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Overview for AETC's No. 2



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Staff Sgt. Victor Struggs, left, a 334th Training Squadron instructor, gives Maj. Gen. Mark Welsh, Air Education and Training Command vice commander, an overview of the airfield management apprentice course Jan. 30. General Welsh toured several facilities, met with 81st Training Wing leaders and was interviewed for an article in an upcoming issue of the Keesler News and on the base's public Web site during a three-day visit.

AAFES opens new complex this weekend

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The long-awaited new Army and Air Force Exchange Service car care center and shop-pette complex opens 9 a.m. Friday.

"AAFES spent about \$3.8 million on this project," said Penny Madison, AAFES general manager at Keesler. "We'll have 28 employees there, in addition to vendor employees."

Construction on the facility at the corner of Meadows Drive and Larcher Boulevard began in April 2006. Included are a four-bay automobile service center, 20-pump gas station, shop-pette, Class VI store, Enterprise Car Rental and a four-chair barber shop.

"We are in the process of re-soliciting for a food vendor," Ms. Madison stated.

Today, the Air Force's monster truck is on display from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to gear up for the grand opening. The truck is scheduled to compete in a monster truck event at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum this weekend.

Friday's celebration begins with a ribbon-cutting ceremony with Col. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander. Giveaways and special offers are planned during the day.

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Air Force Smart Ops For The 21st Century

Reaching our goals for 2008

By Col. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

The senior leadership team met off-site at the end of last month to review where we've been and where we're going and I'd like to share with you our goals for 2008.

The men and women of Keesler did a marvelous job during 2007 and our list of things we are doing well on was a page and half long. It would have been a lot longer had we allotted more time to our discussion! We also discussed things we need to do better. It too was a thoughtful list that covered a page and from it we determined our focus areas for the coming year.

No. 1 is making sure we're taking care of our Air Force family members. The time-honored tradition of Airmen taking care of Airmen was in full force over the last year, and we expect more of the same in 2008. Our heightened operational tempo, as well as deployed assignments, can create a great deal of stress and anxiety for our Airmen and their families. If you feel you're in trouble, call for reinforcements. Whether they come in the form of friends, supervisors, commanders, chaplains, family advocates or life skills providers, we're ready to help each other in times of need. There's nothing wrong with asking — it's what Airmen do for each other.

Here at Keesler AFB, a critical part of taking care of our Air Force family is our No. 2 goal: implementing the A-76 competitive sourcing initiative in a timely, professional, and compassionate manner. Your command leadership team recognizes that many members of our work force have suffered through years of A-76 studies, analyses, and unknowns. Enough already! I can't stop A-76, but I can work with you to do it right and do our best for our people. I aim to take care of our people by getting this done right, making sure our folks are kept abreast of all key activities, and ensuring everyone is treated with dignity and respect. I am committed to partnering with the HQ AETC staff, our unions, and the vendor to ensure the smoothest transition and security for our mission and its great work force. You'll see more information on VSIP/VERA, transition timelines, and other key activities through a series of town hall meetings to keep you in-the-loop and in-the-know.

Our No. 3 goal during 2008 is Customer-Oriented and Professional Operations. Frankly, we are inconsistent in how we deliver our operations to each other and our external customers. Some folks are exemplary and deliver on-time, outstanding products in a professional and customer-focused manner. Others are still working to get there. Each

one of us is in the customer service business in one way or another. Let's always be looking for ways to help each other, by serving others with a smile, using feedback as a constructive tool, and seeking better ways of doing business. During 2008, the entire wing will focus on serving our customers well, to be professional in all we do, and to meet and exceed Air Force standards for all our operations.

Our No. 4 goal is to streamline our deployment process into a smooth-flowing, timely, and efficient operation. Last year, on any given week, you could find an average of 145 personnel deployed worldwide from Team Keesler in support of the nation's highest priority — winning the global war on terrorism. Leaving your family behind and going into harm's way is stressful enough for our deployed personnel. We need to find ways to streamline deployment processing, train and properly equip our Airmen, and make deployment an easier and less time-consuming experience for our people.

Our fifth goal is to continue with on-time, high quality, and safe reconstruction. Right now all over Keesler there are a number of construction projects going on simultaneously. With additional bodies and traffic working at a frantic pace, we need to keep our eyes open while on the job. There's nothing wrong with wanting to get a job done in a timely manner, but when you're in a rush there's always the potential for mistakes and for people to get hurt. Last year, we were able to meet all our deadlines, as well as protect our workers from harm. Let's continue this record of on-time, quality and safe construction into 2008.

Our 6th goal is to incorporate smart operations everywhere and the Air Force wants us to find a way to save at least \$279,000 from our budget. I think we can succeed at it if we work together. Let's work together to slash wasted time, materials, and efforts from every operation. Keep smart operations in mind as you go about your daily business. Don't just look at "how" we can do our jobs better — also ask: "why" are we're doing it this way? When you insert "why" into the equation, the relevance and productivity of a task comes into consideration. You might be surprised with the results. Smarter operations will be a key to our success in 2008. Let's save that \$279,000 by marching unnecessary work out the door — forever.

These are the top goals and challenges for 2008—but there are many more in each shop, office, and work center. Your excellent performance in 2007 is a mere prologue to the potential for success that lies ahead. I look forward to working with you to achieve them.

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 — 228-376-8176
Airmen and family readiness center — 377-2179
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:

Medical center information — 377-6550
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
Shoppette, Class Six — 432-2367
Telephone trouble — 377-2130
Traffic management (outbound) — 377-2446
Traffic management (inbound) — 377-7813
Visitor center — 377-2595
Youth center — 377-4116



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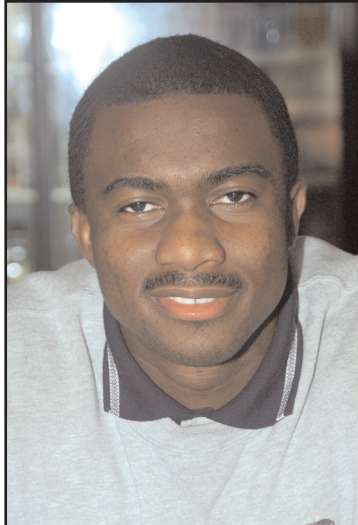
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I would like to be able to tell the future, so I always know what to expect.

—Airman 1st Class
Joseph Boyou, 81st Services
Squadron.



I would like to read minds, so I always know what people truly think.

—Staff Sgt. Camille
Scott, 81st Medical
Operations Squadron.



I would like to fly so I can go anywhere at any time.

—Airman Basic Marlana
Supima, 332nd Training
Squadron.

DRAGON ON THE STREET

If you could
have any super-
power, what
would it be and
why?

Services officials regret incident at wrestling event

By Don Cook and Tom Golden

81st Services Division

The 81st Services Division works very hard to provide wholesome, family-friendly entertainment on a regular basis.

Friday, we brought International Championship Wrestling to the base for a return engagement.

The wrestlers put on a great show, until one of the wrestlers took it upon himself to enter the ring and wrestle in inappropriate attire for that family-friendly atmosphere.

The International Championship Wrestling promoter has provided a written apology to the men, women and children who attended this event.

The 81st SVD also sincerely apologizes to all who were at the event for one wrestler's attire that didn't adhere to our standards of good taste.

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AETC leaders' vision of 21st century Air Force education and training

White paper outlines shift to learning culture

By Michael Briggs

Air Education and Training Command

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The Air Force must transform its training and education system of today into a continuous learning culture based in the virtual world to meet the Air Force missions of tomorrow.

Air Education and Training Command leaders released that vision for the years between 2008 and 2030 when they unveiled "On Learning: The Future of Air Force Education and Training," a 29-page white paper Jan. 31.

AETC produced the forward-looking study with two purposes in mind, said Gen. William Looney III, AETC commander. The first was to generate a body of thought on the future of education and training. The second was to focus on impending issues for the Air Force.

One of those issues is the ability to continue to recruit tech-savvy Americans to become Airmen, the general said.

"The young men and women who will lead our Air Force in the future have been living in a digital world their entire lives and are better prepared than any other generation to operate in this environment," General Looney said. "It is imperative that we understand their needs and expectations, and develop an enterprise-wide system that fosters learning and captures their most critical asset — knowledge."

The white paper introduces concepts that support the Air Force, its leaders and Airmen in their development and lifelong learning needs. At the heart of the vision is a learning organization called "Air Force 2.0." Air Force 2.0 is defined by three areas: knowledge management that discusses how the Air Force operates, continuous learning that covers how the Air Force develops people and precision learning that explains how the Air Force delivers learning.

At the cornerstone of the new learn-

ing organization is a virtual delivery platform known as "MyBase."

"MyBase will provide an environment for lifelong learning, from educating the general public, to entry into the service, and throughout our Airmen's careers and post-career years," said Maj. Gen. Erwin Lessel III, AETC director of plans, requirements and programs.

The white paper includes three attached vignettes that show how an Airman could experience the enhanced learning environment of MyBase from public, training and operational perspectives.

In one scenario, a captain uses MyBase to complete Squadron Officer School courses while collaborating with sister service and civilian academic institutions and interacting with virtual characters, or avatars, who guide him through lectures and hands-on field experiences.

The paper states the Air Force makes the transition from an "educa-

tion and training" to a "learning" environment by adopting seven imperatives: creation of a systematic approach to learning, development of an enterprise-wide architecture, investment to support the plan, integration of training and operations, determination of the right mix of learning tools, reduction in life-cycle learning costs, and a service-wide commitment to start now.

"Airmen must have systems in place that allow them to share their gained knowledge with others, to collaborate and to successfully operate and dominate in the world of air, space and cyberspace," General Looney said. "If the Air Force of 2030 is to be an agile, adaptive, learning organization, it must embrace change, accept risk, cope with reverses and learn to reinvent itself — constantly."

The complete white paper is available on the Web at www.aetc.af.mil/library/whitepaper.asp.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Annual awards

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

For reservations, contact unit representatives.

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.

Communication officers make donation

The 333rd Training Squadron's advanced communication officer training Class 08002 raised \$500 through voluntary donations and a car wash for Back Bay Mission in Biloxi.

Corrie Leckich accepted the donation at the class' graduation ceremony Friday on behalf of the mission, which provides emergency assistance with food, medicine, utilities, transportation for low income and homeless people, as well as work camps that house volunteers doing recovery work in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Drill downs, parades

The 81st Training Group holds drill downs and parades on the drill pad behind the Levitow Training Support Facility.

The schedule:

Drill downs — 8 a.m. Feb. 22, April 18 and Nov. 14; 6 p.m. July 17 and 7 a.m. Sept. 17.

Parades — 6 p.m. March 20, June 12, Aug. 21 and Oct. 16.

For drill down information, call Tech. Sgt. Trina Girley, 377-2737. For parade information, call Staff Sgt. Donald McNair, 377-9527.

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.

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.

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.

Deployed Keesler nurse awarded Defense Meritorious Service Medal

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Col. Karen Kinne, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron, was presented the Defense Meritorious Service Medal Jan. 24.

She was recognized for her efforts while deployed to Afghanistan, May 8-Nov. 17, 2007.

The citation accompanying her award stated the colonel "distinguished herself by exceptionally meritorious service while deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as chief nurse for the Afghanistan National Army, Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan."

"Colonel Kinne's exemplary leadership contributed greatly to the Afghanistan National Security Forces' development of health-care policies and educational programs enhancing ability of physicians and nurses to effectively impact the health of 3 million Afghans. Her skilled management and professionalism greatly improved the medical care of Afghanistan National Security Forces."

Among her achievements, Colonel Kinne was cited for providing guidance and policy to 350 members of the ANA Nurse Corps at the National Military Hospital and four regional hospitals throughout Afghanistan. She also served as a consultant to medical and nursing curricu-



Colonel Kinne's "skilled management and professionalism greatly improved the medical care of Afghanistan National Security Forces."

— medal citation

lum development at Kabul Medical University.

In addition, she led a visionary plan to create a \$3 million Allied Health Institute for an advance medical nurs-

ing program and 12 other professional programs. Her efforts were credited with significantly improving academic opportunities in the nation.

Colonel Kinne pioneered a joint training program at Bagram Joint Theater Hospital for Afghan physicians and nurses with U.S. medics enhancing trauma care capabilities for 25 health-care professionals. She also presented an emergency burn management seminar to 35 nurses and executed training protocols on modern equipment in the emergency room and intensive care units, increasing the competency of 12 nurses.

The colonel was also recognized for advising the ANA surgeon general, building an infection control committee with ANA policies and procedures and enhanced medical logistic processes, contributing to health sustainment programs for 152,000 ANSF and 1 million beneficiaries.

As mentor to the ANA nursing general, Colonel Kinne piloted the first ANA nursing leadership symposium, building strategic partnerships and networking for 50 nurses from diverse ministries and educational settings. She also led a process-action team involving members of the ministry of defense, ministry of interior, ANA and medical command, providing theater-wide solutions for promoting an efficient medical logistics process.

Force shaping board cancelled

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Air Force lieutenants in the 2005 year group, a total of 764 eligible, won't face a fiscal 2008 force shaping board.

"We received enough requests to separate through voluntary separations programs that

conducting a force shaping board is no longer needed this year," said Lt. Gen. Richard Newton III, the deputy chief of staff for manpower, personnel and services.

For more information, contact Air Force Contact Center officials, 1-800-616-3775.

IN THE NEWS

Death notification

Col. Greg. Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander, announces the death of Tech. Sgt. John Templin, 338th Training Squadron.

Sergeant Templin was fatally injured in a traffic accident Saturday night in Biloxi.

Meadows Drive closure delayed

The partial closure of Meadows Drive near the intersection of 5th Street won't begin until Wednesday at the earliest because of additional weather delays.

The project is expected to take about three weeks.

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

Annual awards banquet

The 81st Training Wing annual awards banquet is 6 p.m. Feb. 21 at the 403rd Wing's fuel cell hangar, Building 4278.

Emcee auditions are 8-10 a.m. today in the 81st TRW conference room.

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.

Clinics closed for warrior training

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler Medical Center clinics are closed 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. the second Thursday of each month for warrior training.

Family practice and pediatric clinics have limited access on warrior training afternoons. Acute care appointments are available in the morning, but clinics close at 11 a.m. and reopen the next day at 7 a.m.

Pharmacy, radiology and laboratory services are available with reduced staffing, so be prepared for longer waits.

The emergency room remains open around the clock. For emergencies situations such as shortness of breath, chest or abdominal pain or bleeding with pregnancy, go to the nearest emergency room or call 911 for an ambulance.

Musicians, technicians sought

Air Force Services Agency

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The 2008 Tops in Blue team is looking for musicians, drivers and audio, video, lighting and stage technicians.

For more information, call Air Force Entertainment, (210) 652-6566, or go to <http://www.topsinblue.com>.

Early Keesler News deadline

The submission deadline for the Feb. 21 issue is noon Feb. 14 due to the Presidents Day federal holiday Feb. 18.

The newspaper office is closed Feb. 18 in observance of the holiday.

Coming soon: Retroactive pay hike for military

By John J. Kruzal

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Active duty military receive retroactive earnings this month, followed weeks later by a supplemental payday for non-active personnel, a Pentagon official said Jan. 29.

The National Defense Authorization Act signed into law Jan. 28 by President George Bush stipulates a 3.5 percent military pay raise. This hike is .5 percent higher than an executive order the president signed Dec. 28 to increase pay by 3 percent, which took effect Jan. 1.

In mid-February, Defense Finance and Accounting Service officials pay active-duty service members the extra .5 percent raise earned since the start of 2008.

Non-active members receive the supplement “a couple weeks later,” said Bill Carr, deputy undersec-

retary for military personnel policy.

Mr. Carr said Pentagon officials are “delighted” with the act and praised cooperation by Congress. Disagreement between the president and Congress over non-defense-related earmarks and controversial language about the Iraq war delayed the bill’s enactment.

“I think it’s good news for everybody in uniform,” Mr. Carr said. “This Congress has been terrific in working with us in terms of providing to the troops the things that they need.”

Between 2000 and 2007, private-sector pay increased by 29 percent; military pay jumped 42 percent during the same time, Mr. Carr said. Meanwhile, wages paid to noncommissioned officers, which includes corporals and all grades of sergeant and petty officer, spiked by about 52 percent.

“We’ve made considerable headway, in terms of

increasing the value of military pay, to the point where we’re now frankly in about the 70th or 80th percentile of similarly educated American earners,” Mr. Carr said.

He noted the most recent raise, by virtue of exceeding the current inflation rate, increases service member recipients’ purchasing power.

Pentagon Press Secretary Geoff Morrell said the retroactive payments ensure “that our forces are compensated commensurate to their service and sacrifice.”

In a news conference at the Pentagon, Mr. Morrell noted troops benefit in various ways by provisions codified in the act.

“It lets us resume offering bonuses to new recruits and re-enlisting troops,” he said.

The act also includes funding to improve health care and benefits for wounded troops and veterans.

AAFES,

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“We’re giving away a five-pound Hershey bar and offering specials on M&Ms and Mars candy and other products,” Ms. Madison said. “We’ll have wine tasting and drawings for a Jack Daniels barrel, a Crown Royal checkboard table and gift cards.”

A tent sale features specials on tires from various manufacturers. Food coupons for the Pecan Food Court are also given away. Sprint, Enterprise and the barber shop have free gifts for shoppers.

The Miller Girls and the Energizer Bunny are on hand to welcome customers, and the base’s U-Haul store is setting up inflatable jumpers for children and providing free popcorn and cotton candy.

Store hours:

Car care center — 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, closed Sunday.

Shoppette/Class VI — 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.

Barber shop — 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Enterprise — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays; 9 a.m. to noon Saturday; closed Sunday.



Above, Ruth Tolbert stocks snacks at the shoppette in preparation for the grand opening Friday of the AAFES facility, which also includes a service station, Class VI store, car rental office and barber shop.



Left, Phyllis Diot, manager of the AAFES complex at Meadows Drive and Larcher Boulevard, stocks pizzas in the frozen food section at the shoppette.

Photos by Kemberly Groue

PERSONNEL NOTES

Move authorizations

81st Transportation Squadron

Upon receipt of Air Force Form 150 from the housing office authorizing a local move into or out of base housing, contact the traffic management flight, Entrance 5, Building 4202, 700 Hangar Road.

The date the form or permanent change-of-station orders is issued is when the entitlement begins for the personal property move.

For more information, call the traffic management flight, 377-9439 or 3436.

Long-term care insurance

For information on the long-term care insurance program and how to enroll, go online to <http://www.ltcfeds.com> or call 1-800-582-3337 or TDD 1-800-843-3557, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

E-mailing deployed troops

Stars and Stripes features “Messages of Support” for deployed service members from family and friends free of charge.

E-mail no more than 60 words to messages@estripes.com.

Mailing care packages

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Postal Service and Military Postal Service Agency process mail for troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For more information, call 1-800-275-8777 or visit <http://www.usps.com>.

MyPay item processing

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

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

WAPS test schedules

Weighted airman promotion system test schedules:

Master and technical sergeant — through 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.

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/Main-Menu.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.

Pre-separation counseling

Military members are required to receive pre-separation counseling from the airman and family readiness center no less than 90 days before separating, retiring or outprocessing to go on terminal leave.

Briefings are 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 122, Hangar 2, for separations and 2:30 p.m. for retirements.

Those with medical retirements, less than honorable discharges or force-shaping transition benefits, call 377-8645 or 8593.

Exercise is key to good overall health

Safety office

Exercise programs are intended to provide health benefits without injuries.

Regular exercise is essential to maintaining overall good mental and physical health and helps people recover from injuries sooner than those in poor health.

The Air Force has known the importance of keeping Airmen healthy and exercising for years. That's why the chief of staff of the Air Force implemented the 90-minutes a day, three times a week physical training requirement for Air-men.

In addition to exercising, it is essential to have a healthy diet. No special diets are necessary to lose weight; just follow the food triangle taught in elementary school — breads, vegetables, meats and dairy products in proper portion sizes. If you feel full, you probably are.

Some tips to help prevent injuries during exercise programs include:

Start slow — Begin an exercise program doing things which are easy for you. Build up slowly.

Warm up — Your muscles need this, even for sports like golf which don't require great



exertion. Walking and swinging your arms, followed by slow, easy stretches before you exercise, gets your blood pumping throughout your body and gets you ready.

Don't overdo it — If muscles or joints start to hurt, ease up. "No pain, no gain," is not the way to exercise.

Cool down — This is as important after hard exercise as warming up is before any exercise. Slow down for about five minutes. For example, walk for five minutes after running.

For more information on exercise programs, contact your unit physical fitness monitor or call the health and wellness center, 376-3170.

DRAGON OF THE WEEK

Name — Staff Sgt.
Amber Rose
Unit — 81st Surgical
Operations Squadron
Position — commander
support staff
Time in Air Force —
six years
Time at Keesler —
5 1/2 years
Noteworthy — Air
Force's outstanding med-
ical readiness airman of the
year in 2003.

Hometown — New
Orleans

**Why did you join the
Air Force?** I joined on the
delayed enlistment program
11 days after Sept. 11,
2001, with an overwhelm-
ing need to help our nation
at such a devastating time
— what better way to do so
than to serve in the Armed
Forces?

**What are your short-
and long-term goals?**

Short term, I plan to com-
plete the requirements to



Photo by Steve Pivnick

receive my Community
College of the Air Force
degree this year; long term,
making the Air Force a
career.

What are your hobbies?
spending time with my fami-

ly, socializing with friends
and traveling.

**What's your favorite
quote?** "No one can make
you feel inferior without
your consent." — Eleanor
Roosevelt

DIAMOND NOTES

Wear of the woodland-patterned
Gore-Tex or field jacket
with the airman battle uniform
is approved through May 31.

— Master Sgt. Archie Evans, 81st Communications
Squadron first sergeant



MEMORABLE MOMENTS

July 25, 1941

The base opened its first facility,
a medical dispensary,
in the Naval Reserve Park.

Elections

Rules of political engagement for military, federal civilians

By Richard Brock

Legal office

As the November elections approach, it's a good time to review appropriate political activity for federal employees, both military and civilian.

The guiding policy is the Hatch Act (5 USC 7321-7325) and Joint Ethics Regulation 5500.7R, Section 3, paragraph 6-300.

Military and Department of Defense civilian employees are prohibited from using government supplies, equipment, communication systems and facilities in any political activity.

Military

Military members on active duty may:

Register, vote and express a personal opinion on political candidates and issues, but not as a representative of the Armed Forces.

Make monetary contributions to a political party.

Attend partisan and nonpartisan political meetings or rallies as a spectator when not in uniform.

Display a political sticker on the member's private vehicle

Join a political club and attend its meetings when not in uniform

Serve as an election official, under specified circumstances while not in uniform.

Sign a petition for specific legislative action or a petition to place a candidate's name on an official election ballot, if it doesn't obligate the member to engage in prohibited partisan political activity, and is done as a private citizen.

Military members may not:

Use one's official authority or influence for interfering with an election, affecting the course or outcome of an election, soliciting votes for a particular candidate or issue or requiring or soliciting political contributions from others.

Be a candidate for, or hold, civil office except as authorized.

Participate in partisan political management, campaigns, or conventions.

Make campaign contributions to another member of the Armed Forces or employee of the federal government, such as the President, who is commander-in-chief of the armed forces.

Civilians

DOD civilian employees may:

Be candidates for public office in nonpartisan elections.

Register and vote as they choose.

Assist in voter registration drives.

Express opinions about candidates and issues.

Contribute money to a political organization.

Attend political fund-raising activities.

Attend and be active at political rallies and meetings.

Join in and be an active member of a political party or club.

Sign nominating petitions.

Campaign for or against referendum questions, constitutional amendments, or municipal ordinances.

Campaign for or against candidates in partisan elections.

Make campaign speeches for candidates in partisan elections.

Hold office in political clubs or parties.

DOD civilians may not:

Use official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the result of an election.

Collect political contributions unless both the collector and the donor are members of the same federal labor organization or employee organization and the donor is not a subordinate.

Knowingly solicit or discourage the political activity of any person who has business with DOD.

Engage in political activity while on duty, in any federal workplace, while wearing an official uniform or displaying official insignia identifying the office or position of the DOD employee, or while using a government owned or leased vehicle.

Solicit political contributions from the general public.

Be a candidate for public office in partisan elections.

Wear political buttons on duty.

Contribute to the political campaign of another federal employee who is in the DOD employee's chain of command, including the political campaign to re-elect the president or vice president.

For more information, call the legal office, 377-3510.

Tops in Blue

Fitness apprentice at Keesler vocalizes his way to spot with entertainment group

By Earlene Smith

81st Services Division

Airman 1st Class Tommie Crutcher leaves Keesler next month to perform with Tops In Blue, the Air Force's premier expeditionary entertainment group.

Airman Crutcher, a fitness apprentice at Dragon Fitness Center, made the team on his first try, but it wasn't easy.

First, he had to submit a 15-page application, and an audition tape showcasing his vocal talent. On the basis of his audition tape he was selected to participate in the World Wide Talent Contest at Lackland, Air Force Base, Texas, where he underwent 10 grueling days of hard work, rehearsals and performances.

First and second place in each category of the contest are announced at an awards banquet following three days of shows. Performers for the Tops in Blue tour are chosen from among all the contestants based upon a combination of talent, attitude, maturity, a certain mental level, a willingness to grow as a performer and person, and the potential for greatness.

The contestants were told they would be notified within a week whether or not they made the team — through their commanders if they were selected, via e-mail if not.

"I wasn't an award winner, and didn't think I did very well in the contest, so I was checking my e-mail several times a day for the bad news," Airman Crutcher said. "I was at my division Christmas party when Colonel Valenzuela told me I was chosen for the TIB 2008 touring season."

Lt. Col. Paul Valenzuela is the 81st Mission Support Squadron commander.

Airman Crutcher described himself as an "attitude junkie" at a very young age — always wanting people to notice him.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Airman Crutcher explains treadmill operations to Angel Hayes, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, at Dragon Fitness Center.

He was in fourth grade when he started dance training in tap and jazz — later adding ballet. Vocal training started in fifth grade. In sixth grade, he performed in his first opera.

He later added playing the cello to his long list of talents. He was a member of the Ballet Austin (Texas) and danced with both the local and touring companies in the popular Nutcracker.

"From eighth grade through my senior year in high school I was never out of the limelight more than two weeks at a time," he recalled. "It was strenuous combining performances and rehearsals with homework, sports, Boy Scouts, marching band and church activities, but it was worth it.

Airman Crutcher credits his grandmother with much of his success. She encouraged and supported him, advised him to keep a level head, stressed the importance of being humble, and often reminded him that "doing your best is more important than being the best."

She also pointed out the world is full of starving artists, and urged him to get a college degree.

So, is this gifted Austin native looking forward to a career as a performer?

"That would be nice," he said. "However, I really believe I'm going to lean more toward a career in the education field, teaching high school English."

Paula Gould — general's wife, pilot's life

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Paula Gould, the wind beneath her husband's wings, also has wings of her own.

Most people at Keesler know her as the spouse of 2nd Air Force's commander, Maj. Gen. Mike Gould, but in addition to her roles as wife and mother, she's a pilot who recently retired from the Air Force Reserve as a colonel after 30 years of service.

Jan. 28, Paula was the first female pilot invited to speak to Keesler's Order of Daedalians, a national fraternal organization of military pilots, according to Dean Todd, who organized the group in 1973.

Flying is family affair

Paula's dad, Charlie Houk, was an Army Air Corps pilot during World War II who went on to be a commercial pilot with United Airlines. Her father-in-law, Carl Gould, was also a World War II pilot and retired Air Force officer.

A 1975 graduate of the University of Colorado, she earned a degree in mathematics and became a teacher.

"I loved the kids, but I learned that teaching wasn't for me. I wasn't sure what I wanted to do, so I went to work at a restaurant," Paula said.

"One day my brother Dave, a C-130 pilot for the Wyoming Air National Guard, came home and said the Guard had opened up pilot training for women and told me I should apply," she continued. "I talked it over with my parents, and they supported my desire to become a pilot."

Word whiz

To pass the time while she sunbathed, she studied vocabulary cards. That pastime came in handy when she took the officer qualifying test and made a nearly perfect score on the vocabulary section of the test and a high score in mathematics — she was about average on the flying part.

The National Guard unit at Rickenbacker Air Force Base, Ohio, sponsored her for a national pilot training slot.

Three women were interviewed, and Paula was selected as the alternate. While she awaited her slot for the next year, her dad gave her flying lessons and she got her private pilot's license.

Top teacher

"He was my best instructor ever, and I was proud to be his student," she commented.

In 1976, Paula was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air National Guard through the Academy of Military Science, Knoxville, Tenn.

"My critique on the day before graduation said, 'You've done a pretty good job, but there are three things you need to consider — you smile too much, you're too friendly and you wear too much makeup,'" she recalled. "I could live with those three and haven't changed any of them."

She was stationed at Buckley AFB, Colo., as an intelligence officer while awaiting pilot training.

In 1977, she went through initial flight screening.

"I entered undergraduate pilot training in the T-37 at Williams AFB, Ariz. in 1978, as part of the third class with female pilots. I did well in my academics and I didn't have any great concerns about flying — I was really looking forward to getting in the air.

Battling bias

"My first day of training, my flight instructor had three students," she continued.

"He asked the first guy what his goal was for pilot training, and he replied that he wanted to be a commercial pilot someday. He asked the second guy, who said, 'I just have to fly fighters,' and the instructor said, 'You'll get it.'

"He turned to me and said, 'I really don't care what you want to do — I'm going to do everything I can to make sure you don't finish the program.'"

The instructor kept that promise, doing unanticipated rolls and various negative 'G' maneuvers so she'd hit her head on the canopy. She started having nightmares that she



Mrs. Gould

didn't share with anyone. He gave her "hooks," or unsatisfactory scores. After a certain number of hooks, a student was sent to fly with other instructors.

"Then I would get 'good' or 'satisfactory' ratings, but when I went back to my instructor, I got hooks again," Paula commented. "This continued until I came up for my first check ride. When I was finished, I got a 'good.'"

When her flight commander heard about her performance, he called her into his office to ask what was going on, and she finally shared how she'd been treated by her instructor.

"He asked, 'Why didn't you tell us?', and I replied, 'Being one of the only women here, would you have said you were having problems with your flight instructor?' After that, I was assigned a new flight instructor, who was great — he didn't have any biases and just wanted people to learn to fly. My T-38 instructors were great, too. I respected them and they respected me for my flying abilities."

During this time, she met a handsome instructor named Mike Gould, who she describes as her best friend, mentor and dream encour-

ager. They've been happily married nearly 28 years.

"I learned it was against the rules for a student to date an instructor, but it was OK to marry him," she said with a grin.

Following combat crew training school in the KC-135 at Castle AFB, Calif., Paula was assigned to Rickenbacker AFB, Ohio, where she was a mission-ready KC-135 co-pilot flying for the Ohio Air National Guard.

In 1980, she was assigned to the 161st Air Refueling Wing, Sky Harbor International Airport, Ariz., as the unit's second female pilot alongside the first, Marilyn Koon. She served as a co-pilot for the Arizona Air National Guard Copperheads, including duty with the European Tanker Task Force at Royal Air Force Mildenhall, United Kingdom.

Back in Colorado

The next year, Paula followed her husband to Colorado Springs, where he was assigned to his alma mater, the Air Force Academy, as a T-41 instructor pilot and golf and football coach.

"I wanted to get a Reserve job back at Buckley where they had T-43s to support the academy's navigator training mission," she said.

She visited her old unit and had an interview with the commander, who graciously invited her to come in and asked her a lot of questions, seemingly very interested.

Losing his cool

"After about 20 minutes, he stood up, pounded his fist on the desk and said, 'Women should not be in the Air Force. They definitely shouldn't be pilots. I would never hire a woman — get out of my office right now!'"

It wasn't obvious from her physical appearance, but Paula was pregnant at the time. She knew she had recourse for the commander's behavior, but she and her husband decided to wait until after their baby arrived to decide what path she should follow.

"I loved being in the military and I wanted to serve, but the doors to flying seemed to be closed," Paula said.

Her husband advised her to put on her uniform, walk the halls of the Air Force Academy and see what happened. Soon she had an assignment with the 9001st Air Reserve Squadron at the academy, where she went to work as an admissions liaison officer for the academy and ROTC admissions programs.

New mom, new focus

The birth of their first son was a turning point in her life.

"I had to be true to myself, and when I first held that little baby in my arms, I knew I never wanted to leave him — that made up my mind."

The Goulds' two sons, Bart and Brandon, are academy graduates. Bart was recently selected for promotion to captain. He and his wife, Rozi, another academy graduate, are stationed at Schriever AFB, Colo. Brandon is a second lieutenant at Vance AFB, Okla.

Family philosophy

"Our family shares the same priorities, putting God first, family second and our jobs third," Paula emphasized.

For the remainder of her career, she worked as an admissions liaison officer in nine states and England, where she was credited with bringing hundreds of young men and women into officer commissioning programs. She was the deputy director of all assigned admissions liaison officers in four states and was elevated to Oklahoma's state director from 1997-1999.

"I'm proud of the young people who are coming up behind us who want to make their dreams come true," Paula observed. "I've spoken to hundreds of young people about becoming a pilot or pursuing any career they wanted in the Air Force."

"It's a great way of life with a lot of opportunities — equal opportunities," she concluded. "I feel like I opened the door for many of them, and I had a heck of a lot of fun doing it."



AFSA chapter ready to expand on 2007 success

By Master Sgt. Lisa Arnold

Keesler NCO Academy

Air Force Sergeants Association Magnolia Chapter 652 at Keesler had a busy, productive year in 2007.

Year-round undertakings included Operation Not Forgotten, a monthly visit to the local Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Biloxi for a variety of events to let the veterans who reside there know that they are remembered and appreciated.

Mock boards take place at the First Term Airmen Center and briefings are given at Right Decision re-enlistment seminars. The chapter also sponsors awards for Keesler NCO Academy and Airman Leadership School graduations.

Early in 2007, AFSA sponsored Operation Iraqi Child which collected and shipped more than 800 pounds of food, clothing and badly-needed supplies for Bedouin refugees in Iraq.

AFSA members placed flags on graves at the Biloxi National Cemetery for Memorial Day and volunteered at Special Olympics and Child Pride Day.

AFSA members were involved in other base and community activities, including the Quiet Riot concert, Make a Difference Day, the base's annual arts and crafts fair, Keesler's celebration of the Air Force's 60th birthday, American Heart Association heart walk and a golf tournament fundraiser at Keesler's Bay Breeze Golf Course.

For more information, e-mail Master Sgt. James Craig@vice.president@afsa652.org.



Cookout next event on calendar

Keesler's Black Heritage Month activities:

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 Mr. Higgins, 377-9386.

Feb. 23 — free gospel concert, 6-9 p.m., Welch Auditorium. 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.

Closed for inventory

The 81st Supply Squadron's individual equipment element is closed Monday through Feb. 15 for inventory.

Only those deploying on short notice may pick up items during this period.

For more information, call Staff Sgts. Erin Everhardt or Toyshaline Young, 377-1159.

Tax office open

The tax office is open 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on duty days in Room 234, Hangar 2.

For appointments, call 377-4454.

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.

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 event is in the Royal Ballroom.

For more information, e-mail dflemister@comcast.net.

DAPS services

For information on document automation and production services, call 377-4057.

Multimedia services

For information on multi-

media products and services available at Wall Studio, call the multimedia manager, 377-2793, or multimedia quality assurance personnel, 377-4636.

Historical items

For information on loaning or donating historical items for display at Keesler Medical Center, call Steve Pivnick, 376-3018, or Capt. Neil Clark, 376-6000.

Spouse program

The Career Focus Program at the airman and family readiness center assists spouses seeking employment on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

For more information and appointments, call Ron Bublik,

377-8592, or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

Vehicle decals

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

People may remove and destroy the decals on their vehicles, according to 81st Security Force Squadron officials.

When visiting other bases, obtain passes or decals there.

For more information, call 377-3844.

DRMO withdrawals

Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office withdrawals for organizational requirements must be for assets normally authorized for request-

ing organizations and specific customer requirements.

For audit purposes, base activities other than nonappropriated fund activities must request all property in DRMO through the retail supply activity.

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, or leave a message at 377-3814.

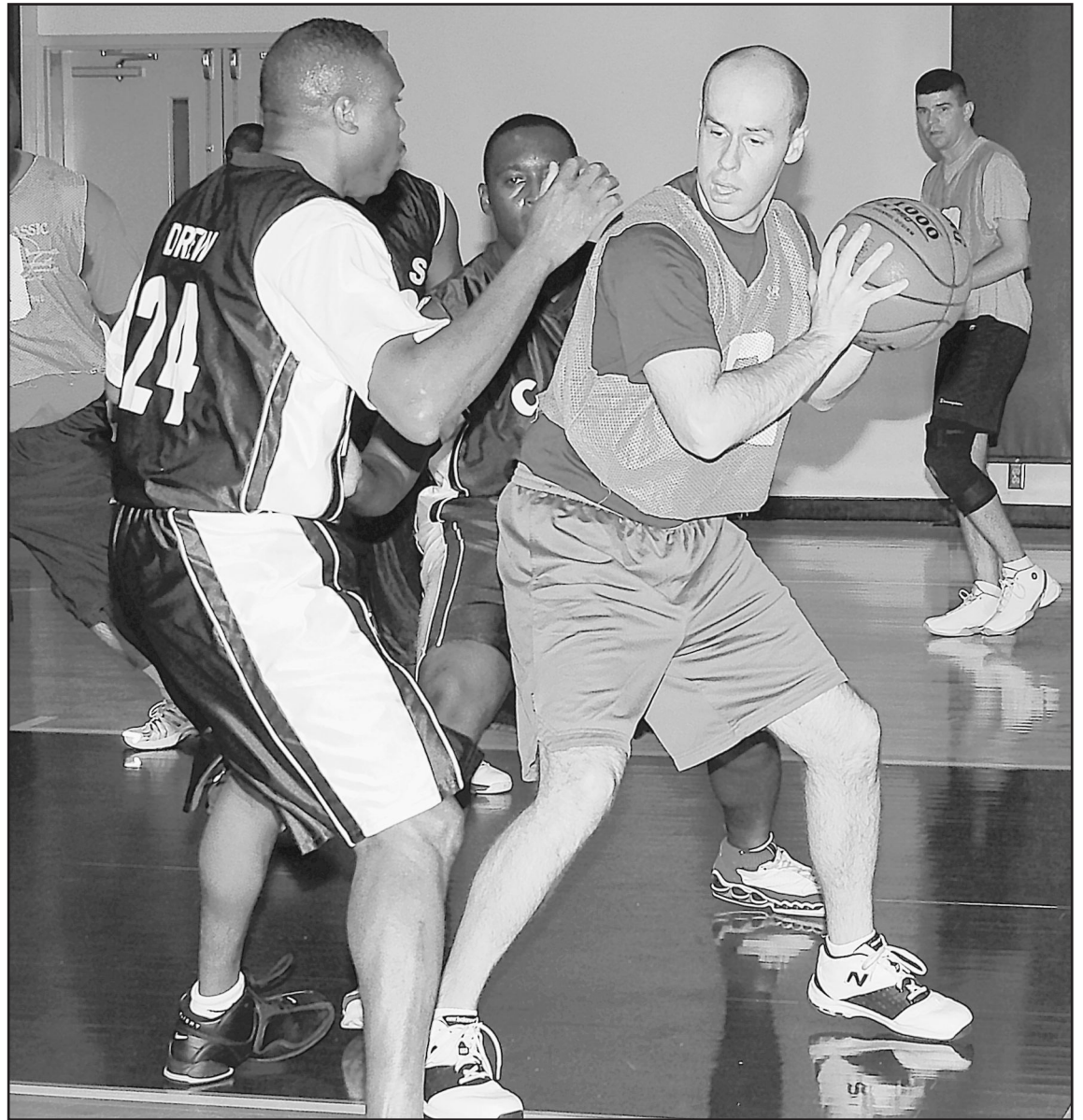


Photo by Kemberly Groue

Andrew Simmonds, 81st CES, blocks passing lane for Jeff Queen, 81st TRSS. The civil engineers won this game, 36-26, Jan. 29 at Dragon Fitness Center.

338th TRS remains undefeated

By Airman 1st Class
David Salanitri

Keesler News staff

Not much has changed in the Over 30 men's basketball league this week.

The 338th Training Squadron has extended its record to 5-0 this week, with the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron chasing with a 3-2 record.

With nine rounds to go of regular season play, there's plenty of time left for movement in the league.

The 338th TRS feels like it

has a team to meet many demands.

"Our team has a rare combination of size and speed," said William Mays, 338th TRS coach.

"We can put a team out there with the shortest person being 6 feet, 1 inch, or we can go with traditional size guards. This allows us to dominate the boards when it comes to rebounding, and we try to always cut someone loose as soon as a shot goes up so that all of us don't have to run down the court," said Mays.

One thing the league is promoting is troop morale.

"I believe the league does promote morale. It allows for supervisors and troops who have been in the Air Force a while to network, bettering the mission," said Mays.

With the season being about halfway through, there are still plenty of games to be played, not including the double elimination playoffs at the end of the season.

For more information on the league call Laurence Wilson, 377-2444.

Basketball

Men's Over 30 League

Standings (as of Jan. 24)

Team	Won	Lost
338th TRS	4	0
81st CES	3	1
81st TRSS	2	2
2nd Air Force	0	3
85th EIS	0	3

All games at Dragon Fitness Center

Today — 11 a.m., 2nd Air Force vs. 338th TRS; noon, 81st EIS vs. 85th EIS.

Tuesday — 11 a.m., 81st TRSS vs. 338th TRS; noon, 81st CES vs. 2nd Air Force.

Jan. 29 — 81st CES 56, 81st TRSS 26.

Bowling

League standings

Monday Budweiser (as of Jan. 28)

Team	Won	Lost
Perry's Refrigeration	74	31
Old Skool	70	42
3 Steps Forward	68	44
Our Gang	67	45
Gannon's Cannons	65.5	46.5
Wayne's World	61	51
Slater's Shooters	60	52
Hoops Gang	60	52
Pin Heads	59	53
Man On	58	54
Team 2	51	61
Endangered Species	46.5	65.5
The Corner Pins	46	67
Unpredictables	45	67
Ghost Riders	40	72
Martini's	40	72
B-Busters	34	78

Tuesday Hospital Mixed (as of Jan. 22)

Team	Won	Lost
Radiology Renegades	91	37
Pill Pushers	87	41
Bed Buddies	80	48
Pediattack	80	48
Drug Dealers	78	50
Team 6	30	98
Team 8	16	112
Team 7	12	116

Wednesday Mixed (as of Jan. 23)

Team	Won	Lost
Oceans Eleven	82	44
Jokers Wild	76	50
Hang Chucky	76	50
Ichiban	74	52
Clyde's Team	69	57
Misfits	68	58
2 Old 2 Bowl	68	58
3DR	65	61
Neighbors + 1	63	63
MUDD	58	68
Lucky Strikes	58	67
70s Plus	53	69
Team 13	24	81
Team 14	0	0

Thursday Retired Seniors Mixed (as of Jan. 24)

Team	Won	Lost
6-Pack	79.5	46.5
Three is Company	74.5	51.5
Team 16	74	52
Team 1	71.5	54.5
Dummys Dummies	71	55
Freda's Kids	70	55

Triangle Track gets new surface

Corey Ernst from Mondo USA rolls out the new surface for the Triangle Track Jan. 28. The \$1.1 million project uses the same material as the tracks for the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta and this summer's games in Beijing, China, said 1st Lt. Justin Delorit, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron. The pre-fabricated rolls of material are designed to minimize impact to joints while being strong enough to withstand years of use. A new layer of asphalt was exposed and cracks and holes were filled with epoxy before installers began laying the track. Barring inclement weather, up to 10,000 square feet of track can be laid per day. The project should be finished this week.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



Team 12 69 57

Delema 67.5 58.5

2 Bees & a D 66 60

The Very Best 65 61

Barb's Boys 61.5 64.5

Team 2 55.5 70.5

Full Speed 55 71

Amy's Bunch 54 72

T-N-T 54 72

Team 15 52 74

Friends 47 79

Guys and Dolls 47 79

Thursday Federal Intramural (as of Jan. 10)

Team Won Lost

332nd TRS 88 40

85th EIS 80 48

Team 3 78 50

Team 5 77 51

338th TRS 72 56

Team 4 72 56

Team 14 68 60

403rd Rolling Thunder 68 60

403rd MXS 66 62

Misfits 60 68

81st CPTS 60 68

81st MSS 60 68

81st TRSS 58 70

GCCS Squad 55 73

Team 10 50 78

Ghosts 10 118

Friday Mixed (as of Friday)

Team Won Lost

Lady and the Tramps 91 42

Team 10 88 45

Team 3 75 51

Pin Busters 69 64

Sandbaggers 63 70

Pin Pals 57 69

Jax Hax 60 73

Harry's Team 60 73

3 Guys and A Babe 56 77

Dreamers 39 94

Other

Limited open play — Feb. 16-17 due to special event.

Birthday party package —

Saturdays 1:30-3 p.m. or 3:30-5 p.m., and Sundays 2:30-4 p.m.

Basic party with bowling and food \$8.95 per child. Mid party, including table supply and T-shirt, \$11.95 per child. Premium party with games and a pin, \$15.95 per child. Reservations required.

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.

Free sweetheart 5-kilometer run — 11 a.m. Feb. 14, Blake Fitness Center. Sign up day of race as individual runner or a male-female team. All walkers and runners with Keesler access welcome. Sweets for all participants; prizes to top three male/female teams who finish together.

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

Golf

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

Ground hog week special — through Saturday, free rod and reel use with boat rental.

Valentine special — 10 percent discount on No. 1 camping package throughout the month.

Bicycles for rent — new 3500 Trek seven-speed bikes, \$3 a day or \$15 week.

Fish of the month — weigh in largest redfish in February, 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.

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

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

Paintball

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

Softball

Women's varsity tryouts — 5:30 p.m. Friday at Triangle fields, for active-duty and reservists attached to Keesler by work or temporary duty for school longer than three months, and dependents over age 18 and out of high school.

For more information, call Nickie Lozano, coach, 383-2066.

Coach needed — for men's varsity team. For more information, call Laurence Wilson, 377-2444.

Special Olympics

Keesler hosts the Mississippi Special Olympics, May 16-18.

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

Squadrons interested in sponsoring food booths, call Rick Harmon, 377-7351, or e-mail rick.harmon@keesler.af.mil.

HONORS

Quarterly awards, October-December

81st Training Wing

Airman — Senior Airman Adam Smith, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron.

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

Senior NCO — Master Sgt. Jimmie Rice, 81st Training Support Squadron.

Company grade officer — Capt. Mishawn Johnson, 81st Comptroller Squadron.

Field grade officer — Maj. Christine Taylor, 81st Medical Operations Squadron.

Civilian, category one — Jeanette Davis, 81st CES.

Civilian, category two — Paula Tracy, 81st MDOS.

Civilian supervisor, category one — John McIntyre, 81st CES.

Civilian supervisor, category two — Elizabeth LeBlanc, 333rd Training Squadron.

Honor guard — Airman 1st Class Brittany Wysowski, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron.

Angel Award winners — Dennis Manson, 333rd TRS, and Capt. Michael Wrey, 334th TRS.

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Jeffrey Bailey, Cory Baker, Daniel Baker, John Barrett, Bryan Bean, Steven Cabot, Marcel CamachoMunoz, Joshua Cavner, Sean Crowell, Timothy Cutrell, Bailey Delaney, Michael Diehl, Jesse Digiacomio, Brock Dileo, Matthew Dyer, Robert Enox, Jason Fritch, Frederick Gordon, Jacob Gornbein, Richard Handley, Everett Henry, Eric Hildebrandt, Matthew Huiatt, Steven Inman, Malik Jackson, Ezra Kiihn, Gabriel Labrie, Saben Leinbaugh, Christian Louer, Brandon Lumsden, Christopher Lunsford, Samuel Martin, Kyle McKelvey, Cassandra Moore, Coleman Moore, Robert Morris, Kristy Myers, Kyle Nelson, Richard Nelson, Zachary Northcutt, Joseph Passmore, Kyle Perez, Anthony Phillips, Randall Pierce, Jonathon Rea, Nathaniel Robinson, Oscar Romero-Enriquez, Joel Rosenau, Gerald Royster,

Jonathan Samolinski, Brandon Scott, Joshua Strunk, Daniel Sullivan, Kurtis Vallee, Michael Williams, Jeffrey Wilson, Jeffrey Wynn and Jessica Yeadon; Airmen David Amaya, Daniel Egert, Dustin Falcon, Donald Langley, Justin Pinard, Robert Sweeney, Nicholas Tappa, Erik Webster and Thomas Yoon; Airmen 1st Class Jefferson Aguiar, David Arceneaux, Sean Archer, Darren Ayers, Corey Banaszak, Justin Brown, Robert Burgess, Phillip Clement, Travis Damm, Sean Dowd, William Dowling, Kyle Dresen, Braden Ferrin, Daniel Gay, Kyle Glover, Matthew Glover, Kyle Gomes, Ruben Gonzalez, Justin Gresavage, Gregory Grubbs, Mayuricel Hardy, Darius Harper, Kiley Hickok, Christopher Hubbs, Russell Huber, James Hughes, David Huntsberger, Andrew Hus, Aaron Hwang, Larry Jackson, Jacob Jacques, Allen Lambert, Jared Luczynski, Donald Lupini, Robert Manoff, Corey Mayle, Evan McLaugherty, Mychal Mulhall, Justin Parsons, Bryan Peebles, Nicholas Putinsky, Julio Reategui, Jeremy Reece, Stacy Renon, Jorge Reza, Mikel Rogers, Eric Rueth, William Schull, William Sovitsky, Brandon Stitt, Eric Tambini, John Tangradi, Max Tibbetts, George Turner, Nichole Vanhorn, Kyle Vincent, Daniel Wheaton, Roderick White and Timothy Wingate; Senior Airmen Jerome Danan, Patrick Molinelli and Buell Richardson; Staff Sgts. Eric Chaisson, Jason Day, Warren Drummond, Geoward Eustaquio, James Hastings, Jaren Koga, Matthew Milliron, Jason Mitchell, Ruben Sanderson, Jason Schrenk, Michael Scoggins, Joseph Scott, Charles Shelton, William Simmons and Brett Weir; Tech. Sgt. Frankie Acfalle, Matthew Artis, Michael Goth and William Patton; Master Sgts. Kevin Bengs, James Hyers and David Lucier.

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Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Thomas Britt, James Dent, Tyson Garland, Ian Greene, Luke Hightower, Dion King, Arik Kudronowicz, Benjamin McCall, Elizabeth Mohammad, Cory Pearson, Daniel Pepin, Adrian Rivas, Aaron Shaw, Benjamin Shrewsbury, Ut Ta, O'Neil Watson, Michael Worrick and Bruce Zaragoza; Airmen Joseph Clayburn, Zachary Faughn and Patrick Vance; Airmen 1st Class Luke Bullard, Kyle Causey, Derek Cox, Kenneth Edwards, Daniel Hochhalter, Stasha Lenz, Carrie Martin, Joseph Shelton, Lloyd Swede, Corina Taijeron and Ryan Vandewynkle; Staff Sgts. Nathan Bevelle, Lester Frye and Michael Machost.

Airfield management apprentice course — Airman Basic Jeremy Melvin; Senior Master Sgt. Jamie Paxton; Chief Master Sgt. Richard Mertz

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Communications-computer systems training flight — Airmen Basic Stephen Boniti, Christopher Sills and Kyle Young; Airmen Brendon Franz and Travis Rich; Airmen 1st Class Austin Heller, Dainel Hendricks, Lary Morales, Michael Norton, Taj Preciado and Christopher Wade.

Communications and information flight — Airman Basic Christopher Randall; Airman Sylvia Navarro; Airman 1st Class Mathieu Bargas, Geoffrey Estes, Michael Fowler, Bernice Glover, Dameraia Kelley, Robyn Lawrence, Jesus Lerma-Padilla, Ebony Lewis-Anderson, Aaron Lovely, Lori Toy, Katharine Vogel, Justin Warner, Ian White, Benjamin Wilkie and Roy Yeomans; Senior Airmen Joshua Bartholomew and Bryant Marzan; Staff Sgts. Shawn Dillard, Mark Johnson, Honorio Moya, Timothy Silvers and Benjamin Willock; Tech. Sgt. Sandra Leonowicz.

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Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Nadeem Ahmed, Richard Brecka, Reim Brett, Curtis Edwards, Clayton Legare, Jacob Marche, Artan Myrtolli, Jessica Jordan and Makenna Williams; Navy Airmen Recruit Timothy Cormier, Wesley Currier, Christina Lowe, Malcom Thomas and Kiera Williams; Marine Pvt. Justin Edwards; Airmen Bradley Bloom, Kristian Kempe, Margaret Peterson, Cameron Preece, Weston Rivett, and Kristin Schulte; Navy Airmen Tonia Boyle and Ambre Witt; Navy Aerographers Mate Ian Smith; Marine Pfc. Greg Longfellow, Ruben Molin, Joseph Podpleshy and Nathan Whited; Airmen 1st Class Keith Boughton, Jason Chandler, Spencer Charozuk, Paul Flint, Russell Hathaway, James Hendricks, Joshua Lacombe, Jared McClain, Adam Miller, Kelsey Nugent, Arielle Warner and Tyson Unrau; Marine Cpl. Brian Kamman; Senior Airmen Matthew Adams, Jason Clark, Curtis Humphreys, Mike Smith and Derek Tarrh; Marine Sgts. James Christian, Jared Hall and Thomas Kinate; Staff Sgts. David Candelaria, Nathaniel Christy, Yvonne Hartshorn and Neil Michael; Master Sgt. Christina Roby.

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

Ash Wednesday service

Larcher Chapel..... 11 a.m.

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass

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

Weekday Mass

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

Ash Wednesday service

Triangle Chapel.....11:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.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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Ground radar flight — Master Sgt. Troy Mitchell.

Ground radio flight — Airman Basic Sara Harbaugh; Airmen Suzanne Attridge, Kellen Hughey, David McQueen and Erin Miller; Airmen 1st Class Amber Ballenger, Von Collins, Edwin Flores-Alvarado, Michael Ganas, Sonya Gore, Benjamin Hinton, James Ibarra, Nicholas Knowlton, Jeffrey Landers, Mathew Lindsey, William McCabe, Joshua Miles, William Murray, Enrique Nieves, Brett Raynes, Daniel Sanchez, William Spradlin, Stephanie Warner, Christopher and Wzest; Senior Airman Gregory Bourey; Staff Sgts. Donald Adkins, David McCarra, Jonathan McLennan and Kenneth Nelson; Tech. Sgt. Casey Harris; Master Sgt. Gordon Bosie.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 08-2 — graduates Wednesday.

Class 08-3 — Feb. 19-March 27.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 08-2 — graduates Feb. 15.

Class 08-3 — Feb. 26-April 3.

Arts and crafts center

Multi-craft shop

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

Thursday night specials — 4:30-7 p.m. today, Valentine's preparations; 5-6 p.m. Feb. 14, bring your Valentine for a treat; 5:30-7 p.m., Feb. 21 decoupage project; 5-7 p.m. Feb. 28, poor man's night craft and snack. Minimal fees for all projects.

Ceramics technique — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. No prior ceramic experience needed. Register early; see project on display.

Pottery clay hand building — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 16. \$40 including five pounds of clay and firing. Bring your lunch.

One-stroke painting with acrylics — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 16. Painting strokes for all decorativematerials. Pre-painting experience not required. \$32 including project and paint.

Family craft day — 1-4 p.m. Feb. 23 for school-age youth, parents and all Airmen. Make-and-take-it project.; \$5 shop use fee.

Wood shop

Beginners woodworking — 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday. \$25. Equipment safety briefing and operator's card for regular shop use.

Youth and parent wood project — one class, two sessions, 5-8 p.m. Feb. 20 and 27, ages 10 and older. Adults must have a shop qualification card. \$35 includes materials, shop use and instruction. Space limited.

Beginning intarsia — 10 a.m. Feb. 16; \$15 including project and tool use.

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. Saturday or Feb. 23. \$20 including project and tool use. New project each month.

Auto hobby shop

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

Free auto care briefing — 4:30-6 p.m. Feb. 21. Pick up hints and advice before traveling or prepare for do-it-yourself repairs.

Qualified mechanics — can assist with vehicle maintenance.

Oil collection site — for personal vehicles.

24-hour coin-operated car wash, vacuum and tire air pump — 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.

Frame shop

Framing and matting — one class, four sessions, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays. Matting, frame building and glass cutting. \$60 including materials, shop use and a completed framing.

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 pre-school, 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. 27, ages 3-5. Children's authors and illustrators special display through Sunday.

Free wireless Internet available — check at circulation desk.

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

Tours/orientations — call 377-2827.

Orientations for commanders, first sergeants and instructors — 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

African-American History Month — poster and book display.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

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

Lincoln's Birthday — Tuesday. Drop Lincoln pennies in the Fisher House jar; proceeds go to Keesler's Fisher House.

Valentine's Day dance — 6 p.m. Feb. 14. Free flowers and candy.

Leap Year birthday party — 6 p.m. Feb. 29 for people born on Feb. 29.

Karaoke and music videos — 7 p.m. Thursdays before working Fridays.

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.

Luncheon specials — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb 11 and 25. \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers. Call 377-2219 for menu.

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.

Mardi Gras ball — 1-5 p.m. Feb. 15, ages 6-12; 7-11 p.m. ages 13-17. \$5 members, \$7 nonmembers. Preregistration required.

Give parents a break/parents night out — 4-.

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

Tour to New Orleans French Quarter — Feb. 23. Spend the day sightseeing and shopping. \$20 per person for transportation. Sign up and prepay by Feb. 20. Depart 9 a.m., return 5 p.m.

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

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

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

Friday

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

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

Saturday

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

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

Sunday

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

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

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

Wednesday

Lunch — Mexican baked chicken and pork chops, beef fajitas, jalapeno cornbread, refried beans, corn, gravy, pinto beans, peas and carrots, cole slaw, garden cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

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

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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. Monday through Feb. 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. today, 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

Military career fair — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday at the New Orleans Fairgrounds race course. This free hiring event is for veterans, personnel who are transitioning from active duty, Reserves, Guard and military spouses presented by RecruitMilitary, President's National Hire Veterans Committee, American Legion and Military Spouse Corporate Career Network. For more information or to register as a job-seeker, visit <http://www.recruitmilitary.com>.

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.

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.

Air Force Office of Special Investigations — special-agent volunteers investigate felony crimes against persons and property, defeats and deters base-level and contract fraud, combats threats to our information systems and technology, and provides intelligence support for the Air Force's protection mission. Senior airmen

with less than six years time in service, and staff and technical sergeants with less than 12 years time in service are eligible. Foreign language, computer or technical skills are desired, but not required. Those accepted attend the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick, Ga. for training in instruction in law, report writing, forensics, interview techniques, firearms and defensive tactics and other subjects related to the challenges of investigative duty. For more information on applying, contact AFOSI Detachment 407, 377-3420.

MEETINGS

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

Upcoming

Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 652 — general membership meeting changed to 7 a.m. Feb. 12, Live Oak Dining Facility.

Recurring

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

Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 652 — 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.

Asian Pacific-American Heritage Committee — 11:30 a.m. first Wednesday of month, Room 151, Hangar 2 (old Cody Hall, Hall). For more information, call Lucy Belles, 377-2179, or Larry McKean, 377-3252.

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.