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## Construction of new well under way

### \$1.4 million boost for water system

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Keesler's water system gets a boost from a new well by the end of this year.

The \$1.4 million construction project is under way in a fenced area at the corner of Chappie James Avenue and B Street behind Larcher Chapel.

Air Education and Training Command is funding the project to help Keesler keep up with water demands as aging wells become inoperable, according to Al Watkins, deputy chief of operations for the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron.

The new well, designated Well 15, is being built to replace Keesler's first well which was constructed in 1941 and quit operating in 1996.

"The industry standard is to replace these wells every 20 years," Mr. Watkins explained. "We were fortunate to get so many years out of that old well."

Five of Keesler's wells no longer function, and Wells 3 and 4 are pumping at low capacity. Well 3 was built in the early 1940s and Well 4 came on line in the early '50s.

Mr. Watkins said that only one of the other

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James Smith, Griner Drilling of Columbia, Miss., operates equipment at the new well site.

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## All Americans are indebted to Martin Luther King Jr.

By Col. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

This coming Monday, Americans celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. To some, it is just another holiday — a day off from work — yet it shouldn't be. Rather, as we observe Dr. King's birth, it is more important for us to remember and reflect on the tremendous positive message of Dr. King and his great contributions to our nation.

Dr. King was a great American whose stand on freedom and equality stirred the conscience of our nation. The civil rights movement he led through the 1950s and '60s transformed America and made our society even better. People who think he was talking only to and about black Americans are wrong. The truth is his message applies to ALL Americans.

When the founding fathers wrote the Declaration of Independence, they said in no uncertain terms that all men are created equal. The Constitution they later wrote defined America's values, and put the principles of a free and equal society into practice. Later amendments abolishing slavery, guaranteeing equal protection under the law and the right to vote were added to ensure these principles were fulfilled for all Americans. Dr. King trusted in the power of our Constitution, even when the practices of America didn't live up to the promise.

During the time when Dr. King was growing up, there was a difference between what was law and what was practiced. He saw dis-

crimination, both racially and economically, as a blight on our society and an impediment to true justice for all. Dr. King took it upon himself to change this, challenging Americans to live up to the true meaning of the principles espoused in our Constitution. Rather than resorting to a tactic of violence to combat the wrongs around him, Dr. King relied on his moral teachings to guide change through peaceful and engaged action. His bravery in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds, and his eagerness to speak truth to power despite these odds, is truly one of the defining moments in our nation's history.

As members of the greatest Air Force in the world, it's our duty to uphold the Constitution and practice the values of fairness and equality. In 1948, President Harry Truman integrated our armed forces and we are a better nation for it. Since then, we in the Air Force have practiced what Dr. King preached, and continue to do so today.

Today, we're privileged to follow in his footsteps. In defending freedom, we ensure justice for everyone no matter their race, religion, or economic status. As we celebrate his birth, we should re-commit ourselves to working for the dream that Martin Luther King Jr. gave his life for: an America where the dignity of every person is respected; where people are judged not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. We owe him a debt of deep gratitude, for what he did ensured that in this great land of opportunity, opportunity truly exists for all Americans.

## ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Col. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

You're encouraged to work concerns through your chain of command or contact an appropriate helping agent. For unresolved issues, call the commander's action line for assistance.

Suggestions to help make this a more valuable and useful tool are welcome. 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 personal responses, include your name, address and phone number.

Items of general interest

**A-76 hotline** — 376-8176  
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**Base locator** — 377-2890  
**Base operator** — 377-1110  
**Base taxi (official use)** — 377-2430  
**Career assistance adviser** — 377-3697  
**Central medical appointments** — 1-800-700-8603  
**Child development center** — 377-2211  
**Civil engineering** — 377-5561  
**Civilian personnel** — 377-2268  
**Military personnel flight** — 377-2276  
**Keesler Federal Credit Union** — 385-5500  
**Emergencies** — 911  
**Family campground** — 594-0543  
**Finance** — 377-4212  
**81st Communications Squadron help desk** — 377-0066  
**Housing** — 377-9741  
**Identification cards** — 377-3203  
**Inspector general** — 377-3010  
**Legal assistance** — 377-3510  
**Library** — 377-2181  
**Lodging (reservations)** — 377-9986



Colonel Touhill

may appear in this column.

For your convenience, here are Some key customer service phone numbers at Keesler:

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**Military equal opportunity** — 377-2759  
**Military pay** — 377-7272  
**Pass and registration** — 377-3844  
**Pharmacy (refill call-in)** — 376-1000  
**Satellite pharmacy** — 377-9791  
**Public affairs** — 377-2783  
**Red Cross** — 377-0732  
**Sexual assault prevention and response team** — 377-8635  
**SARC 24-hour hotline (to report sexual assaults)** — 377-7278  
**Law enforcement desk** — 377-3040  
**SARC 24-hour hotline** — 477-7278  
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**Traffic management (inbound)** — 377-7813  
**Visitor center** — 377-2595  
**Youth center** — 377-4116



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at Keesler,  
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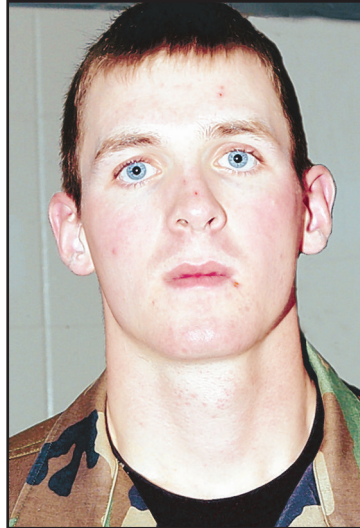
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— Airman 1st Class

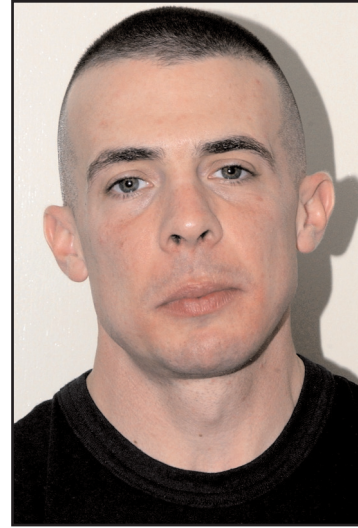
Koree Copeland, 81st  
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Squadron



I would like to see more activities for Airmen to participate in.

— Airman 1st Class

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81st Surgical Operations  
Squadron



The Airman off base would get a higher basic allowance for housing.

— Staff Sgt. Sean

Stromer, 338th Training  
Squadron

## DRAGON ON THE STREET

If you  
could change  
something  
about Keesler,  
what would  
it be?



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# TRAINING AND EDUCATION

## Gators top honor flight for 2007

By Airman 1st Class David Salanitri

Keesler News staff

The 334th Training Squadron is the 81st Training Group's honor flight of the year for 2007.

The Gators, winning top honors for the second consecutive year, earned 1,434 points, followed by the 335th TRS Bulls, 1,395.7; 338th TRS Dark Knights, 1,333.45; 336th TRS Red Wolves, 1,291.11; and 332nd TRS Mad Dogs, 1,259.15.

The honor flight program recognizes teamwork and individual demonstration of the Air Force's core values — integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do.

The annual winner is based on monthly scores in eight categories — uniform inspection, knowledge of the Airman's Manual, procedure compliance of retreat ceremonies, marching, room inspections, charge of quarters, physical readiness training and merit or demerit points assigned by the 81st TRG commander.

"This squadron never throttled back in 2007," said Tech. Sgt. Steven Joyce, 81st Training

Support Squadron military training leader. "People now expect nothing but the best from them. They've raised the bar across the Triangle, and everyone else is trying to catch them."

The 334th TRS demonstrated "excellence in all we do" through its leaders, as well as its students.

"The 334th MTLs garnered two of the four MTL of the quarter awards for 2007," said Master Sgt. Craig Pogue, 334th TRS military training flight chief.

The 334th TRS has been active in the community, providing more than 1,000 volunteer hours and raising more than \$130,000 for charity, said Capt. Michael Wrey, 334th MTF commander.

"We strive to lead by example," said Tech. Sgt. Alucia Davis, 334th TRS assistant MTF chief. "We live by and enforce the Air Force core values from instructors in the classroom all the way up the chain of command, and we make sure we are setting up the future of the Air Force for success."

## Security response team holds tryouts

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

If a disgruntled instructor takes hostages in a Keesler classroom or a distraught spouse confines family members at gunpoint, the 81st Security Forces Squadron's security response team is called into action.

The SRT mirrors civilian special weapons and tactics teams, commonly called SWAT teams. Keesler's team currently has eight members.

A one-day tryout held twice a year tests Keesler cops to see if they have the physical stamina to qualify for the elite team, according to Staff Sgt. Benjamin McQuagge, team leader. The tryouts are open to any 5-level security forces member. All five people tested Jan. 3 made the grade.

"The tryout is about the same as 12 hours of physical training," said Sergeant McQuagge. "The screening process involves a two-mile gear run and an obstacle course with gas mask, full gear and weapons.

"Participants also have to carry around a 180-pound



Photo by Adam Bond

**Staff Sgt. Frank Johnson, left, tries to subdue Tech. Sgt. Jason Reed, portraying a drunken escaped mental patient, during SRT tryouts Jan. 3.**

dummy for much of the day and prove themselves in a 'red man suit fight,' in which they have to subdue two people in about five minutes," he continued. "They probably ran the equivalent of 10 miles throughout the day."

Team members train every

two weeks with area law enforcement agencies on skills such as searching and clearing buildings and extracting people from structures under siege, medical procedures, weapons training and other vital functions.

## Radar relocation

Buddy Kovak, left, and Dave Wright from Lowe-North Construction, Springhill, Kan., disassemble one of two next generation weather radars in Hangar 3 Jan. 9. The two Doppler radar units were transported from the hangar where they've been located since 1990 to Technical Training Facility 3 which is nearing completion in the Triangle, according to Dale Riggins, 81st Training Support Squadron equipment resources chief. The 21,000-pound antenna pedestals were moved by huge cranes and forklifts and transported in giant cradles. The 338th Training Squadron uses the radar units for training.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



# Triangle traffic

## New dorm site closes south Parade Lane

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Monday marks major traffic changes in the Triangle to accommodate construction of a new student dormitory to the east of the mini base exchange.

Placement of the new 232-room dormitory permanently closes the southern section of Parade Lane where it intersects with Ploesti Drive, according to Naval Facilities Engineering Command officials who oversee the project.

The entrance to the mini exchange's parking lot from Parade Lane is also closed, but the parking area remains in use and accessible from Ploesti.

The southeast parking lot for the Azalea Dining Hall remains in service, but the south entrance from Parade Lane is closed, while the north entrance remains open. A temporary entrance from the lot to the north is being constructed early in the project. As underground utility work is done, temporary closings of the north

entrance for brief periods are necessary.

The dining hall's delivery access remains open throughout the process, with brief closings for underground utility installations. Since there'll be no direct access from Ploesti, delivery traffic must approach from the north on Parade Lane.

Building 4430, the precision measurement equipment laboratory, loses parking along Parade Lane to allow construction of a troop walk. Additional parking will be constructed north of the building.

Although the dormitory site runs along the north side of Ploesti from Z Street to the mini exchange, two lanes on Ploesti remain open to traffic throughout the project.

The construction area will be fenced, with an entrance from Z Street. Street addresses won't change, and emergency services access plans have been revised to allow proper response to all facilities.

Ron Drew, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, contributed to this report.

## Parking lot closed

The parking lot adjacent on the southeast side of the Keesler NCO Academy is closed until 9 a.m. Jan. 23 and all day on Feb. 14 for drill practice and evaluations.

In case of inclement weather, the lot is open.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Lisa Arnold, 377-2740.

## Tuition aid online

Air Force members can request tuition assistance online from the workplace through the Air Force Virtual Education Center.

Access AFVEC at [https://](https://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod)

[/www.my.af.mil/afvecprod](https://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod).

## Physician assistants

### Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The Air Force is taking applications from active-duty enlisted Airmen for physician assistant Phase I training classes beginning January, April and August 2009.

Completed applications must arrive at HQ AFPC/DPAMW, 550 C Street West, Suite 27, Randolph AFB TX 78150-4729 no later than Jan. 25. The selection board is scheduled to convene here March 19.

For more information,

contact local military personnel flights or education offices or go to the AFPC Web site and enter physician assistant training in the search function.

## Senior leader course

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

The distance learning program may be completed on

your own or with a group seminar.

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

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

## AWC changes

Air War College projects introduction of the 17th Edition Senior Leader Course in spring or summer of 2008.

When the actual start date is established, the closeout date for the 16th Edition is announced, probably sometime in spring or summer 2009.

SLC students must complete the short-answer exami-

nation prior to submitting the unit issue analysis, which is designed to demonstrate the student's ability to comprehend and apply the leadership principles covered in the courseware.

Due dates are listed in each students records for guidance purposes. Disenrollment from the program occurs 12 months from the date the student enrolled if not completed.

For more information, visit <http://www.au.af.mil/au/awc/dl/16/FAQ/faq.htm> or the education office in Hangar 2, e-mail [81mss.education@keesler.af.mil](mailto:81mss.education@keesler.af.mil) or call Joyce James, 377-7159.

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## Best in Air Force

### 81st CES resources flight excels in 2007

By Airman 1st Class David Salanitri

Keesler News staff

The 81st Civil Engineering Squadron's resources flight is the best in the Air Force for 2007.

The award is given to recognize the resources flight that offers the most outstanding products and services to its customers.

"Each element contributed to the success of the flight," said Kristin Vollbrecht, 81st CES resources flight chief.

In 2007, the flight facilitated obligation of 50 projects dealing with five separate contracting offices, instrumental in building Keesler's future.

The flight's financial management section was responsible for a \$56.1 million program supporting the 81st Training Wing, 403rd Wing, 2nd Air Force and the 85th Engineering Installation Squadron.

As an example of the flight at its finest, Ms.

Vollbrecht mentioned the information systems element.

"The information systems element defused a disastrous situation when an upgrade crashed more than 70 squadron computers," she recalled. "Decisive action and innovative solutions ensured all computers were re-imaged within nine working days."

The real property element performed 91 scheduled and out-of-cycle facility inventories, and meticulously posted updates to the Automated Civil Engineer System with a 100 percent accuracy rate, according to the nomination package.

"The most important message this award sends to the Air Force community is that Keesler has been able to overcome adversity and work together as a team to manage one of the largest workloads in the Air Force," said Ms. Vollbrecht.

## Keesler superintendent claims AETC comptroller recognition

By Airman 1st Class David Salanitri

Keesler News staff

Senior Master Sgt. James Morrison is the winner of the 2007 Air Education and Training Command Comptroller Squadron Superintendent Award.

As the 81st Comptroller Squadron's superintendent since July, Sergeant Morrison has played a vital role in maintaining the high quality of work performed by the Airmen under his command, according to his nomination package.

The sergeant's experience and leadership make him a player in the future of Air Force finance, his nomination said.

Sergeant Morrison is deeply involved in developing the online training which will save the Air Force money by avoiding the high costs of temporary duty assignments.

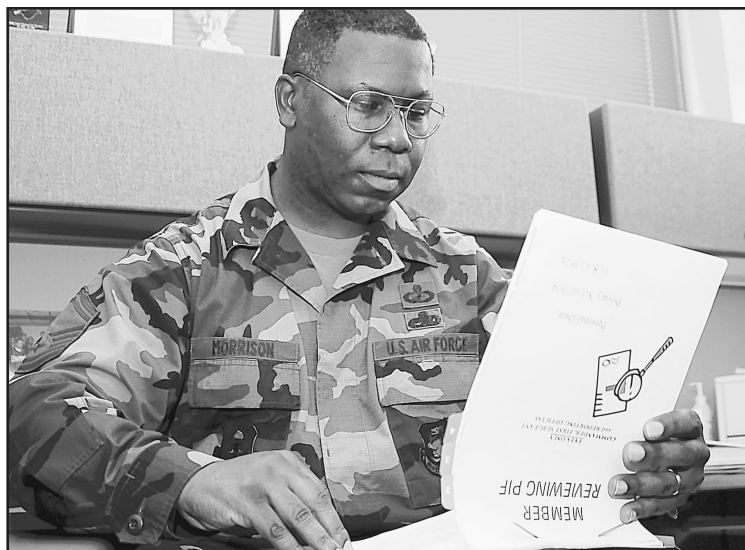


Photo by Kemberly Groue

**Sergeant Morrison reviews a personal information folder for one of his squadron's Airmen.**

His efforts with this initiative fall directly in line with Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century.

In his 22 years in the Air Force, Sergeant Morrison has won the squadron-level equiv-

alent of this award twice before in other commands.

"Third time's the charm," he said. "I want to make an impact in my career field, and this AETC award is a sign I'm on the right track."

## IN THE NEWS

### Meadows Drive partial closure

Tuesday through Feb. 9, Meadows Drive near the intersection of 5th Street is partially closed to make infrastructure connections for the base exchange and commissary construction project.

The two westbound lanes remain open, with one of the lanes reserved for rerouting eastbound traffic.

### Commander's call

Jan. 28 is the date of the next 81st Training Wing commander's call at Welch Auditorium.

Sessions are at 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

### Customer feedback survey

An Air Force Services customer feedback survey continues through Jan. 25.

Customers can complete the survey online or fill out a paper survey on-the-spot while visiting an activity.

For more information, call Dave Bowers, 377-2503.

### Mental health teleconference

**Humana Military Healthcare Services**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Humana Military Healthcare Services and its behavioral health partner, ValueOptions, host a teleconference, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Jan. 24, for active-duty family members.

The teleconference is for beneficiaries who live in Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, the Florida Panhandle, and the New Orleans area. Beneficiaries will receive information regarding their Tricare behavioral health benefits; in addition representatives from both host agencies will be available.

Beneficiaries should call 1-866-340-2757, a toll-free number, to call in. The participant code is 183736.

### Death notification

Master Sgt. Raynell Rubit-Babineaux, 403rd Civil Engineer Squadron, died Dec. 14.

Any person or persons having claims for or against his estate, call 2nd Lt. Elvis Ta, summary court officer, 377-2742.

### Early Keesler News deadline

The deadline for submissions to the Jan. 24 Keesler News is noon today, four days earlier than usual, due to the Martin Luther King birthday federal holiday Monday.

The newspaper office is closed Monday in observance of the holiday.

### Off-limits establishments

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

## Lifesaver



Photo by Steve Pivnick

**Master Sgt. David Boggs, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, is credited with saving the life of a diner Jan. 8 while on temporary duty for combat skills training at Ft. Riley, Kan. According to the victim, an Air Force physician also TDY there, Sergeant Boggs saw he was choking and performed the Heimlich maneuver, saving his life.**

## Well,

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functioning wells is relatively new — Well 14, which began pumping two years ago. The other six were built before that 20-year industry standard — Well 8 in the late '50s, Wells 9-11 in the early '60s, Well 12 in the late '60s and Well 13 in 1976.

The operating wells continue to meet Keesler's water

needs which vary by season. During the winter months, water use averages up to 2 million gallons a day, and in the summer, up to 4 million gallons a day.

"We've peaked at nearly 6 million gallons on some occasions," Mr. Watkins pointed out.

Griner Drilling of Columbia, Miss., contractor for the project, expects the drilling to take three to four months. Mr. Watkins said drillers struck

the aquifer, a layer of porous rock containing water, at 500 feet and plan to screen the well at 650 feet.

"The new well is expected to produce from 57,000 to 66,000 gallons an hour, which will be a great help in keeping pace with our water needs," Mr. Watkins said.

He added there are no plans to build any other wells in the near future, unless unexpected dramatic growth of the base demands it.



# PERSONNEL NOTES

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## Self-service separation online

### Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Self-service officer voluntary separation has been added to the Air Force Personnel Center's virtual military personnel flight Web site.

The online program provides officers eligibility requirements and program restrictions along with the capability to scan and attach supporting documents for their request to separate early. Enlisted Airmen have been able to complete their separation documents online since Oct. 29.

For more information or to view a training tutorial on the separation program, consult AFPC's personnel services delivery home page. Airmen may also call the Air Force Contact Center, 1-800-616-3775.

## Retirement annuity information

Personnel affected by A-76 can get estimates of their retirement annuities at the Air Force Personnel Center secure Web site, <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/AFPCSecure/MainMenu.asp>.

Click the link for the entitlements and benefits section. First-time users are required to register.

Personal retirement computations are also available by calling 1-800-616-3775.

For more information related to A-76, call 376-8176.

## WAPS test schedules

Weighted airman promotion system test schedules:

**Master and technical sergeant** — Feb. 1 to March 31.

**Staff sergeant** — May 1 to June 15.

Members should be prepared to test on the first day of the cycle.

For more information, contact unit WAPS monitors.

## Tricare during PCS moves

Enrollees in Tricare Prime scheduled for permanent change-of-station moves remain enrolled at Keesler Medical Center until arrival at their new duty location.

To prepare for transferring Tricare Prime enrollment, out-process the local Tricare office. This protects members and their families from incurring unnecessary charges for unexpected or emergency health care needs while traveling to their new duty location. The address and phone number of the Tricare Service Center at the new location is also available from this office.

Upon arrival at the next assignment, visit the military treatment facility for information about Tricare programs.

If emergency health care is required while in transit, go to the nearest military or civilian emergency room. If it's not an emergency, but can't wait, contact the losing Tricare Service Center or military treatment facility to ensure care is authorized and claim is properly processed.

Care received from a civilian provider during PCS may require payment prior to filing a claim. Providers who are part of the Tricare network normally file claims for members. To locate Tricare providers, find the nearest Tricare Service Center at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil>.

## Force shaping preparations

In preparation for the next officer force shaping board in March, 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](mailto: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.

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# 10 ways of protecting your personal property

By Tech. Sgt. Chuck Marsh

Keesler Public Affairs

It's mid-January and you've finally figured out how to program that new MP3 player or are working hard on defeating that hand-held gaming system.

You take your new electronics everywhere you go — often leaving them in your vehicle while you work or run errands.

This is a scenario may be routine for many people. Unfortunately, some will have a second part added to their scenario where that new electronic gadget goes missing, either because it was left on the passenger seat of a car with the windows down or on the dresser of an unlocked dormitory room.

Each month there are cases documented where some individuals take advantage of the sense of security people have living and working inside Keesler's gates.

"We urge everyone to secure their personal belongings at all times, whether in their vehicles, in the dormitories or in billeting," said Tech. Sgt. James Kirk, 81st Security Forces Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge of reports and analysis. "In December alone, there were nine reported larcenies. These ranged from items being left out in billeting to property left unattended in front of base housing.

"Basically, it boils down to securing your property," said Sergeant Kirk. "It's important not to present the opportunity for a theft to occur. A simple task like locking a door or rolling up a car window may just be enough to deter a would-be thief and stop you from becoming a victim."

An Internet site run by a group of police auto theft investigators in British Columbia, Canada, <http://www.baitcar.com>, compiled a list of the top 10 items stolen from vehicles. These include:

**Compact discs.**

**Cell phones,** portable DVD and MP3 players.



**Stereo equipment** (CD players, amplifiers and speakers).

**Personal items** (clothes, sunglasses, briefcases and laptops).

**Money.**

**Registration papers.**

**Garage door openers.**

**Work tools.**

**Airbags.**

**Tires and wheels.**

The Web site also acknowledges several ways to help deter criminals from stealing possessions from vehicles. These include:

**Installing a vehicle immobilizer.**

**Using a steering wheel lock.**

**Closing and locking windows and doors.**

**Taking possessions with you.**

**Keeping spare house keys on your person rather than in a vehicle.**

**Avoid parking** behind fences or hedges.

**At home,** light the driveway at night. Elsewhere, park in well-lit areas near pedestrian traffic.

**After opening** an automatic gate, watch out for thieves waiting to slip inside. Wait for the gate to close behind you.

**Engrave your** stereo and other on-board valuables with an identification number.

Taking the right precautions helps ensure a lasting relationship between you and that new MP3 player and allows you to continue working on defeating that new game.

# DRAGON OF THE WEEK

**Name** — Staff Sgt. Jodi Schmidt

**Unit** — 335th Training Squadron

**Position** — enlisted financial management instructor

**Time in Air Force** — nine years

**Time at Keesler** — 21 months

**Noteworthy** — recognized in November with the “Aces High” award given by the Secretary of the Air Force/Financial Management to an Airman who excels in the financial management career field.

**Hometown** — Wichita Falls, Texas

**Why did you join the Air Force?** To finish school, travel and make something of myself.

**What are your short- and long-term goals?** Finish my bachelor’s degree and make the most of my career in the military.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

**What are your hobbies?** Watching sports and hanging out with friends.

**What’s your favorite**

**quote?** “A true friend is one that is there for you when he’d rather be anywhere else.”

## DIAMOND NOTES

Ladies, your designer bags are nice when you’re on the go, but those bags with white stitching are a definite no-no.

— Master Sgt. Lorna Dembo, 81st Surgical-Inpatient Operations Squadrons first sergeant



Sergeant Dembo

# Keesler shows significant improvement in '07

By Senior Airman Carlos Rodriguez

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**Keesler Public Affairs**

Keesler underwent a successful Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment Management Program inspection Dec. 3-19.

The ESOHCAMP is an annual base-wide assessment of Keesler's compliance with safety, occupational health and environmental regulations.

This year's ESOHCAMP showed a significant improvement over 2006. There were about 30 percent fewer negative findings and none were "significant," the most serious finding. Three positive findings were also noted.

Running alongside the ESOHCAMP was an

Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Management System audit which measures the installation's compliance with Air Force standards.

The ESOHMS audit also produced positive results. The assessors found that the installation was in compliance with Air Force ESOHMS standards.

"The results show that this installation, from the top down, does have a commitment to be in compliance with the law and exceed the requirements when possible," said Teddy James, 81st Training Wing environmental compliance chief.

"ESOHMS is a working process that involves everyone on the installation instituting process improvement in ESOH matters in order to enhance

the mission of the Air Force," said Mr. James.

Twenty-eight Keesler personnel made up the inspection team which included unit environmental coordinators, environmental representatives and safety representatives.

"Keesler's UECs took their assignment as assessors seriously and produced a product that exemplified Team Keesler's attitude toward environmental, safety and occupational health stewardship," said Mr. James.

The assessors inspect squadrons and tenant units across the installation and note any "findings." Findings can be positive or negative.

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**Ms. Staehling**

## Staehling ends career of 32 years

**By Steve Pivnick**

### **81st Medical Group Public Affairs**

Karen Staehling, 81st Medical Operations Squadron's pathology and clinical laboratory flight, marked the end of more than 30 years of federal service Jan. 11.

Ms. Staehling, the flight's special chemistry technical supervisor, spent 32 years in federal service, 24 of them at Keesler Medical Center.

Starting her career in December 1975 in the Biloxi Veterans Affairs Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System, she came to Keesler in October 1983.

In her position, Ms. Staehling reviewed all work completed by the laboratory technicians under her, providing quality control and assurance. She also contributed to Keesler's training mission by educating Phase II students, as well as new permanent party staff at lab stations and in the classroom.

"I probably taught more than 1,000 students and permanent party over the years," she said. "Before Katrina, we instructed about 20 Phase II students each year. There were lots of permanent party; it seemed like a revolving door — we'd get them, train them and then they'd leave."

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## Mail clerks 'coined' for quick action



Photo by Herb Welch

From left, Goodwill Industries employees Janice Kostmayer, Violeta Clayton and Deborah Kahler receive coins Jan. 3 from Col. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander. The three women, mailroom clerks at the Levitow Training Support Facility, identified a suspicious powdery substance coming from a package Dec. 1 and immediately notified the 81st Security Forces Squadron before evacuating the building so investigators could determine the nature of the substance. Colonel Touhill recognized the women for their quick, decisive actions in averting a potentially dangerous situation.

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## Tricare helps with healthy resolutions

### Air Force Print News

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — Saving money, tobacco use and fighting the battle of the bulge are among the hot topics on most people's New Year's resolution lists, and Tricare can help.

Saving money on regular prescriptions got easier in 2007 with the Member Choice Center.

The MCC helps beneficiaries switch from retail pharmacies to safe, convenient Tricare mail order pharmacy delivery. To make the change 24/7, visit <http://www.express-scripts.com/tricare> or call 1-877-363-1433 to speak to a patient care advocate.

Take regular heartburn medications? The copay on Nexium was recently lowered to \$3, and a two-year test of over-the-counter medications allows beneficiaries to try Prilosec OTC for free. Achieving a healthier lifestyle through activities such as exercise, losing weight and quitting tobacco can help beneficiaries and the military health care system save money, too.

Tricare's "Healthy Choices for Life" campaign aims to raise awareness of the problems of obesity, smoking and alcohol abuse. Statistically, service members smoke or chew tobacco at higher rates than the civilian population. There's help on quitting tobacco through the Department

of Defense educational campaign "Quit Tobacco. Make Everyone Proud."

Visitors to the new Web site, <http://www.ucanquit2.org> can develop a personalized plan for quitting, play games, listen to podcasts, connect to online cessation programs and chat with trained cessation counselors daily from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. Central Standard Time.

Tricare's "Kick Butts" multi-media feature on the press room at <http://www.tricare.mil> has helpful information, links and a list of some smoking cessation programs.

Cutting down on alcohol use is also a great New Year's "get healthy" resolution. "That Guy" is a DOD-funded peer-to-peer campaign to increase awareness of the problems associated with overindulging. The campaign is designed to bring home the message by using humor to reach the target audience — young service members. The award-winning Web site is at <http://www.thatguy.com>.

Tricare is also encouraging clinical preventive services such as flu shots and regular screenings for colon, prostate and breast cancer. Tricare also now covers the shingles vaccine for beneficiaries 60 and older and magnetic resonance imaging screening for women at high risk for breast cancer.

# Mardi Gras 2008

## Masking, merrymaking mark annual Gulf Coast festivities

### Let the good times roll — parades take center stage

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Mardi Gras Day is Feb. 5 this year. Keesler units march in some of the parades which kick off this weekend.

#### Saturday

Ocean Springs Elks, 1 p.m.; 875-7046 or 872-2501; 338th Training Squadron color guard and 50-person flag team.

Orange Grove Krewe of Kids, 2 p.m.; 234-5336.

#### Jan. 25

Krewe of Selene and Royal-T, Diamondhead, 6:30 p.m., 255-7801.

#### Jan. 26

City of Biloxi children's walking parade, 10 a.m., 435-6339.

Second Liners Mardi Gras Club, Biloxi, 1 p.m.; 209-8113; 332nd TRS color guard and flag team.

Orange Grove Carnival Association, 2 p.m.; 832-0079.

Gautier Men's Club, 7 p.m.; 762-9265.

#### Jan. 27

Krewe of Nereids, Waveland, 1 p.m.; 586-2505 or 806-6471.

Long Beach Carnival Association, 2 p.m.; 343-3972.

#### Feb. 2

Krewe of Diamondhead, noon; 255-6922.

Jackson County Carnival Association, Pascagoula, 1 p.m.; 497-3269.

Krewe of Gemini day parade, Gulfport, 2 p.m.; 831-0446 or 297-0377; color guard.



The honor guard marches in the 2007 Gulf Coast Carnival Association parade in Biloxi.

Krewe of Endymion, New Orleans, 3:30 p.m.; 338th TRS flag team.

#### Feb. 3

St. Paul Carnival Association, Pass Christian, 1 p.m.; 452-4643.

North Bay Mardi Gras Association, D'Iberville, 1:30 p.m.; 365-3195 or 424-3637.

#### Feb. 5

Gulf Coast Carnival Association, 1 p.m., Biloxi; 432-8806; color guard. Krewe of Neptune follows; 341-0464 or 297-0377.

Krewe of Gemini night parade, 6 p.m., Gulfport; 831-0046 or 297-0377.

#### Gulf Coast Carnival Association

The celebration of Mardi Gras goes back to pagan rites of spring taken over by the early Catholic Church for a day of feasting before the beginning of Lent and weeks of fasting preceding Easter.

As the years passed, in addition to feasting, many added mummery with its masking and merrymaking — a sort of letting go of all inhibitions before taking on the somber penitence of Lent.

Some countries in Europe celebrated this day of feasting on different dates, but the French restricted it to the day preceding Lent, and this custom was adopted by the French colonies in the New World. In French, "Mardi" means "Tuesday" and Gras means "fat," or "to eat meat," thus Fat Tuesday or Shrove Tuesday.

Biloxi claims the first Mardi Gras celebrated in this area was at the newly-established Fort Maurepas, for wherever there was a Frenchman, a holiday and a bottle of wine, there was a celebration.

New Orleanians claim some of D'Iberville's men were exploring the mouth of the Mississippi River, and on the morning of Mardi Gras in 1699, formally took possession of the area and named a small stream near the mouth of the river — Bayou Mardi Gras — a name still printed on maps of that region.

The boisterous buffooneries of the garrison at Mobile, Ala. generally made Ash Wednesday a day for military as well as priestly discipline. It was a completely American innovation to organize the carnival, to substitute regular parades for the old impromptu mummery in the streets and to unite into many social groups for the masked balls scattered throughout the season.

The first recorded carnival celebration other than private parties or balls was New Year's Eve in Mobile in 1831 when a group of young men, following an evening of wining and dining, saw an intriguing array of rakes, hoes, tubs, buckets and cowbells in a hardware store window. They unceremoniously borrowed the implements and with cowbells clanging and tubs booming, paraded through the sleeping town serenading their friends.

Mobile's mayor graciously invited them in for refreshments, thereby giving official sanction to what turned out to be the organization of the Cowbellion de Rakin Society, forerunner of Coast Carnival Krewes and



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Frances Walroth, left, wife of Lt. Col. James Walroth, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, and her daughter Jenifer, 15, show off their faces painted in Mardi Gras colors of purple, green and gold at last year's Biloxi Mardi Gras parade.

the fabulous parades themselves.

In New Orleans, the French colonists had their casual carnival balls and the Spanish found the custom well established when they took over the city in 1766.

But they noticed with alarm that many residents were devoting the day to boisterous violence, so the Spanish put a stop to the custom of masking. Orleanians, masked or unmasked, continued to enjoy gallivanting around in costume.

In 1820, a group of young Creoles educated in Paris decided to liven things up with a masked procession of substantial size. But it soon got out of hand, and the celebration was suppressed until 1857, when a new organization was formed to present a parade with floats and torch lights.

The group was the Mystick Krewe of Comus, and there were two main floats, one carrying the king and the other showing Satan in a blazing hell. A new Mardi Gras was born with strong American overtones.

The older carnival traditions are carefully preserved. Rules of the "krewes," the men's organizations, dominate the lives of the city's social circles.

In New Orleans, Mardi Gras has become two celebrations — the first a

genial free-for-everyone affair, and the other the revelry of exclusive societies.

The oldest krewes dominate, with membership ranging from one to 200. The man who really dictates is the krewe captain, not the king. No sooner is one season ended than work begins on another. For many workmen, Mardi Gras is a year-round job.

A king is chosen, a man who can afford the expense of providing his own costume, jeweled train and accessories. The king gives suppers and parties and buys gifts for the queen and her maids. In smaller towns, the king also pays for the cost of his float.

The queen is usually chosen from among the current season's debutantes. The expense is great, but so is the honor.

In this area, Mardi Gras is a school holiday, instead of Presidents Day that is celebrated in other parts of the country.

Biloxi was the first Mississippi Gulf Coast city to celebrate with a formal parade of floats in 1908. Now other south Mississippi towns celebrate with parades, but they space them at different times during the carnival season so all may come and enjoy each celebration. Biloxi still has its traditional carnival on Mardi Gras Day.

### Mardi Gras glossary

**Beads** — necklace thrown at parades.

**Carnival** — festival season which runs from the Feast of the Epiphany, Jan. 6, to Mardi Gras.

**Colors** — purple for justice, green for faith and gold for power.

**Court** — royalty for a carnival krewe or club.

**Doubloons** — commemorative coins.

**King cake** — crown-shaped pastry embellished with decorations in the Mardi Gras colors of purple, green and gold. King cakes resulted from European celebrations for Twelfth Night, or Epiphany, which commemorates the visit of the Wise Men to the Christ Child. To choose the king and queen for the festivities, a bean was tucked into the cake, and the person who found it received a year of good luck and the opportunity to pick a person to serve with him or her as royalty. Today's king cakes have a tiny plastic baby instead of a bean, so be careful when you bite into your slice of the treat. Many are filled with fruit, nuts or cream cheese. The finder of the baby traditionally has luck for a year, rules for the day — and has to supply the king cake for the next party.

**Krewe** — Mardi Gras organization.

**Laissez les bon temps rouler** — French phrase which means "let the good times roll."

**Lent** — a 40-day period of reflection and repentance observed by Christians preparing for Easter.

**Mardi Gras** — French for "Fat Tuesday," signifying celebration or overindulgence before Lent begins. The date varies depending on when Easter falls during a particular year (first Sunday after the first full moon after March 21, the spring equinox).

**Throw me something, Mister** — traditional cry of parade-goers to catch the attention of someone riding on a float to toss them a trinket.

**Throws** — necklaces, plastic cups, stuffed animals, candy, toys, coupons, pens, pencils, doubloons, paper flowers and other items tossed to parade spectators.



SayVon Watkins, 8, left, and his sister, SaVena, 7, wave at people riding the floats at last year's Biloxi Mardi Gras parade in hopes of catching some coveted throws. Their parents are Senior Master Sgts. Nicole Watkins, 336th Training Squadron, and Kyle Watkins, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron.

Ms. Mary sings as she prepares one of the Fisher House bedrooms for its next guest. She takes care of the 5,000-square foot, two-story facility built in 1992. Keesler's Fisher House is the sixth of 38 homes donated by the late Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher of New York to provide home-like accommodations in close proximity to military or veterans medical centers.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



# Fisher House housekeeper in national spotlight

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Hurricane Katrina may have demolished Mary Burley's Gulfport home, but it didn't destroy her kind heart, her generous spirit or her hopeful attitude.

Ms. Mary, the 67-year-old housekeeper at Keesler's Fisher House, was profiled on Good Morning America's "Giving Back" series Dec. 11. The story was sparked by a letter from Anthony Pitt, who stayed at Fisher House and was inspired by Ms. Mary's giving nature.

Keesler's Fisher House is one of 38 "comfort homes" across the country, with five more under construction. The facility provides a home-away-from-home for families of seriously-ill patients receiving medical care at Keesler Medical Center or the Biloxi Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Fisher House guests must be outpatients receiving treatment at those medical centers or a member of the "support team" of a hospitalized patient.

Good Morning America anchor Robin Roberts described Ms. Mary as "the Santa of tender loving care," and people who've spent time at Fisher House are quick to agree.

"If I have a gift for taking care of people, our Lord gets all the praise and glory — that's the way he made me," Ms. Mary declared. "He directs my path."

The oldest of 15 children, Ms. Mary was left to raise her six youngest siblings when her mother died. Although she didn't have children of her own, that experience molded her maternal instincts and prepared her for her role as a caregiver for Fisher House's guests.

A lifelong resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Ms. Mary was a housekeeper for

Keesler's lodging facilities for 36 years before she came to Fisher House four years ago. She doesn't just make beds and clean bathrooms — she shares smiles, songs, prayers, hugs and encouragement with everyone she meets.

"Keesler has been good to me," she pointed out. "I've gotten great customer service training over the years. We're trained to treat others the way we want to be treated. Customers don't revolve around us — we revolve around the customers."

Mr. Pitt, who sent the letter about Ms. Mary to Good Morning America, wrote, "I don't care if she's worn out and sometimes I see it in her eyes. This house lightens up when Ms. Mary walks in. She is a jewel that God has allowed me to get to know. She's a very humble person and wouldn't ask for anything for herself."

Jenny Davis, who stayed at Fisher House while her husband, a gunner who served in Vietnam, was treated for leukemia, considers Ms. Mary a dear friend.

"I have nobody here to talk to but you — I come here and I see that smile," she told Ms. Mary. "You make me feel so much better — if you weren't here, I don't know what I would do."

Since Katrina, Ms. Mary has lived in a FEMA trailer on property her family owns in Gulfport until she's able to rebuild her home.

A self-described "people lover," Ms. Mary explained that the sacrifices America's military members have made for the country are a source of inspiration to her.

"They served our country and they don't complain," she pointed out. "They uplift and motivate me every day."

To view Ms. Mary's Good Morning America story, go to <http://abcnews.go.com/GMA/story?id+3983148&page=1>

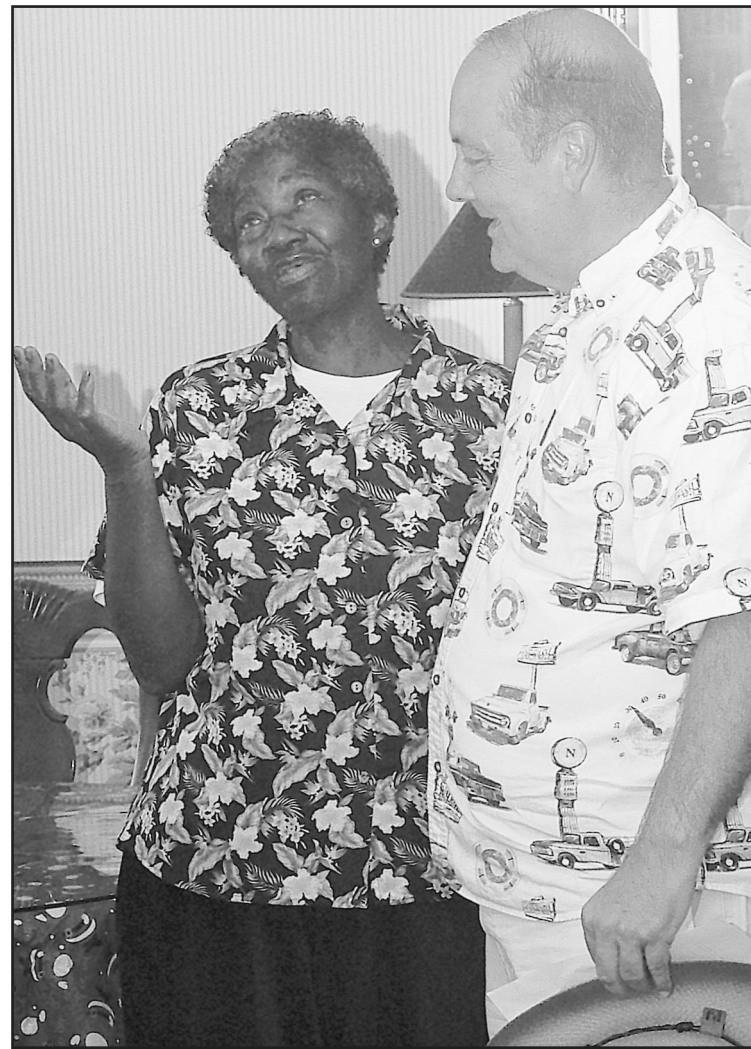


Photo by Airman 1st Class David Salanitri

Ms. Mary and Mr. Pitt, who wrote the letter about her to Good Morning America, share some time together before the "Giving Back" segment was taped.



# Drive collects needed items for Airman's Attic

By Susan Griggs

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Keesler News staff

Your household extras could be treasures for a Keesler Airman.

The inventory for Airman's Attic, a program that assists junior enlisted members in obtaining basic household items at no cost, is running low on many items.

This month, the company grade officers council and Top III are sponsoring a special drive to bring in high-demand items.

These articles include infant and toddler clothes, toys, maternity clothes, comforters, dishes, wall pictures, lamps, area rugs, furniture, microwaves, televisions, small appliances and similar household items. Donated items should be clean and in good, usable condition.

Adult clothing, personal hygiene items, liquids and hazardous materials aren't accepted. Also, Airmen's Attic isn't authorized to provide tax receipts for donated items.

To donate, call:

**81st Training Group** — Capts. Mike Zink, 377-1576, and Naomi Henigin, 377-2083; Master Sgts. Brent Misita, 377-0931, or Andrew Weldon, 377-0738.

**81st Mission Support Group** — Capt. Mishaun Johnson, 377-7251; 1st Lt. Mike Newson, 377-7626; and Master Sgts. Steven Alford, 377-5807, and Archie Evans, 377-2702.

**81st Medical Group** — Capts. Liz Najera, 376-0385, Stephanie Stichert, 376-4955, and Brandon Morgan, 376-0440; Master Sgts. Jason Hanley, 376-0449, Lisa Ware, 376-0385, Alvin Holland, 375-4953, and Jeffery Green, 376-3227.

**85th Engineering Installation Squadron** — 1st Lt. Ernie Moore, 377-1085, and Senior Master Sgt. Kyle Watkins, 377-1140.



## Stepping up

Nancy Kindle, 81st Supply Squadron, received a stripes for exceptional performers promotion to technical sergeant Jan. 8. She received her new stripes from Col. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Ronald Owens, 81st TRW command chief, in the supply warehouse.

# Generosity galore Holiday spirit abounds with Keesler contributions

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Keesler showed its generosity through a variety of outreach efforts during the holiday season.

About 85 volunteers across the base worked to collect 2,338 toys, including 21 bicycles, and almost \$300 cash for the Marine Corps' annual Toys for Tots campaign. Cheryl Moore, 81st Communications Squadron, headed the Keesler drive.

The first sergeant council raised \$9,900 through charitable donations and weekend bell-ringing at the base exchange and Triangle mini-mall, according to Master Sgt. Steven Wise, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, project leader. All proceeds were distributed to 104 Keesler families in conjunction with the Salvation Army's Angel Tree donations.

The 334th Training Squadron raised \$650 for the Angel Tree program through donations by members attending the squadron's annual holiday party and the unit's booster club.

The chapel community supplied Christmas gifts for 48 foster children in Harrison County, according to Chaplain (Capt.) Jeremy Gorline. The children were in transitional status with the county's Department of Human Services.

## Excess property sale

A nonappropriated fund excess property sale concludes today in the Keesler Club on Larcher Boulevard.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for all authorized buyers.

Transactions are first-come, first-served cash and carry, and all items must be removed immediately.

For more information, call 377-0002.

## Artwork contest

The African-American Heritage Committee sponsors an artwork design contest for the 2008 Black Heritage Month observance.

The entry deadline is Jan.

31. Submit entries to any committee member.

The winner receives \$50 and the runner-up a ticket to the Black Heritage Month luncheon Feb. 20.

For more information, call Paulette Powell, 377-2270, or contact any AAHC member.

## Wing awards

The 81st Training Wing's fourth quarter awards ceremony is 3 p.m. Feb. 7 at Welch Auditorium.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Chip Coleman, 376-4020, or Tech. Sgt. Tina Mauro-Behrens, 376-3307.

## Heart Link

The next Heart Link session

is 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 15 in the Triangle Chapel.

To register, call 377-2179.

## Enrolling patients

The family practice clinic is enrolling beneficiaries from ages 5-17.

For more information, call Capt. Don Smith, pediatric clinic nurse manager, 377-0402.

## Hearts from Home

Collection boxes at the airman and family readiness center, Keesler Medical Center, 81st Security Forces Squadron and 81st Communications Squadron are for donations to the Hearts from Home project to send to Keesler's deployed

members for Valentine's Day.

Wednesday is the deadline to donate DVDs, handheld electronic travel games, travel toilet paper, boxes of flavored water packets, books, crossword puzzle books and disposable cameras.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Jessica Woodruff, 377-2593.

## Supply visits

Supply customer liaison visits units for feedback on support.

To schedule visits, call Kevin Lane, 377-8891, or e-mail [kevin.lane@keesler.af.mil](mailto:kevin.lane@keesler.af.mil).

## Patients sought

The pediatric dentistry

clinic is looking for patients for the advanced education in general dentistry residency.

Orthodontic treatment and use and oral sedation aren't available.

Eligible are children ages 4-12. Patients must be available for treatment Thursday mornings.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 376-5144.

## Thrift shop hours

The Keesler Thrift Shop is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays through Dec. 19.

The shop closes for 2 weeks for the holidays and reopens Jan. 7.

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# SPORTS AND RECREATION

## One-way traffic



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Cassandra Alejandro, 334th Training Squadron, warms up at the Crotwell Track next to a recently-installed sign indicating the direction runners are to travel during specific days. According to Terri Jordan, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron fitness program manager, changing direction periodically helps runners avoid injuries by altering the turn angle. It allows the weight to be shifted from a particular side of the foot or leg.

# SCORES AND MORE

## Basketball

### Women's varsity games

**Editor's note:** Home games played at Blake Fitness Center. For more information, call Richard Vincent, women's coach, 228-343-9951.

**Feb. 9** — Eglin Air Force Base., women only, noon.

## Bowling

### League standings

#### Monday Budweiser

(as of Jan. 7)

Team	Won	Lost
Perry's Refrigeration	72	26
3 Steps Forward	63	35
Our Gang	60	38
Gannon's Cannons	58.5	39.5
Old Skool	58	40
Wayne's World	54	44
Man On	53	45
Hoops Gang	52	46
Slater's Shooters	50	48
Pin Heads	50	48
Endangered Species	44.5	53.5
Team 2	44	54
Why Not	44	54
The Corner Pins	41	57
Ghost Riders	38	60
Unpredictables	36	62
Martini's	32	66
B-Busters	30	68

#### Tuesday Hospital Mixed

(as of Dec. 18)

Team	Won	Lost
Radiology Renegades	76	28
Bed Buddies	68	36
Pediattack	66	38
Pill Pushers	64	40
Drug Dealers	62	42
Team 6	30	74
Team 8	12	92
Team 7	8	96

#### Wednesday Mixed

(as of Jan. 9)

Team	Won	Lost
Hang Chucky	74	38
Oceans Eleven	73	39
Jokers Wild	71	41
Clyde's Team	64	48
Ichiban	63	49
2 Old 2 Bowl	58	54
3DR	58	54
Neighbors + 1	55	57
Misfits	54	58
70s Plus	53	59
MUDD	51	61
Lucky Strikes	46	66
Team 13	22	69
Team 14	0	0

#### Thursday Retired Seniors Mixed

(as of Jan. 10)

Team	Won	Lost
6-Pack	75.5	36.5
Delema	65.5	46.5
Team 16	65	47
Three is Company	64.5	47.5
Dummys Dummies	64	48
Team 1	62.5	49.5
Team 12	62	50
Freda's Kids	59	53
The Very Best	57	55
2 Bees & a D	56	56
Barb's Boys	54.5	57.5
Team 2	52.5	59.5

## Big bad bowler

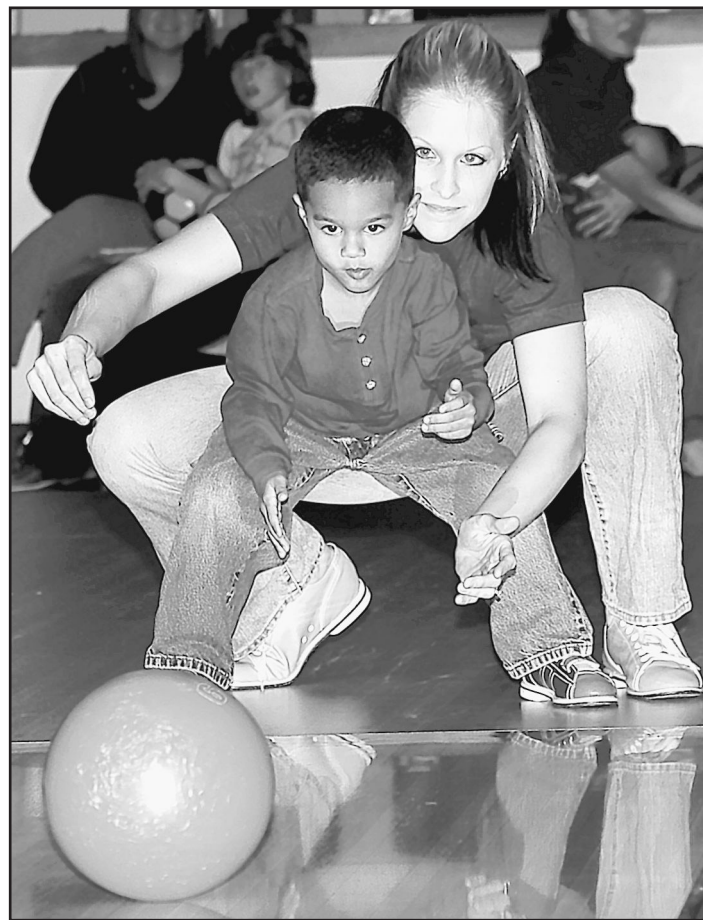


Photo by Kemberly Groue

**Three-year-old Savon Bluett gets some help from his mom, Lindsey, during Saturday's bowling party for families of deployed members at Gaudé Lanes. Savon's dad, Staff Sgt. Damian Bluett, 81st Medical Support Squadron, is deployed to Southwest Asia. The event was sponsored by the airman and family readiness center.**

Amy's Bunch	49	63
T-N-T	49	63
Guys and Dolls	45	67
Full Speed	45	67
Team 15	44	68
Friends	38	74

#### Thursday Federal Intramural

(as of Jan. 3)

Team	Won	Lost
332nd TRS	80	40
85th EIS	78	42
Team 3	72	48
Team 4	72	48
Team 5	67	45
Team 14	64	56
338th TRS	64	56
81st CPTS	62	58
81st MSS	62	58
403rd Rolling Thunder	60	52
403rd MXS	58	62
Misfits	54	66
GCCS Squad	53	67
Team 10	50	70
81st TRSS	50	70
Ghosts	10	110

#### Other

**Super Bowl party** — 4 p.m. Feb. 3. Watch the game on a 60-inch screen. \$7.95 per person includes finger foods, games, and prizes. Draft beer \$5 per pitcher or \$1 per cup.

**Birthday party package** — available 1:30-3 p.m. or 3:30-5 p.m. Saturdays; \$8.95 per child includes food package and 1 1/2 hours of bowling including shoes. Birthday child is free and receives a Gaudé Lanes T-shirt. Reservations required.

**January** — open 1-7 p.m. Sundays. Registrations accepted starting Jan. 4 for Family Have-a-Ball League, 2 p.m. Sundays for 12 weeks starting Jan. 27. For more information, call 377-2817.

**Logo apparel** — wear your college logo clothing on Saturdays and get \$1 off shoe rental. Wear Mississippi Sea Wolves apparel anytime and get \$1 off shoe rental.

**Open play on league nights** — first come, first served. For lane availability, call 377-2817.

**Open bowling** — for days and times, call 377-2817.

**Nonprior service students special** — 5-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, all nonprior service students bowl for \$1.50 game including shoe rental.

**Glow bowling** — 9 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays.

**Hurricane alley, fundraisers** — for more information, call 377-2817.

## Fitness centers

**Free fitness classes** — step aerobics, turbo-core, spin/cycle, slo-robics, boxing workout and fencing at Dragon Fitness Center. For more information, call 377-2907.

**Massage appointments** — at Triangle Fitness Center, call 263-5515.

**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. For massage appointments, call 263-5515. For more information, call 377-3056.

**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. weekends and holidays.

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

## Fitness, sports council

**Fitness and sports advisory council meeting** — 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Vandenberg Community Center.

## Golf

**Course and pro shop open** — 7 a.m. to dusk daily. For tee times, call 377-3832.

**Driving range** — 40 balls, \$2.

**Golf lessons** — \$25 for 30 minutes. For appointment, call 424-0479.

## Martial arts

**Editor's note:** Classes at Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call 377-3308.

**Shaolin pentjak silat** — 7-8 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, all ages. \$65 month. Striking, kicking, grappling, weapons and internal energy; sash ranking system.

**Pukulan pencak silat tempur** — 6-7 p.m. Monday, Tuesdays and Thursdays. \$65 month. Closequarters combat class; used for personal protection.

**Mixed martial arts** — 8-9 p.m.

Mondays-Thursdays. \$65 month; muay thai, western boxing, kung fu, wrestling, judo and jujitsu.

**Women's self defense** — 6-7 p.m. Wednesdays. \$25 month. Mental, physical and tactical training.

## Outdoor recreation

**Back Bay fishing trip** — 7 a.m. to noon Jan. 26. \$15 per person. Maximum eight people. For more information, call 377-3160.

**Children's wildlife poster contest** — entry deadline Jan. 30. Prizes for first and second place winners. For more information, call 377-0002.

**January fish of the month** — weigh in the largest catfish and take home \$100 savings bond.

**Wet slip fees** — monthly, boats more than 32 feet, \$3.75 per foot; less than 32 feet, \$2.50 per foot. Overnight, \$5 per boat.

**Deep sea fishing trips** — compressed work schedule Fridays and Sundays aboard the Keesler Dolphin II. \$60 per person includes everything you need to fish. Payment due upon reservation. Minimum 10, maximum 22 people. For reservation, call 377-3160.

**Deep sea fishing private charter** — rent Dolphin II, \$700 for first six people, \$35 each additional person Mondays-Thursdays, \$40 weekends and holidays. \$350 deposit required.

**January special** — 10 percent discount on rental equipment.

**Back Bay cruiser** — 17-foot vessel for rent. Mississippi boater registration card required. For prices, call 377-3160.

**Canoe trips** — for more information, call 377-3160.

**Pontoon boat training** — to rent a pontoon you must take a test and be certified. Call for information.

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

**Recreational vehicle, boat and trailer storage** — \$15 per month. For more information, call 377-3160.

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

**Disk golf** — distance, fairway, multi-purpose, putt and approach disks for sale or rent.

## Paintball

**Paintball course** — open by reservation only; for reservations or more information, call 377-3160.

## Wrestling

**Mardi Gras Brawl** — international championship wrestling, 7 p.m. Feb. 1, Blake Fitness Center. Tickets sold at Gaudé Lanes and Vandenberg Community Center; \$10 adults, \$5 ages 4-12, free ages 3 and younger. Sponsored by Rex Distributing, USAA and Keesler Federal Credit Union. For more information, call 377-4385.

## HONORS

### Quarterly awards, October-December

#### 81st Training Group

**Airman** — Senior Airman Dallas Ebanetz, 81st Training Support Squadron.

**Noncommissioned officer** — Tech. Sgt. Barney Burr, 335th Training Squadron.

**Senior NCO** — Master Sgt. Jimmie Rice, 81st TRSS.

**Company grade officer** — 1st Lt. Robert Patt.

**Field grade officer** — Maj. James Hewitt, 338th TRS.

**Civilian, category one** — Sharon Floyd, 338th TRS.

**Civilian, category two** — Timothy Bain, 338th TRS.

**Civilian supervisor, category one** — Kenneth Powell, 338th TRS.

**Civilian supervisor, category two** — Elizabeth LeBlanc, 333rd TRS.

**Airman instructor** — Senior Airman Cassandra Alejandro, 334th TRS.

**NCO instructor** — Tech. Sgt. John Burgess, 334th TRS.

**Senior NCO instructor** — Master Sgt. Robert Marlett, 335th TRS.

**Officer instructor** — Capt. Troy Kirkbride, 334th TRS.

**Civilian instructor** — Joseph Mc Cormick, 336th TRS.

**Military training leader** — Staff Sgt. Osman Diaz, 334th TRS.

### Student honor roll

#### 332nd Training Squadron

**Electronic principles** — Airmen Basic Cole Anderson, Eric Bergman, Dewin Carter, Daniel Deziel, Jesse Digiaco, Chad Enzenroth, Nicholas Fitzgerald, Nichole Fogle, Javier Garcia, Sean Gilbert, Joshua Hausenfluck, Mathew Helm, Alexander Hennen, Evan Hess, Cory James, Maurice Jenkins, Virginia Lopez, Bobby Mahome, Jesus Martinez, Joshua Mathes, Sean McVeigh, Adam Meyer, Chelsea Mulnix, David Ortega, Kyle Perez, Kyle Riley, Matthew Roemer, Raishune Sitton, Zebualin Stark, Joshua Strunk, Daniel Sullivan, David Thurlow, Darren, Tunnell, Jake Vaughn, Jacob Vickrey, Donald Weber, James Wilson, Clayton Wing and Daniel Zappitello; Airmen Steven Boling, Charles Cox, Dustin Falcon, Brandon Jennings, Cody McMahan, Erin Miller, Hieu Nguyen, Michael Taylor, David Veramontes, Ralph Vick and Kyle Walker; Airmen 1st Class Sean Archer, Charly Bennamon, Joshua

Boshears, Steven Briski, Robert Burgess, Daniel Collins, Travis Damm, Michael Davis, Leland Ellis, Darshelle Green, Mitchell Hill, Jabari Hines, Adam Laracuenta, Nicholas McCollum, Patrick Moreth, Jose Napky, Derek Nord, Geroge Oliver, Justin Parson, Joshua Patterson, Ainslee Ragermcilwaine, Dustin Read, Garrett Rhodes, Joshua Schlichting, Alicia Sonstebly, Drew Strandness and Ian Wagner; Senior Airmen Michael Beauman, Maaajo Cooper-Henry, Nathan Fultz, Buell Richardson and Callie Rios; Staff Sgts. Donald Adkins, Ryan Broman, Henry Gatpandan, Zachary Hibbert, Jesse Linville, Robert Schwingel and John Tillery; Tech. Sgt. Matthew Sly; Master Sgt. Wayne Werth.

#### 334th TRS

**Air traffic control operations training flight** — Airmen Basic William Bennet, Kevin Brothers, Lee McClintic and Nathan Scheper; Airmen 1st Class Persian Jones and Joshua Mayorga; Senior Airmen Michael Brait, Alan Plank and Arturo Ybarra.

**Command post apprentice course** — Airman Basic Jennifer Volkers; Airmen 1st Class Jonathan Boroughf and Ariana Ocampo; Senior Airmen Joseph Herron and Blake Pecquet; Staff Sgts. Ronald Beasley, Justin Kelley and Neal Strawn; Tech. Sgts. Steven Chandler and Rebecca Sepeda.

#### 335th TRS

**Comptroller training flight** — Airmen Basic Joshua Cline, Gregory Hriczo, Valeria Luna, Chadwick McIntosh, Erica Redmon, Ashlyn Ross, Katherine Rowan, Jennifer Shoptaugh and Whitney Swinson; Airmen Eric Bath, Molly Jones and Simon Lee; Airmen 1st Class Casey Brockway, Tonya Crook, Sharon Cross, Wesley Cure, Adam Fuchs, John Mendiola and Jeffrey Seiwel; Senior Airmen Brian Gardiner and Dorothy Wilson; Staff Sgts. Robert Dietrich, Megan Mork and Kenneth Smiddie; Tech. Sgts. Christopher Kamholz and Tamra O'Neal.

**Weather training flight** — Airmen Basic Abigail Cannady and Russell Hathaway; Navy Airmen Recruit Timothy Cormier, Wesley Currier, Jason Rhodes and Porter Vaughn; Airmen Jerry Hinton and Shane Ryan; Airmen 1st Class Dale Altman, David Bonnett, Jared McClain, Jacquelyn Payn, Tara Pedroley, Tyson Unrau and Brittney Veloz; Marine Pfc. Eric Abrego; Navy Airman Ambre Witt; Staff Sgts. Thomas Brummer, David Candelaria, Yvonne Harshorn and Stacy Huffman; Marine Sgts. Kyle Ash and Jerramaine Crawford.

#### 336th TRS

**Communications-computer systems training flight** — Airmen Basic Donald Pucciariello, Christopher Randall, Christopher Sills, Joshua Story and Kyle Young; Airman Travis Rich and Saunder Simmons; Airmen 1st Class Mathieu Bargas, Daniel Beslick, Jacob Corrigan, Steele Cary, Geoffrey Estes, Michael Fowler, Kevin Glynn, Brandon Hamilton, Daniel Hendricks, Aaron Lovely, Gregory Lystra, Jason McIntosh, Larry Morales, Michael Norton, Jacob Palmer, Taj Preciado, Luke Sanders, Christopher Wade, James Walker, Ian White and Benjamin Wilkie; Senior Airmen Joshua Bartholomew and Bryant Marzan; Staff Sgts. Honorio Moya and Benjamin Willock; Capt. Ahmed Youssef.

**Communications and information flight** — Airmen Basic Brittany Atkins-Alvarez, Timothy Clinton, Kevin Gleason, Chon Hardage, Brandie Johnson, Scott Mattan, Danielle Pearce, Jarrett Reed, Joshua Story, Tiphanny Ward, Ethan Tomey, Bryan Tremblay and Joshua Zimmermann; Airmen Lukas Bedsaul, Michelle Florece, Vanessa Mims, Sylvia Navarro, Andrea Oloman, Saunder Simmons and Aimee Thomas; Airmen 1st Class Gideon Allday, Mathieu Bargas, Grace Blazado, Steele Cary, Catherine Chambers, Jacob Corrigan, Geoffrey Estes, Eugene Evans, Michael Fowler, Bernice Glover, Kevin Glynn, Brandon Hamilton, Aaron Lovely, Gregory Lystra, Jason McIntosh, Shamekia Moore, Jacob Palmer, Joshua Robertson, Michael Sampson, Luke Sanders, James Walker, Ian White Christopher Winkkowski and Roy Yeomans; Senior Airmen Joshua Bartholomew, Yashira Franqui, Loretta Jackson, Bryant Marzan and George Potzgo IV; Staff Sgts. Tamara Fochs and Benjamin Willock; Tech. Sgt. Sandra Leonwicz; Capt Ahmed Youssef.

#### 338th TRS

**Ground radar flight** — Master Sgt. Troy Mitchell.

## SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

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

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

### Technical training route

#### 5:10-5:37 a.m. weekdays

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

### Prior-service students lodged off base

**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 and 5:30 p.m., street side of Hewes Hall for Bryan, Jones, Hewes and Garrard Halls; 3:33 and 5:33, Cody Hall bus stop for Hangar 3, Thomson, Cody and Dolan Halls; 3:36 and 5:36, E Street side of McClelland Hall; 3:38 and 5:38, back side of Allee Hall for 7-level building, weather training center and Allee, Wolfe, and Stennis Halls; 3:41 and 5:41, front of Muse Manor.

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.

### 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

### Roman Catholic

#### Sunday Mass

Triangle Chapel.....9 a.m.

#### Weekday Mass

Medical Center chapel.....11:15 a.m.

### Jewish

For worship opportunities, call Tech. Sgt. Michael Raff, 377-5235.

### Islamic

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

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

### Latter-Day Saints

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints** — student group service, 2 p.m. Sundays, Triangle Chapel. For more information, call 396-5274 or 1-801-694-8900.

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## HOLIDAY HOURS

### Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Editor's note: Hours reflect changes in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. federal holiday, Monday.**

**Keesler News** — closed.  
**Commissary** — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
**Inns of Keesler** — open 24 hours.  
**Child development center** — closed.  
**Live Oak Dining Facility** — 7:30-9 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 4:30-6:30 p.m.  
**Magnolia Dining Facility** — 7:30-9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 4:30-6:30 p.m..  
**Azalea Dining Facility** — closed.  
**Family child care office** — closed.  
**Blake Fitness Center** — 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
**Dragon and Triangle Fitness Centers** — closed.  
**Gaudé Lanes and 11th Frame Café** — closed.  
**Arts and crafts center** — closed.  
**Auto hobby shop** — closed.  
**Bay Breeze Golf Course** — 7 a.m. to dusk.  
**Information, ticket and tours office** — closed.  
**Katrina Kantina** — closed.  
**McBride Library** — closed.  
**Outdoor recreation** — 7 a.m. to 5 p.m..  
**Vandenberg Community Center** — noon to 6 p.m..  
**Veterinary clinic** — closed.  
**Youth center** — closed.  
**Car wash** — open 24 hours.  
**Mini-mart** — open 24 hours.  
**Fam camp** — open 24 hours.  
**Main exchange** — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
**Mini-mall** — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m..  
**Class Six** — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m..  
**Service station (attended fuel)** — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m..  
**Military clothing sales** — closed.  
**Furniture store** — closed.  
**Subway** — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Mobile units** — closed.  
**Seattle's Best** — closed.  
**Charley's Steakery** — closed.  
**Anthony's** — 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Optical shop** — closed.  
**Nail shop** — closed.  
**General Nutrition Center** — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Beauty shop** — closed.  
**Mini-mall barber shop** — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Medical center barber shop** — closed.  
**Force One Rental** — 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Laundry/dry cleaners** — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Enterprise Car Rental** — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Sprint** — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## 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.

## CLASSES

### Airman Leadership School

**Class 08-2** — graduates Feb. 13.

### Keesler NCO Academy

**Class 08-2** — graduates Feb. 15.

### Arts and crafts center

#### Multi-craft shop

**Editor's note: open until 8 p.m. Thursdays**

**Thursday night specials** — 5 p.m. today, family night crafts fun; 5:30-7 p.m. Jan. 31 masks, king cake and bingo parade. Minimal fee for all projects.

**Ceramic mold pouring** — 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Feb. 2. \$25 including mold use, supplies and first firing. Discount for student airmen.

**Youth center teen workshop** — 4:30-7 p.m. today, Jan. 24 and 31. Crafts and food project. Pre-registration required.

**Pottery wheel thrown clay workshop** — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. \$40 including five pounds of clay and firing.

**One stroke painting with acrylics** — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Painting strokes for all decorative materials. Class doesn't require pre-painting experience. \$32 including project and paint.

#### Wood shop

**Beginning intarsia** — 10 a.m. Saturday or Feb. 2. \$15 including project and tool use.

**Advanced intarsia** — 10 a.m. Jan. 26. \$20 including materials and tool use. A new project each month. Call to register.

#### Auto hobby shop

**Editor's note: open shop use, preregister for classes.**

**Free auto care briefing** — 4:30-6 p.m. today.

**Qualified mechanics** — can assist with vehicle maintenance.

**Oil collection site** — for personal vehicles.

**24-hour coin-operated car wash** — wash, rinse, wax system, towelettes, Armorall and vacuum station.

**Vehicle resale lot** — one block west of Larcher Boulevard on Tingle Street north of the 81st Security Forces Squadron building. Register at multi-craft shop. Registration, license and proof of insurance required. To place a car on the lot, call 377-2821.

### Chapel

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

**Catholic religious education** — after 9 a.m. Sunday Mass.

**Protestant Sunday School** — 10:30-11:30 a.m. for preschool, elementary, teens and adults.

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

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

**Tuesday Bible study** — 6-7:30 p.m. at the Haven.

### McBride Library

**Story time** — 10 a.m. Feb. 6, ages 3-5.

**Fax special** — faxes 50 cents a page this month.

**Free wireless Internet available** — check at circulation desk.

**National tie month** — tie display.

**Gale data base reference orientations** — 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

**Tours/orientations** — call 377-2827.

**International creativity month** — arts and crafts display.

### Professional development

**Flight commander seminar** — 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Jan. 23-24, Room 203, Garrard Hall. To register or for more information, officers or civilians can visit <https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/CoP/OpenCoP.asp?Filter=OO-DP-AE-19> or call Master Sgt. Kelle Turner, 377-3697.

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## DINING HALL MENUS

### Today

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

**Dinner** — roast pork loin, jaegerschnitzel veal, chicken cordon bleu, potato halves, orange rice, gravy, carrots, pinto beans, corn combo, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

### Friday

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

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

### Saturday

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

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

### Sunday

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

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

### Martin Luther King Jr. holiday

**Lunch** — fried catfish, barbecue ribs, cornbread, fried chicken, baked fish, macaroni and cheese, rice, gravy, macaroni salad, potato salad, cole slaw, fried okra, chicken gumbo, mustard greens, blackeyed peas, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

**Dinner** — turkey, ribeye steak, tempura fish, mashed potatoes, cornbread dressing, gravy, succotash, tempura vegetables, green beans, garden cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone, chili with beans, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

### Tuesday

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

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

### Wednesday

**Lunch** — lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken cacciatore, noodles, baked potatoes, baked beans, green beans, simmered squash, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

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

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## CLUBS AND CENTERS

### Vandenberg Community Center

**Editor's note:** All events, except dances, are open to all Keesler personnel.

**Martin Luther King holiday dance** — 6 p.m. Sunday.

**Puzzle day** — 7 p.m. Jan. 29. Complete a large multi-piece puzzle individually or with friends.

**Bubble wrap popping party** — 6 p.m. Jan. 31.

**Mardi Gras celebration** — 6 p.m. Feb. 5. Music, free beads and king cake.

**Football on the big screen** — noon Sundays, 6:30 p.m. Mondays. Free popcorn.

**Karaoke** — 6 p.m. Thursdays before working Fridays.

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

**Movie night** — 6 p.m. Wednesdays. New releases, popcorn.

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

### Katrina Kantina

**Editor's note:** In the marina building overlooking Biloxi's Back Bay.

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

**Super Bowl party** — 4 p.m. Feb. 3 for permanent party personnel. Free snacks, drink specials, two big screens. Seating limited. For more information, call 377-2219.

**Luncheon specials** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 28. \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers.

**Thirsty Thursday** — 5 p.m. Jan. 31. Southern cuisine, DJ. \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers.

**Karaoke night** — 5 p.m. Thursdays before compressed work schedule Fridays.

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

**Catering** — experts can assist with planning weddings, holidays, birthdays, official functions and other special occasions.

### Youth center

**Annual membership** — \$25, ages 9 and older. Discounts on programs, classes and sports.

**Cooking club** — Feb. 12, 19 and 26, ages 9 and older. Call for times. Free for members; space limited. Preregistration required.

**Art, Fit Factor and sewing clubs** — 4-7 p.m. Mondays, ages 9 and older. Learn about arts and complete a project; maximum eight people.

**TRAIL FitFactor Jazz-a-cise** — 5-8 p.m. Mondays-Wednesdays through Jan. 23, ages 6-17. \$12 members, \$15 nonmembers. Preregistration required.

**Aviation and space camp registration** — throughout the month, ages 12-18.

**Mardi Gras ball** — 1-5 p.m. Feb. 2, ages 6-12; 7-11 p.m. ages 13-17. \$5 members, \$7 nonmembers. Preregistration required.

**Give parents a break/parents night out** — 4-10 p.m. Feb. 2 for youth through grade 6.

**Mardi Gras camp** — Feb. 4-8, ages 6-12. Preregistration required. Call 377-4116.

**Open recreation** — 4-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, ages 9 and older.

**Friday night frenzy** — 6:30-11 p.m. ages 13-17. Games, skating, music, snacks. \$5 members, \$7 nonmembers.

**Super Saturdays** — 1-5 p.m. Saturday, ages 6-12.

**Classes** — 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays. Gymnastics \$45 and \$50, ages 3-12. Dance \$45 and \$50, ages 3-12. Piano \$65 and \$70, ages 6-12. Karate for ages 6-12 meets twice weekly; \$65 and \$70; call for dates and times.

## TICKETS AND TRIPS

**Mardi Gras parades in New Orleans** — Jan. 26, Ponchartrain/Shangri-La, sign up by Jan. 24. Jan. 27, Carrollton/King Arthur and Merlin, sign up by Jan. 24. Feb. 2, Iris/Tucks, sign up by Jan. 30. All trips \$20.

**Tour to World War II D-Day Museum in New Orleans** — Feb. 9. \$10 military in uniform, \$24 active duty/retired/spouse with identification card, \$30 adults, \$26 seniors, \$25 ages 6-12, \$20 ages 5 and under, including admission and transportation. Sign up and prepay by Feb. 6.

**Discounted tickets** — for many attractions including Busch Gardens, Sea World, Universal Studios and Disney World in Florida. For price list, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>.

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

## TRANSITIONS

### Workshops, briefings

**Congressionally-mandated pre-separation briefings** — counseling by airman and family readiness center for active-duty military members of any branch of service who'll receive honorable discharges and no extra transition benefits. Briefings are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 p.m. for personnel who are separating and 2:30 p.m. for those who are retiring. Individuals with less than honorable discharges, receiving extra benefits such as second enrollment opportunity in Montgomery GI Bill, Reserve or Guard personnel coming off 180-day deployments or entering the disability system must call 377-2179 for individual counseling appointment. Until the center moves back to Sablich Center, briefings held in Room 151, Hangar 2.

**Transition assistance program** — planned dates, which are subject to change, are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 11-14, March 10-13, April 14-17, May 19-22, June 16-19, July 14-17, Aug. 11-14, Sept. 15-18, Oct. 20-23, Nov. 17-20 and Dec. 8-11. For military personnel who are 12 months or less from separation or 24 months or less from retirement, and Department of Defense civilians; spouses welcome. Military members should complete congressionally-mandated pre-separation counseling in advance. Attire is business casual — no uniforms, jeans, shorts or T-shirts. Until the airman and family readiness center moves back to Sablich Center, programs held in Room 151, Hangar 2, room 151. To sign up, call 377-2179.

**Military retirement benefit seminars** — planned dates, subject to change, are 8-10:30 a.m. Feb. 7, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, July 10, Aug. 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4. Tricare, Survivor Benefit Plan, movement and storage of household goods, military and retired pay issues and other topics covered. Spouses encouraged to attend. To sign up, call 377-2179. Until the airman and family readiness center moves back to Sablich Center, briefings held in Room 151, Hangar 2.

**Transition assistance program workshop** — to preregister or for more information, call 377-2179.

### 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, Hangar 2 (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](mailto:ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil).

**Air Force Reserve opportunities** — for members separating within 180 days, call Master Sgt. Neil Sherman, 377-7116; visit Room 229, Hangar 2 or e-mail [anthony.sherman@keesler.af.mil](mailto:anthony.sherman@keesler.af.mil).

**Palace Chase** — for information about how to apply for a program to attend college full time and work part time, call Master Sgt. Neil Sherman, 377-7116; visit Room 229, Hangar 2 or e-mail [anthony.sherman@keesler.af.mil](mailto:anthony.sherman@keesler.af.mil).

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

### 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.va.va>.

[gov/effit/index.htm](http://gov/effit/index.htm); for members returning from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

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

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

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

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

## MEETINGS

**Editor's note:** To list time, place and contact for organizational meetings, call 377-3837 or e-mail [KN@keesler.af.mil](mailto:KN@keesler.af.mil).

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

**Air Force Sergeants Association** — 7 a.m. third Tuesday of the month, Live Oak Dining Hall. For more information, call Master Sgt. Kat Hataway, 377-5566, 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](mailto: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](mailto:keesler.aaddofficers@keesler.af.mil).

**At Eze Toastmasters Club** — 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Building 1101 conference room. For more information, call Dewi Clark, 377-2714 or e-mail [dewi.clark2@keesler.af.mil](mailto:dewi.clark2@keesler.af.mil); Fred Blake, 377-1048, or visit <http://www.toastmasters.org>.

**Blacks in Government** — 5:15 p.m. second Thursday of the month, Taylor Logistics Building conference room. For more information call Florence Clay, 377-8681, or Paulette Powell, 377-2270.

**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. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Justin Meyer, 377-4149 or 324-5806, or e-mail [justin.meyer2@keesler.af.mil](mailto:justin.meyer2@keesler.af.mil).

**Keesler Christian Home Educators Association** — 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month, September-May, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call Heather Melancon, 831-8895.

**Keesler Spouses Club** — second Tuesday of the month. For time and place, call Gretchen Gorline, 374-8024, or visit <http://www.KeeslerSpousesClub.com>.

**Native American Heritage Committee** — for more information, call R.I. Whiteside, 863-0479, or Capt. Elizabeth Tailon, 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; location varies. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Toyshaline Young, 377-0591, or Tech. Sgt. Jodi Evans, 377-2835.

**Top III** — meeting times and locations vary. For more information, call Master Sgt. Nicole Pearson, 377-6510.

**Tuskegee Airmen Inc., Col. Lawrence E. Roberts Chapter** — 5 p.m. first Thursday of the month, McBride Library. For more information, call Glenda Mosby, 243-1992, [gmosby1@bellsouth.net](mailto:gmosby1@bellsouth.net), or Charles Bowers, 860-3665.

## 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.

**Friday** — 6:30 p.m., The Mist (R, 125 minutes).

**Saturday** — 2 p.m., Enchanted (PG-13, 108 minutes); 6:30 p.m., I Am Legend (PG-13, 101 minutes).

**Sunday** — 12:30 p.m., The Golden Compass (PG-13, 113 minutes).