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## Time out for tradition



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**Craig Duehring, assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower and reserve affairs, looks on as Col. Manfred Antes, German air attache, cuts a Mardi Gras king cake during a tour of the airman and family readiness center Jan. 16. They also visited the 403rd Wing and attended a base-wide town hall meeting Jan. 17.**

Coming soon:

## Mission support, Services merger

**Air Force Personnel Center and Keesler News staff**

When it comes to people programs, community support and quality of life, one organization at Keesler is going to handle it all — the 81st Force Support Squadron.

The 1,400 to 1,500 people in the 81st Mission Support Squadron join about 900 from the 81st Services Division to form the new unit. Those figures include all military, appropriated and nonappropriated civilians and contractors within the two organizations.

The new organization is the result of an ongoing merger of mission support and services units expected to be completed across the Air Force in about two years.

“Right now, the program action document is in coordination at Air Staff,” explained Lt. Col. Paul Valenzuela, 81st MSS commander. “We hope to get it in the February to March time frame.

“The PAD spells out what the organization is going to look like,” the colonel said. “Each test location did it slightly different. We hope to implement the new squadron at Keesler no later than the third quarter of this year, and hopefully during the second quarter.”

The PAD outlines what the unit planning document looks like for the new organization.

“We’ve been doing a lot of planning to prepare for it so when the PAD comes out, we’ll be ready to execute,” Colonel Valenzuela said.

When the 81st FSS is activated, Colonel Valenzuela becomes its commander. The person who replaces Don Cook as 81st SVD chief becomes the squadron’s deputy commander. Mr. Cook is headed to a new job at the Pentagon next month.

The new structure is intended to streamline processes,

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Air Force Smart Ops For The 21st Century

## Enjoy Mardi Gras activities while being good wingmen

By Col. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

Mardi Gras, which means "Fat Tuesday," was first celebrated in the New World in 1699, by the French explorer D'Iberville and his men on the banks of the Mississippi River, not far from New Orleans. Traditionally, it is a Catholic holiday in which observant households consume all the remaining rich foods which were forbidden during the Lenten days of fasting. Over the years, the Carnival celebration has evolved into a gaudy and vibrant day of parades with floats hosted by Mardi Gras "krewes" or local social organizations. Those of us at Keesler are fortunate to live in an area that has such a rich cultural heritage. I urge the men and women at Keesler to go to the parades and take part in the festivities.

While Mardi Gras can be an exciting time for both children and adults, it's also a time to keep safety in mind. Because of the large crowds, you should be aware of your surroundings when driving or walking near parades and parade traffic. Remember, just because you can see someone doesn't mean they can see you.

This counts doubly during the parade. Never run in between or chase floats for beads or throws, and never reach under a float for a throw, even when the float is stopped. There's no way the driver of the float can see everyone who may be in the way.

During a parade, when you hear the cry of "Throw me something, mister!" there'll soon be a rain of beads and trinkets in the air. Be alert for these projectiles because they can give you quite a sting across the face if you're not careful. I can still feel the welts from the

1984 parade! An important safety tip: wearing sunglasses during the day is a good way to protect your eyes from any errant throws.

During parades the crowd sometimes rushes in one direction or another for beads, so make sure you keep out of the way, especially if you have small children. There's no need to get trampled; there's plenty of "treasure" for everyone. Please keep an eye out for the children!

On this day of celebration it is very easy to overindulge in alcohol. I urge everyone at Keesler not to overdo it. The parades can be all-day affairs, and in the excitement you can easily drink one too many. Being impaired on this day of large crowds and heavy traffic is a dangerous prospect. The police are out in force on Mardi Gras and won't hesitate to arrest people for public drunkenness and driving under the influence. We swore our sacred honor to protect our fellow Americans. It is your duty as Airmen to be good wingmen and not only keep your wits about you, but keep an eye on those who are with you. I expect all Airmen to maintain their control and act with honor and respect for those around them.

Mardi Gras is an exciting and unique time and a great way for us to renew our ties with the community. It is an excellent way to show what good neighbors we are to the people of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. It can be a day of good food and good fun, so put on your purple, green and gold and join the crowd. Let's all get into the spirit, while keeping safety first and foremost in our minds. As they say in French "Laissez les bon temps rouler," or "Let the good times roll," but let's keep the good times safe and sound for one and all this Mardi Gras season.

## 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



Colonel Touhill

may appear in this column.

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

### Too young to get fit?

**Comment** — I'm a retiree with a 12-year-old son.

We started an exercise program together at one of the fitness centers. It includes a cardiovascular workout and lifting weights.

On our second day, we were told my son is prohibited from using the facility because he's too young.

We don't understand.

**Response** — We applaud your interest in your son's fitness.

However, according to the current Air Force Instruction 34-266, children ages 6-12 are prohibited from using cardiovascular and weight equipment. This age group also requires interactive adult supervision to use other facilities such as basketball and racquetball courts and running tracks.

AFIs are reviewed and updated regularly, so this restriction may be re-examined. Our experts will look into that.

### No smoking in playground area

**Comment** — People are smoking in the area of marina park where there's playground equipment for children.

If this isn't a non-smoking area, it seems like it should be.

**Response** — Thanks for bringing this to our attention.

This is now a non-smoking area. Signs are being prepared. The outdoor recreation staff is responsible for enforcing the non-smoking policy.

### Unightly newspaper machines

**Comment** — The newspaper machines by the wash rack on Ploesti Drive near the golf course maintenance area haven't been used in years — they're discolored, faded and deteriorating.

We're cleaning up everything else on base, so how about them?

**Response** — Thanks for bringing this to our attention.

The 81st Civil Engineer Squadron is taking care of this.



## WHO'S YOUR WINGMAN?

## KEESLER NEWS

No. 1 in Air Force,  
2004, 1997.

No. 1 in AETC,  
2004, 1998, 1996;

No. 2, 2006, 2003,  
2001, 1999, 1997,  
1991, 1989, 1986;

No. 3, 2005, 2002,  
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Abraham Lincoln — I'd ask him what it is to be a leader and learn as much from him as possible.

— Capt. (Dr.) Bryan Farford, 81st Medical Operations Squadron



Nelson Mandela — I'd like to know how he was able to keep such a positive outlook after he was imprisoned.

— Staff Sgt. Mellanease Miranda, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron



Jesus Christ — I try to live by the example he set and the values he taught.

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

## DRAGON ON THE STREET

If you could  
spend an hour  
with anyone  
past or present,  
who would it be  
and why?

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To report suspicious activity at Keesler,  
call the law enforcement desk, 377-3040.

# TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Capt. Dave Cash, 45th Airlift Squadron, gives Junior ROTC cadets from Biloxi High School a walk-around tour of a C-21 aircraft in Hangar 4 Jan. 14. The 45th AS trains pilots to fly this military version of the Lear Jet 35A business jet. In addition to providing cargo and passenger airlift, the aircraft can transport one litter or five ambulatory patients during aeromedical evacuations.

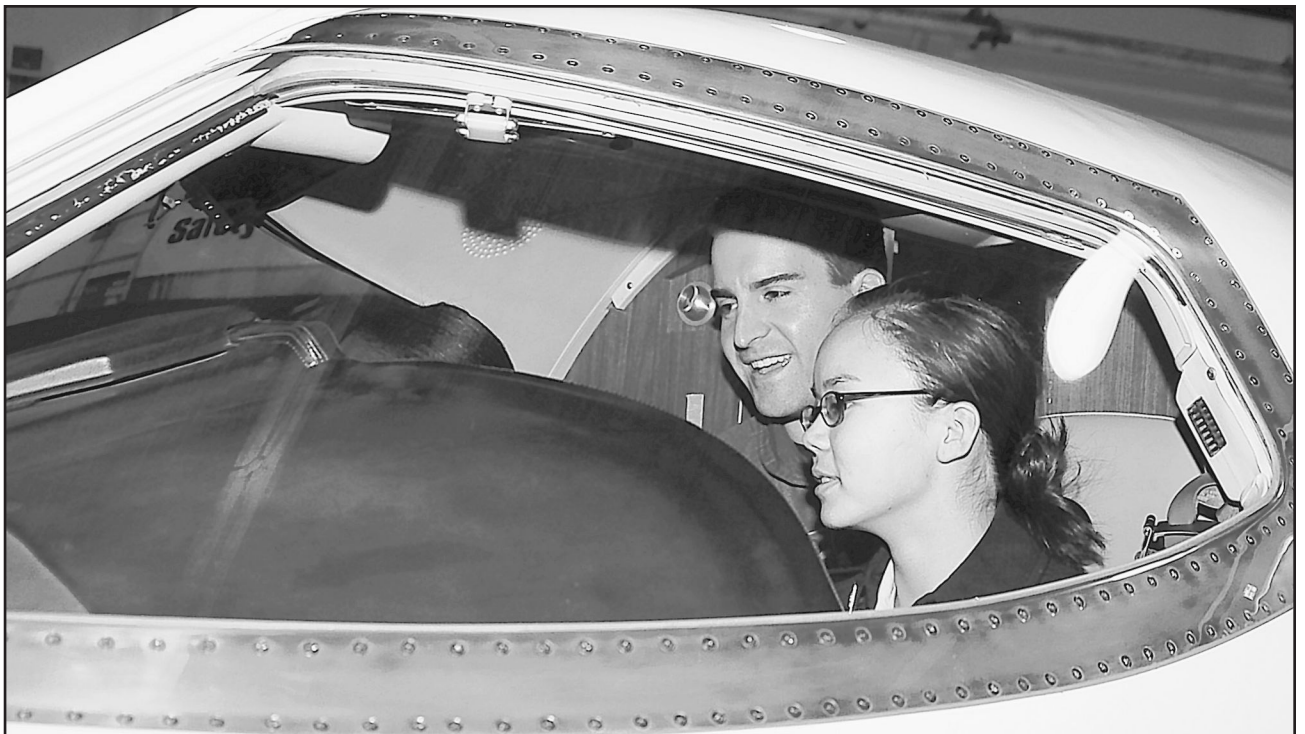
Photos by Kemberly Groue



## Biloxi High cadets get bird's-eye view of C-21



Captain Rouse shows Brett Sprouse and other Biloxi High cadets some of the maps used by pilots during a tour of Lott Hall. Cadet Sprouse, 18, is a senior at Biloxi High. The 45th AS and Keesler's Col. Lawrence E. Roberts chapter of the Tusgee Airmen co-hosted the Junior ROTC visit.



Captain Cash gives Cadet Jade Reese, a 15-year-old Biloxi High sophomore, an opportunity to check out the C-21 cockpit. The aircraft has a crew of two and may be flown from either cockpit seat. The 49-foot aircraft is equipped with an automatic navigation system to enhance crew efficiency.

# Mental health flight trains to combat post-traumatic stress

By Steve Pivnick

## 81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Members of the 81st Medical Operations Squadron's mental health flight receive instruction in prolonged exposure training Wednesday through Jan. 31.

According to Lt. Col. (Dr.) Kevin Blakley, flight commander, two experts in the field, Drs. Alan Peterson and David Riggs, provide the training. Exposure training is one of four Defense Department and Veterans Affairs-approved, evidence-based treatments for post-traumatic stress disorder.

"Between 1999 and 2004, disability pay for PTSD among veterans jumped 150 percent, to \$4.2 billion," Colonel Blakley explained. "By the first quarter of 2007, the number of veterans from Afghanistan and Iraq who had sought help for post-traumatic stress would fill four Army divisions, about 45,000 in all.

"As many as one-quarter of all soldiers and Marines returning from Iraq are psychologically wounded, according to a recent American Psychological Association report. Twenty percent of the soldiers in Iraq screened positive for anxiety, depression and acute stress, an Army study found," he continued.

"In October, an Institute of

Medicine panel review, requested by the VA, concluded that only exposure-based therapies, such as prolonged exposure training, have enough evidence to recommend them for treatment," Colonel Blakley said.

"In November, the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies issued new PTSD treatment guidelines and designated prolonged exposure therapy an "A" treatment, indicating a high degree of empirical support. And in February 2007, a study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association validated the efficacy of prolonged exposure therapy in treating female veterans," he concluded.

Schedules are blocked and the clinic is closed during the three-day training.

"Technicians will also participate," Colonel Blakley said. "In fact, Dr. Peterson is working to modify the first-day schedule so that during that part of the presentation (review of scientific studies and support of prolonged exposure) there would be a separate breakout for techs to specifically target the role of techs in the deployed setting, to role-play brief behavioral health consultations and to train on the brief traumatic brain injury screenings."

## Perfect student



**Airman Brian Smith graduated Friday from the electronics principles course with a perfect score on all seven block tests. He's from Huntsville, Ala., and is headed to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, for the F-16 avionics systems apprentice course.**

# TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

## Annual awards

The 81st Training Group's annual awards banquet is 6 p.m. Feb. 8 at the Imperial Palace, Biloxi.

For reservations, contact unit representatives.

## Student TMO

Short sheet briefings at the technical training traffic management office are 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Briefings are held in Room 213, Levitow Training Support Facility in the Triangle.

For more information, call 377-3147 or visit Room 211, Levitow Training Support Facility.

## Parking lot closed

The parking lot adjacent on the southeast side of the Keesler NCO Academy is closed 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.

## ACSC options

Air Command and Staff College can be completed by correspondence or seminar.

Majors or major-selects of all services and civilians General Schedule-11 and above are eligible.

For more information, call

Joyce James, 377-7159, or e-mail [81mss.education@keesler.af.mil](mailto:81mss.education@keesler.af.mil).

## Officer records

For officers to update their academic records, the Air Force Institute of Technology requires an official transcript sent to this address:

AFIT/RRE, 2950 P St., Wright-Patterson AFB OH 45433-7765.

## CCAF online

Visit the Air Force Virtual Education Center, <https://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod>, to create MyAFVEC accounts to access online customer service tools.

People can request and

track Community College of the Air Force transcripts, view degree progress reports and see if a course counts toward a CCAF degree.

## Academic counseling

For college counseling, call 377-2323 or 2171.

## Virtual education

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

To access AFVEC, use the AFVEC URL, <https://afvec.langlely.af.mil>, or go to the Air Force Portal, <https://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod/>. Use your Air Force Portal user identification and password to log on. First-

time users re-register some of their profile information and then are taken directly into their AFVEC profile.

## GI Bill benefits

Montgomery GI Bill benefits may be used in conjunction with tuition assistance.

Tuition assistance covers 100 percent of tuition and fees.

For more information, call the education office, 377-7059.

## Tuition aid online

Air Force members can request tuition assistance online from the workplace through the Air Force Virtual Education Center at <https://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod>.

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## Positive feedback reported for new personnel system

By Army Sgt. Sara Moore

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — In its second year of implementation, the Department of Defense's new civilian personnel system is meeting its goal of shifting the department to a performance-based pay system while giving employees the power to boost their own careers, two officials with the program said Jan. 7.

The National Security Personnel System now covers about 130,000 of DOD's civilian employees. About 500,000 civilian employees come into NSPS over the next three to five years.

Michael Dominguez, principal deputy undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, said feedback has been positive about the system, which ties employee pay raises and bonuses more directly to annual performance evaluations.

"What I've been hearing is, the system is doing what we've intended it to do, which is to galvanize conversations in the department and with our employees about our mission (and) what it is we need to achieve," Mr. Dominguez said.

In the 2008 NSPS pay schedules, effective Jan. 6, 60 percent of the base salary increase for federal employees goes to pay increases for employees who receive a final rating of 2 or higher on their evaluations, which includes virtually all federal employees.

Forty percent of the base salary increase goes to "pay pool" to be allocated as performance-based salary increases to employees with a rating of level 3 or higher.

In last year's NSPS payout, the January salary increase wasn't tied to performance,



### AT KEESLER

The 130,000 Defense Department civilian employees covered by the National Security Personnel System include 562 of Keesler's 1,801 civilian authorizations, according to June Clemenens, chief of the civilian personnel flight's employee management services element.

DOD officials plan to bring about 57,000 more employees under NSPS this spring, but Ms. Clemenens said Keesler hasn't been identified as converting any more positions now or in the upcoming spiral.

said Mary Lacey of the NSPS program executive office. However, this year the department changed that to bring the annual pay increases more in line with the performance-based management system, she said.

DOD planned to make January pay increases exclusively performance-based by next year, but under an agreement with Congress, the split remains 60 and 40 percent.

Ms. Lacey said she's seen data on about 60 percent of the payouts that are made under NSPS this year, and the results are promising. About 5 percent of employees are being rated as Level 5, or "role model," about 60 percent of employees are rated at Level 3, and practically no employees are rated as Level 1, or "unacceptable," she said.

Ms. Lacey and Mr. Dominguez agreed implementing a new system is challenging, and supervisors and employees alike have had difficulty adjusting to the new performance-

based culture. However, they said, it's a welcome change because it gives employees the opportunity to advance more quickly than they could under the old system.

"To some extent, it's a choice for employees in terms of how they want to approach their work, and ... if they want to rocket up the scale, if you will, (be) hard-driving (and) take on the tough challenges, then there is the potential there for them to take on more responsibility and increase their salary because of their performance," Ms. Lacey said.

NSPS is designed to support DOD's national security mission and update the civil service system to meet the demands of workers who expect to be rewarded based on performance, instead of how long they've been in a job.

"In NSPS, you can go as fast and as far as you want to go," Mr. Dominguez said. "It's not a time-driven system; it's a performance-driven system."

## IN THE NEWS

### Meadows Drive closure delayed

Because of inclement weather, the partial closure of Meadows Drive near the intersection of 5th Street is postponed until Tuesday and continues through Feb. 16.

The partial closure allows infrastructure connections to be made to the base exchange and commissary construction site. The two westbound lanes remain open, with one of the lanes reserved for rerouting eastbound traffic.

### 'Evening of Medical Collaboration'

"An Evening of Medical Collaboration," a program for Tricare network providers, is 6 p.m. Jan. 24 at Keesler Medical Center.

The invitation-only event for civilian and military providers, medical facility staffs, military administrative staffs and congressional staff members is hosted by Humana Military Healthcare Services and the medical center.

### Commander's call

The next 81st Training Wing commander's call is 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday at Welch Auditorium.

### Customer feedback survey

An Air Force Services customer feedback survey can be completed online or filled out at 81st Services Division facilities through Friday.

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.

### Annual awards banquet

The 81st Training Wing annual awards banquet is 6 p.m. Feb. 22 in the 403rd Wing's fuel cell hangar, Building 4278.

The guest speaker is retired Lt. Gen. Clark Griffith, who served as Keesler and 2nd Air Force's commander and Air Education and Training Command's vice-commander.

Attire is mess dress for military members and formal or semi-formal for civilians.

Tickets are \$20 and available from unit representatives. Dinner includes teriyaki chicken and salmon, green beans, roasted new potatoes, salad, rolls, cobbler, tea and water.

### 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. today, for active-duty beneficiaries who live in Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, the Florida Panhandle, and the New Orleans area. The toll-free call-in number is 1-866-340-2757, and the participant code is 183736.

### Early Keesler News deadline

The deadline for submissions to the Feb. 7 Keesler News is noon Jan. 31, four days earlier than usual, due to the Mardi Gras regional holiday Feb. 5.

# Merger,

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maximize customer service and cut the costs of maintaining separate organizations.

“Because we’re a leaner force, we need to focus on getting our people and organizations to operate at maximum efficiency,” said Col. Mike Gamble, deputy director of strategic plans and programs at the Pentagon. “This reorganization puts our manpower, personnel and services capabilities under one leadership ‘hat.’”

No force reductions or increases are anticipated from the merger at Keesler, according to Colonel Valenzuela.

The 81st FSS includes five flights which combine similar functional areas that already work closely together:

**Force development** — all education, training, library, professional development and professional military education.

**Manpower and personnel** — manpower, civilian personnel, military personnel and non-appropriated fund employees.

**Airmen and family services** — airman and family readiness center, child development center, family child care and youth center.

**Sustainment services** — food operations, lodging and fitness and wellness.

**Community services** — business operations, community support, community centers, golf course, outdoor recreation, bowling, arts and crafts and clubs.

“At the activity level, this change should be transparent to our customers,” Mr. Cook said. “Internally, there’ll be

some changes in leadership and management, as well as some noticeable changes with our managers and who they may deal with.”

Last January, bases across six commands were selected to test the new squadron model. The test bases helped establish where specific responsibilities and processes are placed within the organizational structure and how they should be set up.

“This merger has not been without its challenges,” said Maj. Sarah Schultz, 319th FSS commander at Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D., one of the test bases. “We’ve had to reestablish lines of communication, move some people around and overcome cultural differences between the functions. But even with the difficulties, we’re already seeing the benefits of combining these assets.”

“I think this merger is going to be a win-win for Keesler,” Colonel Valenzuela predicted. “Our two units have great people, and the commanders I’ve talked to (at the test bases) indicate that their problems have been people problems, not issues with the new squadron structure. We’re listening to the problems the test bases have had so we can avoid them here. I don’t anticipate any problems.

“You’ll see more resources available,” the colonel continued. “For instance, when we take care of a deployed member’s family, we’ll have a whole system combining what the Airman and family readiness center does with what the youth center and CDC do, so when someone comes in and says, ‘Hey, I’m having these problems,’ the network is there to take care of them.”

“I can see some real benefits,” Mr. Cook commented. “We’ve done a lot of joint activities in the past, like Child Pride Day, Retiree Appreciation Day and a lot of other events.”

Mr. Cook said some employees in his division have counterparts doing similar tasks in the 81st MSS, and working together benefits their customers.

“For example, our mortuary affairs officer in Services and the casualty affairs representative in mission support deal with similar issues,” he said. “It’s possible that those two people could be working in the same office, and at smaller bases or further down the road, those duties might be handled by the same person.

“We’ve already done some orientation between our organizations,” Mr. Cook said. “Colonel Valenzuela and Chief (Master Sgt. Damien) Orslene sit in on our staff meetings now and we sit in on theirs, just to learn what the issues are. I’m sure some people are going to be concerned until they see how it works out, but I share Colonel Valenzuela’s assessment. Keesler has a cooperative attitude overall, anyway.”

The merger also benefits the careers of future force support officers and civilians.

“This reorganization opens up career opportunities that we haven’t had before,” said Colonel Gamble. “With our training plan in place, our people will be able to gain valuable experience across different functional areas. We’ve also created a new position — the operations officer — that will be open to officers and civilians.”

Richard Salomon, AFPC, and Susan Griggs, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.

## Tax office open in old Cody Hall

The Keesler Tax Office is open in Room 234, old Cody Hall, with a move to Sablich Center planned sometime in February.

Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on duty days. For appointments, call 377-4454.

“The goal is to have the entire base utilize electronic filing,” said Dick Brock of the legal office. “This results in a direct deposit from the U.S. Treasury Department to a taxpayer’s bank account about 10 to 12 days after the return is filed. Also, most states accept electronic returns.”

Taxpayers should have all W-2 and 1099

forms, tax information and Social Security numbers for each dependent before an appointment with the tax preparer. Most forms should be received by Jan. 31, but some financial organizations obtain an extension from the Internal Revenue Service to mail out in February to avoid having to mail out amended forms.

A list of squadron volunteer income tax preparers will be published in an upcoming issue of the Keesler News.

For more information, call Mr. Brock, 377-3510.



# PERSONNEL NOTES

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## 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://wwwa.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.

## Support tool available online

### Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas – The Airmen Development Plan is a Web-based decision support tool designed to integrate numerous force development tools, including electronic records, duty histories and assignment preferences, into one platform.

Phase 1 applies to active-duty officers and replaces the transitional Officer Development Plan. In February, Phase 2 replaces the transitional Civilian Development Plan and also incorporates the developmental education nomination process.

Officers can access ADP via the AFPC secure Web site and the Air Force Portal.

As part of the ADP implementation plan, officers are no longer able to access T-ODPs in AMS. Data from T-ODPs posted at AFPC has been transferred onto the ADP platform. Information in T-ODPs not received by AFPC, such as draft T-ODPs, doesn't transfer. Officers are encouraged to retain a hard copy of their current T-ODP in the event any data is lost during the transition.

The Air Force established a Web page on the Air Force Portal where enlisted personnel can create their development plans. The page can be accessed by typing "MyEDP" in the search function.

## Temporary duty and test cycles

If members' temporary duty period begins before the testing cycle starts and extends beyond the end of the testing cycle, they should test at the TDY location if facilities are available and requirements permit.

Testing up to 10 days prior to the announced cycle is authorized for members TDY during the entire testing cycle who can't test at their TDY location.

Members who decline to test early when so directed are ineligible for promotion for the remainder of the current test cycle.

For more information, see Air Force Instruction 36-2605, Air Force Military Personnel Testing System.

## Updating LeaveWeb

On the first duty day upon returning from leave, military members are required to update LeaveWeb.

For more information, call 81st Mission Support Squadron customer service, 377-5455.

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# Do, don't guidelines for Mardi Gras events

By Tech. Sgt. Chuck Marsh

## Keesler Public Affairs

'Tis the season for catching beads and dancing in the street. It's Mardi Gras time again.

"Planning ahead is one key to successfully enjoying the Mardi Gras parades," said Virgil Mitchell, 81st Training Wing chief of safety.

"Know in advance approximately where you plan to stand or sit during the parade and know where you plan to park," said Mr. Mitchell, who added to make sure you park legally in an area visible to others and authorities.

"Don't allow yourself or your family to be isolated at any time," Mr. Mitchell continued. "You can plan this by scouting the area a couple of days ahead of time."

There are many ways to prepare for the season. The following are some dos and don'ts to throw out to help ensure this Mardi Gras safety.

### Do:

**Drink** plenty of water.

**Prepare** for expensive food vendors.

**Gas** up the car — you may be in traffic a while.

**Wear** sunblock — even on a cold cloudy day you can get burned.

**Use** common sense.

**Clear** the path for floats, bands or other marching groups.

**Keep** all beads, small trinkets, snapping pops and plastic bags out of reach of children.

**Watch** out for bicyclists, skateboarders, rollerbladers, mopeds and pickpockets.

**Have** a meeting place in case you get separated.

**Be** patient and understanding of police — it's a busy time for them.

**Teach** children their names and phone numbers or put cards with the information in their pockets.

**Mark** children's clothes on the inside with a name, address and phone number.



**Teach** children to stay calm if lost, and go to a uniformed police officer.

**Stay** behind barricades.

**Carry** wallets, identification, money and credit cards in front pants pockets.

### Don't:

**Run** in between or chase floats for beads or throws.

**Reach** under a float for a throw, even when the float is stopped.

**Approach** horses in the parade unless the rider indicates it's OK.

**Approach** floats and other vehicles in the parade until they come to a stop.

**Bring** pets to parades.

**Get** lost.

**Leave** children unattended.

**Eat** the candy that's thrown before an adult checks it.

**Fight** over throws.

**Throw** anything at the riders.

**Wear** expensive or flashy jewelry.

**Leave** any valuables in plain view, inviting criminals to break into your vehicle.

**Pick** beads up off the ground as they land. Put your foot on them first and then reach for them to avoid having your hand stepped on by someone.

"Use good personal risk management at all times and be a good wingman," said Mr. Mitchell. "Locating yourself and your family near a law enforcement location is always a good idea as well."

## DRAGON OF THE WEEK

**Name** — Tech. Sgt.  
Jermaine Thomas

**Unit** — 81st Medical  
Support Squadron

**Position** — noncommis-  
sioned officer in charge of  
the resource management  
flight

**Time in Air Force** — 11  
years

**Time at Keesler** —  
three years

**Noteworthy** — assigned  
to an aeromedical staging  
facility while deployed for 12  
months. Helping injured per-  
sonnel from the area of  
responsibility is the most  
rewarding opportunity I've  
had in the Air Force.

**Hometown** — Las  
Vegas.

**Why did you join the  
Air Force?** to see the  
world.

**What are your short-  
and long-term goals?**  
score 100 percent on my  
physical training test; com-  
pete in a marathon.

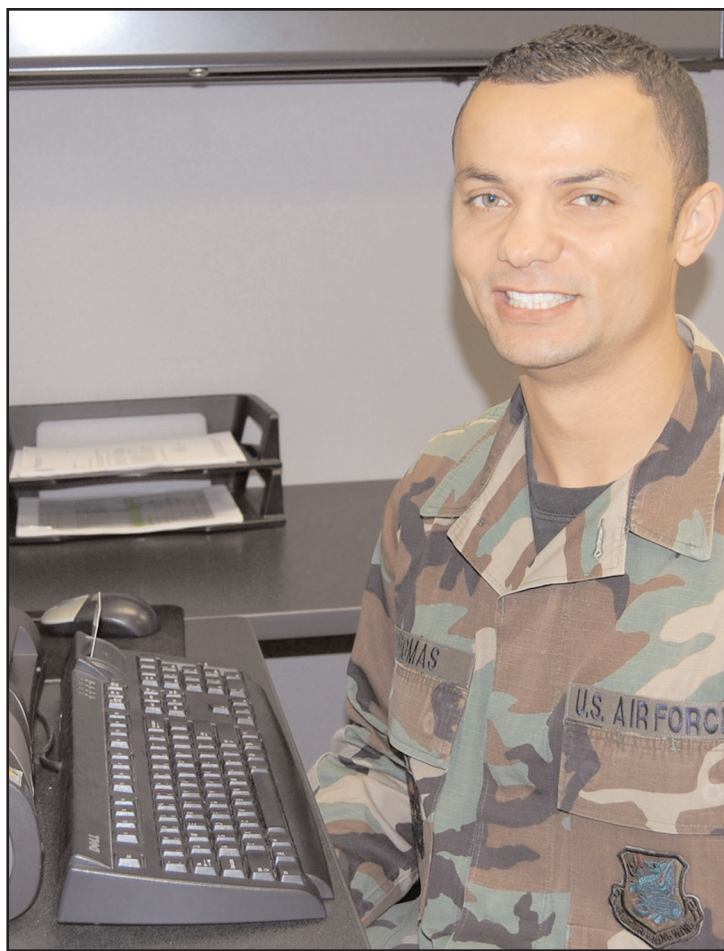


Photo by Steve Pivnick

**What are your hobbies?**  
weight lifting and reading.

**What's your favorite**

**quote?** "Energy and per-  
sistence conquer all things."  
— Benjamin Franklin.

## DIAMOND NOTES

Your most important duty title  
is husband, wife, father, mother,  
son or daughter

— making time for family

doesn't end with the holidays.

— Master Sgt. Steven Wise, 81st Medical Operations  
Squadron first sergeant



Sergeant Wise



## MEMORABLE MOMENTS

**March 6, 1941**

The War Department announced  
the Army Air Corps would establish  
a technical school at Biloxi.

# 2 Airmen court-martialed on drugs, larceny charges

Legal office and Keesler News staff

Two Airmen were court-martialed at Keesler in December on drug and larceny charges.

In a special court-martial hearing, a senior airman from the 81st Medical Operations Squadron pleaded guilty to wrongful use of cocaine.

He was sentenced to a reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of \$867 pay for four months and 120 days confinement reduced to 75 days by pretrial agreement.

In a summary court-martial, an airman basic from the 338th Training Squadron pleaded guilty to larceny and wrongful appropriation by taking and using a debit card not his own to purchase goods valued over \$500.

He was sentenced to 20 days confinement, forfeiture of \$867 pay for one month and 10 days restriction to the limits of Keesler.

## MILITARY JUSTICE

### December DUIs equal low month for 2007

81st Security Forces Squadron and Keesler News staff

Driving under the influence incidents at Keesler in December matched the low for a single month in 2007.

Three DUIs were recorded by the 81st Security Forces last month, the same number as in April, and down from 11 in November.

The December DUIs involved two permanent party members and a civilian. One occurred in base housing, the other two at base gates.

The high month for DUIs last year was July with 14.

Officials of the 81st SFS recorded a total of 83 DUIs for 2007.

Five underage drinking incidents in December brought the total for last year to 57.

Three of last month's incidents involved technical training students and two were permanent party members. Three occurred in dormitories and two at base gates.

As with DUIs, July was the high month for such incidents with 10. In September, the 81st SFS recorded no underage drinking incidents.

## Alcohol leads to Articles 15 for Airmen

Legal office and Keesler News staff

Fifteen Airmen at Keesler received Articles 15 in December for alcohol-related offenses.

**81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron** — for drunk driving on base, an airman first class was reduced to airman, given 30 extra duty days and 30 days restriction, and forfeited \$729 pay for two months, with one month suspended.

**81st Surgical Operations Squadron** — an airman first class was reduced to airman basic, given 30 days restriction and forfeited \$650 pay for two months for underage drinking, drunk driving, resisting arrest and assault and battery on a security forces member.

**332nd Training Squadron** — one airman received 10 extra duty days and forfeited \$729 pay for two months, with one month of the forfeiture suspended for six months, for underage drinking. An airman basic received 10 extra duty days and forfeited \$767 pay for two months, with one month suspended for six months, for underage drinking. An airman basic received 30 days correctional custody and forfeited \$650 for two months, with one month suspended for six months, for possessing alcohol, having females in his dorm room and contributing to the delinquency of minors. An airman basic received 10 days restriction and forfeited \$601 for two months, with one month suspended, for underage drinking in a dorm room occupied by a member of the opposite sex. An airman received 10 days restric-

tion and forfeited \$350 pay for one month for underage drinking in a dorm room occupied by a member of the opposite sex. An airman received 30 days correctional custody and forfeited \$729 pay for two months, with one month suspended, for possessing alcohol in the dorm area. An airman basic received 10 extra duty days and forfeited \$650 pay for two months, with one month suspended, for underage drinking.

**336th TRS** — for drinking off-base in civilian clothes while in Phase II training and making a false statement about providing alcohol to minors, an airman was reduced to airman basic and forfeited \$650 pay for one month, which was suspended.

**338th TRS** — an airman first class was reduced to airman and forfeited \$729 pay for one month, which was suspended, for being drunk and disorderly on station, disrespectful of a senior noncommissioned officer and disobeying an order. An airman first class was reduced to airman for underage drinking on base. An airman was reduced to airman basic, which was suspended for six months, for providing alcohol to a minor on base. An airman forfeited \$729 pay for one month for drinking in the dorms about seven times, possessing cigarettes in the dorm and drinking on duty days. An airman was reduced to airman basic and forfeited \$729 pay for one month for driving under the influence.

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Courtesy photo

The scene of a 32-car chain reaction accident on I-70 near Ft. Riley, Kan., Dec. 20.

# Keesler Airmen caught in pileup provide aid, comfort to victims

By Tech. Sgt. Chuck Marsh

## Keesler Public Affairs

Dec. 22, 20 Airmen on their way to the airport after completing in-lieu-of training at Ft. Riley, Kan., were involved in a 32-car pileup in a blizzard on Interstate 70.

Three of them, Staff Sgts. Jason Ebbs and Marc Gayden, and Senior Airman Tobiah Walter, are members of Keesler's 338th Training Squadron.

Marshanna Hester of TV-49, the ABC affiliate in Topeka, Kan., wrote, "The winter blast made it difficult for paramedics to arrive, but in the middle of the madness came a sense of order, thanks to the charter bus full of transition team Airmen from Ft. Riley."

No Airmen were injured; however, there were multiple injuries among other victims of the accident, ranging from lacerations, bruises and abrasions to a broken leg. A soldier assigned to Ft. Riley was killed.

"I woke up from a nap in time to hear someone on the bus yell, 'Why isn't he stopping?,'" said Sergeant Ebbs.

Moments later, the Airmen's charter bus slammed into the rear of a Chevy Impala, sandwiching it between their bus and a tractor trailer.

"Another car came to a halt after hitting (the growing pile of vehicles) and the driver got out — foolishly thinking the crash was over. He was knocked down by either a semi or a car the semi hit," said Sergeant Ebbs.

"After the last car hit, we got out of the bus to begin helping people get out of their vehicles," he said. "Medics from our bus began helping the man that was run over."

Sergeants Ebbs and Gayden moved a truck driver with a nasty head injury over and under several wrecked vehicles and onto the median where paramedics were able to treat him.

One of the medics on the bus was Maj. Randle McBay, a nurse from Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

"We went out and started triage around all the vehicles and getting people out," the major said. "All those that could get out and were walking, we put on the bus to keep them warm."

"A staff sergeant called me and explained that the Airmen, most of whom have considerable medical training, were assisting the injured, administering first aid and had brought many into the bus for warmth and field care," said Maj. Jason Nahrgang, Detachment 3, 602nd Training Group (provisional) commander at Ft. Riley.

"This accident was a vivid reminder how badly things can go wrong in a very short period of time," said Major Nahrgang. "I don't think anyone on the bus imagined they would put their newly-acquired combat skills training to use before they even departed the continental U.S. The actions of these citizen-Airmen demonstrate the outstanding capability and professionalism so readily evident in today's Air Force."



## Base plans observance in February

By Airman 1st Class  
David Salanitri

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### Keesler News staff

Keesler's Black Heritage Month activities are:

**Feb. 7** — organization day, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. All organizations are invited to display educational information, perform skits or have a presentation. Prizes awarded for first, second, and third place. For more information, call Pamela Tunstall, 377-4202.

**Feb. 15** — African-American Heritage Committee cookout, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Larcher Chapel. The \$8 fee raises money for scholarships. For more information, call Curt Higgins, 377-1390.

**Feb. 20** — AAHC luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Vandenberg Community Center to promote education. \$10. For more information, call Cynthia Lee, 377-9386.

**Feb. 21** — fourth annual bowling tournament, Gaude Lanes. Registration, 11-11:45 a.m. Games start at noon. \$12 per person, five-person team, to raise money for scholarships. For more information, call Curt Higgins, 377-9386.

**Feb. 23** — free gospel concert, 6-9 p.m., Welch Theater. Performing is Greater Grace, Grace Temple and Keesler choir. For more information, call Anthony Thomas, 348-1692.

**Feb. 29** — free soul food sampling, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Larcher Chapel Annex. Dishes include fried catfish, macaroni and cheese, barbecue, greens and ox tails. For more information, call Antilisa Lewis, 377-7100.

# Gas pricing complex issue, on or off base

By Judd Anstey

## AAFES Public Relations

The numbers go up and down on the signs in front of Keesler's gas pumps, but the reasons aren't mysterious.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service's gas pricing policy has definitive explanations and policies set by the AAFES Board of Directors. The board is composed of senior leaders from across the Army and Air Force.

Keesler's gas station conducts surveys of five or more area locations selling motor fuel, excluding members-only clubs, at least once a week.

"This process allows AAFES to establish a fair and competitive price equal to the lowest price surveyed for each grade of fuel sold," said



Penny Madison, AAFES general manager at Keesler.

Many customers believe gas is "tax free" because AAFES is immune from state

and local taxes on the sale of items in retail facilities. The truth is, through the Hayden Cartwright Act, Congress requires AAFES to pay all

applicable taxes on gasoline.

The price of gas at Keesler, just like in surrounding civilian communities, is a complex issue. Prices on base can

Vivian Kinman, 336th Training Squadron, fills her vehicle at the base gas station. Her husband, Don, is a retiree who works in the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron. The grand opening of Keesler's new service station complex is planned for Feb. 8, according to AAFES officials.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

change rapidly due to oil supply and disruptions stemming from world events or domestic problems, such as refinery or pipeline outages.

## Technology expo

The 81st Training Support Squadron's 12th annual technology exposition is 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Imperial Palace Casino Resort in Biloxi.

The free expo is in the Royal Ballroom on the third floor of the hotel.

For more information, call Federal Direct Access Expositions toll-free 1-877-32-3976 or e-mail [dflemister@com-cast.net](mailto:dflemister@com-cast.net).

## ATM relocated

The Keesler Federal Credit Union's automatic teller machine in Keesler Medical Center has been returned to its

pre-Hurricane Katrina location in the basement corridor opposite the dining facility and leading to the snack bar.

## 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 has been changed to 3 p.m. Feb. 6 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.

## Audiology clinic

Audiology and hearing aid services are available at the audiology clinic.

For appointments, call 1-800-700-8603.

## Airmen's Attic

Airmen's Attic's inventory of household items is low.

This program serves airmen through staff sergeants and their families.

Airmen's Attic is open 3-6 p.m. Fridays in Building 823.

For more information, call or e-mail Master Sgt. Archie Evans, 377-2702, [archie.evans@keesler.af.mil](mailto:archie.evans@keesler.af.mil), or leave a message at 377-3814.

## Child care

The family child care program is available to all active-duty military, Defense Department civilians including non-appropriated fund, and Army and Air Force Exchange Service employees and others who support the base mission.

To assist with finding a FCC provider, the staff prepares monthly listings of all current licensed providers.

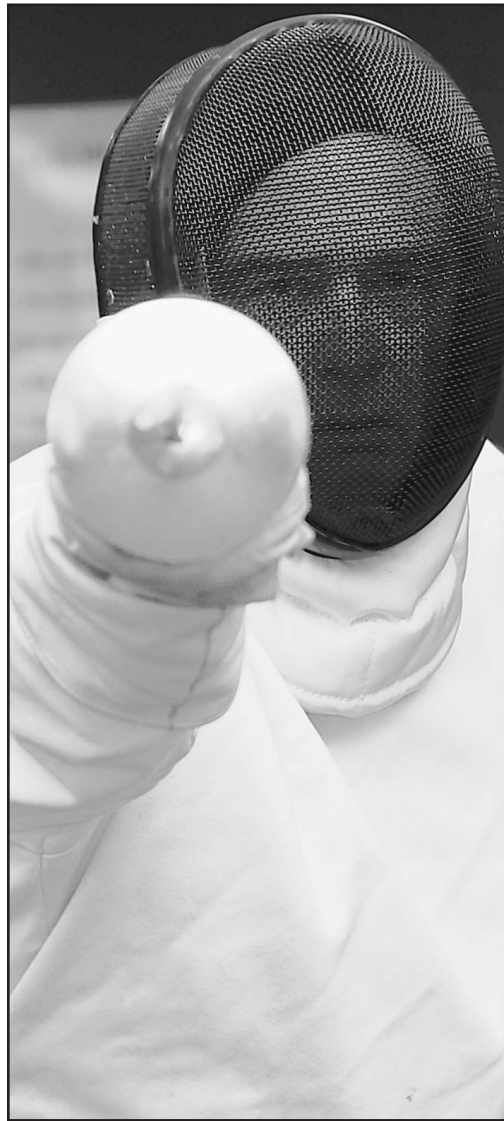
For more information, call 377-3189 or 5935.

## Family advocacy

For information on family advocacy programs and services, call 376-3457.

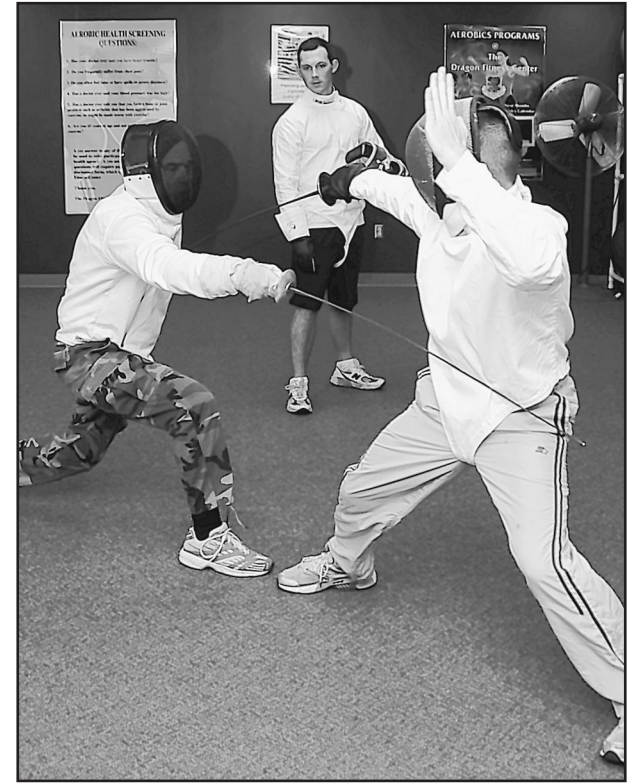
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## Touché!

### Fencing enthusiasts take aim at Keesler



Assistant instructor Bradley Olsson, 81st Medical Group, demonstrates a basic fencing stance taken when stationary with arm outstretched, ready to attack. The sword is called a foil, the white garment is called the lamé and the helmet is referred to as the mask.

Olsson, left, and student Tyler Parsons, 338th Training Squadron, do the lunge during a practice bout as instructor Brian Billington, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, observes. Fencing classes, which began in October, are 5-5:45 p.m. Tuesdays upstairs at Dragon Fitness Center.



Billington strikes the "passata soto" fencing position.

# 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
Dummies 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
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

#### Friday Mixed (as of Jan. 4)

Team	Won	Lost
Lady and the Tramps	84	35
Team 10	76	43
Team 3	72	47
Pin Busters	67	52
Sandbaggers	57	62
Pin Pals	57	62
Harry's Team	53	66

Jax Hax	50	69
3 Guys and A Babe	49	70
Dreamers	30	89

## 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 Gaude 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.

## Golf

**Course and pro shop** — 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** — com-

pressed 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.

## Special Olympics

Special Olympics is May 16.

Project officer is Capt. Millie Ziebell, 377-9522.

## Wrestling

**Mardi Gras Brawl** — international championship wrestling, 7 p.m. Feb. 1, Blake Fitness Center. Tickets sold at Gaude 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 Wing staff agencies

- Airman** — Airman 1st Class Cynthia Hayes, legal office.  
**Noncommissioned officer** — Staff Sgt. Crystal Ybarra, legal office.  
**Senior NCO** — Master Sgt. Cyndi Barrowman, command staff.  
**Company grade officer** — Capt. Mishawn Johnson, 81st Comptroller Squadron.  
**Civilian, category one** — Susan Kesterson, 81st CPTS.  
**Civilian, category two** — Janet Park, 81st CPTS.  
**Civilian supervisor** — Jerry Taranto, public affairs.

### Student honor roll

#### 332nd Training Squadron

**Electronic principles** — Airmen Basic Justin Barnett, Steven Cabot, Matthew Calvo, James Corriel, Gavin Delphia, Michael Dewey, Matthew Dyer, Robert Enox, George Fagan, Nichole Fogle, Justin Harmon, Christopher Holloway, Joshua Hughes, Marquis Jackson, Thomas Johns, Mandy Kimura-Romero, Terry Long, Ross Madak, Kyle McKelvey, Sheldon Minor, Kristy Myers, Kyle Nelson, David Ortega, Kyle Perez, Stephen Rothring, Andrew Shepherd, Kristen Szabo, Zachary Walker and James Wilson; Airmen Alexander Bascom, Hieu Nguyen, Brian Smith, Nathaniel Smith, Nicholas Tappa and Kyle Walker; Airmen 1st Class Michael Agcaoili, Sean Archer, Darren Ayers, Joshua Boshears, Justin Brown, Robert Burgess, Michael Citchens, Travis Damm, Sean Dowd, James Early, Eric Fay, Daniel Gay, Crystal Hammock, Patric Hilker, Russell Huber, James Hughes, Christian Marquez, Evan McClaugherty, Anthony Mollison, Donald Norvell, Stacy Renson, Mikel Rogers, Eric Rueth, Brandon Shupe, James Simmons, Alicia Sonstebly, Benjamin Stoel, Joseph Stone, Bradley Strenn, Max Tibbetts, Dustin Traeger, Nicholas Vogel, Roderick White, Jeffrey Wilson and John Wilson; Staff Sgts. Charles Owens and Joseph Scott.

#### 334th TRS

**Aerospace control and warning systems apprentice course** — Airmen 1st Class Rachel Burgess and Jay Wallace; Tech. Sgt. Shannon Gragg.

## 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.

**Air traffic control operations training flight** — Airmen Basic Kevin Brothers, James Dent, Joshua Eldridge, Tyson Garland, Luke Hightower, Dion King, Benjamin McCall, Nathan Scheper, Aaron Shaw, Kenneth Small, Ut Ta and O'Neil Watson; Airmen 1st Class Derek Cox, Nathan Day, Kenneth Edwards, Steven Grygorcewicz, Daniel Hochhalter, Persian Jones, Joseph Shelton and Corina Tajjeron; Senior Airmen Michael Brait, Jr., Alan Plank, Schaffer Robichaux and Arturo Ybarra; Staff Sgts. Nathan Bevelle and Michael Machost.

**Airfield management apprentice course** — Airman Basic Ryan Sofranko and Jeremy Melvin; Airman 1st Class Roberto Lussier; Tech. Sgt. Jeff Faller; Master Sgt. Brenda Stout; Senior Master Sgts. Philip Friehe and Jamie Paxton; Chief Master Sgt. Richard Mertz.

#### 335th TRS

**Comptroller training flight** — Airmen Basic Joshua Cline, Gregory Hriczo, Valeria Luna, Chadwick McIntosh, Erica Redmon and 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 Seiwell; 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** — Airman Basic Abigail Cannady, Elise Moloney; Navy Airman Recruit Timothy Cormier, Wesley Currier, Sarah Gomez, Jason Rhodes; Navy Airman Ambre Witt; Airman 1st Class Brad Britt, Michael Clevenger, Donavon Dye, Matthew Gates, Russell Hathaway, Stephen Kurzendoerfer, Jared McClain, Shane Ryan, Stephen Shannon, Joseph Trudel, Tyson Unrau; Marine Pfc. Eric Abrego; Navy Airman Ambre Witt; Senior Airman Jason Clark, Michael Pastrone, Christopher Rempe, Mike Smith; Staff Sgt David Candelaria, Stacy Huffman; Marine Sgt. Jeffrey Sparks.

#### 338th TRS

**Ground radar flight** — Master Sgt. Troy Mitchell.  
**Ground radio flight** — Airman Basic Alexander Sidawi, Airmen Daniel Baca, Howard Daniels, Antonio Guyton, Michael Reynolds, Ronald Roper and Daniel Webber; Airmen 1st Class Ryan Brown, Von Collins, Samantha Dominguez, Shawn Durante, Edwin Flores-Alvarado, Luke Furman, Evan Gossell, Allen Idol, Robert Klebes, Norman Lewis, William McCabe, Enrique Nieves, Pablo Nunez, Brett Raynes, Duncan Taylor, Patrick Walters and Christopher Wzest; Senior Airman Gregory Bourey; Staff Sgts. Kenneth Nelson, David McCarra, Jonathan McLennan and Gary Won; Tech. Sgt. Casey Harris; Master Sgt. Gordon Bosie.

## 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**  
**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 and Jan. 31. Crafts and food project. Pre-registration required.

#### Wood shop

**Beginning intarsia** — 10 a.m. Feb. 2. \$15 including project and tool use.  
**Advanced intarsia** — 10 a.m. Saturday. \$20 including materials and tool use. A new project each month. Call to register.

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## SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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

### Prior-service students lodged off base

**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.**

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## Auto hobby shop

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

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

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

**24-hour coin-operated car wash** — wash, rinse, wax system, towellettes, 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.

# CLUBS AND CENTERS

## Vandenberg Community Center

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

**Puzzle day** — 7 p.m. Tuesday. 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. Monday. \$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.

**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** — today is the deadline to sign up for Ponchartrain/Shangri-La, Jan. 26, and Carrollton/King Arthur and Merlin, Jan. 27. Feb. 2, Iris/Tucks, sign up by Wednesday. 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.

## Employment opportunities

**Career focus program for spouses** — information on area employment opportunities, job Web sites, human resources con-

# DINING HALL MENUS

## Today

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

## Saturday

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

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

## Sunday

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

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

## Monday

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

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

## Tuesday

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

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

## Wednesday

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

**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.

**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.

## Web sites

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## MEETINGS

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

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

**Air Force Sergeants Association** — 7 a.m. third Tuesday of the month, Live Oak Dining Hall. For more information, call Master Sgt. Kat Hataway, 377-1389, or visit the group's Web site, <http://www.afsa652.org>.

**Air Force Sergeants Association Auxiliary** — 6 p.m. third Tuesday of the month. For more information, call Michelle Foster, 273-4591 or e-mail auxiliary.president@afsa652.org.

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

**At Eze Toastmasters Club** — 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Building 1101 conference room. For more information, call Dewi Clark, 377-2714 or e-mail dewi.clark2@keesler.af.mil; Fred Blache, 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.

**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 Taillon, 377-6242.

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

**Rising VI Association** — 3:15 p.m. third Wednesday of the month; 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, 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. For a recording about current features, call 377-6627.**

**Friday** — 6:30 p.m., I Am Legend (PG-13, 101 minutes).

**Saturday** — 2 p.m., Alvin and the Chipmunks (PG, 91 minutes); 6:30 p.m., Aliens vs. Predator Requiem (R, 94 minutes).

**Sunday** — 12:30 p.m., Charlie Wilson's War (R, 102 minutes).

### Mardi Gras parades

#### Friday

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

#### Saturday

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. 1

Beauvoir Elementary School, Biloxi, 2:30 p.m., 436-5131; Lt. Col. Paul Valenzuela, 81st Mission Support Squadron commander, participates.

#### 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.

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.