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Dragons deployed
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It's called teamwork

Senior Airman Kandis Brooks, left, and Airman 1st Class Rebekah Rush, 81st Dental Squadron, team up for M-16 training at marina park during a deployment exercise Jan. 23. More photos, Page 4. Photo by Kemberly Groue

BAH increase smaller this time around

American Forces Press Service and Keesler News staff

If Keesler service members glance back at last year's basic allowance for housing, the 2007 increases won't seem so insignificant, according to officials from the 81st Comptroller Squadron.

"We've gotten several inquiries in our office about the size of the increase," said Lt. Col. Robert Gurner, 81st CPTS commander. "The bottom line is that members at Keesler are getting very small

BAH increases this year."

The colonel explained that BAH rates are based on surveys completed each year by a Defense Department contractor.

"While we don't know for certain, it's probable that the large out-of-cycle increase done last spring in response to Hurricane Katrina made up for most housing cost increases," he said.

The 2006 increase averaged about 16 percent and was due to the inflated cost of living, housing shortages and rent

increases in Katrina's wake. Last year was the first time the Biloxi area was a designated locality pay area for BAH calculations.

Since Katrina decimated south Mississippi 17 months ago, BAH rates have risen from 20 to 30 percent, depending on rank and dependents, according to 1st Lt. Mishaun Johnson, the 81st CPTS' financial services chief.

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This week in the Triangle

Weather forecaster, 10 a.m. today, weather training complex.

Information management, 10 a.m. today and Friday, Thomson Hall.

Financial management-comptroller, 9 a.m. Friday, Wolfe Hall.

Weather officer, 10 a.m. Friday, weather training complex.

Computer networking cryptographic system, 10 a.m. Friday, Bryan Hall.

Ground radio communications, 10 a.m. Monday, Jones Hall.

Ground radar systems, 9 a.m. Wednesday, Cody Hall.

Expeditionary communications officer, 1 p.m. Wednesday, McClelland Hall.

Precision measurement equipment laboratory, 2 p.m. Wednesday, Wolfe Hall.



Student numbers

Total students — 3,233

Non-prior service — 1,997

Temporary duty — 1,089

Joint service — 90

Combat controllers — 36

Medical — 21

Non-prior service arrivals — 330

Guard, Reserve — 682

International — 26

Fiscal 2007 graduates — 7,074

Total since 1942 — 2,241,446

COMMENTARY

Power behind leadership allows leadership to endure

By Col. Rodney Croslen

81st Mission Support Group commander

Some say the true power of leadership can be measured by the people we inspire.

Jan. 15, we celebrated the contributions of one of our great American leaders, Martin Luther King. In 1986, former President Ronald Reagan declared the third Monday in January a federal holiday. Martin Luther King is one of few Americans whose achievements and ideas are recognized in this way.

Why is that important or significant? I answer that in terms of leadership, and specifically, in terms of the power of leadership.

Leadership may be defined in many dimensions: organizational, political, military, economic, spiritual, situational, etc. Some factors important in making good leadership possible are the context in which the leader operates and the characteristics of the leader.

Another important factor is the presence and actions of followers. Some leaders emerge to lead a group through difficult times. Others inherit the mantle of leadership by virtue of their position.

Martin Luther King started out as a community and spiritual leader and emerged as one of the country's most widely-known leaders. His leadership has endured and it's the power behind his leadership that made it so.

So what made his leadership so powerful?

Like many leaders, he honed his leadership skills through learning and discipline. However, having the skills isn't enough; one must apply them in the proper way and in the proper context, and one must also be prepared when the opportunity to lead occurs.

Like many leaders, Martin Luther King earned a respected position in his community by developing and applying his skills as a

thinker, orator and functional leader.

However, as greater opportunities emerged, his leadership grew broader and stronger through his passion and shared commitment for people, for a cause, for freedom, and ultimately, for an idea and a dream — the leader's vision. The power of his leadership came from his ideas of freedom and democratic principles and the passion that forged his vision and ideas as enduring concepts for a nation.

Without the idea, the cause or the vision, there's little to unite followers and energize the passion and shared commitment. The most powerful symbol of Martin Luther King's leadership is his dream — his vision of the future — famously recorded in his "I Have a Dream" speech. It's the power of the vision that compels us forward.

However, we can't let the importance of reliable character, moral courage and passion or faith be minimized as factors in powerful leadership. In difficult times, these are probably the most important leadership traits.

These are the traits that allowed him to rise above the indignities, humiliations and frustrations; that allow leaders to remain committed to the ideas that have made our country so great; that allow us to accept responsibility and accountability for ourselves and others; that allow us to do the right thing when no one is watching; that are reflected in the Air Force core values of integrity, service before self and excellence in all we do.

We recognize our past leaders who had the power of leadership to influence the course of our nation through their vision and sacrifice, but also because their vision and ideas — which made their leadership most powerful — are enduring symbols lighting the path for us to follow.

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.

For your convenience, below is a list of key customer service phone numbers at Keesler:

Base locator — 377-2890

Base operator — 377-1110

Base taxi (official use) — 377-2430

Career assistance adviser — 377-3697

Central medical appointments — 1-800-700-8603

Child development center — 377-2211

Civil engineering — 377-5561

Civilian personnel — 377-2268

Military personnel flight — 377-2276

Keesler Federal Credit Union — 385-5500

Emergencies — 911

Family campground — 594-0543

Airmen and family readiness center — 377-2179

Finance — 377-4212

81st Communications Squadron help desk — 377-0066

Housing — 377-9741

Identification cards — 377-3203

Inspector general — 377-3010

Legal assistance — 377-3510

Library — 377-2181

Lodging (reservations) — 377-9986

Medical center information — 377-6550

Military equal opportunity — 377-2759.

Military pay — 377-7272

Pass and registration — 377-3893

Pharmacy (refill call-in) — 377-6360

Satellite pharmacy — 377-9791

Public affairs — 377-2783

Red Cross — 377-3030

Sexual assault prevention and response team — 377-8635

Law enforcement desk — 377-3040

Shoppette, Class Six — 432-2367

Telephone trouble — 377-2130

Traffic management (outbound) — 377-2446

Traffic management (inbound) — 377-7813

Visitor center — 377-2595

Youth center — 377-4116



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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Staff Sgt. Joshua Wilson, 81st Medical Support Squadron, aims an unloaded M-16 as part of weapons training during a deployment exercise, Jan. 23 at marina park.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Exercise targets survival, operational skills



Senior Airman Emmanuel Lizan, 81st MDSS, puts on his boots during chemical warfare training.



Senior Airman Jana Robinson, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, displays an unexploded ordnance for identification.



Airman 1st Class Jennifer Yim, 81st MDSS, dons her gloves to complete her chemical warfare gear.



Master Sgt. John Davis, standing, wraps a sling on Maj. William Gress during self-aid and buddy care training. Sergeant Davis is assigned to the 81st Medical Operations Squadron, and Major Gress is assigned to the 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Education survey

An educational needs assessment survey is being conducted online this month.

Military and civilian employees, retirees and their family members can access the 10-question survey at <https://afvec.langley.af.mil/needs/>.

CCAF graduation

Feb. 22 is the deadline to apply for the Community College of the Air Force spring 2007 graduating class.

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

William Carey signup

William Carey University is accepting registrations and applications for the spring

term, which begins Feb. 19.

Continuing students simply register, while new and students and those being readmitted are required to apply.

Discounted tuition rates are available to active-duty military, dependants, retirees and Defense Department civilians.

For more information, visit Room 208 in old Cody Hall or call 377-0090.

MGCCC signup

Online spring term pre-registration for currently enrolled students at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College-Keesler begins Feb 12.

Registration by appointment for active-duty begins Feb. 22 in Room 214, old Cody Hall. For appointments, call 377-2287.

Spring term begins March 5.

Senior leader course

The non-resident Air War College senior leader course is open to active-duty, National Guard and Reserve members selected for lieutenant colonel and above of any component of the armed forces and Defense Department general schedule 13 and above civilian employees.

The distance learning program may be completed on your own or with a group seminar.

To enroll, go to <http://www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awchome.htm>.

For more information or to set up a seminar group, call Joyce James, 377-7159.

Hap Arnold grants

March 9 is the deadline to apply for the Air Force Aid

Society's Gen. Henry H. "Hap" Arnold grant program for undergraduate studies.

The \$2,000 grants are provided to selected children of active-duty, Title 10 Air National Guard members and reservists on extended active duty, Title 32 guard members performing full-time active duty, retired, retired Reservists with at least 20 qualifying years of service, and deceased Air Force members.

Spouses of active-duty members and Title 10 Guard and Reserve members on extended active duty; and survivors of deceased members are eligible.

For more information, visit the airman and family readiness flight, old Cody Hall, the AFAS Web site, <http://www.afas.org> or call 377-2179.

Super Bowl party set in Fishbowl

The chapel hosts a Super Bowl party for non-prior service students in the Fishbowl, 4 p.m. Sunday.

Sandwiches are provided. Participants may bring side dishes or desserts.

Volunteers are sought for post-party cleanup.

For more information, e-mail or call Chaplain (Capt.) Randy Groves, randall.groves@keesler.af.mil, 377-2331, or Linda Pierce, fivemum@aol.com, 377-3450.

NEWS AND FEATURES

Medical center's cancer program receives national certification

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

The American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer has awarded its certificate of approval to Keesler Medical Center's Community Hospital Cancer Program.

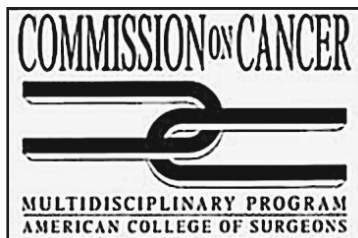
According to Trudy Davis, 81st Medical Operations Squadron's laboratory flight, cancer patient care requires a multidisciplinary approach encompassing many medical professionals.

"The medical center's cancer committee is responsible for program leadership and represents the full scope of care," she explained. "To positively affect cancer patient care, the facility must maintain a tumor registry with credentialed staff trained and knowledgeable in all aspects of oncology data collection."

Ms. Davis, a certified tumor registrar, and Darrell Taylor manage the tumor registry.

The registry certificate was awarded "with commendation," a first for the department.

The tumor registry collects data covering 141 fields on



every person who walks through the medical center's doors with a diagnosis of cancer, as well as certain benign neoplastic diseases.

"We collect the fields and report the data to the Department of Defense and Mississippi Department of Health central registries and the national cancer data base," Ms. Davis said.

The registry maintains contact with each registered patient at least annually to help motivate them to fulfill their treatment and maintain medical supervision.

The Keesler registry undergoes a survey every three years. This certificate recognizes the last survey, conducted in August 2005.

"The reason we just received the certificate is they needed a bit more information

following their visit," Ms. Davis said. "Unfortunately, due to (Hurricane) Katrina, we had trouble contacting one another."

To maintain accreditation, the tumor registry ensures that the medical center complies with 36 standards covering diagnosis, treatment, support services to patients, inpatient care, community outreach and surgery. In addition to collecting data, the surveyors also look through the lab and interview the entire oncology staff plus the surgeons.

"One of the primary things they look for is how the entire hospital staff works together," Mr. Taylor said. "While Trudy and I are at the center of the information gathering, it's the team work of at least 13 separate areas that is responsible for our success."

Ms. Davis, who's worked in tumor registry for 12 years, and Mr. Taylor, who's worked in the field for seven years, both came to Keesler in 2004.

Tax office services limited by budget cuts, fewer volunteers

By 2nd Lt. Nick Plante

Keesler News staff

It's the same time, same theme, but different options for filing taxes this year because of budget cuts and fewer volunteers.

The base tax office located in Room 234, old Cody Hall, is open for business minus a tax office manager and only about half of the usual number of volunteers.

The office will only file basic returns for active-duty members until the manning issues are resolved and all volunteers are certified.

"Initially, we won't be doing the returns of any retirees until we have resolved the status of volunteers for the tax office," said Richard Brock, chief of civil law for the 81st Training Wing Legal Office. "Further, we'll be doing simple basic returns — this means any Katrina-

related type of return has to be done elsewhere."

Before contacting the tax office, members should make every effort to contact their unit's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance volunteers, said Mr. Brock.

To file claims electronically, taxpayers must have:

All copies of W-2 forms.

Social Security numbers of family members claimed on the return.

All 1099 forms which reflect interest earned, dividends received, or retired pay received.

A copy of last year's return.

If filing jointly, both members must sign a Form 8879 to file the return.

The tax office is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. working Fridays. To ensure a preparer is available or for more information, call 377-4454.

IN THE NEWS

Reception for Hennessy team

A welcome reception for the Air Force's Hennessy Award food services selection team is 7-8 a.m. today in the Levitow Training Support Facility.

Family housing town hall meeting

A military family housing town hall meeting is 6 p.m. Tuesday at Welch Auditorium.

Construction plans, phases and other topics are discussed.

For more information, call housing customer service, 377-9641.

Fuels flight recognized

The 81st Supply Squadron fuels management flight was the runnerup for Air Education and Training Command's Roy Bateman Award for 2006.

The 314th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels management flight at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., is the winner.

Air warfare symposium

Air Force Print News

ARLINGTON, Va. — Top military leaders examine air warfare at the Air Force Association's 23rd annual Air Warfare Symposium, Feb. 8-9 in Orlando, Fla.

Speakers include Michael Wynne, secretary of the Air Force; Gen. T. Michael Moseley, Air Force chief of staff; Gen. Ronald Keys, Air Combat Command commander; Gen. James Cartwright, U.S. Strategic Command commander; Gen. Bruce Carlson, Air Force Materiel Command commander; Gen. Paul Hester, Pacific Air Forces commander; and Gen. Duncan McNabb, Air Mobility Command commander.

Deceased Airman identified

Air Force Print News

RAMSTEIN Air Base, Germany — An Airman who died in downtown Kaiserslautern Jan. 14 has been identified as Senior Airman Jordanis McElroy-Ramirez, 20, from Dale, Texas.

The cause of death is under investigation.

Early Keesler News deadline

The deadline for submissions to the Feb. 22 issue of the Keesler News is noon Feb. 15, four days earlier than usual.

The earlier deadline is due to the Presidents Day federal holiday, Feb. 19, and the Mardi Gras regional holiday, Feb. 20, which is observed by Gulf Publishing Co., contract publisher of the base newspaper.

The newspaper office is closed Feb. 19 in observance of the Presidents Day holiday.

Off-limits establishments

Off-limits establishments for military members are the Blue Note Lounge, Boulevard Nightclub and Henry Beck Park (except during daylight hours or official events) in Biloxi; Carver Village, Bunksmall Apartments and H&H Hideaway in Pascagoula, and Toni's Lounge in Moss Point.

KEESLER'S BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING RATES

2006			2007			% INCREASE	
GRADE	WITH DEPENDENTS	WITHOUT DEPENDENTS	GRADE	WITH DEPENDENTS	WITHOUT DEPENDENTS	WITH DEPENDENTS	WITHOUT DEPENDENTS
E1	\$1,033	\$798	E1	\$1,038	\$810	0.48%	1.48%
E2	\$1,033	\$798	E2	\$1,038	\$810	0.48%	1.48%
E3	\$1,033	\$798	E3	\$1,038	\$810	0.48%	1.48%
E4	\$1,033	\$798	E4	\$1,038	\$810	0.48%	1.48%
E5	\$1,123	\$894	E5	\$1,125	\$904	0.18%	1.11%
E6	\$1,224	\$954	E6	\$1,225	\$962	0.08%	0.83%
E7	\$1,255	\$1,039	E7	\$1,289	\$1,044	2.64%	0.48%
E8	\$1,289	\$1,143	E8	\$1,359	\$1,145	5.15%	0.17%
E9	\$1,370	\$1,174	E9	\$1,450	\$1,176	5.52%	0.17%
W1	\$1,224	\$998	W1	\$1,226	\$1,004	0.16%	0.60%
W2	\$1,269	\$1,143	W2	\$1,317	\$1,144	3.64%	0.09%
W3	\$1,310	\$1,178	W3	\$1,402	\$1,179	6.56%	0.08%
W4	\$1,394	\$1,231	W4	\$1,469	\$1,241	5.11%	0.81%
W5	\$1,490	\$1,263	W5	\$1,546	\$1,304	3.62%	3.14%
O1E	\$1,261	\$1,123	O1E	\$1,302	\$1,125	3.15%	0.18%
O2E	\$1,304	\$1,166	O2E	\$1,389	\$1,169	6.12%	0.26%
O3E	\$1,409	\$1,224	O3E	\$1,481	\$1,225	4.86%	0.08%
O1	\$1,134	\$941	O1	\$1,136	\$950	0.18%	0.95%
O2	\$1,221	\$1,091	O2	\$1,223	\$1,095	0.16%	0.37%
O3	\$1,309	\$1,188	O3	\$1,399	\$1,189	6.43%	0.08%
O4	\$1,531	\$1,258	O4	\$1,579	\$1,295	3.04%	2.86%
O5	\$1,689	\$1,279	O5	\$1,705	\$1,337	0.94%	4.34%
O6	\$1,703	\$1,310	O6	\$1,719	\$1,402	0.93%	6.56%
O7-10	\$1,723	\$1,336	O7-10	\$1,739	\$1,430	0.92%	6.57%

Allowance,

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For example, a senior airman with dependents who got \$805 two years ago now receives \$1,038, a 22.45 percent increase. The .48 percent increase for 2007 amounted to only \$5 monthly.

A colonel with dependents saw BAH increase by nearly

30 percent, from \$1,211 to \$1,719 a month. The increase over 2006 was .93 percent, or \$16.

Depending on rank and whether a member had dependents, the 2007 BAH rate at Keesler ranges from .09 to 6.57 percent.

Across DOD, the planned BAH increase that began Jan. 1 works out to about \$300 million more than what was paid in 2006.

DOD officials said military

housing allowances are computed according to three key criteria: median current market rent; average utilities to include electricity, heat and water/sewer costs; and average renter's insurance.

BAH rates also are based on dwelling type and number of bedrooms in a given area and then calculated for each pay grade, both with and without family members.

Across the armed forces, average BAH increases for

2007 are about \$44 per month. For example, a typical E-4 receives about \$34 more in BAH than in 2006, while an E-8 receives about \$42 more this year.

The BAH rate system has built-in protections to ensure an individual service member in a given location won't see his or her BAH rate decrease. This provision assures members who've made long-term lease or contract commitments aren't penalized if the area's

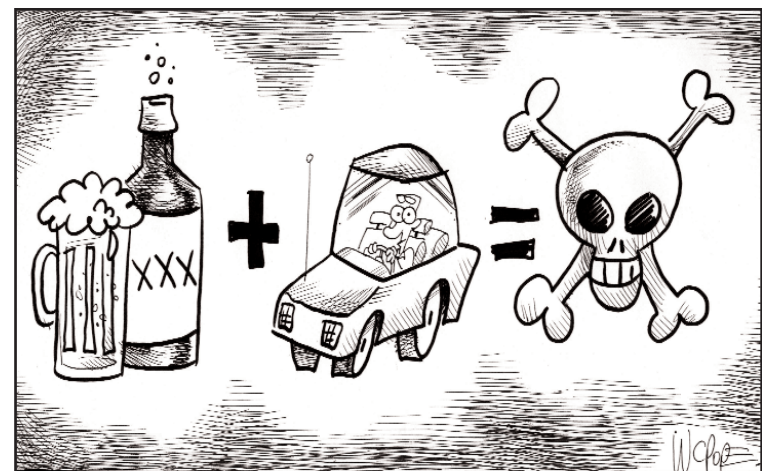
housing costs decrease.

Housing costs have remained relatively stable in some areas, while others continue to rise. Most of the costliest housing in the United States with the highest BAH rates are clustered on or near the East and West coasts and Hawaii.

Gerry Gilmore, American Forces Press Service, and Susan Griggs, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.

What is OPSEC?

Operations security is an analytic process used to deny an adversary sensitive but unclassified information by identifying, controlling, and protecting indicators associated with our planning processes or operations. OPSEC does not replace other security disciplines ... it supplements them.



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.

No assignment freeze

Air Force Print News

LAJES FIELD, Portugal — Despite rumors floating around to the contrary, Air Force Personnel Center officials said there's no assignment freeze.

The question of "Where's my next assignment?" has been common lately, said Master Sgt. Shannon Parker of the military personnel flight here.

"I think everyone is concerned because the assignment cycle for the July, August and September overseas cycle wasn't released in December as it was supposed to be released," Sergeant Parker said.

The sergeant said people start speculating about reasons, and that's when rumors get started.

"At this time, there has been no guidance that has told us anyone will be extended involuntarily," Sergeant Parker said. "You may receive your assignment a little later than usual, but that'll probably be the worst of it."

Appeals available online

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Active-duty Airmen seeking a correction to or removal of an evaluation report may initiate an appeal to the Evaluation Reports Appeal Board through the virtual military personnel flight.

Airmen may choose to apply to the board to seek a correction or removal of performance reports, promotion recommendation forms, letters of evaluation, training reports and retention recommendation forms for up to three years after the document has become a matter of official record.

The evaluation appeal module, located on the vMPF under "New Self-Service Applications" provides the means for members to submit an appeal to have an evaluation report corrected or removed.

Airmen may also request consideration for supplemental promotion through the same application when appealing an evaluation. Airmen using the self-service module should complete the application, upload or fax any supporting documents and route the request electronically to the Air Force Contact Center. Requests for enlisted supplemental promotion consideration need to be routed through the squadron commander first, prior to submitting the application to the contact center.

For more information, review Air Force Instruction 36-2401, Attachment 1, or call the Air Force Contact Center, 1-800-616-3775 (Option 1, 1, 2), 1-210-565-5000 or DSN 665-5000.

Tool for uniform suggestions

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Airmen soon have a new avenue to make suggestions for Air Force uniform design and wear.

This spring, the Air Force plans to bring online a new Web tool called "eUniform." The site allows Airmen to submit their suggestions about uniform issues directly to Air Force Uniform Board members.

Sometime around March or April, Airmen are able to log in to the eUniform Web site through the Air Force Portal. After inputting information such as their name and unit, they can enter in detail their suggestions for uniform design and policy changes. Their suggestions must meet the approval of both their base and major command uniform-board representatives. If the suggestions clear those hurdles, they go before the Air Force Uniform Board.

The site also allows members of the uniform board to collaborate virtually when deciding what suggestions are submitted for review to the Air Force chief of staff.

Conditioning the key to reducing injuries

Safety office

Nine times out of 10, people injured while playing sports say they did everything possible to avoid the injury.

But did they, really?

The majority of people consider sports safety limited to just using the right equipment. This line of thinking ignores injuries caused by improper preconditioning.

Maintaining an adequate level of preconditioning for a sport actually helps prevent sport-related injuries while enhancing performance. A preconditioned body's ability to walk away from an unexpected hard hit or fall is far better than an unconditioned one.

Another advantage is that preconditioning appears to aid a quicker recovery if an injury does occur.

There are four basic categories of conditioning — strength and endurance, coordination and skill, cardiovascular fitness and flexibility.

Most accidents are associ-



ated with flexibility because many people jump right into the game without preparing. Flexibility refers to the looseness of the joints and body. Loosening up can be accomplished during warm-up and cool-down periods by stretching. The warm-up period is the first 10-20 minutes of light to moderate activity, such as a slow jog prior to actual competition.

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Sablich Center repairs on track

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Hurricane Katrina repairs to Sablich Center are about 37 percent complete as the project continues to move toward its April completion target.

The \$6,265,739 project began in May and repairs damage caused by water intrusion from the roof and windows.

“The contractor is working installation of the fire suppression/alarm system and finishing the roof, which is constructed of polyolefin-based thermoplastic membrane that’s heat weldable,” said Quentin Hardage of the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron’s program management office. “Remaining roof work includes final cleanup, additional seam adhesive application, additional flashing and outside trim.

“Now that the roofing work is almost complete, installation of sheetrock walls has begun,” Mr. Hardage continued. “Mold abatement has been completed, and installation of gypsum wallboard used for interior partition walls should begin on the first floor soon.”

Fire suppression piping installation continues on the first floor, and the system’s installation rough-in is finished on the second floor, except for fire wall penetrations.

Interior restoration on the second floor continues as well.

Bob Moseley, who heads the PMO office, said that about 50 percent of the building’s furniture is salvageable and will be cleaned and re-sorted for use.

The new chiller and air handling unit for heating, ventilation and air conditioning won’t arrive until the end of June, but this shouldn’t delay the move-in date for the building, according to Mr. Moseley.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Commissary employees Don Cauthen, left, and Sean O'Neill put finishing touches to a deli display case.

Deli delights Commissary improvements total \$700,000

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The commissary is expected to open a deli Monday, just one of more than \$700,000 in recent enhancements.

The commissary has been using the former Keesler Community Center as a temporary store since Hurricane Katrina gutted the previous location.

“We’ve added a new external freezer storage building, a produce storage building, four new freezer display cases, a new 10-ton air conditioning unit for the expanded freezer display area and five air conditioning drops above the registers,” said store director Gordy Harris. “We also extended the awning for the receiving area.

“Soon, three more front doors are being installed to create a vapor lock,” Mr. Harris explained. “One set of doors is supposed to close behind you before the other set opens, so outside air won’t be pulled into the store. It helps keep the store cooler in summer and warmer in winter.”

Mr. Harris said improvements have enabled the commissary to reset the entire frozen food section and add 50 new items.

“We’ve increased our store item file from 7,200 at opening to 8,900 today,” he pointed out. “Sales almost doubled for the first few months of this fiscal year over last year’s sales and have stabilized at 28 percent over last year. I expect sales to increase with the opening of the deli.”



Charles Harrell, a retired lieutenant colonel from Moss Point, selects items from the new frozen food cases at the commissary.

Retirements = 157 years of experience lost to unit

85th Engineering Installation Squadron

The 85th Engineering Installation Squadron recently lost 157 years of experience with the retirements of four civilians.

Hal Smith, plans flight chief and a retired chief master sergeant, was senior among the four with 45 years of combined military and civilian service.

Jim Sulver, coordinator for the high altitude electromagnet pulse testing program, retired with 41 years of combined service. He was on active duty 20 years, retiring as a captain in 1985.

Ken Irby, specialized engineering flight chief, served 40 years, all as a civilian.

Jim Laycock's 31-year career included both military and civilian service. He reached the rank of captain during four years on active duty. As a civilian, he was assigned to the specialized engineering electromagnetics section.

The squadron recognized the four men for their service at a joint farewell cookout.



The new 403rd Wing maintenance facility as depicted by the architect's rendering.

Reservists' maintenance shops are going under one new roof

By Navy Lt. Danny Cruz

Reserve office in charge of construction

Groundbreaking is scheduled for March for a \$22.6 million consolidated aircraft maintenance facility in support of the 403rd Wing's maintenance operations.

The two-story 140,000 square-foot facility on the site of Building 4205 at 722 Hangar Road becomes the home of the Reserve unit's 403rd Maintenance Group.

The group's operational mission includes launch and recovery of aircraft, engine maintenance and propeller maintenance in support of the 815th Airlift Squadron and the Hurricane Hunters of the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron.

The construction project includes upgrades

in maintenance facilities and consolidation of the various trades under one roof. The building design includes numerous equipment storage and administrative spaces, five maintenance bays with overhead cranes, six briefing and training rooms and a 6,960 square-foot multi-purpose room.

The exterior finish incorporates the standard Keesler standing seam metal roof and brick face finish.

The contractor is Whitesell-Green, Inc. of Pensacola, Fla.

The construction is scheduled for completion in December 2008.

Managing the project on behalf of the Air Force is the reserve office in charge of construction led by Lt. Cmdr. Donald Brus.

Supplying parts, making history

By 2nd Lt. Nick Plante

Keesler News staff

In less than four months, the 81st Supply Squadron has made Keesler history three times.

Jan. 11 marked the third time the unit has been able to fill orders without requesting mission-capable parts from offsite locations.

"The ability to do that three times is a great success and a remarkable accomplishment," said Master Sgt. Michael Krejci, 81st SUPS superintendent. "This achievement is a coordinated effort from the entire squadron and greatly

aided by the stock control element working to identify and prevent potential grounding situations from developing."

Supply's latest achievement enabled them to fill part requests for reportable aircraft, aircraft support equipment, training systems or communications equipment without a MICAP request for 25 hours.

"I've never seen anything like it in my 19 year career," said Sergeant Krejci. "It's huge — I've never seen it before. It's a feat."

Sept. 13, 2006 was the squadron's first day without a

MICAP. Later in November, the squadron went five consecutive days without a MICAP.

"It's rare to do it one time, but to do it three times in this quick of time is very rare," said John Crosby, 81st SUPS chief of supply.

The process involves a search at other locations that may have the needed part. Time is critical because the grounded aircraft or equipment has a mission to complete.

Having the part elevates the need for MICAP and saves critical time.

Keesler rallies to support victims of holiday fire

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

A New Year's Eve blaze destroyed the Keeton family's home and reignited their faith in the Keesler family.

Jerry Keeton had a special reason to celebrate this year — Jan. 1 was his military retirement date. Superintendent and training manager for the 336th Training Squadron's information management course, the senior master sergeant was ending his Air Force career after 24 years of service.

He and his wife, Master Sgt. Kristina Keeton, fell in love with south Mississippi when they arrived at Keesler 15 years ago and returned for a second tour. Jerry, a New Yorker, and Kristina, from Montana, bought a brick home on five acres in Vancleave to share with their three daughters — Morgan, 14; Eva, 11, and Grace, 7.

Celebration turns tragic

The Keetons and their friends gathered to celebrate the new year and Jerry's retirement. About 11:30 p.m., Eva screamed to her mother, "Mommy, Mommy, there's a fire!"

The family's 12-foot Christmas tree was ablaze.

The front door was locked, and Jerry broke a rib breaking it down to get inside. He grabbed a hose to try to douse the flames as Kristina raced through the house to make sure no one was still there.

Two friends had to pull Jerry outside as he tried without success to keep the blaze from destroying the home. Kristina took the girls to their neighbors' house so they wouldn't have to watch the progress of the fire, but they could see fire trucks racing down the road.

"The sights and sounds were horrible," said Kristina, who still has flashbacks about the night. "It took the firefighters about 2 1/2 hours to put out the fire, and later it flared up again, so they had to return. The bricks remained, but almost everything inside was gone — it took no time at all to consume our home.

"At Keesler, we have regular fire extinguisher training, but it's in a controlled situation," said Kristina, who serves as the 336th TRS information management course chief. "Nothing compares to running into your home and seeing your Christmas tree on fire. We had fire extinguishers and smoke alarms, but that's not what we thought about — we had to make sure our children and friends were accounted for."

Third-degree burns

Jerry was hospitalized for three days with third-degree burns on his hands and second-degree burns on his face. Everyone else was safe. Kristina's hair and contact lenses were singed by the heat.

Because of his bandaged hands, Jerry had to depend on Kristina for everyday tasks for several weeks.

"It was a humbling experience — buckles, buttons, zippers, even shoelaces were impossible," Jerry admitted.

"I had to wrap his bandages in plastic bags before I could help him get a shower," Kristina remembered. "At first it bothered him, but I reminded him about our marriage vows, 'for better or worse, in sickness and in health.' He was there for me after three C-section deliveries — now it was my turn to be there for him."

Two days after the fire, volunteers from the



Photo by Kemberly Groue

From left, Eva, Kristina, Grace and Morgan Keeton in what remains of the living room, where the fire began.

336th TRS, other Keesler units and Holy Spirit Catholic Church, where the Keetons worship, came to help them salvage what they could.

"Our Air Force friends knew just what to do — they even set up a command center with coffee and doughnuts," Kristina recalled. "We didn't have electricity, but they managed to set up lights. It was like an assembly line, with people passing things out of that stinky, burned-out shell."

The volunteers were able to save some things from the bedrooms, as well as some china and a hope chest with some keepsakes. They began separating and cleaning the things that could still be used. For Kristina, the loss that hurt the most was pictures of family members, some who've died, that can't be replaced.

Three dog houses melted, but the dogs survived.

Fortunately, Jerry received a safe as a Christmas gift, and he and Kristina had put all of their important papers inside, along with some jewelry and other possessions.

"We had taken away Morgan's cell phone and put it in the safe because she was sending too many

text messages," Kristina said. "She thanked us later for taking it away, because now she still has it."

Once people returned to work after the holidays, news of the fire swept through the base. The 336th TRS, 81st Training Group, 81st Training Wing, 2nd Air Force and virtually every Keesler organization came up with ways to help the Keetons. Money, gift cards, clothing and other items started flowing in.

Even total strangers came to the family's aid. Kristina will never forget one woman in particular.

"A lady from Ocean Springs lost her two daughters last year in a terrible accident that took the lives of six young people," Kristina recalled. "She still had all of her daughters' clothing and brought them over for our girls. It seemed to give her a sense of comfort and closure, and it made us realize how lucky we are to have each other and our children."

Receiving instead of giving

For the first time, the Keetons were on the receiving end instead of the giving end of an outpouring of kindness and generosity. After Hurricane Katrina, they took in two families who lost their homes and had been involved with other charitable causes during their years in the Air Force.

The Keetons' house has been gutted and a mobile home allows them to live on their property while reconstruction takes place. Their insurance adjuster made it possible for them to move forward quickly to rebuild their home and their lives.

In the post-Katrina world, contractors are hard to come by, but the Keetons found one who'd just finished hurricane repairs on a Keesler friend's house and was willing to take the job.

Blessings abound

"So many people in this area are still in FEMA trailers, still struggling to replace all the things they lost in the hurricane, still fighting with insurance companies," Kristina pointed out. "We feel very fortunate the way things have worked out for us. Repairs to our house should take about eight months — Jerry wanted to learn some construction skills after he retired, and now he'll get his chance."

Jerry's burns continue to heal. He expects to have scars on his hands, but won't need skin grafts.

"Sometimes we've joked that Keesler should be called Keeton Air Force Base, for as long as we've been here," Kristina commented. "We've been totally bowled over by the kindness we've been shown by our neighbors, our church and our Keesler family — it's brought us both to tears.

"We've been humbled by this experience — any bad day I've ever had in the Air Force has been erased by what's happened," Kristina continued. "This experience has been a blessing to our family in a weird sort of way. It's opened our eyes to so many things. We're closer now to our neighbors, our Air Force friends and our church."

"We extend our heartfelt thanks for the overwhelming support, kindness, generosity and friendship we've received from the Keesler community," Jerry added. "You've made it possible for us to make it through a very trying time. We consider it a huge blessing to be a part of the Keesler family."



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Sergeant McCune discusses the procedures for moving off base to Airman Cody Brightman, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, inside the newly-renovated consolidated dormitory management office.

Dorm office upgrade lifts looks and service

By 2nd Lt. Nick Plante

Keesler News staff

New buildings are replacing those damaged by Hurricane Katrina, but with a little bit of cash and care, old buildings can be renewed.

The consolidated dormitory management office, Building 4904, reopened Jan. 16 with \$40,000 of improvements.

Air Education and Training Command funded the quality-of-life project that began in August, said Master Sgt. David McCune, 81st Civil Engineering Squadron unaccompanied housing manager.

Sergeant McCune said before the renovation, the building had old carpet, outdated furniture and holes in the walls.

The building, constructed in 1951, received interior and exterior improvements.

The outside received a new walkway with an overhang.

The upgrades to the office included a new drop ceiling, new lights, a fresh coat of paint

and a \$17,000 new furniture package, said Staff Sgt. Anita Pascual, 81st CES dorm manager.

“Before the renovations were done, people had a hard time finding us,” said Master Sgt. Bradley Belford, 81st CES dorm manager. “We have a better walkway and a better customer service area with easier access.”

The building serves as the customer service section of the management office and the offices of the unaccompanied housing managers.

The managers are responsible for the dormitories of non-prior and prior service military members.

“These improvements make the CDMO seem more like a billeting type of entrance, rather than the somewhat outdated and shabby one of before,” said Sergeant Pascual. “The completion of this project was the product of the hard work of many individuals and organizations.”

Heritage month kicks off, Feb. 8

Black Heritage Month activities at Keesler:

Organization day — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 8. Trophies are awarded to the top three educational displays. To participate, call 1st Lt. Ernest Stewart, 377-1836.

Cookout — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 15, marina park. Cost: \$6, with proceeds going toward college scholarships. For more information, call Byron Bryant, 377-4198, or Staff Sgt. Samuel Parms, 377-2860.

Bowling tournament — noon Feb. 16, Gaudé Lanes. Cost: \$10, with proceeds going toward college scholarships. For more information, call Kurt Higgins, 377-5356, or Mr. Bryant, 377-4198.

Gospel concert — 6-9 p.m. Feb. 23, Welch Auditorium. Community choirs perform. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Anthony Thomas, 377-8628, or Mary Pleasant, 377-4198.

Food sampling — 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 28, Triangle Chapel Annex. Catered by African-American Heritage Committee and area restaurants. For more information, call Senior Airman Julia Jackson, 377-3009, or Cynthia McCall, 377-9386.

Sickle cell 5-kilometer run/walk — 6:45 a.m. registration and 7:30 a.m. start, April 12, Blake Fitness Center. Cost: \$10 for preregistration and \$15 day of event, with proceeds benefiting sickle cell anemia research and treatment. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Maranatty Martin, 377-0552, or Minnie Gray, 377-7001.

2 promoted to captain

Two Keesler first lieutenants have been selected for promotion to captain.

81st Medical Group — Kristin Roshelli.

81st Training Wing — Kip Averett.

KEESLER NOTES

Spouse program

The Career Focus Program at the airman and family readiness center assists spouses seeking employment on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

For more information and appointments, call Ron Bublik, 377-8592, or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

81st MSS closure

The 81st Mission Support Squadron command support staff is closed 2-5 p.m. Friday.

For emergencies, call 2nd Lt. Stephanie Lutz, 224-2293.

Excess property sale

A nonappropriated fund excess property sale is Feb. 13-15 in the Keesler Club on Larcher Boulevard.

Assorted furniture, office furniture, small appliances, televisions, microwaves, pictures, ironing boards and artificial plants are available 9-11

a.m. Feb. 13 for senior airmen and below, General Schedule-3 and below, NA1s and 2s, and NF1s only; and noon to 3 p.m. for all other identification card holders.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 14-15 for authorized buyers.

Transactions are first-come, first-served, cash-and-carry. Commercial outlet representatives shouldn't expect to make large quantity purchases.

Customers are responsible for loading their purchases into their vehicles. Large items purchased at the sale may be picked up the following week.

For more information, call 377-0002.

Bundles for Babies

Air Force parents expecting a baby can sign up for the Bundles for Babies class, 9 a.m. to noon Feb. 14 at the airman and family readiness

flight in old Cody Hall.

Participants receive a bundle of baby supplies valued at \$75.

To register, call 377-2179.

Data disposal

For appointments to shred documents containing personal data, call the 81st Communications Squadron's records management office, 377-2571.

Airmen's Attic

Airmen's Attic is a Top III program that helps junior enlisted personnel with families obtain basic household items at no cost.

It's open 3-6 p.m. Fridays in Building 823, the former chapel next to the dental clinic.

The program is supported by donations of household items in good to excellent condition.

For more information, call or e-mail Master Sgts. James Henry, 377-0886, james.henry@keesler.af.mil, or Marion

Fletcher, 377-1457, e-mail marion.fletcher@keesler.af.mil.

Banks open

Two banks close to construction projects on Larcher Boulevard are open for business.

BanCorpSouth and Keesler Federal Credit Union hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday.

The credit union drive-through facility is open 30 minutes later than the lobby each day.

Both facilities offer full service banking to Keesler employees.

Care for sick kids

The family child care program needs a caregiver for children in the noncontagious stages of a communicable illness or who have mild respiratory illnesses.

For more information, call 377-3189.

Dental Month coloring contest

By Tech. Sgt. Sheila Weagle

81st Dental Squadron

The dental clinic sponsors a coloring contest in February in observance of Children's Dental Health Month.

The contest is open only to children enrolled in the youth center. "Fight Tooth Decay 24/7!" coloring sheets are available at the youth center front desk. Entries must be entirely the work of participating children. Crayons, markers, paint, pencils, buttons, and glitter may be used.

The entry deadline is Feb. 12. Winners are notified Feb. 28. Prizes are awarded to the winners.



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SPORTS AND RECREATION



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Scott Conner, 332nd Training Squadron instructor, uses a life fitness cycle at the Dragon Fitness Center Jan. 24. The center returned to full-time hours Jan. 8.

Budget cuts

Fitness centers feeling crunch

By 2nd Lt. Nick Plante

Keesler News staff

With three fitness centers, all personal fitness needs should be met, but budget cuts and manpower reductions can create inconvenience.

The Dragon Fitness Center's operating hours were shortened to 2 p.m. before the holidays, but recently changed back to its original hours.

"Due to all the budget cuts this fiscal year, we lost three full time employees, most of the sports officials' budget and all our funding for aerobics instruction," said Tom Golden, fitness and sports director.

"We went back to normal hours Jan. 8 because we received three new technical training graduates," said Mr. Golden.

Now the Dragon is open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The shortened hours changed the workout routines of some and sparked complaints.

"I went to the Blake and I waited for 15 minutes, and there were still no open machines," said Vicki Ladner, 81st Contracting Squadron.

Golden said his office only had authorized manning for two fitness facilities, and because they lost three full-

time employees, they had to find a solution.

The solution was to keep two facilities open full time while cutting the hours of one.

"Based on the data collected, cutting the hours of operation at the Dragon Fitness Center would have the least negative impact to our customers," said Golden.

"The best absorption period for the Triangle and the Blake is after 2 p.m.," said Golden.

Some people wondered if they could volunteer to help man the facility.

"We appreciate the thought of volunteers manning the facility — unfortunately, we have to man our facilities with qualified fitness personnel who possess certification in first aid, basic life support, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and are trained on how to use aerobic and weightlifting equipment," Golden said.

The three fitness centers on base offer a variety of services.

The Blake is open 4:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., Monday-working Fridays, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on down Fridays and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., weekends and holidays. It offers a basketball court, four racquetball courts, a stretch/warm-up room, two

cardio rooms, a free-weight room, two strength machine rooms, both a men's and women's steam room and sauna, a smoothie concession stand and a track.

Dragon is open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday-working Fridays. It's closed on down Fridays, weekends and holidays. It offers a basketball court, a cardio room, a strength machine room, a small free-weight area, an aerobic instruction room, a spin room, a parent-child fitness room, a beginning aerobics room and strength room. All fitness classes are held at Dragon.

Triangle is open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday-working Fridays noon to 6 p.m. down Fridays and weekends. It's closed on holidays. It offers a large free-weight room, a cardio room, the intramural and varsity sports office, a massage therapist and a track.

No dogs, rollerblades or strollers are allowed on the track and walkers and slower runners must stay to the right.

"You should know we are only funded to man two facilities on Keesler, but we manage to man three," Golden said.

SCORES AND MORE

Basketball

Women's varsity schedule

Feb. 10-11 — at Mayport Naval Air Station, Fla.

Feb. 23-25 — Southeastern Military Athletic Conference tournament at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Home games: 2 p.m. Saturdays, 10 a.m. Sundays at Blake Fitness Center. If Blake is unavailable due to floor replacement project, games move to Dragon Fitness Center. In the event of scheduling conflicts at Dragon, some games may be moved off-base.

For more information, call Richard Vincent, head coach, 343-9951, or Teddy Johnson, assistant coach, 376-3057.

Bowling

Super Bowl party — 4 p.m. Feb. 4. Bowling, \$1 per game. Shoe rental, \$1. Food and beverage specials.

Winter leagues — sign up for 6:30 p.m. Monday competitive "Bud" league; 6 p.m. Tuesdays, intramural; 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and/or Friday, adult family mixed; 9 a.m. Thursdays, women and seniors; 11 a.m. Saturdays, youth.

Tuesdays — Gulfport Seabee Base personnel bowl for half price.

Thursdays — teenagers bowl for \$5.

Saturdays — bowling birthday parties, \$7 per child includes two hours bowling, shoes and food package. Birthday child bowls free. Reservations required.

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

Bowl-a-rama — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, two hours for \$9.95 including shoes (\$16 value); 4 p.m. to closing Monday-Saturday, two hours for \$10.95 including shoes (\$17.25 value).

Birthday parties — Saturdays. For more information and reservations, call 377-2817.

Nonprior service students open bowling special — show UBU club card to bowl for \$1.50 per game until 4 p.m. Saturdays, \$2 game Monday-Saturday after \$4. Shoe rental, \$1. Not applicable with other discounts or specials.

Fitness centers

Sweetheart Run — Valentine's Day 5-kilometer, 11 a.m. Feb. 14, Blake Fitness Center. No entry fee. Prizes to top five couples to finish together.

Aerobics — openings for certified instructors.

For more information, call 377-8380.

Blake Fitness Center — open 4:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays; 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. non-working Fridays; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. The basketball court is closed for repairs and renovation.

Dragon Fitness Center — open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays. Basketball court is open. Parent-child fitness room open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays. Parental supervision required.

For more information, call 377-2907.

Triangle Fitness Center — open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays and weekends; closed holidays. Smoothie bar open. For massage therapist appointments, call 263-5515.

For more information, call 377-3056.

Golf

Bay Breeze — course closed until October. Seabee Base's Pine Bayou Course in Gulfport is available. For more information, call 871-2494. These Mississippi Gulf Coast courses offer military discounts: St. Andrews, Gulf Hills, Bay Vista and Great Southern Club.

Bay Breeze driving range — driving range open 7 a.m. to dusk daily. Bucket of 30 balls costs \$2.

Golf lessons — \$25 for 30 minutes. For an appointment, call 377-3832 or 348-7589.

Outdoor recreation

Groundhog special — free rod and reel with boat rentals, Friday through Feb. 9.

Valentine's special — 10 percent discount on No. 1 camping package throughout February. Includes four-person tent, four sleeping bags, lantern, stove, 48-quart ice chest and camper's bow saw.

February fishing tournament — weigh in the largest crappie for the month and win \$100 savings bond.

Back Bay fishing trips — Saturday; \$15 per person, maximum eight people. Call for reservations.

Children's wildlife poster contest — win \$100 or \$50 savings bond. For more information, call 377-3160.

Pontoon boat training — required before rental.

For more information, call 377-3160.

Marina park pavilions — to reserve, call 377-3160.

Slugfest III

Feb. 16 — 7 p.m., Hangar 4. Tickets: general admission, \$15; reserved table for 10, \$20 per person; reserved ringside table for 10, \$25 per person. Three weight divisions with eight fighters in each division. Cash prize of \$1,000 in each division.

For more information call 669-8700 or 377-7858.

Soccer

Base team — coaches and players interested in forming a Keesler team for tournament at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, call Laurence Wilson, 377-2444.

Sports council

Meeting — April 18. Time and location to be announced.

Tennis

Women's clinics and league — beginner and intermediate (2.5-3.0) clinics, 9 a.m. Mondays, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Jefferson Davis campus, Debuys Road, Gulfport. League play begins this month.

For more information, call Shannon Howard, 239-5827.

Youth center

Taekwondo — 5 p.m. ages 3-5 and 6 p.m. ages 6 and older, Mondays and Wednesdays; \$35 per month members; \$40 non-members.

For more information, call 377-4116.

DIGEST

HONORS

Student honor roll

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Darren Campo, Aaron Chernenko, Brian Giles, Timothy Kenney, Brandon Lee, James Lewis, Ronald Morrison, Cara Musick, Dwight Preston, Joseph Quinones, Katie Simmons, Daniel Skidmore and Seth Skypek; Airmen 1st Class Stephanie Brown, Kevin Green, Kevin Gronnvoll, Evan Hume, Gregory Plumley, Bobby Scurlock and Tyler Vanderberg; Senior Airman William Torgerson; Staff Sgts. Danny Dumlao and Eric Homan; Tech. Sgt. Jon Gilbert; 2nd Lt. Alexious Kachenje.

Aviation resource management apprentice course — Airman Basic Bradley Brock; Senior Airman Sean Robbins; Staff Sgt. Adam Gobbo.

Command post apprentice course — Airmen Basic Justin Hooks, Allisa Laughton and Elias Riehl; Airmen 1st Class Amanda Avila, William Remini and Nicole Yakovich; Senior Airman Richard Sanderson; Staff Sgts. Melanie Landgraft and Jonilynn Reyes; Tech. Sgts. Jon Colon and Shannon Harrison; Master Sgts. Heesoon Bartlett, Anthony Bates and Laura Margwarth.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Kathleen Abling, Jennifer Meshaw, Aymee Rodriguez and Joshua Sanford; Airman Karrie Conway, Richard Haas and Matthew Long; Airmen 1st Class Teresa Davis, Cassiopeia McMillan, Keisha Mitchell and Grace Wesley; Senior Airman Shane Burpee; Staff Sgts. Sherry Holmes, Zaka McCoy, Tiffany Tatum, Jeffrey Tengonciang and Heather Vongrey; Tech. Sgts. Paul Butts and Michael Johnson.

Weather training flight — Airman Basic Marisela Sell; Navy Airman Recruit Kyle Wacker; Airmen Jason Bingham and Michael Clarke; Airmen 1st Class Amanda Lette, Richard Schermerhorn, Edison Schroeder and Matthew Steelsmith; Navy Airman Michael Kings.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airmen Basic Troy Butolph, Rocio DeLaTorre and Christopher Garlington; Airmen 1st Class Patrick Gray and David Wright; Senior Airman Alistair Clyne; Staff Sgts. Marcel Hildebrand and Sheila Larry; Senior Master Sgt. Christopher Castle.

Communications and information management flight — Airmen Basic Christian Aguilar and Minerva Rosario; Airmen

James Burton and Robert McDermott; Airmen 1st Class Howard Clay, Charles Landgraf and Timothy O'Connor; Senior Airman Daniel Turillo; Staff Sgts. Jamell Camper, Dennis Maldonado, Joshua Newlin, Daniel Petry, Jason Saunders and Byron Stuart; Tech. Sgt. Dayne Pritchard.

338th TRS

Computer, network, cryptographic and switching systems course — Airmen Basic Travon Banks, Jane Cypher, Sean Dunn, Brian Grier, Megan Henderson, Simon Inoue, Jacob Lister, Charlie McNair, Jet Nesle, Michael O'Connor, Toribio Pecina, Robert Riggs, Mitchell Roach, Dustin Rosarius, Gary Thorn, Ashley Vines and Nakia Williams; Airmen James Collier, Cody Hartzell, David Leasiolagi, Nathaniel Petty, Wesley Schairer, Thomas Tregaskis and Eric Will; Airmen 1st Class Janet Anderson, Matthew Andes, Brian Belcher, Brennan Brauen, Megan Brown, Clint Chin, Kristina DeLaossa, Chad Estes, Aaron Gaffney, Jonathan Guagenti, Michael Hargon, Christopher Harris, Shelley Heath, Christopher Kursor, Michael Lacanilao, Justin Laign, Antonio Leach, Craig Lehman, Jared Lute, Nicholas May, Arthur McCool, Gregory McCord, Robert Mixon, Ryan Mullen, Nathan Reer, Martin Rentena, Nathan Risner, Jason Saucedo, Todd Sisson, Alphonso Williams and Zachery Wood; Senior Airmen Richard Charles, Aaron Minor, Shaun Ripley, Robert Robinette, Carlos Roman, Steven Smith and Kenneth Whitted; Staff Sgts. Alejandro Carrola, Delahno Chouteau, Scott Crawford, Jeremy Dean, Shirodk Faison, James Green and Natani Pete; Tech. Sgt. Stephen Crandell; Master Sgt. Russell Morrison.

Radar systems flight — Airmen 1st Class Charles Boyd, Teddy Knapp II and Tyler Stacey; Senior Airman Osvaldo Figueroa-Lopez; Staff Sgts. James Anderson and William Murray.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 07-2 — graduation Feb. 16.

Class 07-3 — Feb. 27-April 5.

Class 07-4 — April 17-May 24.

Class 07-5 — May 30-July 10.

Class 07-6 — Aug. 2-Sept. 11.

Class 07-7 — Sept. 18-Oct. 26.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 07-2 — graduation Feb. 16.

Class 07-3 — Feb. 27-April 5.

Class 07-4 — April 17-May 24.

Class 07-5 — May 30-July 10.

Class 07-6 — Aug. 2-Sept. 11.

Class 07-7 — Sept. 18-Oct. 26.

Auto hobby shop

Beginner auto care classes for groups — oil changes, tune-ups or brakes. For more information, call 377-3872.

Arts and crafts center

Beginners framing — one class, four sessions, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays. \$60.

Free ceramic knowledge workshop — 5 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call 377-2821.

Mold pouring — 10 a.m. Saturday. \$25 includes first firing. Ages 13 and older.

Ceramic painting — 10 a.m. Saturday. \$15. Paint a Mardi Gras mask.

Beginning intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. Saturday or Feb. 17. \$15. Intarsia is the art form of inlaying pieces of wood in a decorative pattern.

Treasure boxes — 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. Register by Friday. \$25 including supplies.

Pasta making — 11 a.m. Feb. 10. Make fresh ravioli. \$20 including supplies.

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SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

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

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30 332nd TRS, Building 6957
:01	:31 338th TRS, Building 6965
:02	:32 Welch Auditorium
:04	:34 AAFES Furniture Store
:06	:36 Jones/Bryan/Hewes Hall at gazebo
:08	:38 Thomson Hall
:09	:39 New Cody Hall
:11	:41 Supply, civil engineering
:12	:42 Rental store
:13	:43 Shaw House
:14	:44 Old base exchange
:15	:45 McBride Library
:16	:46 Credit union, Blake Fitness Center
:17	:47 Medical center, Tyer House
:18	:48 Sablich Center
:19	:49 Dental clinic
:20	:50 Allee and Wolfe Halls
:21	:51 Base operations
:22	:52 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 Wal-Mart

:54 Arrive Edgewater Mall

:00 Depart Edgewater Mall

:09 Pass Road Wal-Mart

: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: For more information, call 377-2520.

Roman Catholic

Saturday Mass

Triangle Chapel.....5 p.m.

Sunday Mass

Triangle Chapel9 a.m.

Daily Mass

Triangle Chapel.....11:15 a.m.

Protestant

Sunday worship

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

Triangle Chapel contemporary worship service...10:30 a.m.

Triangle Chapel gospel service.....Noon

Islamic

Building 2003 — prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jummah congregational prayer, noon Friday.

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

Latter-Day Saints

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints — student group service, 2 p.m. Sundays, Triangle Chapel. For more information, call 396-5274 or 1-616-881-1994.

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Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. Feb. 10 and 24. \$20. A new project each month.

Beginners woodworking — 5-7:30 p.m. Feb. 14. \$25. Earn your safety certification and get operator's card for future shop use.

Parent 'n' me kids crafting — 11 a.m. Feb. 17. \$10. Quick, easy king cake. Ages 7 and under need parent involvement.

Scrapbooking — 1:30 p.m. Feb. 23. \$10 including supplies.

Beginning pottery — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$40 including 5 lbs. of clay and firing for 3 pieces. Call for date.

Advanced matting — \$25. Beginner framing class is a prerequisite. Call for time and date.

New classes coming soon — photography, cooking and beading.

Chapel

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

Protestant Sunday school — 9:15-10:15 a.m. for infants, children, teens and adults.

Team Kids Sunday — 4-5:30p.m. grades K-6.

Men's luncheon Bible study — Tuesdays noon-1 p.m.

Women's Wednesday morning Bible class — 9-11 a.m.

Wednesday night Bible study — 6-7:30 p.m.

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

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

Friday night youth teens — call 377-2520.

Family advocacy

Anger management — 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays. For more information, call 377-6216, 376-3458 or e-mail susan.pyles@keesler.af.mil.

1-2-3 Magic — parenting class; to register call 376-3457.

McBride Library

Research orientations — 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Story time — 10 a.m. Wednesday and Feb. 21, ages 2-4.

African-American heritage display — throughout the month.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

Super Bowl party — 3-9 p.m. Sunday for all personnel. Free food and prizes. Register to win Xbox 360.

Valentine special — 6-8 p.m. Feb. 14. Free flowers and candy to first 100 customers.

Pool tournaments — 6 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays.

Game night and dance revolution — 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

Karaoke — 6 p.m. Thursdays.

Dances — 6 p.m. to midnight Thursdays before nonworking Fridays, and Fridays and Saturdays. \$3.

Halftime Cafe — closed for renovations.

Katrina Kantina

Super Bowl party — 3:30 p.m. Sunday. Three big screens, free food, drink specials for permanent party; limited seating.

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

It's your choice — select between two club cards.

Taco Tuesdays — members two tacos for \$1, nonmembers \$2.

Catering — experts can assist with event planning.

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

Valentine prime rib dinner — 6-8 p.m. Feb. 14. \$10 members, \$13 nonmembers; limited seating.

Mardi Gras specials — 5 p.m. Feb. 20.

Thirsty Thursday — 5 p.m. Feb. 22. Fried catfish.

Youth center

TRAIL Keystone Club meeting — 10 a.m. Feb. 10 and 17, ages 13-17.

FitFactor aerobics — 6 p.m. Feb. 15, ages 9 and older. Free for members, 50 cents for guests.

Connect four contest — 5 p.m. Tuesday; prize for monthly champ.

Home alone workshop — 6 p.m. Wednesday, ages 10 and older accompanied by parent; sign up by Friday. Minimum three participants required.

Torch Club — 4:30 p.m. Monday and Feb. 26, ages 9-12. Leadership programs, activities, community service, fun and friends.

Creative corner — 5:30 p.m. Feb. 13, ages 9 and older. Make an art project. Sign up by Feb 8. Free for members, 50 cents for guests.

Tiny tots program — preschool equipment and training materials available for sign-out. For more information, call 377-3349.

Power hour — 4:30-5:30 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, ages 9-18.

4-H Club — 5 p.m. Feb. 13 and 26, ages 13-17. Outdoor adventures and community service.

Smart girls and passport to manhood programs — ages 8 and older. For more information, dates and times, call 377-3349.

Give parents a break/parents night out — 4-10 p.m. Saturday for youth in kindergarten through grade 6.

Sweetheart dance — 6-10 p.m. Feb. 10, ages 9-17. Minimum 10 people. \$3 members, \$5 nonmembers.

Home alone workshop — 6 p.m. Feb. 12, ages 10 and older accompanied by a parent. Minimum three parent/youth teams. Sign up by Feb. 8.

Congressional Award program — 6 p.m. Feb. 14, ages 14-21. Achieve personal goals to become eligible for a medal.

Wipeout Wednesdays — 5-6 p.m. Feb. 14 and 27, ages 9 and older. Compete to overthrow current champions in a variety of indoor games.

TICKETS AND TRIPS

Discounted tickets — for many attractions including Busch Gardens, Sea World, Universal Studios and Disney World in Florida. For price list, log on to <https://www.mil.keesler.af.mil/81svs/WhattoDo/ITT/index.htm>.

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

New Orleans Mardi Gras parades

\$20 per person for transportation only.

Ponchartrain and Shangri-La — Feb. 10. Sign up by Feb. 7. Leave 8 a.m., return 8 p.m.

Carrollton and King Arthur/Merlin — Feb. 11. Sign up and prepay by Feb. 7. Leave 9 a.m., return 7 p.m.

Iris and Tucks — Feb. 17. Sign up and prepay by Feb. 14. Leave 8 a.m., return 6 p.m.

Bacchus — Feb. 18. Sign up and prepay by Feb. 14. Leave 1 p.m., return 11 p.m.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Veterans benefits briefing — 1-4 p.m. Feb. 15, March 15, April 5, May 10, June 21, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 13, Oct. 18, Nov. 8 and Dec. 13 in Room 151, old Cody Hall. To pre-register or for more information, call 377-2179.

Mandatory pre-separation briefings — Tuesdays at 8:30-9:30 a.m. for those separating with honorable discharges and 9:30-10:30 a.m. for retirees. Afternoon sessions are Thursdays at 1-2 p.m. for those separating with honorable discharges (not general under honorable conditions) and 2:30-3:30 p.m. for retirees. Briefings are in Room 122, old Cody Hall. Bring one copy of separation or retirement orders. This appointment is required by law, and must be accomplished 90 calendar days before the separation/retirement date. For short-notice separations or retirements, the briefing should be done as soon as possible.

Transition assistance program workshop — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 12-14, March 12-14, April 2-4, May 7-9, June 18-20, July 16-18, Aug. 13-15, Sept. 10-12, Oct. 15-17, Nov. 5-7 and Dec. 10-12 in Room 151, old Cody Hall. Dress is business casual; no jeans, T-shirts or uniforms. To pre-register or for more information, call 377-2179.

Retirement briefings — intended for those with less than a year until retirement, 8-11 a.m. Feb. 8, March 8, April 12, May 3,

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

Lunch — herbed baked chicken, beef and noodles, fried catfish, blackeyed peas with rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, peas, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, cheeseburger soup, frontier chicken chili, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

Dinner — roast pork loin, jaegerschnitzel veal, chicken cordon bleu, 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.

Friday

Lunch — Mexican baked chicken, country-style steak, stuffed peppers, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, beans, Spanish beans, peas and carrots, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chicken with wild rice soup, onion soup, chili, barbecue pork sandwiches and burritos.

Dinner — lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken cacciatore, rice, gravy, broccoli, cauliflower, Italian baked beans, corn O'Brien, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chicken with wild rice soup, onion soup, chili, barbecue pork sandwiches and burritos.

Saturday

Lunch — baked chicken, beef yakisoba, canned ham, baked potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, broccoli, peas, carrots, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, raisin sauce, clam chowder, tomato florentine soup and buffalo wings.

Dinner — fish almondine, stir-fry chicken with broccoli, pork chops, rissole potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, calico corn, club spinach, fried okra, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, clam showder, tomato florentine soup, chicken frontier chili and buffalo wings.

Sunday

Lunch — baked fish, sauerbraten, chicken breast parmesan, au gratin potatoes, egg noodles, gravy, cauliflower combo, mixed vegetables, fried cabbage, tomato salad, German coleslaw, cheesy chicken tortilla soup, baked potato chowder, chili and cheese pizza.

Dinner — ginger barbecue chicken, fried shrimp, beef manicotti, potato wedges, mashed potatoes, gravy, black-eyed peas, collard greens, corn O'Brien, tomato salad, German coleslaw, cheesy chicken tortilla soup, baked potato chowder, chili and cheese pizza.

Monday

Lunch — Swiss steak, baked chicken, cornbread, Italian sausage, peppers and onions, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, carrots, cucumber/onion salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone, chili with beans, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

Dinner — turkey, ribeye steak, tempura fish, 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.

Tuesday

Lunch — lemon garlic fish, pork schnitzel steak, beef and yakisoba, ginger rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, pinto beans, spinach, squash, spinach salad, waldorf salad, frontier chicken chili, beef pot roast soup, vegetable soup, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

Dinner — roast pork loin, barbecue beef cubes, chicken fajitas, O'Brien potatoes, rice, gravy cauliflower, corn on the cob, lima beans, waldorf salad, frontier chicken chili, beef pot roast soup, vegetable soup, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

Wednesday

Lunch — fried chicken, cajun baked fish, jalapeno cornbread, barbecue ribs, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, okra and tomato gumbo, fried cabbage, coleslaw, garden cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

Dinner — spaghetti with meat sauce, Swiss steak, fried chicken, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, fried cauliflower, asparagus, simmered cabbage, coleslaw, country style tomatoes, chicken noodle soup, potato soup, chili with beans, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

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June 14, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6, in Room 151, old Cody Hall. To pre-register or for more information, call 377-2179.

Palace Chase briefings — 10 a.m. first two working Fridays of the month, Room 203, Garrard Hall. For more information, call Master Sgt. Joseph Walker, 377-2116.

Web sites

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

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

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

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

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

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

New military spouse career center — <http://www.military.com/spouse>. Extensive job board including 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>.

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.

Employment opportunities

Career focus program for spouses — information on area employment opportunities, job Web sites, human resources contacts, temporary jobs, on-base listings and free training programs. Computer lab available for resume preparation or job search; located in Room 121, old Cody Hall. For an appointment, call Ron Bublik at the airman and family readiness flight, 377-8592, or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

Executive transition assistance program — <https://www.raetc.af.mil/dp/etap>. Online registration dates are March 5-15 for May 8-11 program at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas; June 5-14 for Aug. 21-24 at Little Rock AFB, Ark.; and Sept. 12-21 for Nov. 27-30, 2007 program at Randolph.

Junior ROTC — immediate employment opportunities for retired or retiring Air Force officers and noncommissioned officers. Those who retired within the past 10 years or are six months from retirement may qualify to be an instructor. To apply or for more information, go to <http://www.afoats.af.mil> and select "AFJROTC" or call Jo Alice Talley, toll free 1-866-235-7682, extension 7742; DSN 493-7742, or commercial (334) 953-7742.

Opportunities for medics — for members separating from active duty interested in the Air Force Reserve or the Palace Chase programs, call Master Sgt. Joseph Walker, 377-7116, for an appointment. His office is in Room 229, old Cody Hall.

Opportunities for medics — the Air Force Reserve needs flight surgeons, doctors, dentists and nurses. Some opportunities are available with the 403rd Aeromedical Staging Squadron at Keesler. Eligible members enjoy many military benefits of being in the military and earn retirement credit, while serving two days per month of inactive training and two weeks of active-duty training each year. Some members may be eligible for signing bonus or loan repayment. For more information call Tech. Sgt. George Adams, health professions recruiter, 377-7655, or e-mail george.adams@keesler.af.mil.

MEETINGS

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

Recurring

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

Air Force Sergeants Association — 11:30 a.m. third Tuesday of the month, Vandenberg Community Center. 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.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving — 3:15 p.m. first Tuesday of the month, Vandenberg Community Center second floor conference room. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Brian Yelton, 377-0167, or e-mail keesler.aadd.officers@keesler.af.mil.

At Eze Toastmasters Club — 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Building 1101 conference room. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Don Seaton, 377-5958, or Fred Blache, 377-1048, or visit <http://www.toastmasters.org>.

Keesler Amateur Radio Club — 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Hangar 3, Room 215. Check out the club repeater on 146.79 negative offset. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Justin Meyer, 377-4149 or 324-5806, or e-mail justin.meyer2@keesler.af.mil.

Keesler Christian Home Educators Association — meets 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month, September-May, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call Michelle Durkin, 872-9393, or e-mail chelle1rn@yahoo.com.

Keesler Spouses Club — meets the second Tuesday of the month. For time and location, call Tammie Searfass, 273-4324, or visit <http://www.KeeslerSpousesClub.com>.

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

377-6242.

Retired Enlisted Association Magnolia Chapter 81 — 6:30 p.m. second Thursday of the month, Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call Larry McKean, 377-3252 or 374-5922.

Rising VI Association — 3:15 p.m. third Wednesday of the month, Room 121, Thompson Hall. For more information, call Staff Sgts. Patrick McKimmie, 377-1513, or James Pope, 377-1305.

Tuskegee Airmen Inc., Col. Lawrence E. Roberts Chapter — 11 a.m. third Wednesday of the month, Gaudre Lanes. For more information, e-mail Charles Bowers at crb1939@yahoo.com or call Tech. Sgt. Kirk Jackson, 377-4532.

MISCELLANEOUS

Movies

Editor's note: Movies are 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 recording about current features, call 377-6627.

Friday — 6:30 p.m., Children of Men (R, 114 minutes).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Rocky Balboa (G, 102 minutes); 6:30 p.m., The Pursuit of Happyness (PG-13, 116 minutes).

Sunday — 2 p.m., We Are Marshall (PG, 127 minutes).

Mardi Gras parades

Saturday — City of Biloxi children's walking parade, 10 a.m., 435-6148. Orange Grove Krewe of Kids, 2 p.m., 234-5336.

Feb. 10 — Second Liners Mardi Gras Club, Biloxi, 1 p.m., 209-8113; color guard and 332nd TRS 50-state flag team. Orange Grove Carnival Association, 2 p.m., 832-0079. Gautier Men's Club, 7 p.m.; 762-9265.

Feb. 11 — Krewe of Nereids, Waveland, 1 p.m.; 586-2505 or 806-6471. Long Beach Carnival Association, 2 p.m., 343-3972.

Feb. 17 — Krewe of Diamondhead, noon, 255-6922. Jackson County Carnival Association, Pascagoula, 1 p.m., 497-3269. Krewe of Gemini day parade, Gulfport, 2 p.m., 831-0046 or 297-0377; color guard, 334th TRS 50-state flag team and drum and bugle corps.

Feb. 18 — St. Paul Carnival Association, Pass Christian, noon, 452-4643. North Bay Area Mardi Gras Association, D'Iberville, 1:30 p.m., 365-3195 or 424-3637, 336th TRS 50-state flag team.

Feb. 20 — Gulf Coast Carnival Association, 1 p.m., Biloxi; 432-8806, color guard. Krewe of Gemini night parade, 6 p.m., Gulfport, 831-0046 or 297-0377, color guard, 334th TRS 50-state flag team and drum and bugle corps.

Volunteer income tax representatives

81st Communications Squadron — Airman 1st Class Christopher Allen, 377-4633; Tech. Sgt. Shawnni Morris, 377-7500.

81st Medical Group — Airman 1st Class Ebony Hodges, 376-3154; Staff Sgts. Earnest Everett, 377-4510, and Angel Lopez-Torres, 377-4510; Tech. Sgt. Wendell Wigfall, 376-3327; Master Sgt. Alvin Holland, 376-4953; Arnold Emerson, 376-4909.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Theresa Arbogast, 377-9101; Staff Sgt. Derek Dingle, 377-8383; Tech. Sgt. Jose Selva-Castillo, 377-2713.

81st Supply Squadron — David Weekley, 377-2936.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — 376-5513.

81st Training Group — Vickie Simants, 377-3122.

81st Training Support Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Jerold Strauss, 377-9041.

81st Transportation Squadron — Staff Sgts. Candice Hayes, 377-5626, and Steven Lyonnais, 377-5225.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Mark Wakeam, 377-3929; Master Sgt. Alan Klein, 377-2693;

332nd Training Squadron — Master Sgt. Timothy Sheldon, 377-0288.

333rd TRS — Michael Rohner, 377-3881.

335th TRS — Kerry Bartels, 377-0338; Gloria Lewis, 377-0153; Ed Ring, 377-0364.

Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit — Aerographer's Mate 1st Class Jeffrey Smouse, 377-0307.

Keesler NCO Academy — Master Sgt. Celeste Jones, 377-2780.

Legal office — Richard Brock, 377-3510.

Marine Corps Detachment — Sgts. Stephen Dunning, 377-5080; Randy Muehe, 377-2253; and Adam Romnek, 377-5080.

Exceptions to

Keesler's

25 mph

speed limit:

15 mph

in housing areas, flight line

and unpaved surfaces;

10 mph in close proximity

to marching formations and

when waved through

base gates;

5 mph in parking lots,

and

35 mph in some sections

of perimeter roads.