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## Afghan generals visit training facilities

By Tech. Sgt. Chuck Marsh

Keesler News staff

Several key communications leaders in the Afghan National Army toured Keesler Friday in order to gain an understanding of key areas for their communications training program.

Afghan National Army Maj. Gen. Mehrab Ali, Brig. Gen. Baba Mirza and Col. Said Farooq Yosuf Zai came to Keesler on an information gathering tour to learn about communications equipment in use by Airmen as well as the training methods and living facilities across the base.

General Ali is chief of communications for the general staff at the Ministry of Defense, Kabul, Afghanistan, General Mirza is director of automation and Colonel Zai is director of maintenance operations.

U.S. Army Lt. Col. Scot MacKenzie, chief of the ANA communications division, and Air Force Maj. Martin Rudy, personnel and training mentor, lead a team of advisers to General Ali and his staff and accompanied the general on his tour.

"The Afghan soldiers that Colonel MacKenzie, I and others on our team work with are very anxious to learn," said



Photo by Adam Bond

From left, Tech. Sgt. Joseph Carello and Master Sgt. Edward Rush, 338th Training Squadron, answer questions from Colonel Zai and General Ali about a multiband interteam radio. The radio's small size, software-based structure and interoperability with other military radios make it a valuable asset on the battlefield.

Major Rudy. "They're anxious to adopt new technology and anxious to come into the information age with some of the things we've taken for granted like computers, internet access and IM (instant messaging). The enthusiasm they show for that is an inspiration."

The Afghan soldiers aren't the only ones enthusiastic about the future of communications in the ANA; the general himself is excited at the opportunity to raise the levels of training, equipment maintenance and the quality of life for his troops to higher standards.

"The training here is at a high level and the facilities are also at a high level," said General Ali. "Everything we saw here we will take back to Afghanistan."

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## This week in the Triangle

Aerospace control and warning systems, 9:30 a.m. today, Bryan Hall.

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

Air traffic control-radar, 9 a.m. Monday, Cody Hall.

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

Airfield management, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Cody Hall.

Command post, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Bryan Hall.

Communications-computer systems programming, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Thomson Hall.



### Student numbers

Total students — 3,262  
Non-prior service — 1,895  
Temporary duty — 1,198  
Joint service — 113  
Combat controllers — 22  
Medical — 34  
Non-prior service arrivals — 99  
Guard, Reserve — 699  
International — 37  
FY07 graduates — 10,895  
Total since 1942 — 2,248,867



## Countdown begins for ORI; here's how to prepare now

By Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso

81st Training Wing commander

Are you ready? This week marks the Keesler 150-day warning order for the Air Education and Training Command Operational Readiness Inspection scheduled to begin Aug. 19.

Our goal is simple: to continue our feats of excellence and to receive an "outstanding" ORI rating.

As I reflect over the last 18 months, there is one common ingredient that stands out — our great people who work together to achieve excellence on a daily basis. You continue to set new standards across the Air Force and I can't be prouder of your accomplishments. Our upcoming ORI is just one more opportunity to tell the Keesler story — that you are the best!

To help us stay on track and aid us in our ORI preparations, the wing inspector general has compiled a 150-day countdown checklist. There is a link on the Keesler

### Countdown checklist

Review the 81st Training Wing's 150-day checklist and other key documents on the Keesler private Web site, <https://ikafb/81trw/ORI/index.htm>.

private Web site for you to visit that not only contains the checklist, but several other key documents as well, including links to the ORI preparation handbook and Air Force "best practices."

It also contains links to the ORI reports from two other bases that have previously been visited by the team. Each of these links provides a wealth of knowledge we can use to better our preparations up to the event and on the day your particular sections are graded.

The ORI will validate how well we do our job and test our ability to respond to deployment readiness, emer-

gency management and force protection scenarios. Most of us have, at one time or another, been through these types of inspections and know that preparation is very important. We must be "brilliant in the basics" and continue our efforts in reviewing our procedures and processes, making sure our paperwork is in order, getting familiar with the "Airman's Manual," AFMAN 10-100, and ensuring we are ready to show our capability to meet mission requirements to support the global war on terror.

The 81st Training Wing's journey of excellence is where it is today because of your selfless contributions. You have carried the banner of success not just for yourselves, but also for your families and our communities. You have stayed focused and not only believed in yourself, but in each other. I look forward to the AETC ORI out-brief and celebrating our continued journey of excellence.

## 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, 81st TRW/PA, Keesler AFB, MS 39534-2603, e-mail 81st TRW Commander's Action Line (on-base) or [commanders.line@keesler.af.mil](mailto:commanders.line@keesler.af.mil) (off-base). For a personal response, include your name, address and phone number.

Items of general interest may appear in this column.

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 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  
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# TRAINING AND EDUCATION

## Air traffic controllers manage skies over Iraq

By Maj. Damien Pickart

332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

BALAD Air Base, Iraq — Helping to orchestrate the air power symphony over Iraq are the Airmen of the 727th Expeditionary Air Control Squadron. Known as Kingpin, they turn non-stop air operations into a ground forces' favorite tune — the sound of jets prowling the sky overhead.

Currently manned by the Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., 728th ACS, the 727th EACS is responsible for controlling all aircraft operating inside Iraq's 277,000 square miles of airspace.

During its previous deployment to Balad from May to September 2006, the unit surveyed, identified and controlled more than 166,000 aircraft.

### Kill insurance

"Our 200 Airmen keep all airborne assets arranged and under control so ground forces get the air support they need," said Lt. Col. Frederick DeFranza, 727th EACS commander. "A pilot is concerned about one mission. My Airmen are concerned about every mission, so troops on the ground never have to wonder if their insurance policy in the sky is good."

The heart of Kingpin's operations lies in several mobile operation modules, conex-shaped trailers stuffed with an array of computers and communication equipment chilled to 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

Inside each 'box,' enlisted surveillance and weapons directors and air weapons officers chatter away in a language foreign to the untrained ear, simultaneously directing roughly 40 separate aircraft to multiple headings, altitudes and locations with the eventual goal of providing air support to ground forces.

### Kill boxes

"Thud 35 — approved 88 Alpha Sierra 12 to 15,000 — traffic stacked below you — surface to 10,000 — traffic stacked above 16 to 22,000 — elevator into your blocks and push tactical," rattles off Senior Airman Andrew Labadie, enlisted weapons director.

To bring a semblance of order to the myriad of aircraft over Iraq, the ACS divides the country's airspace into 'kill boxes,' referred to as the common grid reference system. As aircraft launch and exit a ring of airspace surrounding military airfields, they're passed from the military air traffic controllers in the airfield tower



Photo by Maj. Damien Pickart

**Senior Airmen Amanda Hoffman and Rebekka Baker conduct an operational check of a AN/TPS-75 radar system March 9 at Balad AB. They're assigned to the 727th EACS and are deployed from the 728th ACS at Eglin.**

and the combined enroute radar approach control into the hands of Kingpin's controllers.

As new blips appear on dimly illuminated scopes, Kingpin assigns each to a block of airspace to conduct missions such as surveillance or close air support. Other aircraft are shuffled to mate up with tankers or committed to support time-sensitive missions such as troops in contact with enemy forces.

Eyes dart from the scopes to a separate terminal that displays a classified version of a chat room. Snippets of information pop up as a joint terminal air controller embedded with ground forces punches in a request for airpower and supporting organizations confirm and contribute other critical data.

Kingpin controllers scan the air tasking order, cross reference the radar scopes, and determine the weapon configuration and fuel load of the nearest available aircraft. Within seconds, they've cleared the airspace and determined the ideal aircraft to assign to the unfolding drama on the ground.

"We're continuously developing a three-dimensional, real-time picture of the battlespace," said Capt. Stefanie Emery. "Our Airmen build the safety net in the sky that pilots, aircrew and ground forces depend on. It's an incredible team effort."

"It gets a little hairy sometimes, but it's nothing the four of us can't handle," said Airman Labadie.

"Working together in close quarters every day, it sometimes seems as if we can accurately anticipate what we're all going to think and do as a particular situation arises."

The Airmen's faces reflected in the scopes display a calm demeanor in spite of the intense tempo. Their cool judgment and quick decisions are the result of the thorough training that precedes every deployment. It also helps that 45 percent of Kingpin's current Airmen were here only four months ago.

"Many of us just left in September, so the tempo is still fresh," said Senior Master Sgt. Scott Delveau, 727th EACS first sergeant. "It's made a difference in how seamlessly we picked up the baton Mountain Home's 726th ACS handed to us."

With 27 different Air Force specialties, an EACS includes operations, security forces, medics, intelligence, services, supply, satellite communications and an array of maintainers including vehicle, radio, radar, communications, aerospace ground equipment and heating, ventilation and air conditioning, to name a few.

"Our unique composition and mobile nature allows us to pack up and deploy to austere locations," said Maj. Cooper Bowden, maintenance chief. "The ingenuity and diverse skills of our maintainers and support personnel are the driving force that keeps Kingpin moving."

### Air traffic controllers get start at Keesler

For more than 50 years, all Air Force air traffic controllers have begun their training at Keesler.

"During the last fiscal year, we graduated 442 students from the radar course, tower course and combat controllers," said Master Sgt. Ed Curley, air traffic control radar course supervisor in the 334th Training Squadron.

A stroll through the compound reveals Airmen changing Humvee brakes, conducting communication component operational checks, diagnosing ailments in the clinic and enjoying the unit's fitness and recreation centers. These amenities support the Airmen whose job responsibilities often require them to be on a short tether if their skills are needed.

"As important as it is for our controllers to direct aircraft in the skies, it's equally important to the Kingpin mission for an HVAC maintainer to repair an air conditioning system that keeps the controller's equipment operating properly," said Tech. Sgt. Josh Phillips. He's deployed with the 728th ACS for all four of its deployments since 2003.

### Unique requirements

"We have some unique power and voltage requirements," he pointed out. "We might operate outside the box, but the Airmen maintaining our generators and cooling units know how critical they are to keeping those boxes humming. If we didn't do our job, our controllers couldn't do theirs and same for the operators in the sky. The food chain starts with these maintainers and we're proud of what we bring to the fight."

Kingpin's current occupants are looking to improve overall communications and situational awareness of the battlespace with a new battle command and control center that opens in November.

"We know we'll be proudly sporting the Kingpin call sign in eight months, so we're starting the improvements now to reap the benefits when we return," Colonel DeFranza said. "Between the contributions of Mountain Home, Eglin and the 729th ACS from Hill AFB, Utah, Kingpin and its mission are a work in progress each of us leaves a little better off than we inherited it."

## Essay contest worth \$1,000 to military kids

By Carmen Gleason

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — A troop-support group has launched an essay contest to award scholarships to military children in gratitude for the sacrifices they've made while their parents serve the nation.

Homefront America has joined the W. Daniel Tate family and Sara's Hope Foundation for a second year to host a scholarship contest awarding \$1,000 to 25 military children.

The organization is a member of America Supports You, a Defense Department program designed to connect U.S. citizens' support directly to troops and their families.

This year's essay topics focus on patriotic and military themes. Contestants are asked to submit essays on one of four subjects:

**America ...** it's a wonderful country.

**Turning** challenges into opportunities.

**Why I am** proud to be an American.

**My dad/mom ...** my hero.

Essays of up to 500 words are due by April 23. They're judged by independent volunteers based on content, originality, grammar and spelling. Winners are announced in May.

Full instructions and application procedures are available at the Homefront America Web site, <http://www.homefrontamerica.org>.

# AFIT offers distance learning graduate degree

Air Force News Service

WRIGHT-PATTERSON Air Force Base, Ohio — The Air Force Institute of Technology recently achieved two milestones that will help the school move forward into the 21st century and serve the Air Force with greater responsiveness.

This month, AFIT began offering its first distance learning graduate degree program. AFIT has been using DL technologies to offer graduate certificate programs, as well as professional continuing education, for some time.

With this pilot program in systems engineering, it is now possible for military members, Department of Defense civilians and government contractors across the country to earn a master's degree from AFIT without moving to Ohio or leaving their current assignments.

"Students interested in getting a masters degree in systems engineering can do so in any number of ways," said David Jacques, the program's curriculum chair. "What makes our program unique is that it's geared toward the DOD employee. Our faculty uses its extensive military background to create a defense-centered educational experience."

"During their research, our students are encouraged to tackle real-world systems problems found in their workplace,"

## For more information

For more information on distance learning programs offered by the AFIT Graduate School of Engineering and Management, visit <http://www.afit.edu/en/dl>.

said George Mooney, director of the AFIT Center for Systems Engineering. "That way, students can make strides toward obtaining their master's degree while helping the Air Force — more specifically, while helping the student's own organization or company."

"Students who enroll in our master's program may get transferred to another assignment, but they can still keep working on their degree," said Lt. Col. Brian Hermann, an AFIT DL instructor. "I think that's a huge benefit for the military student."

The second AFIT milestone was the recent opening of the graduate school's brand-new DL studio suite. After an interior construction and renovation project, the school installed new equipment in the studio suite to facilitate an expanding distance learning outreach.

"Our goal was to create a flexible tool-

box that faculty members could use to create streamable content, as well as interact in real-time with the distance learning student," said John Reisner, director of AFIT's office of extension services. Previously, the school relied on video-teleconferences to deliver educational content to the remote student.

"We wanted to use technologies that were more versatile and more scalable without sacrificing quality," said Marlin Thomas, dean of the AFIT Graduate School of Engineering and Management. "Our new studios have empowered the faculty to do that."

With a newly-hired staff, the graduate school's extension services office is poised to help the school realize its goal of becoming an increasingly important educational resource for agencies and organizations across the Air Force and DOD.

In January 2007, the AFIT Center for Space Studies and Research began offering the graduate school's second certificate program fully available on-line: the graduate space systems certificate. This recent growth of DL educational opportunities has meant a spike in the numbers of students taking advantage of these programs, and the school is optimistic that this is only the beginning.

# Developmental education program deadlines set

## Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Officers and civilians considering intermediate or senior developmental education in 2008 have until April 13 and May 1, respectively, to submit applications for selection board consideration.

Line officers, chaplains and medical service officers may apply for up to five IDE/SDE programs using the pull-down menus on the Air Force Web-based 3849 available for eligible officers and senior raters via the Air Force Personnel Center Secure Web site.

Officers must be nominated by their senior rater to compete at the functional developmental team and developmental education designation board levels. The senior rater accountability date is Feb. 1, 2007. Nominees must also ensure their transitional officer development plan is current.

The civilian developmental education program includes

both IDE and SDE opportunities for employees in Pay Band 2 (except YB-2) and above and grades GS-12 through 15.

Civilians submit applications through their civilian personnel flights.

They're nominated by their local leadership with endorsement from their chain of command. After receipt by AFPC, applications are forwarded to functional developmental teams for ranking, program validation and identification of follow-on assignments.

Both military and civilian designees are announced in October or November, 2007.

For officer program information, visit [http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/main\\_content.asp?prods1=1&prods2=244&prods3=246&p\\_faqid=6025](http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/main_content.asp?prods1=1&prods2=244&prods3=246&p_faqid=6025)

For civilian program information, visit [http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/main\\_content.asp?prods1=1&prods2=244&prods3=246&p\\_faqid=7845](http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/main_content.asp?prods1=1&prods2=244&prods3=246&p_faqid=7845).

# TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

## Parades, drill downs

The 81st Training Group's student parades are held at 6 p.m. today, May 17, July 12, Sept. 20 and Nov. 15.

Drill downs are 8 a.m. April 20, 7 a.m. June 15 and Aug. 10, and 8 a.m. Oct. 19.

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

## HAZMAT training

Hazardous waste management training is 8-11 a.m. today in Room 254, Wolfe Hall.

## Weapons custodians

For weapons custodian training, call 377-2270.

## Pitsenbarger Award

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

Applications are available in the education office, Room 212, old Cody Hall, or at <http://>

[www.aef.org/aid/pit.asp](http://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.

## Parking lot closure

The parking lot on the southeast side of the Keesler NCO Academy is closed April 3 for drill evaluations.

In case of inclement weather, the lot is open. For more information, call Master Sgt. Rosetta Lee, 377-2740.

## Chiefs aid scholars

The Keesler Chiefs' Group sponsors three scholarships for enlisted personnel seeking their first Community College of the Air Force degree.

Applications are available at the education office or from any permanent party chief master sergeant.

The deadline for applications is April 5.

For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Clarke, 377-1314.

## Club scholarships

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

High school and home-schooled seniors and spouses 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.

## Troops to Teachers

For information on Mississippi Troops to Teachers, call 1-800-MISS-TEACH.

# NEWS AND FEATURES

## Anthrax vaccinations resume

By Steve Pivnick

### 81st Medical Group Public Affairs

With mandatory anthrax vaccinations directed to resume at Keesler by today, the Keesler Medical Center immunizations clinic is medically screening affected personnel, administering the vaccine and ensuring proper documentation.

Twenty-four Keesler Airmen have received anthrax vaccinations since March 1, according to 81st Medical Operations Squadron immunizations flight records.

The recently-resumed anthrax vaccine immunization program mandates that Airmen assigned to high-threat areas — primarily the Central Command area of responsibility and Korean peninsula — receive the anthrax vaccine, while also providing Airmen the choice to continue anthrax vaccines if they aren't assigned to a designated high-threat area.

Col. Richard Pierce, 81st Training Wing vice commander, is Keesler's AVIP team chairperson. He oversees the development of the installation AVIP plan and provides oversight to the program's administrative functions.

In conjunction with Maj. (Dr.) Lynn Vix, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron aeromedical services chief and AVIP medical officer in charge, he also ensures prevaccination education is available to commanders and individuals about the mandatory and voluntary components of the AVIP.

Colonel Pierce stressed that the AVIP's No. 1 concern is individual health and safety.

"The vaccine is safe and effective — it provides protection from anthrax's very real and deadly threat," he emphasized. "The health care community is confident the vaccination offers a layer of protection, in addition to antibiotics and other measures."

Keesler is identifying and educating affected personnel as well as enforcing mandatory vaccinations and supporting voluntary vaccinations in accordance with the Air Force AVIP.



Photo by Steve Pivnick

**Staff Sgt. James Bowden, left, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, prepares to administer anthrax vaccine to Airman 1st Class Kyle Lively, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron.**

### Web sites

**AVIP trifold brochure**  
— <http://www.anthrax.mil/documents/996AvipTrifold.pdf>

**Air Force A3SC anthrax Web site** — [https://www.a3a5.hq.af.mil/a3s/a3sc/CCBRN\\_resource/biological/anthrax/index.asp](https://www.a3a5.hq.af.mil/a3s/a3sc/CCBRN_resource/biological/anthrax/index.asp)

**Military Vaccine Agency Web site** — <http://www.vaccines.army.mil/>

**Military Vaccine Agency anthrax Web site** — <http://www.anthrax.mil/MilitaryVaccine>

**Agency AVIP 2007 Web site** — <http://www.anthrax.mil/whatsnew/resume/mandatoryselect.asp>

The installation deployment officer and military personnel flight are providing the immunizations clinic information regarding all deployments and assignments of uniformed personnel to Korea and CENTCOM's area of responsibility.

Colonel Pierce is confident Keesler will meet its obligations to educate base personnel about the AVIP and ensure all those required to receive the immunization do so.

Less than 10 percent of Keesler members fall under

the mandatory program.

The voluntary aspect involves Airmen who have received at least one anthrax vaccine dose since 1998. Under the new guidelines, they can elect to continue getting the anthrax vaccinations in accordance with the dosing schedule whether or not they are (or will be) assigned to a designated high-threat area.

Unit commanders were tasked to educate all personnel about the resumption of the mandatory AVIP by March 16, including distribution of the AVIP trifold pamphlet and a standard briefing available at the Air Force's AVIP Web site, <https://www.a3a5.hq.af.mil/a3s/a3sc/CCBRN%5Fresource/biological/anthrax/index.asp>.

Because of drill and training schedules, Air Force Reserve Command units unable to meet the implementation timeline are to accomplish required actions as soon as possible.

The Defense Department determined that the Korean peninsula and CENTCOM areas of responsibility pose the highest threat for military forces so they must meet the mandatory anthrax vaccine measures. Also, personnel in designated special mission units, regardless of location, are also subject to mandatory anthrax vaccination.

## IN THE NEWS

### A-Tower entrance remains closed

Due to construction delays, Keesler Medical Center's A-Tower entrance is closed through May for renovation.

### AFAF campaign under way

Keesler's 2007 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign has raised \$25,311 since it began March 1.

That's 51 percent of the base's goal of \$48,913.

For more information, call Capt. Max Lemons, project officer, 377-3703, or your unit representative.

For a list of unit representatives, see Page 27.

### 3 cadets face courts-martial

#### Air Force Print News

**AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo.** — Three cadets have been charged with violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice and face general courts-martial.

**Cadet 1st Class Andrea Taylor** is charged with one violation of Article 112a for wrongful use of a controlled substance (D-Amphetamine). If convicted, she faces a maximum punishment of five years confinement, dismissal from the Air Force and total forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

**Cadet 3rd Class David Watson** is charged with three violations: Article 92, failure to obey an order or regulation; Article 108, damage, destruction or wrongful disposition of U.S. military property; and Article 112a, wrongful use of a controlled substance (D-Amphetamine). If convicted, he faces a maximum punishment of 6 1/2 years confinement, dismissal from the Air Force and total forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

**Cadet 2nd Class Christopher Wolff** is charged with violating Article 134, indecent assault upon a fellow cadet, and two specifications of violating Article 92, failure to obey an order or regulation, by providing alcohol to someone not of legal drinking age and for consuming alcohol while under the legal drinking age. If convicted, he faces a maximum punishment of nine years confinement, dismissal from the Air Force and total forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

The next step in the military legal process is an Article 32 hearing used to determine if there's enough evidence to move the case forward to a court-martial or make recommendations for an alternate action.

Cadet Taylor's Article 32 hearing was scheduled to take place yesterday. Cadet Watson's hearing is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday. A date for Cadet Wolff's hearing is pending.

### 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.



From left, Colonel Zai, General Mirza and General Ali field questions from area media representatives.

## Generals,

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The visit included a mission briefing of the 81st Training Group, tours at the 336th Training Squadron, 333rd TRS, 338th TRS and Foster Manor dormitories and concluded with a press conference attended by area media.

While touring the 338th TRS, the group stopped into several classrooms to view the learning environments and see the equipment on which the Airmen train.

One classroom of special interest to the group was the air support operations room where a Humvee has been assembled in the classroom and various mobile communications equipment is contained. Another room that caught the attention of the group was the supplemental training room where higher level maintenance is taught.

“We showed them the depth of maintenance we perform and how the supply process works for turning equipment in to the depot for repair,” said Master Sgt. Edward Rush, a 338th TRS instructor. “I was surprised at the detail the colonel went into when we discussed the repair cycle and other supply aspects. He was truly interested in that process.”

Sergeant Rush and his team of instructors, most of whom have recent deployment experience, also demonstrated the air expeditionary forces training where students are put in a “deployed” environment and must set up and operate five distinctive communications capabilities.

“There was definitely more pressure with the foreign generals here,” said Airman 1st Class Shane Woolridge, a ground radio student in his final week of training. “It all went together, though, and it was cool to see the different military come through.”

“I was surprised to see foreign generals come to our training area,” said Airman 1st Class Cassandra Martzloff. “I never thought I’d see it. It is interesting though to see how curious they are in our training.”

The plan for the general is to build a communications signal school for the ANA within the next two years. His tour of Keesler’s facilities has helped to determine how to best accomplish this and to see what the rewards can be.

“We are very excited that we saw the training programs and facilities,” said the general. “We like the system of your training — it’s step by step. We will try to do that for Afghanistan. We have the computer networks and satellite communications systems in Afghanistan. Our problem is that those systems were controlled by contractors, but now we want that control for our officers, sergeants and soldiers.”

The general said that currently the ANA communications facilities, capabilities and training are about 50 percent of what the U.S. operates.

“We will go back and work to bring our levels higher than what we have,” the general commented.

He’s positive the soldiers back in Afghanistan will be very receptive of the new ideas they bring back and implement into their training regimen.

“They (ANA communications soldiers) will be happy,” said the general. “They all want to learn, but now there isn’t the capability for training. It is great the U.S. is helping us to learn. You can help bring the highest capability to our army and together we can work for peace in Afghanistan.”

The opportunity to show off the quality of Keesler’s Airmen and training facilities was welcomed by Col. Deborah Van De Ven, 81st TRG commander.

“It’s been fascinating for us to host them,” she said. “It reminds us of the capabilities and people we have and we are very proud to share that with them.”



Photos by Adam Bond

From left, General Ali, General Mirza, Tech. Sgt. Joseph Carello, Colonel Zai and Master Sgt. Edward Rush discuss the features of a 50-foot telescoping mast assembly and capabilities of the UHF omni-directional antenna used for tactical ground-to-air communications. Sergeants Carello and Rush are instructors in the 338th TRS.



# 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.

## EQUAL listing available April 11

### Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing for Airmen returning from overseas and continental U.S. mandatory movers for August through October 2007 is available April 11.

Individuals can update their assignment preferences on the virtual Military Personnel Flight's self-service application. If you encounter problems updating your preferences, call the Air Force Contact Center, DSN 665-5000 or toll-free (800) 616-3775 options 1, 1, 2. Questions can also be addressed through base military personnel flights or commander's support staffs. Assignment preferences must be updated by April 27. If they are selected, Airmen are notified no later than May 15.

Airmen can view the lists on the Assignment Management System accessible via the AFPC home page, under military quick links, or at local MPFs.

## OneSource for information

Military OneSource provides information and resources on a variety of issues ranging from everyday concerns to deployment and reintegration. The service is funded by the Department of Defense and is available to active-duty, Guard and Reserve Airmen and their family members around the clock and 365 days a year. To access Military OneSource, visit <http://www.militaryonesource.com> or call 1-800-707-5784.

## Retirement applications online

### Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Active-duty retirement applications are processed at the Air Force Contact Center.

Members requesting an action related to retirement can log onto the Personal Services Delivery Transformation Web site and click on "retirement package" at <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/psd>.

For more information, check the related link for a tutorial on how to retire online.

## Civilian employment information

### Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Civilian appropriated fund employees and prospective applicants can get answers to questions about employment opportunities, benefits and entitlements online at the Air Force's Customer Service Center.

A database at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cst> includes hundreds of questions and answers. For online inquiries, users who don't find an answer to their specific question can submit a query through the "Ask-A-Question" tab at the top of the page.

## Adoption leave of absence

### Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Airmen adopting children now may be authorized up to 21 days of non-chargeable leave per calendar year.

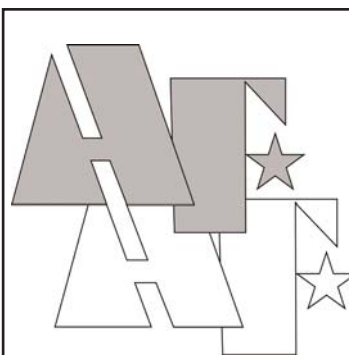
For more information, contact your commander's support staff or call the Air Force Contact Center, 1-800-616-3775, options 1, 2, or DSN 665-5000.

## MyPay item processing

For information on processing pay items through myPay, call the 81st Comptroller Squadron, 377-7272 or 4212.

For a personal identification number for myPay, e-mail TRAVEL@keesler.af.mil from a government computer.

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# Power tool users need safety skills

Safety office

The safe use of power tools is an important skill, but not one to acquire through trial and error.

Operator error is the main cause of painful power tool accidents.

Most mishaps occur when people are tired and not paying attention to the potential hazard at their fingertips. The usual victims are those same fingertips.

It's important to stop using dangerous tools at your first sign of fatigue or boredom. Use of drugs and alcohol are completely incompatible with power tools.

Power tool safety precautions include:

**Before using any tool,** read and follow the manufacturer's instructions.

**Always wear safety glasses** to prevent eye injuries.

**Wear snug-fitting clothes** that allow you to move freely. Loose sleeve cuffs, pants cuffs, scarves, loose long hair, skirts and jewelry can get caught in cutting blades or other moving parts.

**Never alter a tool** or remove safety features such



as grounding pins or blade guards.

**Keep blades on cutting tools** sharpened and handles clean.

**Check for frayed or damaged power cords** before every use.

**Before plugging in any appliance or tool,** make sure that the power switch is in the "off" position.

**Never carry a tool** by the cord or yank on the cord to unplug it, and always disconnect the cord by pulling on the plug and not the wire.

An advertisement for Sparky's Safety Spot. At the top, the word "Sparky's" is written in a large, bold, stylized font. Below it, the words "Safety Spot" are written in a similar font, enclosed in a dark oval. To the right is a cartoon illustration of a dog named Sparky, wearing a fireman's helmet with "SPARKY" written on it and a fire jacket. A speech bubble from Sparky contains the text: "Could you escape if your home caught on fire? Don't bet on it. Tonight, plan and practice a home fire drill with your family." In the bottom left corner, there is a small logo for the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) and the text: "The name and the image of Sparky are registered trademarks of the NFPA".

## Golfing gazebos

Carpenter John McNeely from Apple Construction, Gulfport, works on renovation of the gazebo at Hole 5 of Bay Breeze Golf Course. The course is closed until October while repairs continue in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, which struck Keesler nearly 19 months ago.

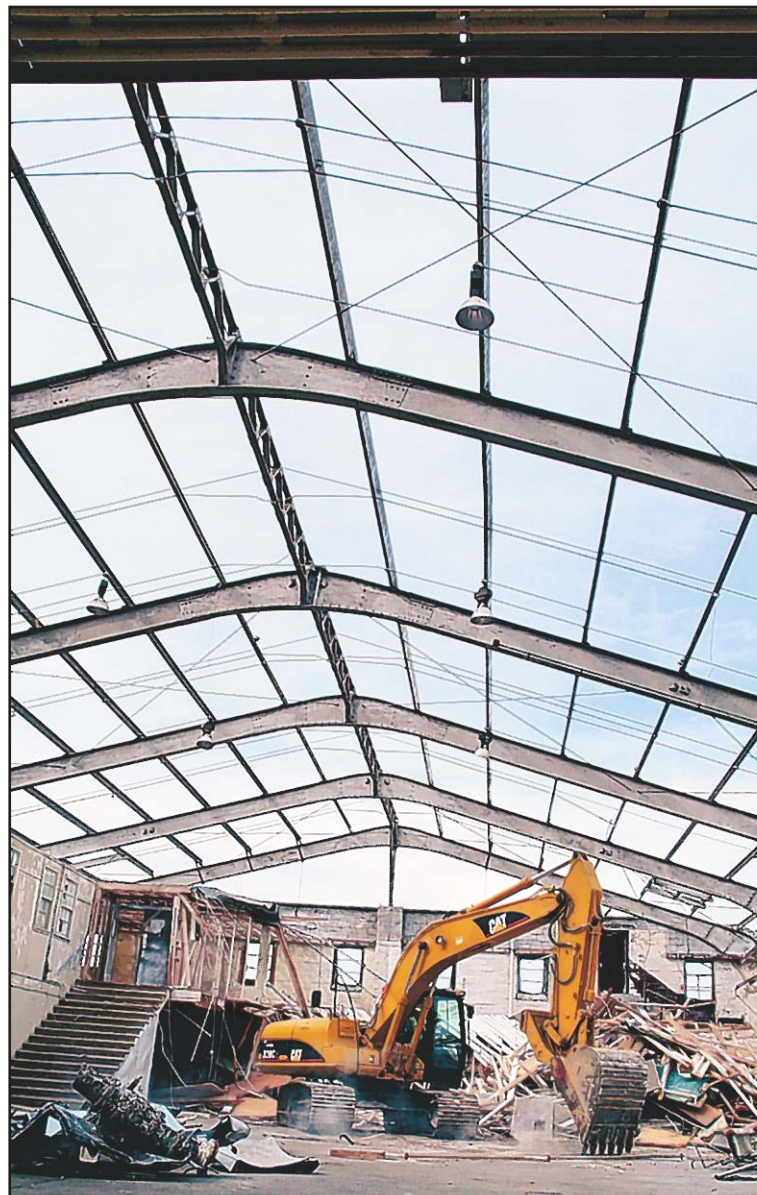
Photo by Kemberly Groue



## Old hangar coming down

Excavator operator Paul Snell of Contaminant Control, Inc. works on demolition of Building 0228, often called the Old Biloxi Hangar. Leveling the structure had been planned for some time, but hurricane damage made it a higher priority. Plans call for constructing the aeromedical port on the site if funding can be secured.

Photo by Adam Bond



## Travel medicine clinic reopens at medical center

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler Medical Center's travel medicine clinic, closed since Hurricane Katrina, has reopened.

The clinic is located in the allergy clinic in the medical center's basement.

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

The 81st Medical Operations Squadron's infectious diseases/travel medicine physician provides the most current travel health information. The physician also determines precisely which immunizations and prophylactic medications travelers need based on their destinations, planned activities, length of trip, health history, travel conditions and risks.

Walk-in clinic hours are 8-10 a.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. No appointment is necessary, but patients are asked to bring their immunization records.

For more information, call 376-3481.



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377-1676.

# Renovation workers earn chaplain's praises



Photo by Kemberly Groue  
Jennifer Hudson from South Gulf Contractor of Florida paints the lobby area at Larcher Chapel.

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Larcher Chapel is the beneficiary of a talented team of craftsmen and a year-end funding surplus.

A \$91,000 renovation project is giving new life to the chapel's annex area which houses offices, a fellowship hall and kitchen.

Chaplain (Col.) David Cote, 81st Training Wing chaplain, is thrilled with the results of the work which began three weeks ago. If things proceed as expected, the work should be finished by Easter.

"The 81st Civil Engineer Squadron has done outstanding renovation work in an amazingly short amount of time," Chaplain Cote said. "The interest on the part of the squadron's commanders and supervisory personnel has been tremendous, and the coordination they initiated with the chaplain service staff was superb.

"I can't give high enough praise to the workers," he continued. "Their precision and great attitude — not to mention speed and lack of clut-

ter, which is essential for a working office — is the best I've ever seen in my Air Force career."

The renovation includes a modernized kitchen, new sheetrock, painting and enhanced classroom and office areas.

"Ceilings, walls, floors, kitchen cabinets, doors — you name it, they took care of it," Chaplain Cote pointed out. "They even cleaned up the whole area on Fridays so that our chapel services could proceed without a hitch on Sundays."

"Our skilled craftsmen are awesome," said Master Sgt. Lonnie Bacon, superintendent of heavy repair for the 81st CES. "Our structural planner, Randy Hodge, and our vertical shop chief, Archie Baum, pulled the plans and people together to make this happen."

"From planning to final implementation, on a scale of 1 to 10, I'd have to give every one of the military, civilians and contractors connected with this project at least a 30," Chaplain Cote commented.

## Shiver or sweat? Systems switch to cooling

### 81st Civil Engineer Squadron

It's "nightmare time" for the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron — one of the two annual periods when facilities are switched back and forth between heating and cooling.

The switchover process should be completed by the end of the month.

The impact to building occupants depends on the type of heating, ventilating and air conditioning system.

Newer buildings have four-pipe systems that can provide both heating and cooling year-round automatically.

Most older facilities have a two-pipe system that can only cool or heat at any one time and must be manually switched.

The two-pipe systems take about eight days to shift from heating to cooling and three days to convert from cooling to heating. The waiting time is required because temperature changes can result in immediate system failure, with damage to compressors, tube ruptures and loss of refrigerant gases. Replacing refrigerant is an expensive proposition and an environmental concern.

The decision to end cool-

### Older pipes, slower switch

Facilities with the older two-pipe systems include Buildings 0823, 2101, 2816, 2901, 2902, 3101, 3709, 3821, 4430, 4431, 7402 and 7502, and dormitories in the 20, 48, 49 and 50 blocks.

ing and implement heating in older buildings has a degree of history and guesswork built into the process, so the change is made as late as possible to minimize inconvenience.

The systems won't be switched back to heating until late fall, so some buildings might be a little cool if there's a period of below-normal temperatures.

The 81st CES works closely with lodging management, the consolidated dorm management office and other affected users to determine the best days for the changeover.

Once units are switched to heating, crews begin equipment maintenance in preparation for the next cooling season.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

**James Grady, quality/training manager for ITT Corp., a contractor serving the 81st Training Support Squadron, wears a “bluetooth” device during cell phone calls while driving on base.**

## Hand-held cellular phones are ‘no-no’ for base drivers

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

How often have you wished that person in front of you would just shut up and drive?

Keesler’s safety chief, Lt. Col. Dave Poage, isn’t the only person who’s been endangered by a person who’s preoccupied with cellular phone use, rather than focusing on driving.

“Since it isn’t illegal yet to ‘talk and drive’ in Mississippi, sometimes we forget that we can’t do it on Keesler,” Colonel Poage pointed out.

Since February 2006, drivers have been prohibited from talking on their cell phones while driving on Air Force installations without a hands-free device. This policy is part of the Department of Defense’s Joint Traffic Guidance included in Air Force Instruction 31-201.

This rule also applies to all government-owned vehicles at all times. GOV drivers aren’t permitted to talk on a cell phone while driving without a hands-free device, on or off base.

Wearing other portable headphones, earphones or listening devices other than hands-free cell phones is also prohibited, because those devices impair driving and prevent recognition of emergency signals, alarms, announcements, approaching vehicles and human speech.

The DOD guidance also notes the potential for driver dis-

tractions such as eating, drinking, operating radios, compact disk players, global positioning equipment and other devices. When possible, these activities should only be done when the vehicle is safely parked.

Using a cell phone while driving on base without a hands-free device is a “primary offense,” so violators can be stopped solely for this offense.

Drivers who violate the cell phone driving restriction are given three assessment points against their driving records or an appropriate fine. If two or more violations are committed, even on a single occasion, a ticket can be given to the driver for each violation.

Statistics on cell phone use by motorists are limited, but a 2002 study by the Harvard Center for Risk Analysis estimated that the use of cell phones by drivers resulted in about 2,600 deaths and 330,000 injuries annually.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says 80 percent of crashes and 65 percent of near crashes are due to driver inattention. The most common cause was cell phone use, followed by drowsiness.

“I’ve made ‘buckle up and shut up’ my personal rule,” Colonel Poage commented. “It keeps me safer driving off base and keeps me legal when I’m on base.”

# 19 Keesler Airmen receive Articles 15 for alcohol offenses

81st Security Forces Squadron  
and Keesler News staff

Nineteen Keesler Airmen received Articles 15 in February for alcohol-related offenses.

All 19 are members of training squadrons — one from the 335th TRS, three each from the 334th TRS and 338th TRS, five from the 332nd TRS and seven from the 336th TRS.

**An airman basic** in the 335th TRS forfeited \$650 pay for two months and was sent to correctional custody for 30 days for underage drinking.

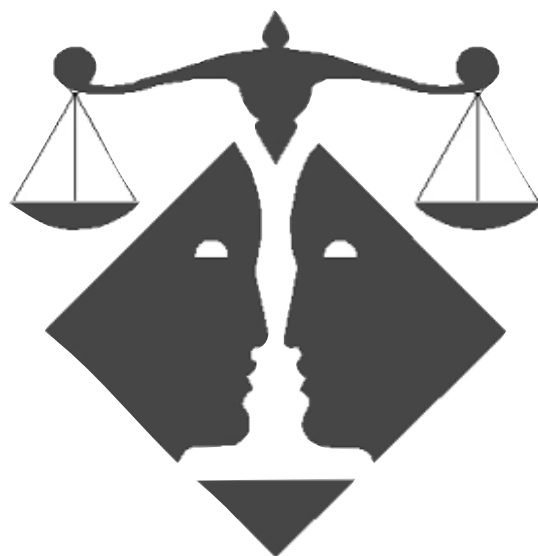
**An airman basic** in the 334th TRS forfeited \$400 pay for one month (suspended for six months) and was sent to correctional custody for 30 days for underage drinking.

**An airman first class** in the 334th TRS was reduced to airman basic, (later changed to airman pending successful completion of a five-month suspension period) for underage drinking and for being drunk and disorderly on station.

**An airman first class** in the 334th TRS was reduced to airman for underage drinking.

**An airman first class and two airmen basic** in the 338th TRS received Articles 15 for underage drinking. The airman first class forfeited \$729 pay for one month. The airmen basic each forfeited \$650 pay for one month and were sent to correctional custody for 30 days.

**An airman and two airmen basic** in the 332nd TRS received Articles 15 for underage drinking. All three forfeited \$650 pay for one month and were sent to correctional custody for 30 days. The airman was reduced to airman basic.



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**Two airmen basic** in the 332nd TRS forfeited \$250 pay for one month for underage drinking.

**An airman basic** in the 336th TRS forfeited \$500 and was sent to correctional custody for 30 days (the correctional custody and one month of forfeiture was suspended for six months) for underage drinking.

**An airman first class** in the 336th TRS forfeited \$650 for two months, was sent to correctional custody for 30 days and was reduced to airman basic for the alcohol-related offenses of disobeying and disrespecting a non-commissioned officer, resisting apprehension, assaulting a law enforcement officer, inflicting bodily harm and being drunk and disorderly on station.

**An airman basic** in the 336th TRS forfeited \$650 for two months for underage drinking and adultery.

**An airman basic** in the 336th TRS forfeited \$500 for two months and was sent to correctional custody for 30

days (the correctional custody and one month of forfeiture were suspended for six months) for underage drinking.

**An airman first class** in the 336th TRS forfeited \$729 pay for two months (suspended for six months) for providing alcohol to minors.

**An airman** in the 336th TRS forfeited \$500 pay for two months, was sent to correctional custody for 30 days and reduced to airman basic (the correctional custody, reduction in rank and one month's forfeiture were suspended for six months) for underage drinking.

**An airman** forfeited \$500 pay for two months and was reduced to airman basic (the reduction in rank was suspended for six months) for underage drinking and fleeing the scene of an accident.

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Brent Richardson, legal officer, and 2nd Lt. Nick Plante, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.

# Chief of staff starts Web feature

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley launched a new Web feature March 14 to tell Airmen what's of special interest to him.

Known as "The Chief's Scope," it's designed to briefly highlight current topics General Moseley feels are important to America's Airmen.

"The issues on my scope are ones that keep me up at night," said General Moseley. "(These are) ones your senior leaders are working to make sure our Airmen are the best organized, trained and equipped military force in the world."

The Chief's Scope, available on Air Force Link's home page, <http://www.af.mil>, will feature a consistently updated listing of topics General Moseley wants to highlight to Airmen.

"I'll use this forum to fire quick bursts of news so you'll know what I am focusing on now, or will be focusing on soon," he explained.

The first set of topics includes the Airman's warfighting ethos, the combat search and rescue mission, the new tanker and several more.



**General Moseley**

General Moseley has written a brief explanation of each topic so Airmen can better understand the issues he's working and why they are important to the Air Force's senior leaders.

The goal is knowledge-enabled Airmen who are informed on the Air Force's key issues and where the service is going.

"I'm excited about the direction our Air Force is heading," said General Moseley. "I'm proud to have you on my wing as we fly, fight and win."



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Maxine Moore, left, and Kristy Smith are cashiers at the Keesler Commissary. Mrs. Moore is married to Army Master Sgt. Shelton Moore, 346th Air Defense Artillery, Camp Shelby. Mrs. Smith's husband, Staff Sgt. Stephen Smith, is assigned to the 81st Dental Squadron.

## DeCA hiring strategies benefit military spouses, family members

By Cherie Huntington

### Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. — With nearly 18,000 employees worldwide, the Defense Commissary Agency offers “a match made in heaven” for military spouses and family members seeking employment.

“Since its inception, DeCA has hired military families throughout all levels of the agency,” said Patrick Nixon, DeCA director and chief executive officer. “In fact, military spouses now represent nearly 30 percent of our workforce.”

“We’re always looking for employees,” commented Gordy Harris, Keesler Commissary director.

DeCA maintains these employment levels by using various recruiting strategies to attract and retain military spouses, Nixon explained. Since the agency recruits on a continuous basis worldwide through the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, military spouses remain a critical source of high-quality employees.

“We worked with the Department of Defense Priority Placement Program, or PPP, to establish the DeCA Family Member Placement Program,” Mr. Nixon noted. “‘Program M’ facilitates the continued employment of current employees at commissaries as their spouses transfer to new duty stations.”

A similar “Program S” for military spouse preference, along with Executive Order 12721, Eligibility of Overseas Employees for Noncompetitive Appointments, provide quick, easy methods to fill nonmanagement positions within the continental U.S. Since many candidates have prior commissary experience, these programs enable DeCA to reduce recruitment time and training costs, retain valuable employees and help ease transition anxieties for the whole family.

“This is a win-win-win situation for DeCA, the military spouse and the taxpayer,” Mr. Nixon emphasized. “Military spouses generally don’t elect additional health and life insurance, and there’s no moving cost involved beyond the service member’s permanent change of station, so the taxpayer gets more bang for the buck invested in the commissary benefit.”

Mr. Nixon pointed out that spouses are hired under local merit promotion announcements as well, and they are afforded promotion, training and career-enhancing opportunities throughout the agency.

“We remain such an integral part of military family life that we can’t help but feel invested in whatever eases the mind of military members as they serve the nation,” he added. “Hiring spouses and family members is just another way for us to serve the needs of our customers.”



## Family fishing trip

The airman and family readiness center is hosting a Back Bay fishing trip for the families of deployed troops, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Pontoon boats and lunch are provided.

For more information, call 377-2593 or 2179.

## Recipe contest

Nutritional medicine sponsors a healthy recipe contest in observance of National Nutrition Month in March.

To enter, e-mail your name, phone number, nutrition facts and recipe to Tech. Sgt. Tammy Pfeifer, tammy.pfeifer@keesler.af.mil, by March 30.

## Commissary closed

The commissary is closed April 8 for Easter.

## Child Pride Day

Child Pride Day is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 14 in marina park.

## Bundles for Babies

A Bundles for Babies class for expectant parents is 9 a.m. to noon May 11.

Participants receive baby items valued at \$75.

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

## Art auction

The Keesler Spouses Club holds a fine art auction, 5:30 p.m. April 28 at the Levitow Training Support Facility.

Proceeds benefit the club's scholarship fund.

Tickets are \$5. Light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar are planned.

For more information or to reply by April 20, go to <http://www.keeslerspousesclub.com> or call 377-3217.

## 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.

## Tax office

The tax office is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. work-

## Volunteers visit veterans

An "Operation Not Forgotten" visit to the Biloxi Veterans Administration Medical Center is 3-5 p.m. Sunday.

Volunteers meet at the center's recreation hall, Building 17, in battle dress uniforms to visit with patients and assist with recreational activities.

The program is sponsored by Air Force Sergeants Association Magnolia Chapter 652.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Tina Nedbalek, 377-5585 or visit the AFSA Web site, <http://www.afsa652.org/volunteer.asp#VA-visit>.

ing Fridays in Room 234, old Cody Hall.

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

## 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.

## Blood drives

To schedule mobile blood drives, call 377-9324.

## Mail delivery

Office mail must be picked up and mailed at Room C8,

Building 0901, 708 Fisher Street between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday and working Fridays.

The deadline for same-day mail and Federal Express is 1:30 p.m.

For more information call 377-4060 or 3292.

## Data disposal

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

## Thrift shop

The thrift shop in the former Chapel One building is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, with consignments accepted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays.

For more information, call 377-3217.

## Inspection stickers

Mississippi law requires all vehicles registered within the state be inspected annually.

A current inspection sticker must be displayed on the lower left corner of the windshield visible from the outside.

Vehicles manufactured before 1961 are exempt.

For more information, call 377-3762.

## Honor guard

The Keesler Honor Guard has openings for officers and senior noncommissioned officers to serve on the Brass Team.

Brass Team members supplement the rotational honor guard and perform details in Mississippi and Louisiana.

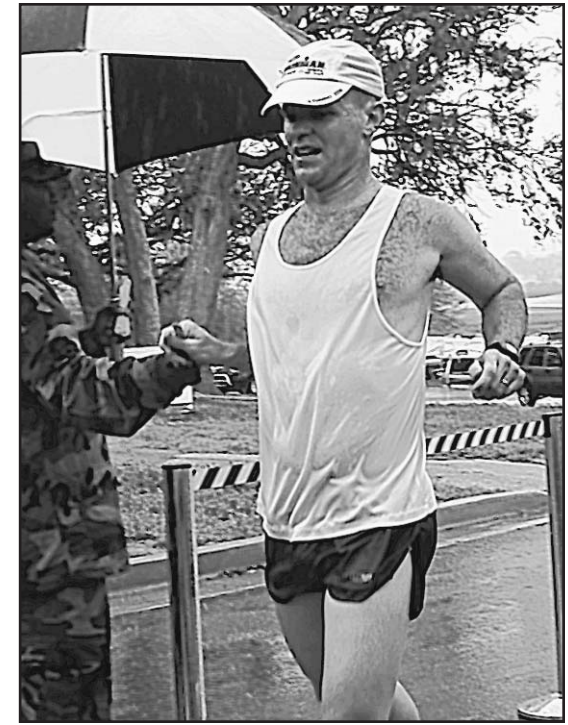
For more information, call 377-1986 or visit <https://www.mil.keesler.af.mil/honor/index.htm>.

## 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.

# SPORTS AND RECREATION



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Jennifer Plante, left, and Max Lemons approach the finish line at the Wearin' o' the Green 5-kilometer run/walk March 15.

## Soggy conditions don't deter Wearing o' the Green racers

By Tech. Sgt. Chuck Marsh

Keesler News staff

The luck of the Irish wasn't on the side of the nearly 100 runners in the annual Wearin' o' the Green 5-kilometer run/walk March 15 as rain began falling moments before the start.

It was, however, on the side of Max Lemons, 81st Training Support Squadron, who led the race at a blistering speed, taking the overall victory with a time of 17 minutes, 44 seconds — two minutes faster than anyone else.

"It's always nice to run well," said Lemons. "It was a good day to run. The weather wasn't as cooperative as I'd have liked, but it was still a good day."

Despite being waterlogged from the rain, the top female finisher, Jennifer Plante, wife of Nick Plante, 81st Training Wing, ended the roughly 3.1-mile race with a time of 21:06.

"It was a bit wet and windy on the course," said Plante, "but I don't feel it really affected my running today."

Both top runners earned medals, commander's trophy points and coupons for two free cook-your-own-steak dinners and a trip on the Keesler Dolphin fishing boat, a \$70 value.

Other results by age group:

**Men 50-plus** — Albert Sanders, 81st Comptroller Squadron, first, time not available.

**Men 40-49** — Nic Slater, 81st TRSS, first, 19:55; Barry Newman, 81st TRW, second, 20:10; Jimmie Rice, 81st TRSS, third, 24:30.

**Men 30-39** — Lemons, 81st TRSS, first,

17:44; Kreig Cressione, 81st Mission Support Squadron, second, 20:59; Keith Berry, 81st MSS, third, 21:48.

**Men 18-29** — Erik Neeman, 335th Training Squadron, first, 20:56; Joseph Pesantes, 338th TRS, second, 22:13; Isaac Harned, 332nd TRS, third, 22:28.

**Women 50-plus** — Earthera Sanders, 81st Medical Group, first, 44:23; Cheryl Moore, 81st Communications Squadron, second, and Shelley Meyers, 335th TRS, third, times not available.

**Women 40-49** — Pamela Jackson, 81st MSS, first, 42:35; Allison Brown, 81st MDG, second, 44:24.

**Women 30-39** — Plante, 81st TRW, first, 21:06; Hillary Johnston, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, second, 24:09; Stacy Isaac, 355th TRS, third, 27:04.

**Women 18-29** — Nicole Dougherty, 335th TRS, first, 22:29; Jen Lepper, 81st AMDS, second, 23:48; Rosa Lopez, 81st TRW, third, 24:39.

For Lemons, the event was a family affair as his wife, Rachel, and 8-year-old son, Breck, the youngest competitor, also ran.

"My family and I do a lot of sports and running together," said Lemons. "Breck enjoys running the 5-Ks and my other son, Garret, prefers running the mile. I'm just very proud of the family's accomplishments and glad to see that they get out there and do it."

The top three in each category earned awards, the top five male and female runners earned commander's trophy points and each participant wear-

# Falcons continue NIT journey

## Air Force Academy Public Affairs

The Air Force Academy Falcons beat Georgia, 83-52, Monday at home in the second round of the National Invitation Tournament.

Air Force has earned 56 wins in its last 58 basketball games at Clune Arena, including 33 straight against non-conference opponents.

The Falcons, 25-8, lead the nation with nine wins by at least 30 points this season. The 25 victories represent an Air Force season record.

With a win Wednesday over DePaul, the Falcons would earn their first berth in the NIT finals at New York City's Madison Square Garden. Scores were unavailable at press time.

## SCORES AND MORE

### Basketball

#### Intramural

##### Eastern Conference (as of March 14)

Team	Won	Lost
81st SUPS/TRANS	4	0
81st MDG	3	0
81st SFS	2	1
2nd Air Force	2	2
336th TRS	1	2
335th TRS	0	3
81st CS	0	4

**March 12** — 81st MDG 53, 336th TRS 29; 81st SUPS/TRANS 36, 81st CS, 31; 2nd Air Force 52, 81st SFS 40.

**March 14** — 2nd Air Force 56, 335th TRS 55; 81st SUPS/TRANS 55, 336th TRS 53; 81st SFS 33, 81st CS 32.

##### Western Conference (as of March 15)

Team	Won	Lost
338th TRS	3	1
81st DS	3	1
81st CES	3	1
81st TRG	2	1
334th TRS	1	2
85th EIS	1	2
Navy	0	3

**March 13** — 334th TRS 44, Navy 33; 81st TRG 36, 81st CES 24; 81st DS 47, 338th TRS 44.

**Thursday** — 81st CES 43, 85th EIS 34; 81st DS 51, Navy 41; 338th TRS 53, 81st TRG 43.

### Bowling

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

**Limited bowling** — March 31.

### League standings

#### Monday Night Budweiser (as of March 12)

Team	Won	Lost
Man On!	56	14
Bam! Bam! Bam!	44	26
Slater's Shooters	41	29
Perry's Refrigeration	39	31
Wayne's World	37	33
Spare Time Pro Shop	36	34
Hoop's Gang	34	36
Martini's	32	38
Gannon's Cannons	30	40
Endangered Species	28	42
Our Gang	27	43
Wicked Women	16	54

#### Tuesday Night Hospital (as of March 13)

Team	Won	Lost
Team 7	38	18
Scrubs	38	18
Dirty O's	36	20
Team 1	34	22
Team 2	34	22

Team 5	32	24
The Big O	32	24
Spare Ballz	22	34
Juggonauts	8	48
Team 10	6	50

#### Wednesday Night Mixed (as of March 14)

Team	Won	Lost
JSOT-B	67	24
MUDD	66	25
WEJUSWANAHAVFUN	55	36
Go Getters	54	37
70's Plus	48	43
Select Few	45	46
Misfits	43	48
Whatever It Is	42	49
Bowling Express	41	50
David's Rejects	38	53
Beef O'Brady's 1	36	53

#### Thursday Night Federal (as of Thursday)

Team	Won	Lost
332th TRS-A	54	26
85th EIS-B	52	28
81 TRSS-A	50	30
85 EIS-A	50	30
332 TRS-B Vicious Pups	48	32
81 CES Lite Crew	40	32
333 TRS-A	44	36
335 TRS-A	44	36
81 MSS-A	38	42
SVS Misfits-A	36	44
338 TRS-A	30	50
CPTS 5 and Dimes	26	54
81 MDS Dental Demons	26	54
333 TRS-B	24	56

#### Friday Night (as of Friday)

Team	Won	Lost
We'll Think of a Name	54	37
That Won Team	53.5	37.5
Sandbaggers	48	43
I Don't Care	47	44
Beef O'Brady's	47	44
Team 6	45	46
We Don't Have a Name	44.5	46.5
Pin Pals	44	47
Harry's Team	44	47
Team 12	42	49
Bringing Up the Reer	41	50
Team 3	36	55

#### Saturday Morning Gold (as of Saturday)

Team	Won	Lost
Team 2	44	26
Team 3	40	30
Team 1	36	34
Aftermath	20	50

#### Saturday Morning Silver (as of Saturday)

Team	Won	Lost
Sonic Strikers	40	30
Bowling Starz	39.5	30.5
Splitters	35	35
Strikers	38.5	31.5
Team 6	15	41
All Stars	28	42

#### Saturday Morning Bronze (as of Saturday)

Team	Won	Lost
Team 4	34	16
Team 1	31	19
Team 5	26	19
Team 3	26	24
Team 2	16	34
Team 6	5	40

### Golf

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

**Bay Breeze driving range** — open 7 a.m. to dusk daily; 30 balls, \$2.

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

### Outdoor recreation

**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 storage** — \$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

**Sickle cell 5-kilometer run/walk** — April 12, Blake Fitness Center; 6:45 a.m. registration, 7 a.m. start. \$10 preregistrants, \$15 race day. Proceeds benefit sickle cell research and treatment. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Maranatty Martin, 377-0552, or Minnie Gray, 377-377-7001.

### Softball

**Coaches needed** — for varsity men's and women's teams. For more information, call Laurence Wilson, 377-2444, after noon.

### Special Olympics

To volunteer for the Mississippi Special Olympics Summer Games, May 16-18, call 377-1676.

For organizations interested in running a concession booth May 19, call Tech. Sgts. Heidi Gygi, 377-4152, or William Irvine, 377-4543, by April 6.

# DIGEST

## GRADUATIONS

### First Term Airmen Center Class 07-5

**81st Civil Engineer Squadron** — Airman 1st Class Jacob Sargent.

**81st Communications Squadron** — Airmen 1st Class Quincy Harris and Renard Jenkins.

**81st Inpatient Operations Squadron** — Airman 1st Class Colin Guzak.

**81st Medical Operations Squadron** — Airman Carla Beltran.

**81st Medical Support Squadron** — Airman Ciara Brown.

**81st Surgical Operations Squadron** — Airman Oruaro Idudhe; Airmen 1st Class Marissa Decker, Sherenda Fausnaugh, Joselynn Fuller and Rhianna Rasheed.

**81st Supply Squadron** — Airman Curtis Nailor; Airman 1st Class Israel Walker.

**81st Transportation Squadron** — Airman 1st Class Aaron Hanson.

## HONORS

### Student honor roll

#### 332nd Training Squadron

**Electronic principles** — Airmen Basic Robert Amirault, Mitchell Arne, Jeffrey Austin, Gregory Brook, Jon Clemenson, Alan Corrales, Joshua Hettinger, Robert Jepson, Jeremy Jones, Matthew Klabunde, Benjamin Lee, Sean Mommerency, Anthony Ralph, John Richardson, Mark Remien, Joseph Rosenstiel, Austin Schibler, Aaron Schumacher, Charles Shepard, Joel Tetreault, Jeremy Vest, Ricky Villar, Harry Walker, Nolan Wemett and Gabriel Wills; Airmen Glynn Furby, Jonathan Gay, Nora Macomber, Jarod Martinez, Zachary Milne, Joshua Pogioli, Michael Ryan, Shea Sanders, Loren Supernaw, William Thoen, David Toler and Matthew Vieira; Airmen 1st Class Justin Apple, Daniel Austin, Chad Balcom, Frank Barnett, Amanda Briggs, Michael Brown, Cody Chiasson, Benjamin Cloud, Beau Dicken, Michael Egler, Marshall Faron, Jeremy Gee, Matthew Harden, Jiles Herron, Daniel Hoffman, Joshua Hofmann, Leigh Kelly, Evan Kurosu, Jonathon Miller, Christopher Raines, William Randolph, Kirk Sefchik, Zachary Sexton, Chadwick Smith, Zakery Tawes, Sean Teegarden, Jesse Terry and Michael Winship; Senior Airmen David Amely, Braid Bishop, Jeremy Bork, Gregory Garcia, Robert Jentsch, Jason Krohn, Carlos Lewin, Christopher Raulerson, Michelle Smith and Regis

Williams; Staff Sgts. Robert Butler, Lesley Carhart, John Cleland, Chunming Dia, Bradford Drake, Robert Higgings, William Hutto, Richard Lundberg, Javier Quintero, James Quiroz, Joel Slaughter, Kevin Smith, Micah Weeks, Justin Weitenbeck and Todd Williams; Tech. Sgts. Fred Chauvin, Gracey Patrick, Bodie Peterson, Richard Potes, Warren Vanvelzer and Adam Witt; Master Sgt. Robert Edgren.

#### 334th TRS

**Air traffic control operations training flight** — Airmen Basic Devon Cross, Brett Nisson, Joshua Saville and Alan Smith; Airmen Benjamin Ayala and Joseph Cooper; Airmen 1st Class Jabob Bring, Nicole Buck, Elizabeth McClure and Johathan Stroud; Staff Sgt. James Trubisky.

**Aviation resource management apprentice course** — Airmen Basic Curtis Bingham, Cassie Holmes, Sterling Lalla, Craig McKay, Tyler Trackwell and Lisa Williams; Airman Kendra Henderson; Airmen 1st Class Orlando Amaro, Josephine Massingill, Joseph Moore, Alison Price, Peter Schueler, Ellen Vangasbeck, Adam Vargas and Brittany Walthall; Senior Airmen Shamekia Boyd, Mike Cacho and James Peterson.

**Command post apprentice course** — Airmen Basic Henry Foreman and Jazzmine VanWinkle; Airmen Gregory Hurd, Jacob Logan and Don Morrell; Airmen 1st Class Jimmie Johnson, Jeffrey Pelc, Jessica Webb and Ezekiel Wieland; Senior Airmen Jonathan Grieme, KC Hayden and Steven Nelms; Staff Sgt. Clarence Miller; Tech. Sgt. Colin Loring; Master Sgt. Clifford Sibley.

#### 335th TRS

**Comptroller training flight** — Airmen Basic Kathleen Abling, David Edwards, Michelle Garcia, Teresa Jordan, Wilfredo Mateo, Ashley Novak, Jeffrey Polser, Jason Slagle and Makenzie Tibbetts; Airman Karrie Conway, Airmen 1st Class Jessy Babcock, Benjamin Forrest, Laprincess Golphin, Flavia Grey, Illithia Jefferson, Jared Martin, Cassiopeia McMillan, Keisha Mitchell, Kashia Morse, Seth Rhow, Emerson Schiess, Daniel Thurston and Anna Zyska; Senior Airmen Alicia Balseiro, Shane Burpee, Jason Emrick, James Hudnall and John Moyer; Staff Sgts. Shara Evans, Ronnie Stokey and Heather Vongrey; Tech. Sgts. Heather Arnold, Terry Dobbs, James Gamble and Kevin Nichols.

**Personnel apprentice course** — Airmen Basic Aysha Hardy, Cerine Lopez and Eric McGovern; Staff Sgts. Mark Bonner, Kelvin Cameron and Roberto Montalvo; Tech. Sgt. Seth Crosby.

**Weather training flight** — Airmen Basic Jana Aydelott, George Jang, John Westlund and Erik White; Navy Airmen Recruit Arrica Borman and Karl Mauk; Airmen Danelle Brown Katelynn Fleegle, Vanessa Gonzales and Ryan Harris; Marine Pfc. Matthew James and Joseph Schroeder; Airmen 1st Class Benjamin Clark, Brandon Greenwaldt, Stacey Mort and Neal Willoughby; Senior Airman James Mehlman; Marine Cpl. Corey Capella and Karter Elliot; Marine Sgts. Mitchell Archbell, Valo Gonzalez and Kevinn Villanueva; Tech. Sgt. Samuel Cole; Master Sgt. Larry Clark.

#### 336th TRS

**Communications-computer systems training flight** — Airmen Basic Matthew Doyle, Evan Ree and Kirk Rogers; Airman Ryan Manecke; Airmen 1st Class John Gill, Dominic Mulley, Mathew Musick and Jonathan Ward; Senior Airmen Norman Alder and Keith Shafer; Staff Sgts. Johnathan Herndon, Nathan Mueller, Eric Sasano and Brian Whitcraft; Tech. Sgts. Cosme Batallas, Michelle Sivertson and Carole Urban; Master Sgts. Chad Demro and John Torres.

**Communications and information management flight** — Airmen Basic James Burton, Krashonda Eiland and Robert McDermott; Airmen 1st Class Arthur Buck, Jaysiel Garcia, Benjamin Harper, Eric Haynie, James Schuckenbrock, Jay VanVranken and Christopher Toney; Senior Airmen Brittany Ansteatt, Bren Calpin and Nadeau Nicolas; Staff Sgts. Amy Hallstrom, Jeffrey Melson, Jason Miller, Troy Morgan, Joshua Newlin, Lakesha Thomas and Maurlen Whitaker; Tech. Sgt. Darla Route.

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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
	332nd TRS, Building 6957
	338th TRS, Building 6965
	Welch Auditorium
	AAFES Furniture Store
	Jones/Bryan/Hewes Hall at gazebo
	Thomson Hall
	New Cody Hall
	Supply, civil engineering
	Rental store
	Shaw House
	Old base exchange
	McBride Library
	Credit union, Blake Fitness Center
	Medical center, Tyer House
	Sablich Center
	Dental clinic
	Allee and Wolfe Halls
	Base operations
	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 Chapel .....9 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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## 338th TRS

**Ground radio apprentice course** — Airmen Basic Justin Cahill, Brian Langner, Cyrus Ramirez and Kaitlyn Salvatore; Airmen Daylin Heer, Michael Korosec and Allen Taylor; Airmen 1st Class Bryan Alder, Jeffrey Boleware, Justin Chafin, Megan Cordova, Daniel Dorazio, Robert Gangwish, Alexis Guidice, Joseph Gustitus, Samuel Hoover, Ladarious Malone, Roxanne Newell, Evan Pollino, Michael Scott, Steve Seibel, Jason Speaker, David Stewart, Edward Toomey, Michael Valentino, and Shane Wooldridge; Senior Airman Matthew Howell.

**Radar systems flight** — Airman Brett Schroder.

## CLASSES

### Airman Leadership School

- Class 07-3** — graduates 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 07-3** — graduates 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.

### Airman and family readiness center

**Resume writing and job fair preparation** — 8:30 a.m. Monday. To register, call 377-2179.

### 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.

**Beginning pottery** — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$40 including five pounds 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.

**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, beginning ceramics; March 29, beginning ceramic painting and glazing.

**National Craft Month specials** — Saturday, auto hobby shop.

**Advanced intarsia** — 10 a.m. Saturday. \$20. New project each month.

**Scrapbooking** — 1:30 p.m. Friday. \$10 including supplies.

**Advanced pottery** — 1-3 p.m. Saturday. \$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 kids 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.

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

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

## CLUBS AND CENTERS

### Vandenberg Community Center

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

**Dance revolution** — 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

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

**Halftime Cafe** — closed for renovations.

**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.

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

### Youth center

**Torch Club** — 4:30 p.m. Monday, 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.

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

**Parents' day out** — 1-5 p.m. Saturday and March 31.

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

**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://wwwmil.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.

## TRANSITIONS

### Workshops, briefings

**Veterans benefits briefing** — 1-4 p.m. 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

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## DINING HALL MENUS

### Today

**Lunch** — pork chops, braised liver with onions, fried fish, hush puppies, rissole potatoes, rice, gravy, broccoli, peas and carrots, corn, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken chili, cheeseburger soup, buffalo wings and roast beef subs.

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

### Friday

**Lunch** — shrimp scampi, beef stew, turkey, egg noodles, rice, gravy, corn on the cob, cauliflower, collard greens, three-bean salad, chicken and wild rice soup, French onion soup, chili, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

**Dinner** — chili macaroni, barbecue chicken, fried catfish, potato wedges, Spanish rice, gravy, fried cabbage, carrots, broccoli, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chicken and wild rice soup, French onion soup, chili, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

### Saturday

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

**Dinner** — baked fish, knockwurst, Chinese five-spice chicken, potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, stir-fry vegetables, baked beans, spinach, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, clam chowder, chili and chicken nuggets.

### Sunday

**Lunch** — oven fried fish, spareribs, chicken breast parmesan, macaroni and cheese, O'Brien potatoes, gravy, peas, sweet potatoes, broccoli combo, German coleslaw, tomato salad, chicken tortilla soup, baked potato chowder, chili and cheese pizza.

**Dinner** — stir-fry beef with broccoli, turkey nuggets, pork chop suey, sauteed mushrooms and onions, baked potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, corn on the cob, green beans, German coleslaw, tomato salad, chicken tortilla soup, baked potato chowder, chili and cheese pizza.

### Monday

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

**Dinner** — spaghetti with meat sauce, loin strip steak, turkey, baked potatoes, pea and pepper rice, gravy, squash, carrots, broccoli, sauteed mushrooms and onions, macaroni salad, cucumber/onion salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone, chili with beans, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

### Tuesday

**Lunch** — teriyaki chicken, veal parmesan, baked fish, rice, parsley buttered potatoes, gravy, fried cabbage, succotash, steamed carrots, macaroni salad, cottage cheese salad, beef pot roast soup, vegetable soup, chicken chili, sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

**Dinner** — country captain chicken, meatloaf, turkey a la king, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, tempura vegetables, mustard greens, okra tomato gumbo, macaroni salad, cottage cheese salad, beef pot roast soup, vegetable soup, chicken chili, sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

### Wednesday

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

**Dinner** — lemon-herb chicken, sweet and sour pork, jambalaya, scalloped potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, Mexican corn, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, chicken noodle soup, cream of potato soup, chili, cheese fishwich and Monte Cristo sandwich.

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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. 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. 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.

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

**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.foats.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](mailto: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.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](mailto:vince@militaryadvantage.com).

**Military Connection** — online resources database for military family members seeking civilian employment at <http://www.militaryconnection.com>.

[www.militaryconnection.com](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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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, Katrina Kantina. For more information, call Master Sgt. Glenda Mosby, 377-0178, or e-mail [gmosby1@bellsouth.net](mailto:gmosby1@bellsouth.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., Hannibal Rising (R, 117 minutes).

**Saturday** — 2 p.m., The Breach (PG-13, 110 minutes); 6:30 p.m., The Messengers (PG-13, 85 minutes).

**Sunday** — 2 p.m., Letters from Iwo Jima (R, 141 minutes).

### Air Force Assistance Fund contacts

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**81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron** — Staff Sgt. David Banks, 377-6545.

**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.

**81st Medical Support Squadron** — Staff Sgts. Michelle Coleman, 376-3050, and William Smitko, 376-4754.

**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 Parns, 377-2860; Kerry Brann, 377-0027.

**81st Training Wing staff agencies** — Master Sgt. Kat Hataway, 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.

## Income tax volunteers

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

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

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