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Day is done

From left, Airman Jounel Caceres, Capt. Tony Phillips and Senior Airman Tomeka Jackson fold the flag during the monthly formal retreat ceremony April 12 in front of 81st Training Wing headquarters. The ceremony was performed by wing staff agencies. Airmen Caceres and Jackson are assigned to the chapel, and Captain Phillips is from the legal office.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

Union, contractor file A-76 appeals

By Susan Griggs
Keesler News staff

Two appeals were filed with Air Education and Training Command concerning Keesler's tentative A-76 decision before the March 30 expiration of the 30-day public review period.

The appeals were announced during a town hall meeting April 12 at Welch Auditorium.

The American Federation of Government Employees Local 2670 is appealing the tentative decision to award DynCorp a 10-year contract at a cost of \$280 million. This part of the package, referred to as "Big BOS," covers base operating support, including civil engineering, supply, services and some mission support functions currently performed by about 562 military and civilian personnel.

RKR Joint Venture is appealing the tentative decision to award the contract for communications functions to the government's "most efficient organization." Communications, referred to as "Little BOS," is currently provided by about 175 military and civilian employees. The 10-year cost is \$54 million.

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This week in the Triangle

- Airfield systems, 9:30 a.m. today, Jones Hall.
- Computer networking cryptographic system, 10 a.m. today, Bryan Hall.
- Airfield management, 10 a.m. Monday, Cody Hall.
- Personnel, 10 a.m. Monday, Wolfe Hall.
- Information management, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Thomson Hall.
- Precision measurement equipment laboratory, 2 p.m. Tuesday, Wolfe Hall.
- Financial management and comptroller, 9 a.m. Wednesday, Wolfe Hall.
- Ground radio communications, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jones Hall.
- Weather forecaster, 10 a.m. Wednesday, weather training complex.



March honor flight

Student numbers

- Total students — 3,169
- Non-prior service — 1,895
- Temporary duty — 1,135
- Joint service — 86
- Combat controllers — 26
- Medical — 27
- Non-prior service arrivals — 117
- Guard, Reserve — 681
- International — 32
- FY07 graduates — 13,224
- Total since 1942 — 2,251,196

World-class medical care goal of surgical services

By Col. (Dr.) Virgil Jefferson

81st Surgical Operations Squadron commander

World-class medical care remains the fundamental goal of the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron.

Since resuming surgical services last August, the number and complexity of procedures have increased significantly. We're excited to offer a broad range of specialties including obstetrics and gynecology, general surgery, orthopedics, dental and oral surgery, endoscopy and most recently, ophthalmology.

Our goal has always been to provide the highest quality health care available to meet the needs of our beneficiaries. Toward that endeavor, we'll add ear, nose and throat, urology, cardiovascular and cardiothoracic specialties as soon as it's safe and feasible.

We also offer a full service pre-admission clinic and same-day surgery unit, fostering ease of use and minimizing time spent in the facility. The pre-admission clinic is an Air Force benchmark and will ultimately offer a

one-stop process for all our pre-admission patients. The same-day surgery unit allows patients to be with their family members up until the time of surgery and immediately after their return from the recovery room. In many same-day procedures, as little as six hours are spent in the facility.

The 81st MSGS is expertly meeting the challenges of today and the future as we build regional coalitions through partnerships and training, as well as develop interchangeable medical teams that can respond and assist each other in emergencies. Our reinstated services fulfill our diverse readiness mission, engaging the full spectrum of operations while providing unsurpassed health care to local beneficiaries.

We're ecstatic about being back in service and increasingly able to meet the surgical needs of our patients and their families. Our vision remains to be ready for war and ceaseless in our efforts to provide unrivaled patient care.

Unsung heroes 'deployed behind'

By Col. Christopher Weggeman

12th Operations Group commander

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — There's a group of unsung heroes who've silently supported our Airmen and our nation as we fight the war on terrorism and whose sacrifice, service and heartache too often go without recognition or respect.

These heroes are the spouses and family members of our warriors who've selflessly created the bedrock from which our nation launches its virtuous defense of our constitutional freedoms.

To all of you I personally say thank you. Most people know the general details of the deployed environment and mission we must endure, but too few words are spoken regarding the absolutely fundamental mission carried out around the clock on our home front by all of those we "deploy behind."

It's their endless love, care, patience and selfless devotion to our families and our country which provides our deployed Airmen the peace of mind, focus and balance needed to excel in their undertakings halfway around the world.

No one has spent endless hours and dollars training our spouses to do what they do every day when deployed behind, holding down our home fronts and accomplishing our family's mission, no matter what. No one solicited

their service or informed them of the trials and tribulations they must endure. Anyone who says, "They're just doing what's expected," hasn't a clue, and more than likely takes the very gifts of freedom our Air Force spouses provide for granted.

In today's environment of fiscal conservatism, recapitalization and off-the-chart operations tempo, one often hears the phrase, "We must do more with less." I submit this phrase applies more to our spouses, deployed behind and forced to support and provide for our families without their proverbial soul mate, sounding board, rock, center, companion, husband, wife, dad or mom home to share in this great experiment we call life.

There are no medals or citations for the sleepless nights spent with sick toddlers or for the courage displayed when consoling the inquisitive minds of young children who ask those incredibly astute, yet emotionally taxing questions about mom or dad's service to our great nation. Their collective strength, resolve and resourcefulness makes our Air Force's expeditionary posture possible.

Their cause is extremely difficult and selfless, and above all else, righteous. They embolden our service and preserve the prosperity of our families and our nation.

They're the unsung heroes of our time.

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

Items of general interest may appear in this column.

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

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Keesler Federal Credit Union — 385-5500
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Airmen and family readiness center — 377-2179
Finance — 377-4212
81st Communications Squadron help desk — 377-0066
Housing — 377-9741
Identification cards — 377-3203
Inspector general — 377-3010
Legal assistance — 377-3510
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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Aerospace control and warning systems training Specialists guide 'good-guy' planes against enemy

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Col. Deborah Van De Ven, 81st Training Group commander, remembers her excitement 34 years ago upon graduating from basic training and learning about her enlisted career field.

"When they told me I was going into aerospace control and warning systems, I still had no idea what I'd be doing for the next four years," she admitted.

34 years later

Now, when she talks to new students headed for training in the same career field in the 334th Training Squadron, she's reminded of her own experience.

"To help them understand, I go back to a description I was taught so many years ago — that air traffic controllers keep the airplanes apart and safe from each other and AC&W specialists actually put them together, controlling the good-guy aircraft against the bad-guy aircraft," Colonel Van De Ven explained.

Training starts at Keesler

The 334th TRS provides the foundation for every AC&W specialist in the Air Force in the 1C5 three-level course. Each year, an average of 187 students, from non-prior service Airmen to cross-trainees, attend the 23-day initial course in Bryan Hall.

AC&W technicians manage and operate systems that include functions involving electronic warfare, surveillance, data link management, identification and weapons control. They provide radar control and monitoring of air weapons during both offensive and defensive air operations.

Among their other duties, AC&W specialists interpret and react to radarscope presentations and generated console displays, and compare



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Instructor Michael Bolstad, left, directs Airman Basic Aaron Wimberley through the steps of surveillance operations at an operator console unit workstation in Bryan Hall.

and report track positions based on flight data or database files.

In addition to gathering, displaying, recording and distributing operational information, they're also responsible for tearing down, loading, unloading and erecting equipment and components.

"When our students leave here, they head for their first assignments," said instructor Pete Martinez. "Later, most go to Luke (Air Force Base, Ariz.) for upgrade training, then back to their units to get more knowledge and experience on the job."

Mr. Martinez, who served as an active-duty AC&W specialist and instructor before becoming a civilian instructor, has seen significant changes in the career field in recent years.

"We've gotten more involved with homeland defense and wartime duties," he observed. "We provide surveillance and identification of any aircraft that comes within U.S. airspace. We also track fighter interceptor aircraft and special mission aircraft from all different services."

Tech. Sgt. Matthew Calvert, instructor supervisor for the seven-member training team, said of the career field mission, "We look deep into the enemy's territory to identify aircraft, and we need to move equipment close to the edge of battle. We deploy into the field, typically in austere conditions, and get those antennas up as high as possible."

Sergeant Calvert said like most technical jobs, AC&W specialists have to be able to follow rules and procedures

carefully. Being able to work well under pressure is another important attribute for the job.

"The high ops tempo of this career can be hard on your personal life," he admitted. "The responsibilities are 24/7. But it's a close-knit career field, and your paths will cross with the same people over the years."

As an example, he noted that as a staff sergeant, Mr. Martinez was his instructor; as a master sergeant, he was his supervisor and now they work together.

"One of the great opportunities that come with commanding a training squadron is the opportunity to influence the quality of Airmen we are sending to the warfighting commands — that goes doubly for the 1C5

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— Colonel Miller

course," said Lt. Col. Richard Miller, 334th TRS commander. "Almost all of our graduates will have a direct role in live combat operations during their first term of enlistment. It's imperative that we produce top quality graduates who not only know their jobs, but are professional Airmen as well."

While at Balad Air Base, Iraq, Colonel Miller was able to tour the AC&W facility.

"The training we provide at Keesler is very realistic, and our instructors and military training leaders are motivated and knowledgeable," he remarked. "They understand the importance of getting it right and I think they hit the mark every single day."

"When you are talking to aircraft engaged in live combat operations, you can't afford to get it wrong," Colonel Miller stressed. "We give them the tools to ensure they get it right."

Academic aces



Airmen 1st Class William Randolph, left, and Daniel Dorazio have completed courses with perfect scores. Airman Randolph, Buckley Air Force Base, Colo., completed the electronic principles course in the 332nd Training Squadron April 11. He's headed to Sheppard AFB, Texas, for electronic warfare systems training. Airman Dorazio completed the 653-hour ground radio communications apprentice course in the 338th TRS April 13. He's the first "perfect student" since the latest version of the course stood up in January 2006. He's assigned to the 914th Communications Squadron, Niagara Falls Air Reserve Base, N.Y.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

CCAF graduation

Community College of the Air Force spring graduation is 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in Welch Auditorium.

The speaker is David Reese, master instructor in the airfield operations officer course for the 334th Training Squadron.

The Keesler Chiefs Group, Air Force Association and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University award scholarships.

A reception in Vandenberg Community Center follows the graduation.

For more information, call the education office, 377-2323 or 2171.

Parades, drill downs

The 81st Training Group's student parades are May 17, July 12, Sept. 20 and Nov. 15.

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

For more information on parades, call Staff Sgt. Kwame Felton, 377-3245, and for drill downs, call Tech. Sgt. Steven Joyce, 377-2737.

Degree plans

The education office is required to examine the degree plans for all active-duty service members requesting tuition assistance.

Tuition assistance requests must be approved before the start of classes.

For more information, call 377-2323.

Civilian tuition aid

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

Courses must be related to

the Air Force mission.

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

Mandatory training

The legal office provides mandatory annual homosexual policy training for military and civilian supervisors, commanders and law enforcement officials.

Training is 9 a.m. June 12, Aug. 14, Oct. 9 and Dec. 11 in Wolfe Hall.

For more information, call 377-3510.

Weapons custodians

For weapons custodian training, call 377-2270.

Supply classes

To schedule a general supply class, call 377-2270.

Virtual education

The Air Force Virtual Education Center has been transferred to the Air Force Portal.

To access AFVEC, use the AFVEC URL, <https://afvec.langley.af.mil>, or go directly to the Air Force Portal, <https://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod/>. Use your Air Force Portal user identification and password to log on. First-time users are prompted to re-register some of their profile information and then are taken directly into their AFVEC profile.

Embry-Riddle online

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University offers online undergraduate courses beginning on the 15th of each month.

Certificates/minors offered include occupational safety and health, logistics, management

and intelligence and security.

Graduate programs include master of aeronautical science and masters of science in management. Terms begin in March, May, July, August, September and November.

Terms are 12 weeks for undergraduate online courses and 15 weeks for graduate online courses.

For more information, visit Room 217, old Cody Hall or call 377-4271.

Weapons training

Weapons training is conducted by 81st Security Forces Squadron officials at Camp Keller in Woolmarket.

The range is for government weapons only and is not for recreational use.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Barry Hardy, 377-3354.

NEWS AND FEATURES

National disaster managers recognize Keesler medics

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Two 81st Medical Group medical readiness members, Capt. Pamela Brown-Grayson and Master Sgt. Wayne Hanes, won the National Disaster Management System's 2006 Outstanding Achievement Award for Exceptional Service.

"Sergeant Hanes, Federal Coordinating Center coordinator, and Captain Brown-Grayson, FCC team chief for one of eight Air Force FCC hospitals, expertly rebuilt the 81st Training Wing FCC after Hurricane Katrina," said Col. Anthony Lonigro, 81st MDG administrator. "They initiated a \$167,000 emergency-response trailer purchase to ready Keesler for any area Defense Department or civilian disaster."

The pair established memorandums of understanding with 25 NDMS hospitals, securing 1,362 beds. They manage and maintain peacetime and wartime contingency readiness for the Air Force's largest medical group.

"Captain Brown-Grayson taught herself and the entire



Captain Brown-Grayson

Keesler FCC team to use the TRACE2S, the Air Force's patient tracking system," Colonel Lonigro pointed out. "Her knowledge was beneficial in validating Keesler Medical Center's specialty capabilities by assigning 150 specialties in the system.

"Sergeant Hanes quantified 12-bed status reports, ensuring the southeast region's availability to accept patients," the colonel continued. "He trained the FCC team on a variety of issues and created a FCC help page which hyperlinks files with directions from patient



Sergeant Hanes

reception areas to partnering hospitals."

Sergeant Hanes and Captain Brown-Grayson, members of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Area Healthcare Executives, coordinated the first post-Katrina table and field exercises for Keesler initial responders and AMR, the area ambulance service.

They distributed emergency resource guides to 25 hospitals within three states disseminated more than 50 CDs about Lifesaver, the largest national homeland defense exercise to date involving nine states and more than 7,000 participants.

Lab tech earns national honor

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Meleta Hand, a medical laboratory technician with the 81st Medical Operations Squadron clinical laboratory flight, is ADVANCE for Medical Laboratory Professionals magazine's National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week Laboratorian of the Year.

Nominees were judged on leadership abilities, making a difference in the workplace, excellent job performance, commitment to ongoing professional development, contributing to the profession and demonstrating genuine passion for the profession.



Ms. Hand

Ms. Hand "is the backbone of our core laboratory department," said Master Sgt. Kelly Vernon, noncommissioned

officer in charge of laboratory operations. "Although her specialty is hematology, she serves as a consultant to lab supervisors and medical staff who rely on her vast knowledge and expertise of cell morphology.

"She performs real-time repair on instrumentation valued at more than \$2 million and efficiently diverts workflow to back-up analyzers to allow efficient, accurate and timely delivery of patient results," Sergeant Vernon continued. "She's instrumental in the lab's quality control program and displays exceptional leadership abilities."

She's worked in the lab since 1992.

IN THE NEWS

AFAF campaign exceeds goal

Keesler's six-week Air Force Assistance Fund campaign, which officially ended April 12, raised \$80,267.

The amount represents 164 percent of the goal of \$48,913.

Keesler gains 3 new captains

Three first lieutenants at Keesler have been selected for promotion during the 2006D captain selection process.

Those selected are:

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — John Fowler.

Legal office — Thomas Finley and David Redmond.

The Air Force selected 103 of the 104 officers considered.

Alcohol Awareness Month events

Today — distribution of message cards at the gates at the close of business.

Friday — Obstacle course using a golf cart and driving-under-the-influence goggles, 1-3 p.m., Vandenberg Community Center.

AETC 'family days'

The "family days" for 2007 designated by Gen. William Looney III, commander of Air Education and Training Command, are July 5, Nov. 23 and Dec. 26.

Cell phone restrictions for drivers

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

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

Car tag tax exemption

Legal office

Active-duty members of all branches of the service are exempt from paying the ad valorem tax imposed on Mississippi residents when they purchase a car tag.

To qualify, members must not be Mississippi residents, must have their name on the vehicle's title and must be assigned for duty in the state. Each vehicle must be registered in the member's county of residence annually.

To receive a tax exemption form, which is good for 30 days, active-duty members bring their military identification card and a leave and earning statement to the legal office. Spouses need an ID card, power of attorney and the active-duty member's LES.

For more information, call 377-3510.

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.

To avoid sexual violence, be alert, take charge

Editor's note: This is the third in a series of four articles in conjunction with the observance of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Trust your gut.

That's just one suggestion that Liz Waters gives to people she meets as Keesler's sexual assault response coordinator.

"It's up to all of us to stop sexual violence, and there are many things individuals can do to reach this goal," she said.

Other recommendations:

If you don't feel comfortable in a situation, leave.

Take charge of your own life. Don't put yourself in situations where you have to rely on other people to take care of you.

When on a date, don't feel that you "owe" that person anything.

Be assertive. Respect yourself enough not to do anything you don't want to do.

Be cautious about inviting someone into your home or going into someone else's home. Three out of five sexual assaults occur in the victim's home or the home of an acquaintance.

When going out with someone new, you don't have

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Sexual Assault Awareness Month events:

Wednesday — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., information booth, mini-mall.

April 25 — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., information booth, Keesler Medical Center outpatient entrance.

All month — sexual assault and child abuse awareness and prevention display, McBride Library.

to be alone. Go on a group date or meet in a public place.

Don't mix sexual decisions with drugs and alcohol. Your ability to make smart decisions is hampered when you're high or drunk.

Be aware of date rape drugs. Don't accept beverages from open containers, and don't leave your drink unattended.

Walk near the curb and avoid passing near shrubbery, dark doorways or other concealed places.

Avoid falling for lines like "If you loved me ...". If people respect you, they respect your feelings and wait until you're ready.

Use only well-lit entrances. If you notice an entrance without adequate lighting, notify your landlord or a maintenance person.

Avoid people who don't listen to you, ignore personal space boundaries, make you feel guilty or accuse you of being "uptight" for resisting sexual advances, express sexist attitudes and jokes, or act jealous or possessive.

Communicate. Think about what you really want before you get into a sexual situation, and communicate clearly with your partner. If you're getting mixed messages, ask your date about expectations.

Don't make assumptions when it comes to sexual contact.

Separate desire from action.

Remember that no means no.

Next week: Actions to take if an assault occurs.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

In addition to working with victims of sexual assault, Ms. Waters and her staff conduct annual employee training, classes for first responders and victim advocates, training for personnel scheduled for overseas SARC duties, student briefings and joint training with other installations and community groups.

Commercial Activities Program.

The review team addresses discrepancies, errors or omissions to ensure the cost comparison reflects the correct outcome for the government, regardless of whether the final decision favors the contractor or the MEO.

"No final decision can be made until all appeals are resolved," Mr. Mooers pointed out. "If, for some reason, an error was made during the process leading up to the tentative decision, then that would have to be addressed and fixed before a final decision can be made."

According to AFI 38-203, until the process is completed and a final cost comparison is determined, appeals may not be released under the Freedom of Information Act.

Editor runner-up for Air Force journalist award

Perry Jenifer, editor of the Keesler News, placed second in the print journalist of the year category of the 2006 Air Force Media Contest.

Mr. Jenifer placed first in this category at Air Force in 2001. He's been named print journalist of the year for AETC four times and runner-up twice.

Since he became editor in 1985, Mr. Jenifer has won 32 individual Air Force and AETC awards, and the Keesler News has won 149 Defense Department, Air Force and AETC awards.



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PERSONNEL NOTES

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

Recognition for civilians

Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON — The Defense Civilian Personnel Data System can now reflect Air Force unit awards, according to Air Force Manpower and Personnel.

Prior to March 30, civilian employees who received unit awards such as the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Force Organizational Excellence Award and Air Force Chief of Staff Team Excellence Award were unable to have these awards reflected in their official personnel files.

The DCPDS has been updated to include these awards so that civilians who earned them can be recognized for their contributions to their units.

For more information, contact local civilian personnel offices.

VSP application deadline extended

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The deadline for the officer Voluntary Separation Pay application has been extended to May 31.

Previously the deadline was March 31. Since the 2007 goal for officer separations hasn't been met, the application filing window has been extended, according to Brig. Gen. K. C. McClain, director of force management policy.

Eligibility criteria remains unchanged, including the no-later-than separation date of Sept. 29 for most officers who take part in the program, and Jan. 29 for officers who earned their commission between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31, 2001.

For more information, call the Air Force Personnel Center, 1-800-616-3775, or visit <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil>.

Emergency data cards

Airmen are required to designate one immediate family member as the person authorized to direct disposition of their remains should they become a casualty.

The designation becomes part of the member's record of emergency data. Most Airmen add the information to their virtual RED through the virtual military personnel flight.

Deployed personnel contact their personnel support for contingency operations team to update their records.

For more information, call the Air Force Contact Center, 1-800-616-3775.

Force shaping preparations

In preparation for the next officer force-shaping board in the spring, officers are encouraged to check their education levels in the virtual military personnel flight.

To correct errors, e-mail Air Force Institute of Technology's Academic Coding Branch, afit.coding@afit.edu, or send an official transcript from the college or university to AFIT Academic Coding Branch, 2950 Hobson Way, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433-7765.

Temporary duty travel tips

81st Transportation Squadron

Traveling on temporary duty doesn't require orders to make reservations.

It's recommended that travelers contact the passenger service office as soon as they know about official travel requirements.

Travelers must have airline tickets to board flights. Passenger standby services are for emergency situations only, not for customers who neglected to pick up their tickets. It's the customer's responsibility to pick up tickets before leaving on official travel.

The Government Travel Card is mandatory for purchase of airline tickets.

Lightning kills, safety shields

More than 100 people die each year in the U.S. from lightning, with almost 75 percent of the deaths occurring in the summer.

To avoid being hit by lightning during a thunderstorm, the National Weather Service recommends:

Follow the “30-30” rule — take shelter immediately when the flash-to-bang interval (time between lightning and thunder) is less than 30 seconds, which means the lightning is within six miles. Then wait 30 minutes after the last thunderclap or flash before going outside.

Stay indoors and away from windows. Unplug televisions, computers and other appliances.

If you’re far from a building, — hop into a non-convertible automobile and avoid contact with anything metal in the vehicle.

Hang up the telephone — unless it’s an emergency.

Don’t be the tallest object in the area — don’t stand on a hilltop, in an open field or on the beach.

Steer clear of open water — better yet, stay out of



water, which is an excellent conductor of electricity. Even indoors, don’t take a bath or a shower until the storm has passed.

Don’t hold metal objects like golf clubs — metal is another good conductor of electricity. Stay off railroad tracks, which can carry lightning charges for long distances.

Never stand under a natural lightning rod, — like a tall, isolated tree in an open area. Likewise, avoid poles, antennae and towers. Most lightning victims are killed while seeking shelter under a tree.

New EPR includes instant feedback

Air Force News Agency

LAJES FIELD, Azores — A new enlisted performance report is in the works.

The top enlisted Airman discussed it during a recent stop in Lajes Field.

“I think it’s going to be much better than the one we presently have,” said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney McKinley.

“We’re just trying to improve it so we don’t have to spend so much time writing it,” the chief said. “That way we have more factual stuff in there.”

The new EPR has several advantages to it, including a mechanism for instant feedback.

“Now on the new (EPR) you’re going to sign for it before it goes in,” Chief McKinley said, “so you’ll know exactly what you’re going to be getting from the very beginning.”

Physical fitness is also measured on the new EPR. Supervisors rate whether Airmen meet fitness standards, fail to meet standards or are exempt.

“Physical fitness is a big part of our Air Force, and having this on the EPR and being evaluated as such is very important,” Chief McKinley said.

Along with the new EPR, the Air Force is developing a new performance feedback to aid Airmen in developing their careers.

“The front sheet of the performance feedback looks exactly like the front sheet of the EPR,” Chief McKinley said.

“Doing an EPR and doing a good EPR starts with doing a quality performance feedback to our Airmen,” the chief added.

The new EPR becomes effective this summer.

Women's History Month: 3 events planned on base

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Three events are planned by Keesler's Federal Women's Committee in observance of Women's History Month.

The federal women's luncheon is 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Triangle Chapel Annex. Darlys Alford, associate professor of psychology at the University of Southern Mississippi, is the guest speaker.

Monday is the deadline to purchase \$13 tickets for the fried chicken and barbecue ribs buffet from 1st Lt. Mishaun Johnson, 377-7251, or Paulette Powell, 377-2270.

A "take our daughters and sons to work day" program is 1 p.m. April 26 at the Triangle Chapel Annex. Until 2:30 p.m., the program focuses on reaching dreams and

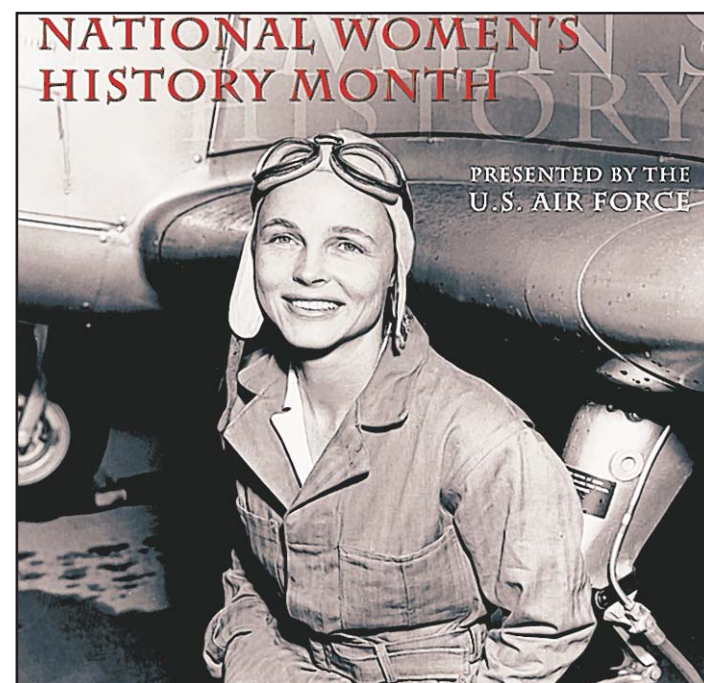


goals, parenting guidelines, tips for children on respect and obedience and communication techniques. From 2:30-3:30 p.m. are games, activities, costumed characters and a space walk.

A women's health workshop is 10 a.m. to noon April 30 at the health and wellness

center. Briefings, handouts, guidebooks and displays are available, and an exercise physiologist and dietician are on hand to answer questions or provide information.

For more information, call Pamela Tunstall, chairperson, 377-4210.



Betty Huyler Gillies (1908-1998) was the first pilot to qualify for the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron, a predecessor of the Women Airforce Service Pilots. When she entered the WAFS in 1942, she had 14 years and 1,400 hours of flying experience. The next year, she became the first woman to fly the Republic P-47 Thunderbolt. Since the P-47 was a single-seat aircraft, it was her first solo flight. In 1943, she and Nancy Love qualified as first pilots, or aircraft commanders, on Boeing B-17s.

New Air Force e-mail policy targets security



Air Force photo

Identity protection is another feature of the new encryption and digital signing policy.

By Josh Aycock

Air Combat Command Public Affairs
LANGLEY Air Force Base, Va. — A new Air Force policy on encrypting and digitally signing e-mails is now in effect to ensure security and reliability of information as the battle for cyberspace dominance continues.

Officially called the Air Force Public Key Infrastructure Policy on Encrypting and Digitally Signing E-mails, it's designed to combat adversaries' growing attempts at network infiltration and sending barrages of malicious e-mails.

Protecting identity

PKI is not simply a program. It's a combination of hardware, software, policies and procedures that allows users to securely send and receive e-mails. Every user has a personal identity on the Air Force network and now has the ability to protect their identity.

Defense Department networks sustain up to six million attacks per day, said Lt. Gen. Charles Croom Jr., director of the Defense Information Systems Agency and commander of the Joint Task Force-Global Network Operations, in a speech given at the 2007 Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association SpaceComm conference.

A digital signature is the same as a signature on a piece of paper; both are legally binding. Digital signatures also assure the recipient of the sender's identity and reaffirm that an e-mail remains unaltered through transmission.

Provides assurance

Message encryption assures the sender that only the intended recipient has the ability to receive and read the message.

"Increased threats and changes in mission needs resulted in our senior leaders recently modifying the Air Force mission to include cyberspace as a viable domain in which to fight and win," said Col. Daniel Blaettler, the

Cryptologic Systems Group commander at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. "PKI is integral to defending our networks against those threats."

Both digital signature and e-mail encryption are readily available tools and mandatory for network users when conducting official Air Force business through electronic means. The policy defines the criteria when these tools should be used.

Examples of when to use a digital signature include formal direction to a government employee or contractor, messages that stipulate an Air Force official position on any matter and messages that commit to, authorize or deny the use of funds in some manner, according to the policy.

Encrypting e-mail

In addition to being digitally signed, e-mail messages that contain sensitive, but unclassified, information or mission critical information should also be encrypted with the PKI certificates to ensure confidentiality, according to the policy. Examples include e-mails containing for official use only information, Privacy Act Information or personally identifiable information.

"These are powerful, readily available tools everyone can use to ensure vital Air Force information infrastructure and operations are secure," Colonel Blaettler said.

Cultural change

Operational security can now be practiced by every user with a click of the mouse. After composing a sensitive e-mail, users can click on either or both the digitally sign or encrypt e-mail icons located on the e-mail message toolbar in Microsoft Outlook.

"Digital signature and encryption is not just a change in technology; it is a change in culture," said James Pinder, Air Combat Command's core services manager.

For more information on how and when to use PKI, visit the PKI Web site, <https://afpki.lackland.af.mil/html/awareness.asp>.

New decoration recognizes 'direct fighting situations'

By Staff Sgt. J.G. Buzanowski

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force Personnel Center officials released criteria this week for award of the new Combat Action Medal.

The medal is for Airmen who've been involved in "direct fighting situations" where they risked their lives in an engagement.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley authorized the medal March 15.

Any Airman who believes he may be eligible can submit an award package for consideration. The first approval of the medal is expected within the next few weeks, according to John Balducci, chief of Air Force recognition programs.

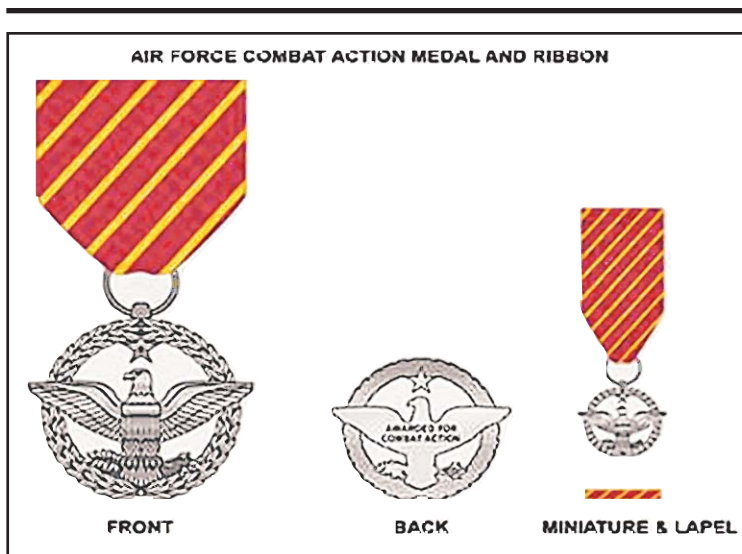
Airmen are eligible for the medal "if their primary role includes performing duties in a combat zone, either on the ground or from the air, by entering into an unsecured area away from an established installation," Mr. Balducci said. "While performing their duties, they must have come under fire or fire upon an enemy to qualify."

A combat zone is defined as a geographic area for which an Airman receives imminent danger/hostile fire pay.

In addition, while encampments, compounds and protected areas aren't normally qualifying locations for the medal, Airmen augmenting a defensive fighting position could be eligible should they meet the award criteria, Mr. Balducci said.

Aircrew members must be flying in direct support of a combat zone and in combat. They also must be performing official duties and not manifested as passengers. While performing close air support, taking fire from an enemy isn't a prerequisite as long as the Airman is at "great risk," Mr. Balducci said.

"For Airmen still on active duty who believe they may be eligible for the medal, their



"While performing their duties, they must have come under fire or fire upon an enemy to qualify."

— Mr. Balducci

submission must include a narrative explanation of circumstances on an Air Force Form 3994 describing the event, to include date, time, location and incident details, as well as witness statements," Mr. Balducci said. "That package should be submitted to the first O-6 (colonel) in their operational chain of command, who will submit it to the commander of Air Force forces."

Award eligibility is retroactive to Sept. 11, 2001, through a date to be determined and is available across the total force. Personnel no longer on active duty can submit packages to the Board for Correction of Military Records. This applies to posthumous awards as well, Mr. Balducci said.

The medal comes with some restrictions. For example, only one can be awarded during a qualifying period, and for now, Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom count as one eligible

time frame. There are no promotion points for the medal. However, events that garner the medal also can be referenced for other decorations, Mr. Balducci said.

The medal is worn between the Air Force Achievement Medal and the Air Force Presidential Unit Citation.

The medal is designed to evoke Air Force heritage, scarlet with diagonal yellow stripes. It's adapted from the art insignia on the aircraft of Gen. Billy Mitchell, who coordinated the first air-to-ground offensive in history. The medal features an eagle grasping arrows in one talon and an olive branch in the other, with the eagle facing the arrows, reflecting preparedness for war, while the olive branch represents a goal of peace, according to official Air Force wear guidance.

For more information, contact local military personnel flights or call the Air Force Contact Center, DSN 665-5000 or 1-800-616-3775.



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Audiologist Jimmy Pittman, 81st AMDS, left, shows Tech. Sgt. Nackeesia Holmes a state-of-the-art digital hearing aid in the audiology clinic. She's assigned to the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron.

Can you hear me now? Audiology clinic back in pre-Katrina site

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

The audiology clinic is open and providing both audiology and hearing aid services in the basement of Keesler Medical Center.

The clinic was forced out of the basement by Hurricane Katrina. First, it moved to the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Biloxi, and last August, to the first floor of the base facility.

According to Capt. David Eisenach, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron audiology flight commander, active-duty military and their dependents may receive hearing aids at no cost.

All eligible retired military may obtain hearing aids at manufacturer's cost. However, dependents of military retirees currently are ineligible to par-

For a list of military facilities
which have the program
and those that don't,
visit

<http://www.militaryaudiology.org/rachap/state.html>

ticipate in this program. The captain noted this is a savings of about 80 percent compared to hearing aids purchased commercially, or around a \$2,000 savings per device.

"All the hearing aids we dispense are the latest technology from the world's best hearing aid manufacturers," Captain Eisenach commented. "Keesler, Ft. Rucker, Ala., and Ft.

Gordon and Ft. Stewart in Georgia are the only military facilities in the southeast (Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama and Florida), offering hearing aid purchase programs for retirees."

Anyone needing either audiology or hearing aid services, call the medical center's central appointment line, 1-800-700-8603.

A 3- to 5-minute steady tone on the base siren
is a tornado warning
— take cover.

Keep children safe, healthy — 5 ways to help at Keesler

By Paula Tracy

81st Medical Operations Squadron

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, more than 900,000 children are victims of abuse or neglect annually.

Four children die every day as a result of child abuse. Seventy-nine percent of these are under the age of 4. About 79 percent of the perpetrators are the child's own parents.

Research supports that it's far less resource-draining to focus on strengthening families and supporting parents than to respond to a family already in crisis. In addition, parents who have access to resources and support are more likely to provide safe and loving homes for their kids.

Conversely, a lack of these critical supports can cause otherwise well-intentioned parents to make choices that can lead to neglect or abuse.

Parenting is one of the toughest and most important jobs a person will ever do and all have a stake in ensuring that parents have the tools and support they need to be successful.

Some things individuals can do to help keep Keesler's kids safe and healthy:

Reach out. Introduce yourself to your neighbors and get to know them. Be an accepting, nonjudgmental listener to the parents and children you know and make sure they understand they can call on you if they need help or are under stress. Give of your time, energy, and donations to support the Keesler programs that serve children and families.

Raise the issue. The normal human reaction is to deny or minimize the possibility that child abuse could possibly happen in the Air Force. So, first, hard as it might be, face the fact that it does occur and in Air Force neighborhoods. Once this has been accepted, learn about the issues of most concern within the community and share this knowledge with

family and friends. Know which political officials pledge support for programs that support children and families, and consider voting for them.

Remember the risk factors. Under the right circumstances, any parent can become overwhelmed by the constant demands of parenting. There are known factors that increase the risk of abuse, including abusing alcohol or drugs, difficulty managing anger or stress, the strains of job, money or housing problems or having been raised in an abusive home. Tell friends and neighbors about base programs designed to help alleviate the stressful impact of military life. Invite those who might benefit to attend.

Recognize the warning signs. Children are unique — for every personality type there's an opposite one. However, when it comes to signs of abuse, there are a few that seem consistent across the board, such as any sudden, extreme behavior changes or any unexplained or recurrent injuries or bruises, especially those that the child seems embarrassed about or tries to hide. Kids who are being mistreated at home also often exhibit nervousness around adults and may avoid social contact for fear of being "found out."

Report suspected abuse or neglect. If you suspect mistreatment is occurring, take action. According to Air Force Instruction 40-301, any concerns of family mistreatment must be reported to the appropriate agencies. Reports of suspected abuse can be made to family advocacy, 376-3459, or the Department of Human Services, 1-800-222-8000. Both agencies are committed to making sure the reporter's identity remains anonymous.

For more information, call family advocacy, 376-3457.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Justin Goodrich

Staff Sgt. Tobi Erskine gives a caller information about the new claims process. In the past, base legal offices handled all moving claims. Now, the new claims Web site is expected to decrease that number drastically.

Property claims go online

By Airman 1st Class Michael Williams

Detachment 8, Air Force News Agency

AVIANO Air Base, Italy — Sometimes people find some of their personal belongings have been lost or damaged after a move. In the past, lost and damaged goods claims have gone through base legal offices, but now Airmen can log onto the Air Force claims Web site and handle the process electronically.

Airmen can use the Web site to file claims for vehicle damage as well as lost or damaged goods.

Instead of base legal offices handling the process, all claims will go to the Air Force Claims Service Center in Dayton, Ohio. The service center operates 24/7 and is equipped to receive claims via the Internet, fax and mail.

With the one-time common access card

login, Airmen can monitor their claims online and have a better sense of when they will receive their money.

The new online process will be easy for Airmen who already handle most personal matters online because, “now they can do it themselves,” said Airman Jienelle Arevalo, Aviano Air Base Legal Office claims paralegal.

“There is no need to make appointments, because you can do it whenever you want,” she said. “This is a better process because all claims will be handled at one central location by a team of claims experts.”

The claims process gives base legal offices time to focus on other duties because the Web site provides Airmen a better, more streamlined way to collect money for their damages.

For more information visit, <http://legalassistance.law.af.mil/claims/>.

Keesler on the Web:

<http://www.keesler.af.mil>

Drawing blood for warriors



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Falena Bivins, left, Keesler Blood Donor Center contractor, prepares to draw blood from Maj. Aldwin Estrellado, 81st Training Wing executive officer. The blood collected Friday by the 81st Mission Support Squadron-sponsored drive is sent to the Armed Service Blood Program.

KEESLER NOTES

Fish fry

A fish fry lunch sale is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the marina.

Cost for catfish nuggets, baked beans and potato salad is \$6.

The event is cosponsored by the African-American Heritage Committee and Henry Beck Lodge 307.

Block party

A block party is 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday in the Bay Ridge housing area.

Adoption seminar

An adoption options seminar is 5:15 p.m. Tuesday at the Triangle Chapel annex.

The seminar is conducted by the airman and family readiness center.

Refreshments are provided.

To sign up, call 377-5990 or e-mail sandra.brzovic@keesler.af.mil.

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 Friday, go to <http://www.keeslerspousesclub.com> or call 377-3217.

Operation Hero

The next Operation Hero is 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 28.

To register children by the Wednesday deadline, call the airman and family readiness center, 377-2893 or 2179.

Entrance closed

Due to construction delays, Keesler Medical Center's A-Tower entrance is closed until early July.

Vet clinic hours

New hours for the veterinary clinic are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

For an appointment, call 376-7495.

Vehicle decals

Base decals and expiration stickers are no longer issued Air Force-wide.

People may remove and destroy the decals and stickers

on their vehicles, according to 81st Security Force Squadron officials.

When visiting other bases, obtain passes or decals from that base.

For more information, call 377-3844.

Deployed family meal

Dinners for families of deployed Keesler members are 4:30-6:30 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays at the Live Oak Dining Facility.

The chapel pays for all first-time attendees.

For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Howard, 377-4859.

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.

Cycle courses

For information on motorcycle safety courses, call the safety office, 377-2910.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Base bragging rights at stake as basketball playoffs begin

By Perry Jenifer

Keesler News editor

Eight teams set out this week to stake their claim to the intramural basketball championship.

The double-elimination playoffs were scheduled to tip off beginning at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Blake Fitness Center.

The first-round pairings: 81st Medical Group vs. 85th Engineering Installation Squa-

dron, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron vs. 81st Supply-Transportation Squadron, 336th Training Squadron vs. 338th TRS and 81st Training Group vs. 81st Security Forces Squadron.

The medics' 9-1 regular-season record is the best in the field. They're champions of the Eastern Conference. The 85th EIS was 6-4 and fourth in the Western Conference.

West champion 81st CES

comes in 8-2. The 81st SUPS-TRANS is one of three East teams with a 7-3 record.

The two training squadrons posted identical 7-3 regular-season records, 336th TRS in the East and 338th TRS in the West.

The 81st TRG, West, and cops, East, also went 7-3.

For times, dates and playoffs bracket details, call Laurence Wilson, 377-5789.



Air Force photo

Ehn ranked second in the nation and set a conference record in scoring with 45 points.

Ehn first Falcon All-American in hockey

By Dave Toller

Air Force Academy Athletic Media Relations

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — An Air Force Academy cadet is the first Falcon hockey player ever named to an All-American team.

Junior center Eric Ehn was selected as a first team All-American by Inside College Hockey.com. He finished the season second in the nation in scoring with 1.6 points per game, just .08 behind the national leader, T. J. Hensick of Michigan.

Ehn scored 24 goals and had 40 assists for 64 points in 40 games. He led the nation in scoring 14 of the last 18 weeks. He ranks sec-

ond in the nation in assists and 11th in goals.

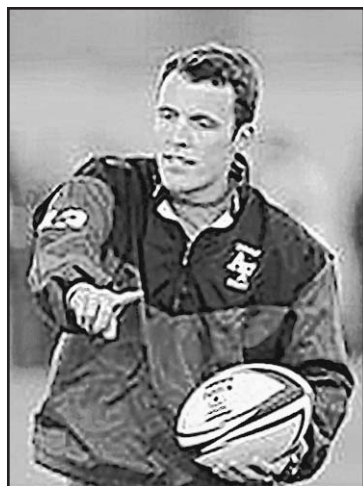
The Dexter, Mich., native led the Atlantic Hockey Association in goals, points, assists, shots (162) and plus/minus (+28).

The AHA Player of the Year and a first-team all-conference selection, Ehn scored in 31 of the 40 games.

He became the first Falcon to score more than 60 points in 27 years.

His 40 assists are the most by a Falcon in 31 years.

Ehn also set a new AHA record for points in a season in conference games with 45 on 16 goals and 29 assists.



Air Force Academy photo
An injury ended Ward's
career as a player in 2003.

Cadet returns to rugby team — as coach

By Tech. Sgt. Steve German

Air Force News Agency

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — When Air Force Academy Cadet Marc Ward took to the rugby field against the University of California at Berkeley in May 2003, the freshman had no idea it might be his last time to play.

With about 18 minutes left in the first half of the game, Ward made a crushing hit on his opponent midway down the field. His own impact knocked him out for nearly nine minutes, rendering his right arm useless.

"I hit the guy with my neck exposed," he recalled. "He was 260 pounds and I was 195 pounds. I could move my fingers and my wrist. I couldn't drink a drink.

"Slowly, six months later I was able to go like that," he said, showing a full range of motion in his arm.

The injury was serious enough to put Ward on a medical convalescent status for two years. He was reinstated June 1, 2005. When the junior heads out to the rugby pitch these days, it's as an assistant coach.

Rugby head coach John McQuede is comfortable with having Ward as a coach.

"He has been a tremendous savior for me," McQuede said. "He provides that sort of cadet link between me and the other cadet players."

SCORES AND MORE

Basketball

Final intramural standings and last week's scores weren't submitted. For more information, call Laurence Wilson, 377-2444.

Bowling

League standings

Monday Night Budweiser
(as of April 9)

| Team | Won | Lost |
|-----------------------|-----|------|
| Man On! | 69 | 29 |
| Perry's Refrigeration | 60 | 38 |
| Bam! Bam! Bam! | 56 | 42 |
| Slater's Shooters | 56 | 42 |
| Wayne's World | 51 | 47 |
| Martini's | 51 | 47 |
| Spare Time Pro Shop | 50 | 48 |
| Hoop's Gang | 46 | 52 |
| Our Gang | 40 | 58 |
| Endangered Species | 40 | 58 |
| Gannon's Cannons | 38 | 60 |
| Wicked Women | 31 | 67 |

Tuesday Night Hospital
(as of April 10)

| Team | Won | Lost |
|-------------|-----|------|
| Team 7 | 64 | 24 |
| Dirty O's | 62 | 26 |
| Team 5 | 56 | 32 |
| Scrubs | 54 | 34 |
| Team 1 | 50 | 38 |
| Team 2 | 50 | 38 |
| The Big O | 46 | 42 |
| Spare Ballz | 34 | 54 |
| Juggonauts | 8 | 80 |
| Team 10 | 8 | 80 |

Wednesday Night Mixed
(as of April 11)

| Team | Won | Lost |
|------------------|-----|------|
| JSOT-B | 86 | 33 |
| MUDD | 76 | 43 |
| Go Getters | 69 | 50 |
| Bowling Express | 63 | 56 |
| 70's Plus | 63 | 56 |
| Misfits | 63 | 56 |
| WEJUSWANAHAVFUN | 62 | 57 |
| Select Few | 61 | 58 |
| Whatever It Is | 57 | 62 |
| Beef O'Brady's 1 | 52 | 67 |
| David's Rejects | 47 | 71 |

Thursday Retired Seniors Mixed
(as of April 12)

| Team | Won | Lost |
|-------------------|------|------|
| Three's Company | 73 | 46 |
| The Big O's | 70.5 | 48.5 |
| Team 18 | 70 | 49 |
| Team 7 | 68 | 51 |
| RBL | 68 | 51 |
| Team 8 | 67 | 52 |
| Groovy 3 | 64 | 55 |
| Team 17 | 59.5 | 59.5 |
| Team 5 | 59 | 55 |
| B-I-F | 58.5 | 60.5 |
| TIMEX | 58 | 61 |
| FAST | 57.5 | 61.5 |
| The Oreos | 57 | 62 |
| Team 11 | 56 | 63 |
| WWD | 56 | 63 |
| Stars and Strikes | 53 | 66 |
| Team 1 | 47 | 72 |
| Barb's Boys | 29 | 90 |

Thursday Night Federal
(as of April 12)

| Team | Won | Lost |
|-------------|-----|------|
| 332th TRS-A | 76 | 36 |

Air Force boxers win national titles

Air Force Academy Public Affairs

RENO, Nev. — Two Air Force boxers claimed titles at the 2007 National Collegiate Boxing Association Championships Saturday in Reno, Nev.

Senior Ian Tuznik defended his heavyweight title, while 119-pound sophomore Jesse Horton claimed his first title.

A slim margin kept the Falcons from the national team title for the third straight year as Lock Haven University, Pa., won its first team title. Air Force has never finished lower than second at the national titles.

For the second straight year, Air Force tied with Army with 27 points, but won the tie-breaker for second with two individual champions compared to Army's one.

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|-----------------------|----|----|
| 85th EIS-B | 70 | 42 |
| 85th EIS-A | 68 | 44 |
| 332nd TRS-B | 68 | 44 |
| 333rd TRS-A | 62 | 50 |
| 81st TRSS-A | 62 | 50 |
| 81st CES Lite Crew | 60 | 52 |
| 335th TRS-A | 56 | 56 |
| SVS Misfits-A | 54 | 58 |
| CPTS 5 and Dimes | 48 | 64 |
| 81st MSS-A | 48 | 64 |
| 338th TRS-A | 44 | 68 |
| 81st DS Dental Demons | 42 | 70 |
| 333rd TRS-B | 34 | 78 |

Friday Night
(as of Friday)

| Team | Won | Lost |
|-----------------------|------|------|
| Sandbaggers | 76 | 43 |
| We'll Think of a Name | 68 | 51 |
| That Won Team | 67.5 | 51.5 |
| Beef O'Brady's | 63 | 56 |
| Team 6 | 62 | 57 |
| I Don't Care | 59 | 60 |
| We Don't Have a Name | 58.5 | 60.5 |
| Pin Pals | 59 | 61 |
| Harry's Team | 58 | 61 |
| Team 12 | 54 | 65 |
| Bringing Up the Reer | 45 | 74 |
| Team 3 | 45 | 74 |

Other

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

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

Saturdays — birthday parties available. For information and reservations, call 377-2817.

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

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

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

Fundraisers available — for more information, call 377-2817.

Fitness centers

Powerlifting competition — April 27; 10 a.m. weigh-in, 11:30

a.m. start. Squat, deadlift, bench press. Open to active-duty military, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and dependents 18 and older. Pay \$10 entry fee by April 25. For more information, call 377-2907.

Fitness classes — step aerobics, turbo-core, cycle/spin, slo-robics and boxing workout. For more information, call 377-2907.

Blake Fitness Center — open 4:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays; 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

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

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

For more information, call 377-3056.

Golf

Annual Biloxi Bay Chamber vs. Keesler tournament — May 11, Sunkist Country Club, Biloxi. Check-in begins at 11:30 a.m., shotgun start 1 p.m. \$50 per person entry fee; playing format two-person team best ball with handicap. Free fish fry, beverages, prizes and giveaways; individual prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin. Sign-up deadline May 1; teams or individuals call or e-mail Tama Manu, 424-0479, tama.manu@keesler.af.mil, or George Budz, 377-3230, george.budz@keesler.af.mil.

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 appointment, call 424-0479.

Motorcycling

Keesler Riders Association membership drive and rally — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 27, marina park. Activities include a poker run, bike display, safety inspections and membership sign-up. Free food available.

Outdoor recreation

April fishing tournament — weigh in the largest white trout for the month and win \$100 savings bond.

Back Bay fishing trips — April 28; \$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. For more information, call 377-3180.

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

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

Running

Training clinics — for runners interested in trying out for the Air Force marathon team are 9 a.m. April 30, noon May 3 and 4 p.m. May 8, health and wellness center. Choose which clinic is most convenient.

For more information, call Terri Jordan or Linda Marinovich, 377-8380.

Sickle cell 5-kilometer run/walk — postponed.

Softball

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

Special Olympics

Volunteers are needed for the nerve center, cooking, set-up, water and ice, take-down, cheerers, concessions and other areas during the Mississippi Special Olympics Summer Games, hosted by Keesler May 16-18.

To volunteer, call 377-1676 and leave contact information.

Tennis

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

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

Youth center

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

Baseball camp registration — through Friday, ages 6 and up. \$25 members, \$30 nonmembers.
Coaches needed; call 377-3349.

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GRADUATIONS

First Term Airmen Center

Class 07-6

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Airman 1st Class Aaron Scott.

81st Communications Squadron — Airmen 1st Class Monik Chhim and Leslie Whatley.

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — Airmen 1st Class Sean Hikes and Douglas Wallace.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Airmen Adam Andrews and Mary Costello; Airmen 1st Class Amanda Burt and Job Stringfellow.

81st Mission Support Squadron — Airman 1st Class James Conley.

81st Training Wing — Airman David Salantri.

335th Training Squadron — Airman 1st Class Britney Sheeley.

338th TRS — Airman 1st Class Chamira May.

Class 07-7

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Airman 1st Class Domenic Trolla.

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — Airman 1st Class Jason Syverson.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Airmen 1st Class Timothy Brady, Dudley Callahan, Caleb Chiellini, Steven Guerrero, William Haigood and Malary Leullen.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Airman Kaylynn Kendzor; Airmen 1st Class Megan Costello and Marlena Pagliuca.

HONORS

Quarterly awards, January-March

81st Training Group

Airman — Senior Airman Joy Baker, 81st Training Support Squadron.

Noncommissioned officer — Staff Sgt. Daniel Wilburn, 338th Training Squadron.

Senior NCO — Master Sgt. Andrew Weldon, 332nd TRS.

Company grade officer — Capt. Michael Zink, 332nd TRS.

Entry-level civilian — Amy Dye, 335th TRS.

Intermediate-level civilian — Chip Wurslin, 333rd TRS.

Senior-level civilian — Jonathan McNelis, 333rd TRS.

Airman instructor — Senior Airman Nancy Rahmaan, 334th TRS.

NCO instructor — Tech. Sgt. Gerald Schlais Jr., 333rd TRS.

Senior NCO instructor — Master Sgt. Krista Landreneau, 335th TRS.

Officer instructor — Capt. Peter Smith, 335th TRS.

Civilian instructor — Peter Leidig, 335th TRS.

Military training leader — Staff Sgt. Dresden Sloan, 335th TRS.

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Bryan Avis, Gregory Best, Thomas Bowen, Phillip Buschsbaum, Michael Cloakey, Andrew Dorado, Ronald Escandon, Bryan Figueroa-Terrero, Joshua Hettinger, Jackson Huang, Sean Mommerency, Eric Romero, Jayvien Rose, Edward Schaeffer, Joshua Stanford, Nathan Thomas, Andrew Turner, Melissa Wainwright and Steven Watson; Airmen Theodore Muenster, James Reeve, Jeremy Scott, William Thoen and Charles Scholle; Airmen 1st Class Richard Cook, Corey Brillinger, Beau Dicken, Isaac Gaillard, Nicklaos Giannopoulos, Denis Gotthelf, Stephen Hagans, John Halliday, Brando Harvey, Scott Hurst, Brandy Jones, Leigh Kelly, Alexander Kerian, Christopher Kopps, Neftali Lopez-Cotto, Suleida Ocampo, Parick Revels, Christopher Rodgers, Kirk Sefehik, Peggy Snyder, Jordan Soltis, Vincent Swider, Rafael Vazquez-Diaz and Tatton White; Senior Airmen Jeremy Bork, Phillip Reneau and Michelle Smith; Staff Sgts. Daniel Bailey, Stanley Brice, Robert Butler, Lesley Carhart, Fred Chauvin, John Cleland, Rodrick Greene, Robert Higgins, Williams Hutto, Richard Lundberg, Javier Quintero, James Quiroz, Joseph Schescke and Todd Williams; Tech. Sgt. Bodie Peterson; Master Sgt. Robert Edgren; Senior Master Sgt. Minkyu Kim.

Metrology course — Airmen 1st Class Gregory Thomas, Tony Morris and Eric Atkinson; Staff Sgt. Joshua Baxley.

334th TRS

Aerospace control and warning systems — Airman Basic Tiffany Brown; Airman Michelle Danner; Airmen 1st Class Christopher Cox, Matthew Green, Brady King and Juan Rosadomarin.

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Kirk Cash, Ryan Chase, Amanda Molloy, Stephen Powell and Katie Simmons; Airman Jeffrey Giles; Airmen 1st Class Stephanie Brown, Alexander Jackson and Russell McCorkle; Staff Sgts. Peter Hablitzel and James Trubisky; Tech. Sgts. Saeed Al Garni and Beau McCoy.

Command post apprentice course — Airmen Basic Rebecca Barton, Heather Bosh, Benjamin Guyton and Jazzmine VanWinkle; Airman Don Morrell; Airmen 1st Class Richard Galarza and Ezekiel Wieland; Senior Airmen Jonathan Grieme, KC Hayden and Monique Hipp; Staff Sgt. Joshua Connery; Master Sgts. Claudette Flathmann and Clifford Sibley.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Jacqueline Barnett, Kevin Briggs, Michelle Garcia, Teresa Jordan, Joshua Kronwall, James Lewis, Loieni Mouna, Ashley Novak, Jeffrey Polser, Natalie Smith, Geoffrey White and Allen Williams; Airmen Malissa Deleon and Kacy Lebo; Airmen 1st Class Jessy Babcock, Loni Fields, Benjamin Forrest, Flavia Grey, Laprincess Golphin, Brian Harding, Tameka Mann, Jared Martin, Kashia Morse, Alicia Webster, George Wolf and Anna Zyska; Senior Airmen Benjamin Blackford and Alicia Balseiro; Staff Sgts. Dawne Crichlow, Trisha Nelson and Ronnie Stokey; Tech. Sgts. Heather Arnold, Terry Dobbs, James Gamble, Justin Hole and Kevin Nichols.

Personnel training flight — Airmen Basic Jasmine Gardner, Jacquelin Jensen, Karah Rankin and Katherine Shumaker; Airmen 1st Class Kristen Lopez, Kenneth Robinson and Jeremy Sandoval; Staff Sgts. Shaun Bonds, Jason Gardner, Michelle Harvey and Sara Wells.

Weather training flight — Airmen Steve Hannah, Elisabeth Lockemer, Zachery Searles, Brandon Wegener and Alec Wilcher; Airmen 1st Class Andrew Bethea, Erin Rinehart and Nicholas Small; Senior Airman Patrick Gerow; Marine Sgt. Jacob Wooten.

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SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

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

| Minutes after hour | Bus stop | |
|--------------------|----------|------------------------------------|
| :00 | :30 | 332nd TRS, Building 6957 |
| :01 | :31 | 338th TRS, Building 6965 |
| :02 | :32 | Welch Auditorium |
| :04 | :34 | AAFES Furniture Store |
| :06 | :36 | Jones/Bryan/Hewes Hall at gazebo |
| :08 | :38 | Thomson Hall |
| :09 | :39 | New Cody Hall |
| :11 | :41 | Supply, civil engineering |
| :12 | :42 | Rental store |
| :13 | :43 | Shaw House |
| :14 | :44 | Old base exchange |
| :15 | :45 | McBride Library |
| :16 | :46 | Credit union, Blake Fitness Center |
| :17 | :47 | Medical center, Tyer House |
| :18 | :48 | Sablich Center |
| :19 | :49 | Dental clinic |
| :20 | :50 | Allee and Wolfe Halls |
| :21 | :51 | Base operations |
| :22 | :52 | Hangar 4 |

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

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

Prior-service students lodged off base

Morning pickup from hotels north of Keesler — 5 a.m., Red Carpet Inn; 5:10, Travel Inn; 5:15, Beaujolais Villas; 5:20, Suburban Inn and Super 8.

Afternoon pickup to return to hotels north of Keesler — 3:30 p.m., street side of Hewes Hall for Bryan, Jones, Hewes and Garrard Halls; 3:33, Cody Hall bus stop for Hangar 3, Thomson, Cody and Dolan Halls; 3:36, E Street side of McClelland Hall; 3:38, back side of Allee Hall for 7-level building, weather training center and Allee, Wolfe, and Stennis Halls.

Wait at the main entrance of hotels for pickup. Allow a five to 10 minute window on arrival time. Traffic in the local area impacts base taxi times.

Call 377-2432 for transportation needs for classes starting after 6:30 a.m. or for service to hotels not listed.

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.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2520.

Roman Catholic

Saturday Mass

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

Sunday Mass

Triangle Chapel9 a.m.

Daily Mass

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

Protestant

Sunday worship

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

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

Triangle Chapel gospel service.....Noon

Islamic

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

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

Latter-Day Saints

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

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336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airman Basic Cody Vore; Airman Ryan Manecke; Airmen 1st Class Kevin Flanagan, John Gill, Joseph Hill, Mathew Musick, Kevin Paulson, Jason Plante and Benjamin Ward; Senior Airmen Eric Griffin and Eddie Maltzahn; Staff Sgts. Rex Ching, Nathan Mueller, Eric Sasano, Dustin Simpson and Jason Swenson; Tech. Sgts. Cosme Battalas, David Guy, Dean Peterson, Eric Risner and Billie Wolfe; Master Sgt. Chad Demro.

Communications and information management flight — Airmen Basic Cicero Ferrer and Jennifer Johnson; Airmen Arturo Ontiveros and Jamie Kinsley; Airmen 1st Class Keffrey Deaveiro, Melissa Oja and Jonathan Root; Senior Airmen Brandon Jones and Amanda Rollins; Staff Sgts. Jennifer Giles, Heather Schaffer and Randal Shingledecker; Daniel Phister.

338th TRS

Airfield systems apprentice course — Airman Basic Aaron Iacovazzi; Airmen 1st Class Damien Cooper and Aleece Mathis; Senior Airmen Derrick Glover and Daniel Piotrowski, Staff Sgt. Casey Brock; Tech. Sgts. Thomas Capenegro and Keith Rhodes.

Ground radio apprentice course — Airmen 1st Class Michael Korosec, Andrew Mosher and Edward Toomey.

Radar systems apprentice course — Airman Basic Devin Roper; Airman Cornell Jones; Senior Airman Matthew Jackson; Staff Sgts. James Anderson, Jeffery Barrett and William Murray.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 07-4 — graduation 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 07-4 — graduation 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

Looking forward: your life, your finances, your retirement — 3:30-4:30 p.m. Monday, Room 122, Sablich Center, for active duty members only.

Adoption options workshop — 5:15-7 p.m. Tuesday, Triangle Chapel Annex. A panel of agency representatives is featured. To pre-register, call 377-2179.

Financial management — 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, Room 122, old Cody Hall, presented by USAA Educational Foundation.

American Red Cross

Hurricane assistance training — May 18-20, Mississippi State University Coastal Research and Extension Center, 1815

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. compressed work schedule 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.

Popps Ferry Road, Biloxi. Training designed for people interested in volunteering in their community during hurricane season and other potential disasters. Noon-5 p.m. May 18, community services overview; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 19, morning or afternoon shelter operations class, community service overview; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 20, workshops on fundamentals of disaster health services, client casework and providing emergency assistance.

For more information, call 896-4511 or e-mail apierini@redcross-msgc.com or pdesandre@redcross-msgc.com.

Arts and crafts center

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

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. April 28. \$20. New project each month.

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

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

Beginning pottery — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 28. \$40 including five pounds of clay and firing for three pieces.

Stamp cards — earn stamps by renting molds or paying for a firing in multi-craft shop. Fill card and get free mold rental or firing. Fill card having framing done in the frame shop and get 10 percent off next order.

New classes coming soon — one stroke, photography, cooking and beading.

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.

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 — four-class program for effective parenting and discipline of children ages 2-12, 3:30-5 p.m. May 9, 16, 23 and 30, Keesler Medical Center's 1-D life skills classroom. Participants learn discipline without arguing, yelling or spanking; how to control obnoxious behavior; how to handle six kinds of testing and manipulation; five tactics for encouraging good behavior; what to do about bedtime, messy rooms, lying, chores, homework and other issues, and how to strengthen relationship with your child. For registration and enrollment information, call 376-3457.

McBride Library

Orientation — 6:30 p.m. Wednesday to get acquainted with available library services.

Fax special — 50 cents a page throughout April. Send two for the price of one through Saturday only.

Book display — new selections for ages through grade 3.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

UBU steak special — noon to 5 p.m. Friday for nonprior student students. UBU club members \$5, nonmembers \$7.

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

Dance revolution — 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

Dances — 6 p.m. to midnight Thursdays before compressed

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

Lunch — pork chops with mushroom gravy, 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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work schedule Fridays, 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.

Boss 'n buddy night — 5 p.m. Wednesday. Free food, games and giveaways sponsored by the Sea Wolves ice hockey team.

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.

Youth center

Summer camp — pick up registration package now.

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

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

TRAIL Keystone Club meeting — 10 a.m. April 27, ages 13-17.

FitFactor activities — 6 p.m. Wednesday, ages 9 and older. Sign up by April 10 and 24.

Congressional Award program — 5 p.m. Monday, ages 14-21. Achieve personal goals to become eligible for a medal.

Future earth activity and open recreation — 6-10 p.m. April 28, ages 6 and older. \$5. Sign up by Wednesday. Minimum 10 people.

Power hour — 4:30-5:30 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, ages 6-12.

Super Saturdays — 1-5 p.m. Recreation programs for ages 6 and older. \$4 for members, \$5 nonmembers. Sign up on previous Wednesdays.

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.

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

Honey Island swamp trip — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 28. \$40 includes admission and transportation. Sign up and prepay by Wednesday.

New Orleans School of Cooking — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 18. \$45 including admission and transportation. Sign up and prepay by May 16.

National World War II Museum in New Orleans — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 19. \$45 includes admission, lunch and transportation. Sign up and prepay by May 16.

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

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

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

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

Mandatory pre-separation briefings — Tuesdays at 8:30-9:30 a.m. for those separating with honorable discharges and 9:30-10:30 a.m. for retirees. Afternoon sessions are Thursdays at 1-2 p.m. for those separating with honorable discharges (not general under hon-

orable 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. 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. 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 center, 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.afoats.af.mil> and select "AFJROTC" or call Jo Alice Talley, toll free 1-866-235-7682, extension 7742; DSN 493-7742, or commercial (334) 953-7742.

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

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

Web sites

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

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

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

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

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

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

New military spouse career center — <http://www.military.com/spouse>. Extensive job board including public and private sectors. For more information, call Vince Patton, 703-269-0154, or e-mail at vince@militaryadvantage.com.

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

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

Computer use

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

Transition employment opportunities public folder — go to e-mail "public folders" and click on "transition employment opportunities" for job opportunities for active-duty and family

members. For more information, call 377-8592 or 8593.

MEETINGS

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

Upcoming

Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association luncheon — 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Levitow Training Support Facility. Guest speaker is Col. Gregory Brundidge. Cost of the beef brisket and chicken buffet is \$10 by cash or check payable to AFCEA Gulf Coast Chapter. Deadline for reservations is 5 p.m. today. To sign up, call Capt. Andi Andrews, 377-2667 or e-mail carmen.andrews@keesler.af.mil.

Weight Watchers — base group suspended after Hurricane Katrina is trying to reorganize. For more information, call Karon Forney, 376-3092, or Genny Friesner, 392-4756.

Recurring

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

Air Force Sergeants Association — 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 Tuesday of the month. For more information, call Michelle Foster, 273-4591 or e-mail auxiliary.president@afsa652.org.

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.aaddofficers@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>.

Company grade officers council — meets first Wednesday of the month. For time and location, call Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Howard, 377-4859.

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

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

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., Reno 911-Miami (R, 81 minutes).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Ghost Rider (PG-13, 110 minutes); 6:30 p.m., I Think I Love My Wife (R, 94 minutes).

Sunday — 2 p.m., Wild Hogs (PG-13, 100 minutes).