friday

By Master Sgt.

Roger Drinnon

Keesler Public Affairs

A fundraiser golf tournament for the Mississippi Special Olympics Summer Games is noon Friday at Gulfport Seabee Base golf course.

Cost is \$35 per person.

For more information, call 377-1694 or 2784.

To sign up as a volunteer for the games May 5-7, call the hotline, 377-4263.

Here is the schedule of events Special Olympics weekend.

May 5

Noon — completion of the statewide Olympic Torch Run by Mississippi law enforcement officers, moving from Veterans Boulevard along Highway 90 and entering the base through the White Avenue Gate, then along Larcher Boulevard and Meadows Drive to the Triangle area and Welch Auditorium.

1 p.m. — golf at Bay Breeze Golf Course.

6 p.m. — opening reception at Muse Manor for sponsors and distinguished visi-



tors before the opening ceremonies.

8 p.m. — opening ceremonies at the parade field adjacent to the Levittov Training Support Facility.

May 6

9-10 a.m. — wheelchair races, Triangle track.

9 a.m. to noon — roller-skating, Skate Zone, Ocean Springs; tennis, base courts.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. — track and field events, Triangle track.

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. — aquatics, Biloxi Natatorium.

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. — bocce, Triangle track; volleyball, Meadows Drive soccer field.

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. — sailing, Ocean Springs Yacht Club.

Noon to 1 p.m. — parent luncheon, dining facility.

1:30-4 p.m. — running and standing long jumps, Triangle track; shot put, behind Field 4; softball throw, Field 4; tennis ball throw, Field 5.

7 p.m. — closing ceremonies, parade field.

8 p.m. — street dance at the training support facility; movie at Welch Auditorium.

May 7

8 a.m. — breakfast for athletes and coaches at designated dining facilities, followed by their departure.

April winter sports clinic hosts disabled veterans in Colorado

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Veterans Affairs Secretary R. James Nicholson and former Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz opened the 20th National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic at Snowmass Village, Colo., April 3.

Secretary Nicholson saluted this year's 350 participants, including 50 wounded during operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, for their willingness to push beyond their comfort zones to discover the challenges they can overcome.

"You are showing that there are no barriers to living life to the fullest and being a productive person if you put your mind to it," he said.

The program, jointly sponsored by the VA and the Disabled American Veterans, is open to U.S. military veterans with disabilities ranging from spinal cord injuries and orthopedic amputations to visual impairment and neurological conditions.

The six-day program is designed to help disabled veterans push their limits and discover new abilities. Veterans learn adaptive Alpine and Nordic skiing. They also are introduced to a variety of other activities and sports, such as rock climbing, scuba diving, trapshooting, snowmobiling and sled hockey.

This year, for the first time, participants are also introduced to racing techniques and other Paralympic sports, such as wheelchair fencing.

Between their scheduled sports activities, participants kick back to the entertainment of country music star Clay Walker and visit with



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Cherie Thurlby
Bo Derek, left, and Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz chat with a participant during the 2005 event.

actress Bo Derek, national honorary chairwoman for VA's rehabilitation special events.

Beyond helping disabled veterans push beyond their limitations, the program helps create a forum for veterans to support and inspire each other, Wolfowitz said.

"I think it's very important, because the support you give one another and the support that families give one another is part of what makes these miracles happen," he said.

The former deputy defense secretary thanked the sponsors and volunteers who make the winter sports clinic possible. Among them are more than 150 certified handicapped ski instructors.

SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

Youth special — ages 17 and younger bowl for \$1 per game.

Number of lanes available for open bowling — evenings: 10 Monday, 12 Tuesday and Wednesday, eight Thursday and 14 Friday. Twenty-four lanes are open 1:30-10 p.m. Saturdays and 1-7 p.m. Sundays.

Reserve a lane for your child's birthday — for more information, call 377-2817.

Limited open bowling — Sunday and April 23 due to bowling tournament.

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 — basketball court is ready for use. Cardio equipment has LCD TV/DVD players. Users supply own headphones.

Hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-working Fridays. The center is closed compressed work schedule Fridays, weekends and holidays.

Free aerobic and yoga classes — for more information, call 377-2907.

Triangle Fitness Center — closed until further notice.

Golf

Bay Breeze Golf Course — 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.

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

Outdoor recreation

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

April fishing tournament — weigh in the largest catfish during the month and win a \$100 savings bond.

For sale — hunting and fishing licenses, snacks and beverages.

Softball

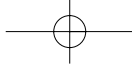
Free pre-season tournament — Monday through April 27 for first 20 teams to enter.

Youth center

Baseball/T-ball — accepting registrations, ages 5-12.
Operation Night Hoops registration — through April; late night basketball league, ages 13-18. For more information call 377-4116.

Classes — gymnastics, taekwondo and dance. For more information, call 377-4116.

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 Andrew Boyden, Dana Carpio-Herrera, Thomas Carrel, Nathan Fahy, Bradley Ford, Janice Goldstein, Shawn Hamm, Courtney Lehman, Letha Reed, Alana Thomas, Derrick Walker and Jared Zautner; Airmen Amanda Boettcher, Stephen Clay, Jennifer Hullak and Jeramie Piefer; Airmen 1st Class Benjamin Barlish, Joseph Carvalho, Geoff Davis, Joshua Edgett, Bradley Larsen, Dustin Lientz, William O'Daniel, Caleb Skipper and Elena White; Senior Airmen Aaron Bell, Charles Butler, Tina Hawkins, Marsha Holmes and Ryan Thomas; Staff Sgts. Christopher Casey, Gregory Cummings, James Duncan, Bryce Hamilton, Jarrett Miner and Erich Schumann.

335th TRS

Personnel apprentice course — Airmen Basic Victoria Ramos, Chumphol Saengchaem, Joanne Sharred and Gisselle Velez; Airmen Tarrell Green; Airmen 1st Class Jason Borden, Mark Griffin and Cindy Lino; Senior Airmen Mia Barton, Howard Heesch, Adrian Vigil, Christopher Weidner and Jennifer Williams; Staff Sgts. Maria Rivera and Brian Woodard.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Keith Medina, Richard Psculkowski, Sara Wauer and Philip Woodson; Navy Airmen Recruit Nikolas Endicott and Joseph Sloop; Airmen John Porter, Marine Pfc. Erick Martin; Airmen 1st Class Christopher Dearborn, Steven Gentry, Philip Primmer, Matthew Schart, Brianne Serra, Sabrina Slagle, Lance Stewman and Cody Weakland; Navy Airmen Scott Garbera and Kristian Shelley; Navy Seamen Jason Farber and Charles Portwood; Senior Airmen Michael Reilly and Brad Ritenour; Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Julio Cruz; Marine Cpl. Jared Hall; Tech. Sgts. Bryan Drake and Omar Lopez.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airmen Basic Matthew Jensen and Benjamin Symanowicz; Airmen 1st Class David Aiken, Andrew Burton, Stephen Hillman, Daniel Ogburn, Daniel Routier and Joshua York; Senior Airmen Kenyouth Benloss, Mark Heikell, Benjamin Lawson and Amber Stanley; Staff Sgts. Elijah Blackwell, Keith Browning, Gary Lum Cheong, Jason Marlow, Brian Smith and Christopher Stewart; Tech. Sgts. Michael McWater and Orenzy Turner.

Communications and information flight — Airmen Basic Alicia Clark, Heather Day, Brittany Dubray, Nadia Ehsan, Justin James, Minerva Phan, Jumund Richardson, Gregory Rogers, Maria Gonzalez-Solo and Ross Tsopanis-Sellari; Airmen Brandon Nelson; Airmen 1st Class Kaycee Ash, Du Julieri Jr., Nicholas Levandoski, Jessica Lord and Stephanie Page; Senior

Airman Yolanda Wilson; Staff Sgts. Bernardo Brooks, Jennifer Coleman, Richard Hidalgo, Anna Kelly, Justin Moore, Stephen Morgese, Benjamin Northcutt, Lovelyn Ramil, Patrick Shannon and Sherlyn Wilson.

338th TRS

Computer, network, cryptographic and switching systems course — Airmen Basic Kyle Amburn, Joey Anderson, Billy Austin, Kevin Bailey, Abigail Bjorkman, Devin Gee, David Henderson, Patrick Lessnau, Stephen Lewis, Eric McCord, Marques Moore, Corey Shaffer, Matthew Smither, Casey Snyder, Rodrigo Soza, Brian Toney, Travis Ware, Thomas Williams and Christopher Zoglmann; Airmen Michael Hutchings, Christopher Stroup and Jonathan West; Airmen 1st Class Charles Allen, George Black, James Brown, Joshua Brown, Eric Cerda, Sean Curtis, Joseph Devera, Jeremy Driscoll, Jason Hall, Randall Hodkin, Nathan Lehmann, Jeffrey Lemmer, Joshua McClain, Christy Mellott, Laverne Pettit, Franklin Pickett, Joel Rodriguez, James Schultz, Joseph Till, Malosi Toilolo, Oni Ung and Jason Unovitch; Senior Airmen Sean Abene, Jennifer Gemon, Mathew Hagadone and Donald Hess; Staff Sgts. Marino Chesmore, Gary Graham, Leslie Hubbard and Franklin Rivera.

Ground radio — Airmen Basic Nicholas Berardino, Benjamin Leavey, Aaron McLees, Jovan Nieves and Trent Wilson; Airmen John Castro, Christopher Flesner and Angelica Stamper; Airmen 1st Class Jonathan Arnold, Brandon Johnson, Kristopher Miller, Aaron Mitchell, Ace Ranada, Luis Rodriguez and Xiong Yang; Master Sgt. James Schlehuber.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

- Class 06-C** — graduates May 1.
- Class 06-D** — May 10-June 15.
- Class 06-E** — July 12-Aug. 12.
- Class 06-F** — Aug. 24-Sept. 29.

Arts and crafts center

Beginning intarsia woodworking — 5 p.m. Friday or April 28. \$15.

Advanced intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. Saturday or April 29; new project each month.

Advanced matting — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 21. \$25.

Beginning woodworking — 5:30-7:30 p.m. April 26. \$25. Earn safety certification and operator's card.

Mold pouring — 10 a.m. April 29. \$25 including first firing. Ages 13 and older.

Air Force photography contest — entries accepted at Vandenberg Community Center for student base-level competition.

McBride Library

Orientations — 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays for commanders, first sergeants and instructors.

Storytime — 10 a.m. Wednesdays, ages 2-5.

April special — send/receive faxes for 50 cents a page; international fax service unavailable.

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

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

Interactive comedy dinner theater — 6 p.m. Apr 20 for all personnel. Tickets \$30, cash or checks only, available Vandenberg Community Center and Gaudé Lanes.

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 Thursdays before nonworking Fridays, Fridays and Saturdays. \$3.

Half Time Café — open for breakfast 6-9 a.m. workdays. Open for lunch and dinner. Buffet specials 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Wednesdays, Italian, \$5.95; working Fridays, catfish, \$6.50.

Youth center

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

Classes — Mondays, gymnastics; Mondays and Wednesdays, taekwon do; Tuesday, dance. For more information, call 377-4116.

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SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE

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

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	332nd TRS, Building 6955
:01	338th TRS, Building 6965
:02	Welch Auditorium
:05	AAFES Furniture Store
:08	Jones/Bryan/Hewes Hall
:10	Thomson Hall
:11	New Cody Hall
:13	Supply, civil engineering
:14	Shoppette
:16	Shaw House
:17	Muse Manor
:19	McBride Library
:21	Medical center, Tyer House
:22	Sablích Center
:23	Dental clinic
:24	Allee and Wolfe Halls
:25	Base operations
:27	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, have excess baggage, medical appointments at off-base hospitals or clinics or unable to ride the base shuttle, call 377-2432 for the base taxi. For more information, call 377-2430. Until further notice, weekend shuttle service isn't available. Taxi service is available on an "as needed" basis.

COAST AREA TRANSIT

Keesler Express — runs between the Triangle and Edgewater Mall. Bus service begins from the base, 5:50-8:30 p.m. work days, 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. down Fridays and Saturdays, and 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sundays.

The route is limited to specific pickup and dropoff points:

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:30	Hercules Street bus stop
:32	Welch Auditorium
:45	Pass Road WalMart
:54	Arrive Edgewater Mall
:00	Depart Edgewater Mall
:09	Pass Road WalMart
:22	Welch Auditorium
:24	Hercules Street bus stop

The regular adult fare is \$1. An unlimited one-day pass is \$5 and one-month pass is \$45.
For more information, call 896-8080.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Editor's note: See page 20 for Holy Week schedule.

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass	
Triangle Chapel.....	10 a.m.
Daily Mass	
Triangle 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 contemporary service.....	11:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel gospel service.....	11:30 a.m.

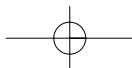
Islamic

Building 2003 — for international students, temporary duty and permanent party; prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jumma 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, 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Fishbowl. Family home evenings, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Fishbowl Student Center. For more information, call 396-4738 or 1-661-747-4738.



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Self-directed activities — 3-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, ages 9-18.
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.
Super Saturdays — 2-5 p.m., ages 6-12; 6-10 p.m., ages 13-18. Games, sports and crafts.
Creative corner club — 4:30 p.m. April 20.
Read by mail program — 4:30 p.m. April 20.
Free home alone safety workshop — 6 p.m. today, ages 10 and older. Parent must accompany child.
Congressional award program — 6 p.m. Monday, ages 14-21.
Summer camp registration — school age program, cheer-leading, basketball, theater and teen camp. For more information, call 377-4116.
Operation Night Hoops registration — through April; late night basketball league, ages 13-18.
Youth of the year — quarterly nominations for January-March accepted now. For more information, call 377-4116.
Instructors needed — for programs including those for ages 3-5 and special classes. For more information, call 377-4116.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Veterans benefits briefing — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. today, 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. 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.

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.

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/eff/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@militaryadvantage.com.
Military Connection — online resources database for military family members seeking civilian employment at <http://www.militaryconnection.com>.
America's Job Bank — <http://www.ajb.dni.us>.

TRAVEL AND TOURS

Discounted tickets — for many attractions, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays-working Fridays. For more information, call 377-3818.

MEETINGS

Editor's note: To list time, place and contact for organization meetings, call 377-3837 or e-mail KN@keesler.af.mil.
African-American Heritage Committee — 3:30 p.m. sec-

ond 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 — 11:30 a.m. third Tuesday of the month, Keesler NCO Academy auditorium. For more information, call Master Sgt. Scott Sippel, 377-2337.

Air Force Sergeants Association Auxiliary — 6 p.m. third Thursday of the month, youth center, J Street. For more information, call Desarae Chereskin, 341-0988.

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>.

Grief support meeting — 11:00 a.m. Sundays, Larcher Chapel bridal room; open to military and civilian personnel. For more information, call Glenda Woodard, 377-5032; Delphine McIntyre, 313-4761; or Chap. (Capt.) Winston Jones, 377-2761.

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 chelle1m@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 Tailon, 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.

Friday — 7 p.m., Madea's Family Reunion (PG-13).
Saturday — 2 p.m., Date Movie (PG-13); 7 p.m., 16 Blocks (PG-13).

Sunday — 2 p.m., Running Scared (R).

Air Force Assistance Fund contacts

Project officers — Maj. Greg Kendrick, 377-1766, and Capt. Stacey Van Orden, 377-6850.

2nd Air Force — 1st Lt. Horace Lynch, 377-1342, and Master Sgt. Ronald Warr, 377-1433.

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron — Staff Sgt. Kevin Williams, 377-7909.

81st Communication Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Jeffery Bonham, 377-0066, and Senior Airman Taveres Simpson, 377-0066.

81st Contracting Squadron — Tech. Sgts. Todd Erp, 377-1839, and Kevin Albertson, 377-1836.

81st Dental Squadron — Senior Airman Danielle Hindel, 377-0956.

81st Medical Group — 1st Lt. Jennifer Lepper, 377-6545, and Master Sgt. Steven McCrum, 377-8359.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Staff Sgt. Elyot Selman, 377-6216.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Master Sgt. Tammy Down, 377-6640.

81st Mission Support Group — 2nd Lt. Mark Williams, 377-4480, and Master Sgt. Aaron McKenzie, 377-1091.

81st Security Force Squadron — 2nd Lt. Schneider Rislin, 377-3040, and Senior Airman Cecilia Cardenas, 377-3721.

81st Supply and Transportation Squadrons — Master Sgt. Chad Jacob, 377-7800, and Tech. Sgt. Desmond Johnson, 377-5886.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Maj. William Gress, 377-6305.

81st Training Group — Master Sgt. Brent Misita, 377-0931, and Tech. Sgt. Larry Bright, 377-2325.

81st Training Support Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Eric Alvarez, 377-0872, and Staff Sgt. Craig Hawthorne, 377-2243.

81st Training Wing staff agencies — Staff Sgt. Lee Smith, 377-7340, and Staff Sgt. Joseph Rella, 377-4330.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — 2nd Lt. Jennifer Danner, 377-2100, and Tech. Sgt. Aaron Bernard, 377-1045.

332nd Training Squadron — Staff Sgts. Kenneth Grasl, 377-5049, and Len Kedrow, 377-0737.

333rd TRS — Tech. Sgts. Sidney Hataway, 377-1928, and Jason Motte, 377-0019.

334th TRS — Tech. Sgt. Tisha Bradley, 377-0886, and Staff Sgt. Phyllis Amos, 377-0476.

335th TRS — Staff Sgts. Deanna Green, 377-0217, and Breanna Sage, 377-5142.

336th TRS — Tech. Sgts. Robert Cowan, 377-5269, and Larry Bright, 377-2325.

338th TRS — Staff Sgt. Lance Davis, 377-5432, and Master

DINING HALL MENUS

Today

Lunch — roast pork loin, cornbread, jaegerschnitzel veal, glazed cornish hen, potato halves, orange rice, gravy, carrots, pinto beans, corn combo, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

Dinner — herbed baked chicken, cornbread, stuffed cabbage rolls, fried catfish, blackeyed peas with rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, baked sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, peas, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

Friday

Lunch — lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian sausage, garlic toast, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli polonaise, cauliflower, Italian baked beans, corn O'Brien, pasta salad, three-bean salad, clam chowder, garden vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue port sandwiches and burritos.

Dinner — Mexican baked chicken, Swiss steak, stuffed peppers, macaroni and cheese, rice, gravy, corn on the cob, beans, peas and carrots, pasta salad, three-bean salad, clam chowder, garden vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork sandwiches and burritos.

Saturday

Lunch — fish almonde, stir-fry chicken with broccoli, pork chops, rissole potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, calico corn, club spinach, fried okra, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili and buffalo wings.

Dinner — crispy baked chicken, cajun meatloaf, ribeye steak, baked and mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, French peas, glazed carrots, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili and buffalo wings.

Easter

Lunch — Loin strip steak, barbecue spareribs, split pea soup, roast turkey, gravy, rice pilaf, baked potatoes, brussel sprouts, corn on the cob, summer squash, cornbread, fruit salad, potato salad, holiday candy and cheese pizza.

Dinner — tuna and noodles, sauerbraten, chicken breast filet parmesan, au gratin potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, peas, fried cabbage, tomato salad, jellied spring salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

Monday

Lunch — turkey, cornbread, ham, raisin sauce, fish and fries, mashed potatoes, cornbread dressing, gravy, succotash, tempura vegetables, green beans, garden cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone, chili with beans, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

Dinner — baked chicken, Swiss steak, baked Italian sausage, peppers and onions, mashed potatoes, rice, gravy, broccoli polonaise, carrots, cornbread, cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

Tuesday

Lunch — paprika beef, barbecue beef cubes, chicken fajitas, garlic toast, O'Brien potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower, corn on the cob, lima beans, waldorf salad, spinach salad, white chicken chili, seven-bean with ham soup, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

Dinner — onion lemon baked fish, pork schnitzel steak, beef and spaghetti, garlic toast, baked and mashed potatoes, gravy, pinto beans, spinach, stewed tomatoes, spinach salad, waldorf salad, white chicken chili, seven-bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup and steak and cheese subs.

Wednesday

Lunch — Mexican baked chicken and pork chops, beef fajitas, jalapeno cornbread, refried beans, corn, gravy, pinto beans, peas and carrots, cole slaw, garden cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

Dinner — Caribbean jerk chicken, beef porcupines, jalapeno cornbread, chicken enchiladas, scalloped potatoes, rice, gravy, Mexican corn, peas, baked beans, coleslaw, cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.