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Dragons deployed
— 180

Flowery kiss



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Reveler receives a kiss from Cassandra Solis, 3, in exchange for a flower during the Biloxi Mardi Gras parade Feb. 20. Cassandra and other Keesler family members of deployed Airmen were treated to a party on the Town Green during the parade. Her parents are Tech. Sgt. Homer and Darcy Solis, 338th Training Squadron. More photos, Pages 14-15.

A-76 picks up where it left off before Katrina

Keesler Public Affairs

Keesler's A-76 process resumes today with a tentative decision to split base operating support between a government organization and a private contractor.

This is where the study left off prior to Hurricane Katrina.

A-76 refers to the federal government's procedures for determining if the performance of certain government activities is more efficient and cost-effective if conducted by the government or private sector contractors. The decision is reached through the performance of cost comparison studies.

"We are now at the point where we were in August 2005, when a tentative decision to proceed was given," said Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander, at a town hall meeting Monday in Welch Auditorium. "The final decision could be made two to three months down the road, pending the outcome of the

public review period and appeals process.

"Before a final decision can be made, every appeal has to be addressed," he continued.

"It's important to let the A-76 process work because failure to move forward in obtaining a decision will only continue to negatively impact our manning levels," the general pointed out.

The public review period starts today and lasts 30 days.

If the final decision is made to proceed with A-76, the process of reorganizing the wing and implementing the new service provider's way of doing business could begin as early as next spring.

"It's important that we let this process continue — A-76 has been held over your heads since 1999," General Capasso said. "When civilian slots open here, people who normally would take a position

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This week in the Triangle

Financial management and comptroller, 9 a.m. today, Allee Hall.

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

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

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

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

Personnel, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Wolfe Hall.

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



Student numbers

Total students — 2,981

Non-prior service — 1,852

Temporary duty — 964

Joint service — 99

Combat controllers — 35

Medical — 31

Non-prior service arrivals — 69

Guard, Reserve — 644

International — 27

FY07 graduates — 9,314

Total since 1942 — 2,243,686

COMMENTARY

Air Force Assistance Fund about making a difference

By Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso

81st Training Wing commander

Today's commentary is about making a difference — making a difference and touching the lives of our Air Force family.

The first of March marks the official kick-off of the Air Force Assistance Fund drive for the 81st Training Wing. The six-week long event is about Airmen helping Airmen in a time of need. Last year's campaign powerfully highlighted the importance of this tradition of caring. The Air Force exceeded the AFAF campaign goal by contributing nearly \$7.3 million, while AETC had its best campaign in history, contributing over \$1.4 million.

Keesler contributed \$95,550 to this campaign, nearly \$34,000 more than its goal.

Since 1974, Air Force members have helped each other through this remarkable charity. The spirit of giving and the willingness of Air Force people to take care of their own have never been more evident than the help Team Keesler received following Hurricane Katrina.

The AFAF provided assistance for the victims of Hurricane Katrina to the tune of \$2.1 million, the majority of which came in the form of grants, not loans that had to be paid back. The AFAF has made a huge difference in the lives of our people, in turn speeding up Team Keesler's recovery.

Our campaign is about making a voluntary donation of whatever you can afford comfortably to one of four different charities of your choice. The charities include:

Air Force Aid Society, which provides Airmen and their families with worldwide emergency financial assistance, education assistance and an array of base-level, community-enhancement programs. Airman and family readiness centers have full details on programs and eligibility requirements.

Air Force Enlisted Village, near Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., founded in 1967 to provide a safe, secure and dignified place for indigent widows of retired Air Force enlisted personnel.

Air Force Village, in San Antonio, which provides excellent retirement living, with access to continuing health care, for officers



Photo by Adam Bond

Master Sgt. Joshua Turnier, 335th Training Squadron, looks on as General Capasso signs his AFAF pledge card. A kickoff breakfast is 7:30 a.m. Friday at Vandenberg Community Center. For a list of unit representatives, see Page 23.

who served honorably and their spouses, with priority to retired Air Force officer widows and widowers in need of financial assistance.

Gen. and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation, which helps widows of all Air Force retirees, through financial grants of assistance.

These organizations give help where and when help is needed, and they need your donations to make that happen.

The AFAF makes it easy to donate — one simple form where you can give cash, a check or use a payroll deduction plan. Best of all, 100 percent of the money you donate is used to help our Airmen and it's tax deductible.

This year, I challenge each individual, each squadron and each group at Keesler to once again give from the heart, give back and support the organization that truly supports us.

ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso

81st Training Wing commander

You're encouraged to work your concerns through your chain of command or to contact an appropriate helping agent. For matters left unresolved, call 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:

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| Base locator — 377-2890 | Library — 377-2181 |
| Base operator — 377-1110 | Lodging (reservations) — 377-9986 |
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| Military personnel flight — 377-2276 | Public affairs — 377-2783 |
| Keesler Federal Credit Union — 385-5500 | Red Cross — 377-3030 |
| Emergencies — 911 | Sexual assault prevention and response team — 377-8635 |
| Family campground — 594-0543 | Law enforcement desk — 377-3040 |
| Airmen and family readiness center — 377-2179 | Shoppette, Class Six — 432-2367 |
| Finance — 377-4212 | Telephone trouble — 377-2130 |
| 81st Communications Squadron help desk — 377-0066 | Traffic management (outbound) — 377-2446 |
| Housing — 377-9741 | Traffic management (inbound) — 377-7813 |
| Identification cards — 377-3203 | Visitor center — 377-2595 |
| Inspector general — 377-3010 | Youth center — 377-4116 |
| Legal assistance — 377-3510 | |



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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Mr. Kotula, left, and Sergeants McIntier and Waddell, 338th TRS, test the GPS antenna for installation at a new location outside Cody Hall.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Collaboration solves installation problem, saves \$

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Sometimes there are glitches with brand new things, even buildings. But when Keesler experts put their heads together, a costly equipment installation problem was solved for \$75.

When Cody Hall was dedicated for service last April, a misunderstanding resulted in the mounting of external Global Positioning System satellite antennas in locations that couldn't serve technical training needs.

"Every afternoon about 1 p.m., the satellite reception faded, causing the GPS input to the Standard Terminal Automation Replacement System to diminish, creating tracking alarms for instructors in the 338th and 334th Training Squadrons to reset," explained Dale Riggins, 81st Training Group equipment resources manager.

Mr. Riggins investigated a variety of options before formulating a plan to relocate the antennas, using Keesler expertise to save thousands of training dollars.

As a Keesler veteran for more than 25 years, he knew exactly where to go to build a "dream team" of electronics technicians and electronic equipment installers.

After conferring with Lt. Col. Stacy Yike, 338th TRS commander, and Don Lindsey, ground radio instructor supervisor, instructor Henry Nielsen was tapped to evaluate the scope of the problem.

Mr. Nielsen, who taught a GPS technical training course for more than eight years, "is probably the preeminent GPS authority at Keesler," Mr. Riggins pointed out.

Using a portable GPS receiver, Mr. Nielsen quickly determined that the existing antenna locations were inappropriate and recommended minimum distances from the building where the antennas would work.

To pinpoint the exact new locations for the antennas, Mr. Riggins relied on the technical expertise of three former radar maintenance

men turned instructors in the 338th TRS: Dave Kotula and Tech. Sgts. Brian McIntier and Christopher Waddell.

The three instructors devised a test mockup that provided actual signal reception, and then tested various locations around the building. Tech. Sgt. Bob Hughes, 334th TRS, provided STARS access and valuable historical information to the team.

Once the ideal locations had been determined, Mr. Riggins sought the assistance of the "A-Team" for electronics equipment installation, the 85th Engineering Installation Squadron.

"Keesler's technical training owes a huge debt of thanks to these folks," said Mr. Riggins. "Time after time they've come to our assistance with a quality of work that is absolutely the best there is anywhere."

Rapid coordination through Master Sgt. Tommy Troutman, noncommissioned officer in charge of cable and antenna installations for the 85th EIS, led to formation of a team headed by Staff Sgts. Jose Rodriguez, chief, and Steven Hunt, Senior Airmen Steven Kiseleski and Tarrant Autry and Airman 1st Class Richard Ebert.

The team designed new antenna mounts and supplied all of the project information necessary for appropriate forms to be completed within a day by Staff Sgt. Ken Marcomb, 334th TRS resources, and Dave Hogue, 81st TRG facilities. Sergeant Marcomb also purchased the materials required by the 85th EIS for the job.

To minimize possible disruptions in training during antenna relocation, the 85th EIS team fabricated and installed the new mounts, then disconnected the antennas from the old mounts and reconnected them to the new mounts.

"This kept system downtime to just a few minutes, rather than days," said Sergeant Rodriguez.

"During testing, the satellite reception faded at 1 p.m., and only two satellites could be tracked with the antennas in their previously location," Mr. Riggins pointed out. "With the new locations, seven satellites could be tracked."



Airman Kiseleski holds an antenna while Sergeant Rodriguez steadies the ladder as Sergeant Hunt drills a hole for mounting the antenna outside Cody Hall Feb. 14. They're members of the 85th EIS.

2nd Air Force instructional systems leader retires

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Duane Geiken retires this week with 34 years as an educator in federal service.

For the past 10 years, Mr. Geiken served as supervisory instructional systems specialist at 2nd Air Force headquarters, where he's been responsible for programming more than 200,000 class seats annually.

"The most rewarding thing about my duties at 2nd Air Force has been the outstanding professionalism of the staff," he pointed out. "I've never encountered a group of folks — civilians, officers and enlisted — who have as their vision the delivery of the very best training to the right people at the right time. Folks have come and gone, but the vision continues."

Mr. Geiken stressed the

hunger of Air Force students for education.

"Every year, tuition assistance dollars go up and there's always a 100 percent execution rate," he emphasized. "It's always thrilling to go to a Community College of the Air Force or other graduation ceremonies and see the look of pride and accomplishment on the faces of graduates and their families."

In the teaching arena for nearly 43 years, Mr. Geiken said the biggest change he's seen in education is the movement from 100 percent face-to-face instruction to computer-based online instruction, even from remote locations.

Mr. Geiken earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree in counseling and guidance from Eastern Illinois University.

He became an assistant dean



Mr. Geiken

of students at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in 1966. In 1969, he received a one-year fellowship at the University of Missouri.

Mr. Geiken earned a doc-

torate in education administration from the University of Wisconsin-Madison before becoming director of examination and certification programs for the Department of Defense in 1973. In 1978, he became training chief for the Department of Agriculture's Federal Grain Inspection Service.

In 1982, Mr. Geiken moved to Strategic Air Command as director of education. When SAC closed, he became director of education for U.S Air Forces in Europe until he joined 2nd Air Force in 1997.

Mr. Geiken was president of the Commission on Military Education and Training of the American Association of Adult and Continuing Education for three years and was named outstanding educator of the year by the University Continuing Education Association.

He served as a lead instruc-

tor in the DOD Executive Leadership Development Program and was awarded the Civilian Exemplary Service Medal, both in 1999.

Mr. Geiken was recognized in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and was selected for several research and training scholarships, two outstanding teacher awards and participation in the Harvard University Program for the Management of Lifelong Education.

He and his wife, Lynn, who works in the base education office, have two children, Matthew and Shannon.

"I love the people in Mississippi and on the coast, but after enduring several hurricanes and turning 65, it's time to move," Mr. Geiken said. "I hope to find a mid-level administrative or teaching job in the Midwest."

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

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.

MGCCC signup

Online spring term pre-registration is available for currently enrolled students at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College-Keesler.

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

Spring term begins Monday.

Pitsenbarger Award

The deadline for spring Community College of the Air Force graduates to apply for the \$500 Pitsenbarger Award is 4 p.m. March 22.

Applications are available in the education office, Room 212, old Cody Hall, or at [http://](http://www.aef.org/aid/pit.asp)

www.aef.org/aid/pit.asp.

The award is sponsored by the Air Force Association and the Aerospace Education Foundation. Prior winners are not eligible.

Winners are announced at the graduation, 3:30 p.m. April 24 in Welch Auditorium.

For more information, call 377-2323 or 2171.

Club scholarships

April 13 is the deadline to apply for six scholarships being offered by the Keesler Spouses Club

High school and home-school seniors and spouses residing in Jackson, Harrison and Hancock counties who are dependents of Keesler active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retirees, deceased members and Defense

Department civilian employees are eligible.

Applications are available at high school counselor offices, Keesler Thrift Shop, McBride Library, the base education office in old Cody Hall, Fishbowl Student Center and online at the KSC Web site, <http://www.keeslerspousesclub.com>.

For more information, call Tiffany Goodwin, scholarship chair, 374-2750.

Drill downs, parades

The 81st Training Group's drill downs are 8 a.m. April 20, 7 a.m. June 15 and Aug. 10, and 8 a.m. Oct. 19.

Student parades are held at 6 p.m. in alternating months — March 22, May 17, July 12, Sept. 20 and Nov. 15.

For more information on

drill downs, call Staff Sgt. Kwame Felton, 377-3245, and for parades, call Tech. Sgt. Kathleen Pasquini, 377-2103.

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.

NEWS AND FEATURES

Supply technician wins award

By 2nd Lt. Nick Plante

Keesler News staff

An 81st Supply Squadron civilian is Air Education and Training Command's supply civilian technician of the year for 2006.

Anita Hayes, 81st SUPS systems management work leader, was recognized for providing outstanding logistics readiness support during the 2006 calendar year, according to Lt. Gen. Dennis Larsen, AETC vice commander.

Among many accomplishments, she helped overhaul report processing procedures, saving 200 man-hours and \$320,000.

She saved another 135 man-hours by reprogramming 326 computers two weeks early.

Ms. Hayes saved an additional 300 man-hours and \$60,000 by developing software to manage equipment custodian accounts.

She helped stock required parts at a 98 percent availability rate, leading to zero mission capable parts requests for aircraft and support equipment.



Ms. Hayes

AFA honors expeditionary medical team

AETC News Service

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The Air Force Association selected "expeditionary medics" for its 2007 AFA Team of the Year award.

Airmen from the medical career field named to the team are:

Col. (Dr.) Jay Johanningman, Denver, Colo., representing Air Force Reserve Command.

Capt. Shaun Westphal, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, Air Education and Training Command.

Master Sgt. Michelle Roots, Minot AFB, N.D., Air Combat Command.

Master Sgt. Kory Rivera, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, Pacific Air Forces Command.

Master Sgt. Faith Elmore, McConnell AFB, Kan., representing the Air National Guard.

Tech. Sgt. Crystal Gomez, Robins AFB, Ga., representing Air Force Materiel Command.

Senior Airman Robert Zuniga II, Sheppard AFB, Texas, representing AETC.

Wing recognizes top performers Friday

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Keesler's top performers are recognized Friday at the 81st Training Wing's annual awards banquet, 6 p.m. in the 403rd Wing's ISO hangar, Building 4247.

Guest speakers for the event are two retired chief master sergeants of the Air Force, Paul Airey and Sam Parish.

They also speak at a wing call, 2:15 p.m. Friday in Welch Auditorium

Nominees are:

Airman — Senior Airmen Sara Johnson, 81st Training Wing; Leonardo Mora, 81st Medical Support Squadron; Nathan Olsen, 81st Training Support Squadron, and Tavares Simpson, 81st Communications Squadron.

Noncommissioned officer — Staff Sgts. Holly Brose, 81st MDSS, and Susan Tennant, 81st Mission Support Squadron, and Tech. Sgts. Quardrick Brumfield, 81st TRW, and Benjamin Smith, 333rd Training Support Squadron.

Senior NCO — Master Sgts. Michael Krejci, 81st Supply Squadron; Nicole Pearson, 81st TRW and Ronnie Tabor, 81st MDSS; and Senior Master Sgt. Nicholas Slater, 81st TRSS.

First sergeant — Master Sgts. John Geboy, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron; Jessica Liebegott, 81st Dental Squadron, and Steven Wise, 335th TRS.

Company grade officer — 1st Lts. Michael Chandler, 81st TRW, and Renee McClennon, 81st MDSS, and Capts. Max Lemons, 335th TRS, and David Mays, 81st Security Forces Squadron.

Field grade officer — Maj. Terri Raines, 338th TRS, and Sam Silverthorne Jr., 81st MDSS.

Entry-level civilian — Jamie Boggs, 81st MDSS; Jack Dupree, 81st CS; Amy Dye, 335 TRS, and John Fox, 81st Comptroller Squadron.

Intermediate-level civilian — Lynnette Biglane, 81st MDSS; James Fuller, 335th TRS; Andrea Hill, 2nd Air Force; Larry McKean, 81st CES, and Barry Newman, 81st TRW.

Senior-level civilian — Leonard Caruso, 335th TRS; Hanna Chang, 81st Mission Support Squadron; Thomas Lipski, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron; Joyce Sloan, 81st CPTS, and Alma Waller, 81st MDSS.

The top members of the Keesler Honor Guard and Airmen Against Drunk Driving are also announced.

IN THE NEWS

Temporary mini-mart opens today

The grand opening of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service's temporary mini-mart is 8:30 a.m. today.

The facility, located on T Street, is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

Bill Buell is manager of the store, which serves customers until a \$40 million base exchange is completed in late 2008, replacing the structure gutted by Hurricane Katrina 18 months ago.

Cell phone restrictions for drivers

It's a primary offense to use a cell phone while driving on base without a hands-free device.

Violators can be stopped and ticketed for this offense by the 81st Security Forces Squadron.

Airman dies in helicopter crash

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — An Airman died Feb. 18 when the coalition CH-47 helicopter he was riding in crashed in eastern Afghanistan.

Tech. Sgt. Scott Duffman, 32, of Albuquerque, N.M., was assigned to the 24th Special Tactics Squadron, Pope Air Force Base, N.C.

An investigation is being conducted to verify the cause of the crash.

Cheating investigation continues

Air Force News Service

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Thirty-nine Air Force Academy cadets have been under investigation for cheating on a Fourth Class Knowledge Test.

Thirty-six cases, 24 of them involving athletes, have been forwarded for further investigation following normal procedures in the cadet honor system. Of the 36, 24 cadets have admitted to cheating, and 12 have denied it. All cases involve only fourth class (freshmen) cadets.

Corps of Engineers, EPA workshop

The Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency co-host a public workshop and hearing March 8 for the environmental impact statements for Gulfport Harbor construction to the federally authorized navigation project and the Gulfport offshore ocean dredged material disposal site designation, Harrison County, Miss.

The event is held at the 19th Street Community Center, 3319 19th Street, Gulfport. An informal public workshop begins at 5 p.m. and the public hearing follows at 6:30.

For more information, call Jennifer Jacobson, (251) 690-2724, or e-mail Jennifer.L.Jacobson@sam.usace.army.mil, or Linda Brown, (251) 694-3786, or e-mail Linda.T.Brown@sam.usace.army.mil. The draft EIS for each project and more information is online at <http://www.usacegulfporttoceaneis.net> and <http://www.usacegulfportnavigationeis.net>.

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 student's actions help save lives, property

By 2nd Lt. Nick Plante

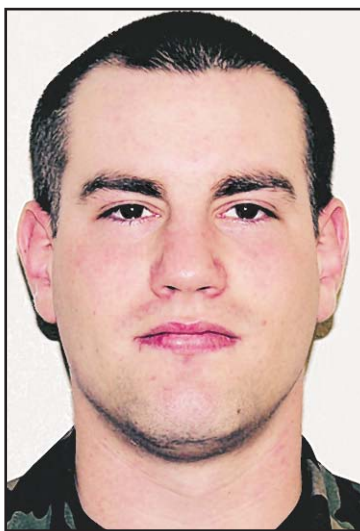
Keesler News staff

The actions of an off-duty Airman from the 332nd Training Squadron helped save lives and property in Alabama recently.

Airman Tony Morris, a precision measurement equipment laboratory student and native of Moline, Ill., helped control a fire that threatened the lives of nearly 22 people and property estimated at over \$1 million in Grand Bay, Ala., Feb. 11.

The Airman and his wife, Tiffany, were driving back to Keesler from Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. They stopped at a Stuckey's Gas Stop and Dairy Queen in Grand Bay.

When they pulled in, Airman Morris witnessed a tractor trailer back into an electrical transformer pole



Airman Morris

and drive off. The transformer ignited a field behind the gas station.

"The field was burning," the Airman recalled. "At first, I thought it was a controlled burn. I looked over and the

transformer was black.

"I went inside and two men were on their way out, so I asked the manager if she had an extinguisher," he said. "She handed me an extinguisher and I ran out and helped. We kept the fire away from the gas station and sprayed it down until the fire department arrived."

Airman Morris said he fought the fire because it was the right thing to do.

"I couldn't have looked at myself afterwards if something would have happened and I didn't do anything to stop it," he said.

"We appreciate what he did to stop the fire," said April Sherlock, assistant manager of Stuckey's.

81st Mission Support Group Awards go to top performers for 2006

By 2nd Lt. Nick Plante

Keesler News staff

The 81st Communications and Mission Support Squadrons topped the 81st Mission Support Group annual awards for 2005 with two winners each.

The complete list of top performers:

Airman — Senior Airman Tavares Simpson, 81st Communications Squadron.

Noncommissioned officer — Staff Sgt.

Susan Tennant, 81st Mission Support Squadron.

Senior NCO — Master Sgt. Mike Krejci, 81st Supply Squadron.

Company grade officer — Capt. David Mays, 81st Security Forces Squadron.

Entry-level civilian — Jack Dupree, 81st CS.

Intermediate-level civilian — Larry McKean, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron.

Senior-level civilian — Hanna Chang, 81st MSS.

81st Comptroller Squadron lands 2 wing staff agency annual awards

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The 81st Comptroller Squadron claimed two 81st Training Wing staff agency annual awards for 2006.

The award winners, who were announced Monday, are:

Airman — Senior Airman

Sara Johnson, command staff.

Noncommissioned officer — Tech. Sgt. Quardrick Brumfield, command chief assistant.

Senior NCO — Master Sgt. Nicole Pearson, protocol office.

Company grade officer — 1st Lt. Michael Chandler, vice

commander's executive officer.

Entry-level civilian — John Fox, 81st CPTS.

Intermediate-level civilian — Barry Newman, sexual assault response coordinator office.

Senior-level civilian — Joyce Sloan, 81st CPTS.

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won't even apply — why would anyone accept a job if there was a possibility of losing it in just a few months?

"You deserve to know what is going to happen," he continued. "You deserve a decision. We want to get normal operations back into your lives."

Keesler announced its tentative decision on Aug. 18, 2005, starting the original 30-day public review period. A tentative cost comparison decision was determined in the base operating support services cost comparison, which affects about 330 civilian and 400 military jobs.

The tentative decision for "Big BOS," which covers civil engineering, supply, services, weather station and certain mission support functions, is to award a contract to DynCorp at a cost of \$280 million over 10 years, with \$56 million in estimated savings.

The tentative cost comparison decision for "Little BOS," which includes most communications functions, is to retain the functions in-house under the government's "most efficient organization" at a cost of \$54 million, nearly \$5 million less than a contractor bid.

The tentative decisions were announced Aug. 18, 2005, and the process was placed on hold after Katrina struck the Mississippi Gulf Coast. During the past year, the Air Force conducted a full analysis and review of the storm's impact on Keesler related to the tentative A-76 decision. The resulting decision was to continue forward.

Another town hall meeting is planned for affected Keesler personnel following the 30-day public review period.

Public review documents are available at <http://www.keesler.af.mil/>.

First Lt. Lisa Kostellic, Keesler Public Affairs, and Susan Griggs, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.

A-76 impact felt by civilians across Keesler

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Civilian personnel officer Lee Hathorn, a briefer at Monday's A-76 town hall meeting, emphasized that the process "reaches out and touches every employee on base."

Mr. Hathorn said a reduction in force is likely to reach outside affected organizations and impact other employees through the bump-and-retreat process, seniority rights and veteran's preference provisions.

The 330 civilian positions affected by the A-76 decision could be lessened by vacant slots and potential retirements.

As of Feb. 5, 36 positions are vacant, 26 people are eligible to retire at age 55 with 30 years service, 12 could retire at 60 with 20 years of service, seven could retire at 62 with five years service, and 99 employees are interested in possible Voluntary Separation Incentive Payments.

Base-wide, 246 people were interested in VSIP buyouts, but they have to occupy slots that could be filled by people impacted by the A-76 study.

Mr. Hathorn said the civilian personnel office will survey base employees again in the near future, since important information may have changed since the last survey was conducted.

The office has an automated telephone line, 377-3935, for civilians to call with A-76 questions. Calls are returned within 24 hours.

"We're working closely with the Air Force Personnel Center to use all regulations and options at our disposal to ensure maximum placement of affected employees," Mr. Hathorn stressed.

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.

Consolidating claims process

Legal office

The Air Force Judge Advocate General Corps is consolidating the processing of certain claims — commonly known as personnel claims — at a single location in Dayton, Ohio.

These claims involve loss or damage during the shipment of household goods and privately-owned vehicles, during storage at government expense and personal property in government quarters or other authorized locations.

Other types of trauma-related claims, such as those resulting from the alleged negligence of a government vehicle driver, continue to be processed at base legal offices.

For personnel claims, the new process enables Air Force employees to file claims online and submit required documents electronically to the Air Force Claims Service Center in Dayton. Employees can complete the process from home after a one-time login on any government computer.

As claims are completed online, employees can get customer service over the Web or from the center by phone. Not only does the online filing system accelerate the processing of claims, it allows for quicker payment.

Defense Department Form 1840/1840R, "Joint Statement of Loss or Damage at Delivery/Notice of Loss and/or Damage," continues to be submitted within 70 days from the date of delivery to the base legal office. After that, the claim is submitted directly to the AFCSC within two years from the date of the incident.

For general information, see the center's public Web site, <http://legalassistance.law.af.mil/claims>, or call the base legal office, 377-3510. To file a claim, go to <https://claims.jag.af.mil>. For questions, call the center, 1-877-754-1212 or DSN 986-8044.

Career job reservations available

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Most first-term Airmen serving in nine Air Force Specialty Codes are now eligible to apply for a career job reservation.

Airmen serving in the 2A0X1D, 2A5X3D, 2E0X1, 2M0X2, 3E0X1, 3E0X2, 3E1X1, 3E2X1 or 3E3X1 AFSCs are granted a career job reservation regardless of their window of eligibility.

Airmen who've already applied for and signed their approved retraining are excluded from this opportunity, according to Air Force Personnel Center officials.

For more information or to apply, eligible Airmen should contact their base military personnel flight. Consideration isn't automatic.

Travel health information

81st Medical Group

The travel medicine clinic at Keesler Medical Center, closed since Hurricane Katrina, is open again.

People planning vacations or permanent change-of-station moves outside the U.S. are encouraged to visit the clinic at least one month before departure.

The clinic staff provides the most current travel health information and determines the immunizations and prophylactic medications required based on destinations, planned activities, length of trips, health history, travel conditions and risks.

Walk-in hours are 8-10 a.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Bring immunization records.

Playing ball safely requires planning

Safety office

Parents should find out if their child's youth baseball or softball league has a safety plan designed to prevent injuries, according to 81st Training Wing safety officials.

"Making it safer for the kids through education, compliance and reporting is what a good safety awareness program is all about," said Howard Parker, 81st Training Wing flight safety manager.

"Reducing injuries to create a safer environment for your league's players, coaches, umpires and fans is a wonderful inducement to gain support for your safety plan with your board and community."

The goal is a safety program which a league can use each year and results in fewer injuries, according to Mr. Howard.

"An example of a good safety plan comes from Little



League Baseball Inc.," he said. "Little league created a network of more than 5,600 safety officers working together on safety.

"Remember, educate everyone involved, comply with all safety rules and guidelines and report and track any and all injuries," Mr. Parker said.

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

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Photos by Kemberly Groue

In Harrison Court, big chunks of concrete debris from Hurricane Katrina demolition in the background are being crushed into sand and small rocks, foreground. American Paving and Asphalt Inc., Lafayette, Ind., began the 70-day project Feb. 5. Not only are the pulverized materials being used for road bases, underground utility fill and underslab foundation fill during base housing construction, but recycling saves money by eliminating the need to send the debris to landfills.

Concrete crushing, new self-help store — different facets of Katrina recovery

Jimmy Williams, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, stocks shelves of the new self-help store with paint and cleaning products Feb. 22. The old store, damaged by Hurricane Katrina and termite infestation, was demolished. A temporary facility with limited services is located at Dock 4 in Building 4002, the supply warehouse. The 81st CES is renovating Building 4039 at the corner of Z Street and Ploesti Drive across from the military gas station for a new self-help store. Fire suppression upgrades continue for the next six weeks before the new facility can open. For more information, call 377-5397, 3572 or 5292.



Families of deployed Airmen sample Mardi Gras magic



Frances Walroth, left, and her 15-year-old daughter, Jenifer, show off their faces painted in Mardi Gras colors of purple, green and gold. Lt. Col. James Walroth, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, is currently deployed to Southwest Asia.



Gretchen Gorline, left, and her 1-year-old son, Andrew, brought a life-size photo of Chaplain (Capt.) Jeremy Gorline to Biloxi's Mardi Gras celebration. Chaplain Gorline has been deployed to Southwest Asia since January.



Eight-year-old SayVon Watkins, left, and his 7-year-old sister, SaVena, wave to riders on floats in Biloxi's Mardi Gras parade, Feb. 20. In the background is their mom, Senior Master Sgt. Nicole Watkins, 336th Training Squadron. Master Sgt. Kyle Watkins is a deployed member of the 85th Engineering Installation Squadron.



Sabrina Byrnes, left, and her 10-year-old son, Damian Moran, reach for beads at the parade. Staff Sgt. Eddie Byrnes is a deployed member of the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron. The airman and family readiness center hosted a cookout for families of Keesler's deployed Airmen, as well as provided transportation to and from the parade.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Above, Ron Bublik from the airman and family readiness center prepares burgers and hot dogs for the cookout.

Left, 1-year-old Andrew Just enjoys his Mardi Gras meal. His dad, Capt. Kelly Just, is a deployed member of the 333rd TRS. His mom, Capt. Mary Just, is a reservist for the National Air and Space Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Major Berry describes cataract procedures to members of the surgical staff Feb. 16.

Medics expand surgical caseload

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler Medical Center has expanded its surgical caseload to include ophthalmic procedures, according to Lt. Col. Barbara Coppedge, operating room flight commander and acting surgery flight commander.

In a recent conference for the surgery staff, Maj. (Dr.) Keith Berry covered the pre-,

intra- and post-operative phases of ophthalmic surgical patients.

Major Berry is director of ophthalmology and refractive surgical services for the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron.

The conference promoted quality patient care through open discussion, education and ongoing communication in preparation for these surgical procedures.

Civil engineer closes career spanning 35 years at Keesler

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

John Michaelis, deputy chief of the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron operations flight, retires Friday with 39 years of service.

"John has been directly responsible for 313 personnel maintaining 1,290 facilities occupying 9.8 million square feet and 3,554 acres of land with a plant replacement value of \$2.7 billion," said Lt. Col. Jeff Szatanek, 81st CES operations flight chief.

"He was personally accountable for the \$3.9 million operations budget, developing financial plans and ensuring the 81st CES met all 81st Training Wing priorities," he continued.

"He was the primary focal point coordinating operations support to more than \$800 million in hurricane recovery projects," the colonel added.

Mr. Michaelis spent two years on active duty at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, before coming to Keesler in 1970 as a telephone cable splicer in the communications squadron.

His civilian career began in 1972, working on Keesler's



Mr. Michaelis

air conditioning systems.

In 1978, Mr. Michaelis was promoted to electronic industrial controls mechanic working on Keesler's first energy management control system. He became a supervisor in 1982.

In 1987, he became responsible for the electronic shop and controls shop and maintenance of the base's heating, ventilation, air conditioning, fire and security systems.

In 1993, Mr. Michaelis began managing EMCS systems operations and serving as the refrigerant manager.

His efforts to incorporate the refrigerant management plan into the HVAC five-year plan and his leadership in the initial implementation of the plan to eliminate ozone-depleting chemicals earned an Air Education and Training Command award.

Mr. Michaelis was chosen as HVAC supervisor in 2001. He's been in his current position for four years.

Mr. Michaelis has received many time-off awards, 16 superior performance awards, two notable achievement awards, a certificate of commendation and the Armed Forces Civilian Service Medal.

"CE is my family away from home and I'll dearly miss them all," Mr. Michaelis said. "I feel for them and the struggle they've had in trying to get past Hurricane Katrina with A-76 looming over their heads.

"I'm proud to have been a member of such a great organization — they're the hardest working group of people I know," he commented.

Mr. Michaelis and his wife, Josie, live in Ocean Springs.

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to give your fair share
during 2007 campaign?

Suppliers win black heritage display contest

The winners of the Feb. 8 organization day contest were announced at the African-American Heritage Committee luncheon Feb. 22.

The 81st Supply Squadron placed first, followed by the 81st Comptroller Squadron and the child development center.

One Black Heritage Month event remains, the sickle cell 5-kilometer run/walk April 12 at Blake Fitness Center. Registration is 6:45 a.m. and the race starts at 7:30. Cost is \$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.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

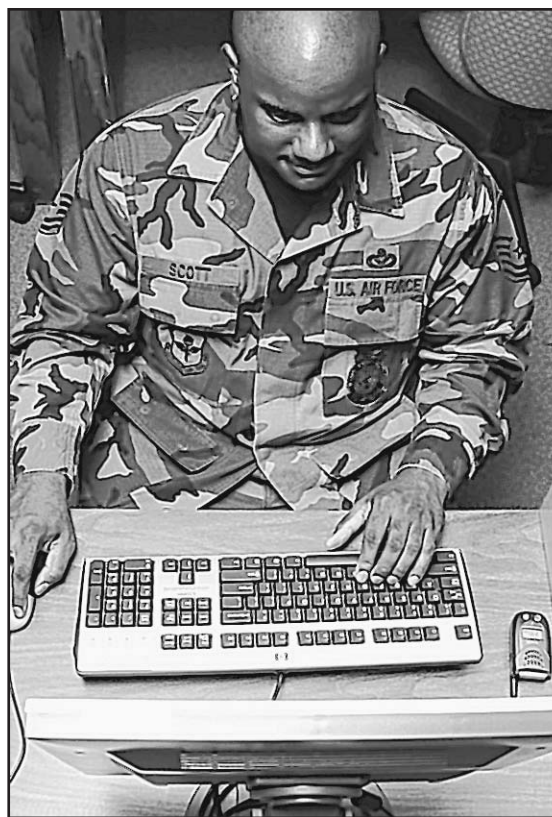
Dennis Thompson, right, of Biloxi, Keesler Gospel Choir director and retiree, leads the choir in the song, "I Want to be Ready." The choir was one of three that performed

Friday at Welch Auditorium. The gospel celebration was organized by Keesler's African-American Heritage Committee in honor of Black Heritage Month.

Computer laboratory now up and running

Master Sgt. Terence Scott, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, tries out one of 12 cable wireless computer laboratory work stations in Room 121, old Cody Hall. The airman and family readiness center facility is open to Keesler and temporary duty personnel, family members and retirees. Hours are 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. working Fridays. The systems can be used for Internet searches, personal e-mail, job searches, resume writing, relocation information and more.

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KEESLER NOTES

Claims closure

The claims office is closed March 16 for training.

Heart Link

Heart Link, a free orientation program for Air Force spouses with five years or less affiliation with the Air Force is 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 22 at the Triangle Chapel Annex.

Limited child care is available by calling Jackie Pope, 377-5346.

To register, call the airman and family readiness center, 377-2179.

Tax office

The tax office is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. working Fridays in Room 234, old Cody Hall.

To ensure a preparers are available to assist with your paperwork, call 377-4454.

Entrance closed

Keesler Medical Center's A-Tower entrance is closed until late March for renovation.

Data disposal

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

Food handler training

Food handler training is required for unit fundraisers involving food, according to base public health officials.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Ronald Miller or Airman 1st Class Daniel Sims, 376-3161 or 3155.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Lady Dragons up in smoke at conference tournament

By Perry Jenifer

Keesler News editor

The Georgians were hot and Keesler was not in the Southeastern Military Athletic Conference women's basketball tournament last weekend.

Host, top seed and defending SEMAC tournament champion Ft. Benning, Ga., marched to a 72-51 victory over the Lady Dragons in the opening round Saturday.

The defeat sent Coach Richard Vincent's team to the losers' bracket, where they faced Moody Air Force Base, Ga., a first-round loser to Eglin AFB, Fla.

Although the final score was closer, 75-68, the result was the same, defeat for the Lady Dragons, and more, elimination from the double-elimination competition.

Ft. Benning secured a second consecutive tournament title by whipping Eglin in the second round, and after Moody eliminated Eglin, making Moody its third straight victim.

Despite the 0-2 showing in the tournament, Vincent sang the praises of his team.

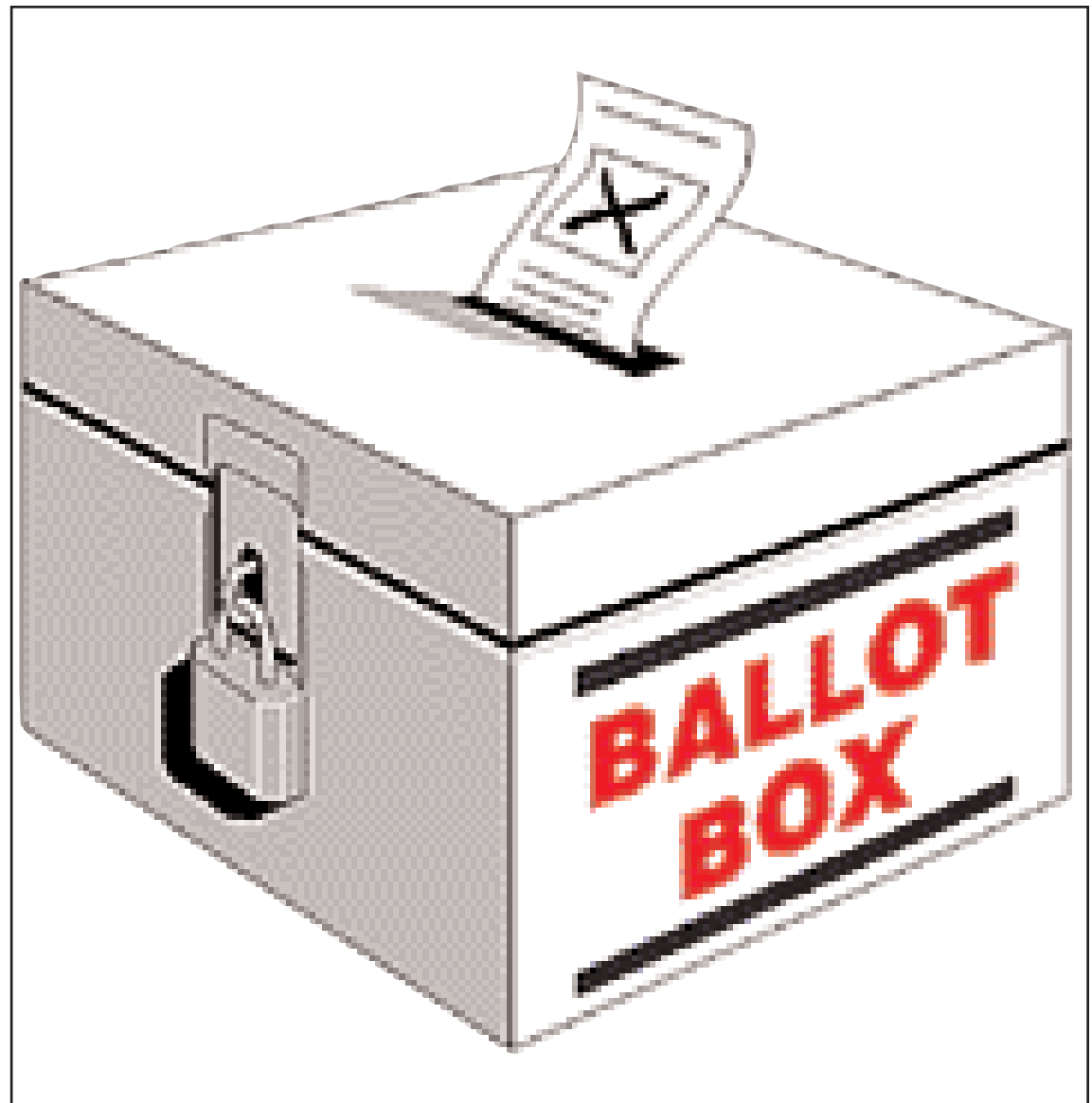
"We started the season slow (0-4), but finished strong to go 8-8 and place third in the SEMAC standings," he said. "That's a tribute to the players' determination to improve and be competitive.

"Things didn't go as well as we would've liked in the tournament, but that takes nothing away from the effort our players gave at Ft. Benning and throughout the season," he added.

Vincent also noted that four Lady Dragons earned SEMAC honors for their performances.

Kisha Ross, who scored 27 points and handed out 20 assists over the weekend, was named to the SEMAC all-tournament team.

Johnise Johnson, Courtney Pollock and Alana Rayon were selected to the SEMAC regular-season all-star team.



SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

Summer leagues — sign up for Monday night three bowlers four games, Thursday morning seniors and Friday night mixed.

Tuesdays — teenagers bowl for \$5. Ten lanes available.

Saturdays — birthday parties available. For information and reservations, call 377-1817.

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

Bowl-a-rama — 5 p.m. to closing Monday-Friday and all day Saturday. Bowl two hours for \$10.95, including shoe rental.

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

Limited bowling — March 31, due to tournament.

League standings

Monday Night Budweiser

(as of Feb. 12)

Team	Won	Lost
Man On!	45	4
Wayne's World	31	18
Slater's Shooters	28	21
Hoop's Gang	26	23
Bam! Bam! Bam!	25	24
Perry's Refrigeration	24	25
Spare Time Pro Shop	24	25
Martini's	19	30
Endangered Species	19	30
Gannon's Cannons	19	30
Wicked Women	14	35
Our Gang	13	36

Tuesday Night Hospital

(as of Feb. 12)

Team	Won	Lost
Team 7	24	8
Team 1	24	8
Spare Ballz	20	12
The Big O	20	12
Scrubs	18	14
Team 2	18	14
Team 5	16	16
Dirty O's	14	18
Juggonauts	4	28
Team 10	2	30

Wednesday Night Mixed

(as of Feb. 21)

Team	Won	Lost
JSOT-B	55	15
MUDD	45	25
WEJUSWANAHAVFUN	41	29
Go Getters	40	30
Select Few	40	30
Bowling Express	36	34
70's Plus	34	36
David's Rejects	34	36
Misfits	31	39
Whatever It Is	31	39
Beef O'Brady's 1	28	42
Gone Fishing	0	0

Tuesday Night Hospital

(as of Feb. 12)

Team	Won	Lost
332 TRS-A	40	16
85 EIS-B	38	18
85 EIS-A	34	22

81 TRSS-A	34	22
332 TRS-B Vicious Pups	32	24
333 TRS-B	30	26
338 TRS-A	30	26
335 TRS-A	28	28
SVS Misfits-A	28	28
81 MSS-A	28	28
81 CES Lite Crew	24	32
81 MDS Dental Demons	22	34
333 TRS-A	16	40
CPTS 5 and Dimes	16	40

Friday Night

(as of Friday)

Team	Won	Lost
That Won Team	45.5	24.5
We'll Think of a Name	42	28
Team 3	39	31
Beef O'Brady's	37	33
Sandbaggers	36	34
I Don't Care	35	35
Team 6	35	35
We Don't Have a Name	33.5	36.5
Pin Pals	32	38
Harry's Team	29	41
Bringing Up the Reer	29	41
Team 12	25	31

Saturday Morning Gold

(as of Feb. 17)

Team	Won	Lost
Team 3	27	15
Team 2	23	19
Team 1	21	21
Aftermath	13	29

Saturday Morning Silver

(as of Feb. 17)

Team	Won	Lost
Splitters	27	15
Strikers	26	16
Bowling Starz	25.5	16.5
All Stars	23.5	18.5
Team 5	18	24
Team 6	6	36

Saturday Morning Bronze

(as of Feb. 17)

Team	Won	Lost
Team 1	18	12
Team 5	15	10
Team 4	17	13
Team 3	15	15
Team 2	11	19
Team 6	2	23

Fitness centers

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 week-

ends; 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

St. Patrick's Day special — wear green March 17 for 10 percent discount on equipment rentals.

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

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

Pontoon boat training — required before rental.

For more information, call 377-3160.

Recreational vehicle, boat and trailer storgae — \$15 per month. Call 377-3180 for details.

Resale area — snacks, beverages, fishing and rental equipment, and Mississippi hunting and fishing licenses available.

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

Running

Wearin' o' the Green 5-kilometer run/walk — 3:30 p.m. March 15, marina park. Top five men and women earn Commander's Trophy points for thier units. Prizes for top finishers in each category.

Sports council

Meeting — April 18. Time, 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

Gymnastics — 4 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 3-5; 5 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 6 and older. \$30 per month for members, \$35 per month for guests.

For more information, call 377-4116.

DIGEST

GRADUATIONS

Airman Leadership School Class 07-2

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Senior Airmen Jose Gonzales-Silva and Solomon Rigsby.

81st Dental Squadron — Senior Airmen Ashley Faust and Marlana Gordon.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Senior Airman Stephanie Brown (distinguished graduate and academic achievement).

81st Medical Support Squadron — Senior Airmen Joseph Asline, Kenya Manning and Michael Southam.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Senior Airmen Latrell Ball and Gary Deckard.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Senior Airman Christopher Billings (leadership award) and Nicholas Swearingin (class commander).

332nd Training Squadron — Senior Airman Jennifer Bosch (Levitow Award).

336th TRS — Senior Airman Dustin Beach.

338th TRS — Senior Airman Elizabeth Smith (class first sergeant).

Keesler NCO Academy Class 07-2

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Tech. Sgt. John Carter.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Jermaine Thomas.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Christopher Bowling (distinguished graduate).

81st Supply Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Jadirra Walls.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Brandon Williams.

81st Training Support Squadron — Tech. Sgts. Richard Maricle and Timothy Van Prooyen.

334th Training Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Michael Hall; Matthew Pope.

335th TRS — Tech. Sgts. Veola Brigman and Brent Main.

336th TRS — Tech. Sgt. Shane Crema.

338th TRS — Tech. Sgts. Billy Landreneau (distinguished graduate) and Matthew Swift.

HONORS

Student honor roll

334th Training Squadron

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Kenneth Campbell, Jason Cruz, Jonathon Giam, Brian Giles, David Martinez and Sean McGinnis; Airmen Jeffrey Matthewsk and Daniel Thaxton; Airmen 1st Class Christopher Dodd, Bradley Eakin and Evan Hume; Staff Sgt. Carlos Henry.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Kathleen Ablang, Shaylan Borah, Wilfredo Mateo, Jennifer Meshaw, Jason Slagle and William Walker; Airman Karrie Conway, Airmen 1st Class Teresa Davis, Robert Evans, Illithia Jefferson, Cassiopeia McMillan, Keisha Mitchell, Senior Airman Shane Burpee, Jason Emrick, James Hudnall, John Moyer and Alicia Webster; Staff Sgts. Shara Evans, Sherry Holmes, Jeffrey Lerohl, Ronnie Stokey, Tiffany Tatum, Jeffrey Tengonciang and Heather Vongrey; Tech. Sgts. James Gamble and Michael Johnson.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Leah Kemalyan, Benjamin Schmidt and Joseph Shiver; Airman Stephen McNeese; Airmen 1st Class Megan Conley, Jessica Criss, Jessica Hicks, Nathan Norvell, John Read, Raymond Rugenstein, Robert Sheldon and Keith Wilson; Tech. Sgt. Steven Bass; Master Sgt. Shannon Defeo.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airmen Basic Matthew Bryan, Matthew Doyle, Christopher Garlington, Andrew Hughes and Dustin Levasseur; Airmen Michael Deaton and Ryan Manecke; Airmen 1st Class Joseph Arenas, Joseph Ciaravino, John McGill and Michael Yaude; Senior Airman Norman Alder; Staff Sgts. Johnathan Herndon and Sheila Larry; Master Sgt. Chad Demro.

Communications and information management flight — Airmen Basic James Burton, Eliezer Falcon, Robert McDermott and Elpidio Villalpando; Airmen 1st Class Arthur Buck, Howard Clay, Robert Ernst, Jaysiel Garcia, Kevin Joslin, Charles Landgraf, Ryan Luedke, Stephanie McCord, Timothy O'Conner, James Schuckenbrock and Jay Vanvranken; Senior Airmen Bren Calpin, Renette Coleman, Christopher Pruett and Daniel Turillo; Staff Sgts. Joseph Doise, Corey Engle, Dennis Maldonado, Jeffrey Melson, Joshua Newlin, Greg Rotert, Marc Shepperson and Byron Stuart; Chief Master Sgt. Mishaal Al-Khammash.

338th TRS

Computer, network, cryptographic and switching systems course — Airmen Basic Jacob Crome, Justin Dadds, Jonathan Echevarria, Michael Garner, Brian Grier, Don Hough, Thomas Hudson, Simon Inoue, Reginald Jackson, Trevor McIntyre, Steven Scogin, Ryan Thomas, Kyle Twidt, Jacob Wilkens and Nakia Williams; Airmen Jarhid Brown, Cody Hartzell, Kenneth Jensen, Cody McGee, Wesley Schairer, Thomas Taylor, Gary Thorn and Austin Weltha; Airmen 1st Class Matthew Andes, Nathan Beer, Ethan Boorum, Clint Chin, Clifford Collins, Randall Conyers, Katherine Galanos, Clarami Gasilos, Jonathan Guagenti, Shelley Heath, Charles Jarvis, Steven Kempker, Aaron Knab, Benjamin Kuhar, Steven Kulak, Christopher Kursor, Michael Lacanilao, Christopher Larson, Alicia Lye, Jonathan Lynch, Timothy Mobley, John Nuttall, Scott Ordway, Benjamin Stevens and Jonathan Tuite; Senior Airmen Aaron Carroll, Lorenzo Miller, Michael Nowaczyk, Carlos Roman and Wilfred Schmidt; Staff Sgts. Jacob Anderson, Michael Corbin, Tom Flores, Ayanaw Hagos, Joshua McLaughlin, Brandon Peasly, Shaun Ripley, Mark Schindlbeck, Jonathan Smith and Dwight Watkins; Tech. Sgt. Stephen Crandell.

Radar systems flight — Airman Charles Boyd; Airman 1st Class Manny Rivera; Senior Airman Osvaldo Figueroa-Lopez; Staff Sgt. James Anderson; Master Sgt. Hong Jeong.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 07-3 — graduates April 5.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 07-3 — graduates April 5.

Airman and family readiness center

Resume writing and job fair preparation — 2 p.m. Wednesday or 8:30 a.m. March 26. To register, call 377-2179.

How to buy a home seminar — 1 p.m. March 20. To register, call 377-2179.

Investing and planning for retirement — 10:30 a.m. Wednesday with representative from USAA Education Foundation. To register, call 377-2179.

Arts and crafts center

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

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SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

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

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30
:01	:31
:02	:32
:04	:34
:06	:36
:08	:38
:09	:39
:11	:41
:12	:42
:13	:43
:14	:44
:15	:45
:16	:46
:17	:47
:18	:48
:19	:49
:20	:50
:21	:51
:22	:52

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

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. Saturday. \$20. A new project each month.

Scrapbooking — 1:30 p.m. Friday. \$10 including supplies. **Beginning pottery** — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$40 including five pounds of clay and firing for three 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. **New stamp card** — pick up card and have it stamped for selected purchases. Redeem filled card for shop specials.

Free hobby classes — 5 p.m. today, basic sewing; March 8, beginning scrapbooking; March 22, beginning ceramics; March 29, beginning ceramic painting and glazing.

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

National Craft Month specials — Saturday, ceramics; March 10, frame shop; March 17, wood shop; March 24, auto hobby shop.

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

Free frame assembly demonstration — 1 p.m. March 10.

Framing discount — place a framing order March 10 and receive 10 percent discount.

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. March 10 and 24. \$20. New project each month.

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

Free craft and hobby show — 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 15. Booths feature new products, projects and available classes; facility tours.

Ceramic painting — 10 a.m. March 17. \$56. Sunsets Duncan technique class.

Cooking with kids for kids — 11 a.m. March 17. \$20. Easy dishes. Children must be accompanied by parent.

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

Advanced pottery — 1-3 p.m. March 24. \$40. Wheel work to fit individual skill levels.

Advanced matting — 5-8 p.m. March 29. \$25. Beginner framing class is prerequisite.

Prize giveaway reception — noon March 30. Cake, punch, drawing for prize winners from each shop.

Parent 'n' me kid's crafting — 11 a.m. March 31. \$15. Decoupage; ages 7 and under need parent involvement.

Auto hobby shop

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

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 — 4-5:30 p.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, ages 2-4.

African-American heritage display — throughout the month.

Orientations — 6:30 p.m. Thursdays. Basic computer use.

Women's History Month — poster and book display throughout the month.

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CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

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

Dance revolution — 6 p.m. Wednesday.

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

Halftime Cafe — closed for renovations.

St. Patrick's Day dance — 6 p.m. March 17. \$3 per person.

American Idol night — 7 p.m. Tuesdays. Watch the TV show and be a judge.

Board game night — 6 p.m. Tuesdays.

Survivor night — 7 p.m. Thursdays. Can you be the ultimate survivor?

Katrina Kantina

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. Saturday. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and \$1 domestic draft beer. Free for Keesler club members; nonmembers pay \$3 at the door.

St. Patrick's Day party — 3:30 p.m. March 15. Beer, brats, corned beef and cabbage.

Thirsty Thursday — 5 p.m. March 29. Cook your own steak. \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers.

Youth center

Torch Club — 4:30 p.m. Monday and March 19, ages 9-12. Leadership programs, activities, community service, fun and friends.

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. Monday, 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.

Smart Girls/TRAIL groups — 2-4:30 p.m. March 10, bowling at Gaudé Lanes.

Parents day out — 1-5 p.m. March 10, 17, 24 and 31.

Free home alone workshop — 5 p.m. March 12, ages 10 and older, accompanied by a parent. Minimum three parent/youth teams. Sign up by March 8.

4-H Club — 5 p.m. March 13, sign up by March 9; and March 27, sign up by March 23. Ages 13-17. Outdoor adventures and community service.

Creative corner — 5 p.m. March 13, ages 9 and older. Make an art project. Sign up by March 8.

Congressional Award program — 5 p.m. March 14, ages 14-21. Achieve personal goals to become eligible for a medal. Sign up by March 9.

Power hour — 4:30-5:30 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, ages 9-12.

FitFactor aerobics — 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, ages 9 and older. Sign up Friday prior to scheduled event.

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.

Trip to New Orleans French Quarter — 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 23. \$25 per person. Sign up and prepay by March 21.

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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 chowder, 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, sausage, peppers and onions, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, carrots, cucumber and onion salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumplings 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, cole slaw, 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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TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Veterans benefits briefing — 1-4 p.m. 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. 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. March 8, April 12, May 3, 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.

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.

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.

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.bluegray.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.

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. 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 — 7 a.m. third Tuesday of the month, Live Oak Dining Hall. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Scott Sippel, 377-2337, or visit the group's Web site, <http://www.afsa652.org>.

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.

Top III — 7:00 a.m. second Wednesday of the month, Live Oak Dining Facility. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Stephen Marotte, 377-6000.

Tuskegee Airmen Inc., Col. Lawrence E. Roberts Chapter — 11 a.m. third Wednesday of the month, Gaude Lanes. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Kirk Jackson, 377-4532 or 424-7915, or e-mail kijack@cablone.net.

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., Stomp the Yard (PG-13, 114 minutes).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Freedom Writers (PG-13, 123 minutes); 6:30 a.m., Smoking Aces (R, 109 minutes).

Sunday — 2 p.m., The Queen (PG-13, 103 minutes).

Air Force Assistance Fund contacts

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81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Master Sgt. Michael Garrett, 377-0338, and Staff Sgt. Anita Pascual, 377-1730.

81st Communications Squadron — Master Sgt. Isaac Brown, 377-4144.

81st Contracting Squadron — Staff Sgt. Kevin Weaver, 377-1813.

81st Dental Squadron — Staff Sgt. Stephanie Smith, 377-4510.

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — Staff Sgt. Craig Hutchinson, 376-3327.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — 1st Lt. Maryann Edwards, 377-9281, and Staff Sgt. Laarni San Agustin, 376-5922.

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81st Mission Support Group — Master Sgt. Lonnie Bacon, 377-1669.

81st Mission Support Squadron — Staff Sgt. Juanita Dukes, 377-2227, and Senior Airman Ashanta Conway, 377-9628.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Master Sgt. Steven Jones-Johnson, 377-8600, and Tech. Sgt. Michael Smith, 377-0959.

81st Services Division — Staff Sgt. Alice Bacon, 377-3680.

81st Supply Squadron — Staff Sgt. Roshunda Jones, 377-3490.

81st Training Group — Capt. Keith Malancon, 377-4219.

81st Training Support Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Sam Parms, 377-2860; Kerry Brann, 377-0027.

81st Training Wing staff agencies — Tech. Sgt. Kat Hat-away, 377-5566.

81st Transportation Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Brian Langley, 377-3009.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Staff Sgt. Sheyney Burkhalter, and Senior Airman Steven Bird, 377-4377.

332nd Training Squadron — Staff Sgts. Kenneth Grasl, 377-0549, and Len Kedrow, 377-0737.

333rd TRS — Capt. Keith Malancon, 377-4219.

334th TRS — Capt. David Clontz, 377-5544.

335th TRS — Tech. Sgt. Asha Gray, 377-0244, and Staff Sgt. Jodi Schmidt, 377-7679.

336th TRS — Senior Airman Vanna Johnson, 377-1780.

338th TRS — Master Sgt. Eric Crawford, 377-1780; Tech. Sgts. Joseph Carello, 377-4177, and John Strickler, 377-0785; and Gary Robinson, 377-5642.

March weather outlook

March, the first month of spring, is one of the wettest non-summer months of the year. A change in the type of frontal systems affecting Keesler usually occurs — those originating in the Pacific Ocean increase, and the cold polar outbreaks and waves on fronts in the Gulf of Mexico will decrease. Squall lines and thunderstorms are common. Fog and stratus are less frequent and temperatures are warmer than in February.

Extreme maximum temperature (F)	90
Mean daily maximum temperature (F)	69
Mean daily minimum temperature (F)	55
Extreme minimum temperature (F)	24
Mean relative humidity (percent)	73
Mean monthly precipitation (inches)	6.33
Mean number of days with precipitation	9
Mean number of days with thunderstorms	6
Maximum 24-hour rainfall (inches)	5.68

Percentage of observations with ceiling less than:

2,000 feet	17.4
1,000 feet	10.9
300 feet	3.5

Percentage of observations with visibility less than:

6 miles	25.9
3 miles	9.8
1 mile	4.2

Percentage of observations with wind:

0-3 knots	27.0
4-10 knots	60.8
11-21 knots	12.0
22 knots or greater	0.2

Base personnel can access radar and satellite data and a general forecast on the local area network in the public folders under 81st OSF Weather.