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Dragons deployed
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Bidding for cause



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Lt. Col. Deborah Collins, 81st Training Wing staff judge advocate, bids on a painting at the Keesler Spouses Club art auction Saturday at the Katrina Kantina. Paintings were offered by Art South, a fundraising and auction firm based in Atlanta. About \$3,400 was raised for the club's scholarship fund.

Leaders reflect on challenges facing Air Force

By Staff Sgt.
Monique Randolph

Air Force Public Affairs

ORLANDO, Fla. — Air Force major command commanders spoke about the challenges facing their organizations during the Air Force Association's 24th annual Air Warfare Symposium and Technology Exposition here Feb. 21 and Friday.

Driving home the urgent need to recapitalize the Air Force's aging fleet of aircraft and space systems, commanders outlined the effects that operating decades-old equipment has had on the ability of their commands' Airmen to perform their various missions.

"We are part of a team that supports federal agencies to make sure your families are protected," said Gen. Victor Renuart Jr., commander of North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S.

Northern Command at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

"Some countries are developing and moving rapidly toward a fifth-generation capability, whether it's surface-to-air defense or air-to-air capability in their fighters," he continued. "Do we know if they will be enemies or friends? The future is uncertain. But can we afford to lag behind them and wait and see? I think not."

Gen. Carrol Chandler, commander of Pacific Air Forces at Hickam AFB, Hawaii, briefed the audience about organizational changes within PACAF. Among those changes are the creation of the 36th Contingency Response Group at Andersen AFB, Guam, a group of assets organized under a single commander that can rapidly deploy anywhere theater-wide to set up

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Air Force Smart Ops For The 21st Century

Award winners, supervisors — I salute your excellence

By Col. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing command

The 81st Training Wing annual awards banquet was Feb. 21, and I want take this opportunity to once again congratulate the outstanding individuals in our wing. It was a great celebration of excellence and camaraderie!

Our wing awards is one way we recognize those who've so excelled in their support of the Air Force mission. The winners clearly went above and beyond and epitomize our Air Force core values of integrity, service, and excellence in all they do. Kudos to you all!

It's been said excellence isn't a skill but an attitude. One of the Air Force's core values, "excellence in all we do," emphasizes just this. It's a real pleasure to see those who've taken it to heart, the award winners AND their supervisors.

I mention both the award winners and their supervisors because being an award winner not only means having done an extraordinary job, but also having a supervisor who recognizes your efforts. I am firmly convinced that behind every major award winner stands a great supervisor who stands smiling in the background with a special pride for their subordinate. They ought to be congratulated too. So, today I want to salute our award winners along with their supervisors.

Civilian category I — Meleta Hand, 81st Medical Group. Supervisor: Capt. Martha Hainey.

Civilian category II — Patti Holliman, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron. Supervisor: Kristen Vollbrecht.

Civilian supervisory category I — Arnold Olier, 81st CES. Supervisor: Master Sgt. Aubrey Goff.

Civilian supervisory category II — Larry Tabor, 81st TRW. Supervisor: Col. Richard Pierce.

First sergeant — Master Sgt. Christopher Rash, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron. Supervisor: Col. Kenneth Levin.

Airman — Senior Airman Adam Smith, 81st CES. Supervisor: Master Sgt. Jacob Peetz.

Company grade officer — Capt. Mishawn Johnson, 81st Comptroller Squadron. Supervisor: Lt. Col. Robert Gurner.

Field grade officer — Maj. Leo Lawson Jr., 333rd Training Squadron. Supervisor: Lt. Col. Kay Spanuth.

Noncommissioned officer — Staff Sgt. Ladarian Outsey, 81st Training Support Squadron. Supervisor: Senior Master Sgt. Richard Skripek.

Senior NCO — Master Sgt. Lonnie Bacon, 81st CES. Supervisor: Maj. Patrick Breaux.

Honor guard program manager — Master Sgt. Andrea Turner, 81st Mission Support Group. Supervisor: James Taylor.

Once again, my heartiest congratulations to each and every one of you. Your efforts have ensured Keesler is coming back better than ever!

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 — 376-2550
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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at Keesler,
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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,
1995;

honorable mention,
1992.

(The Air Force Media Contest
no longer includes
a newspaper category)

81st Training Wing commander

Col. Greg Touhill
Public affairs director

Jerry Taranto
Editor

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Staff writers

Susan Griggs

Airman 1st Class

David Salanitri

Staff photographer
Kemberly Groue



I would buy a Springmaid
Lynnwood Comforter Set
that I've been saving for.

— Airman 1st Class

Danielle Gable, 81st
Mission Support Squadron



I would take my girl-
friend out for a nice dinner.

— Staff Sgt. Jamaal

Smalls, 81st Security Forces
Squadron



I would give it to a
friend whose home was
destroyed by Katrina.

— Tina Shaw, Army and
Air Force Exchange Service

DRAGON ON THE STREET

If someone

gave you \$100,

what would you

do with it?

To report suspicious activity at Keesler, call 377-3040.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION



Photo by Airman 1st Class David Salanitri

The winning 334th TRS drill team performs in the morning mist during Friday's drill down, the first of the 2008 season.

Gators glide to drill win

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The Gators from the 334th Training Squadron were right at home with Friday's damp, swamp-like weather, snapping up a victory in the 81st Training Group's first drill down of 2008.

The Gators tied for first in open ranks, second in regulation drill and third in freestyle drill to earn 20 points and overall honors.

Last year's drill down champs, the 338th TRS Dark Knights, were within striking distance with 19 points after placing first in regulation drill, third in open ranks and fourth in freestyle drill.

The 336th TRS Red Wolves claimed third place and 18 points with a tie for first in open ranks, first in freestyle drill and fourth in regulation drill.

The 335th TRS Bulls, with 11 points, were third in regulation drill, fifth in open ranks and sixth in freestyle drill for fourth place overall.

The 332nd TRS Mad Dogs were in fifth place with 10 points after placing second in freestyle drill, fifth in regulation drill and sixth in open ranks.

The Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit came in last place with seven points after finishing fourth in open ranks, fifth in freestyle drill and sixth in regulation drill.



Great Gators

Members of the 334th Training Squadron drill team are Airmen Basic Nelson Bekederemo, Ciara Brewer, Thanith Chounlamany, Jesse Creager, Kelly Kruz, Brandon Evans, Jeffrey Jordan, Isaac Mitchell, George Ovalle, Willie Sloan, Levi Turner and Bruce Zaragoza, and Airmen 1st Class Marvin Armstrong, Matthew Cook, Sergio Cruz, Dwight Hicks and Terry Rountree.

Enlisted No. 2

first for CCAF

Air University Public Affairs

MAXWELL Air Force Base, Ala. — The Community College of the Air Force here recently appointed an Air National Guard chief master sergeant as its first enlisted vice commandant since the school's creation more than 35 years ago.

Chief Master Sgt. Joseph Thornell is the first enlisted Airman to serve in the position historically held by an active-duty officer.

The former command chief holds a master's degree in leadership from Bellevue University in Omaha, Neb., and served in the South Dakota kindergarten through 12th grade school system as a chief education officer.

His military background and civilian skills as superintendent of a school district led to his appointment, he said, which is another first for members of the Air National Guard.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

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 — 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.

Parking lot closure

The parking lot on the southeast side of the Keesler NCO Academy is closed until 8:30 a.m. March 11 and until 11 a.m. April 2 for drill practice and evaluations.

In the event of inclement weather, the lot is open.

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

KOSC scholarships

April 11 is the deadline to apply for six scholarships being offered by the Keesler Spouses' Club.

High school and home-schooled seniors and spouses in Jackson, Harrison, and Hancock counties who are dependents of Keesler active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retirees, deceased members and Defense Department civilian employees are eligible.

Applications are available at high school counselor offices and the Keesler Thrift Shop and online at the KSC Web site, <http://www.keesler spousesclub.com>.

Academic counseling

For college counseling, call 377-2323 or 2171.

Manpower openings

Senior airmen and staff sergeants with a mathematics background and in balanced or overage career fields with 4-15 years of service may be able to retrain into the manpower and organization career field.

For eligibility information, call the military personnel flight employment office, 377-9639. If eligible, call Master Sgt. Shawn Cosgrove, 377-7376.

ACSC options

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

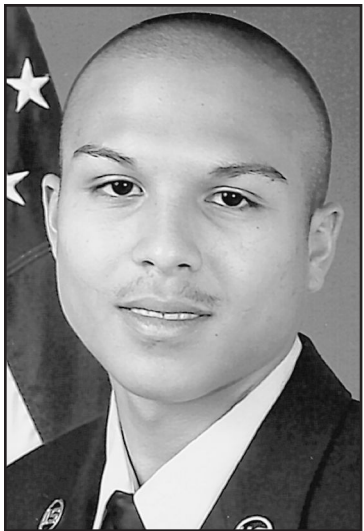
Majors or major-selects of all services and civilians General Schedule-11 and above are eligible.

For more information, call Joyce James, 377-7159, or e-mail 81mss.education@keesler.af.mil.

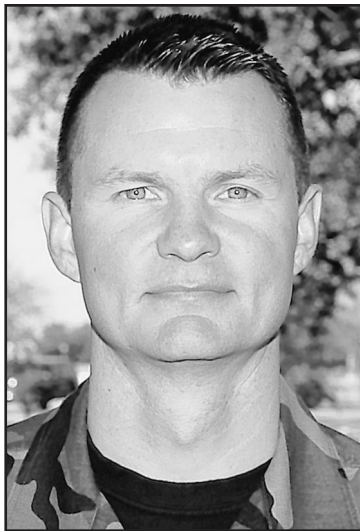
2 trainers STEP up



Master Sgt. SundayRae Mangum, left, and Tech. Sgt. Kwame Felton were promoted recently to their new ranks through the Stripes for Exceptional Performers program. Sergeant Mangum, an instructor supervisor in the 335th Training Squadron, has been in the Air Force 17 years and has been stationed at Keesler since 2004. Sergeant Felton, a military training leader in the 338th TRS, has been in the Air Force 11 years and has been stationed at Keesler nearly four years.



Airman Ebanez



Sergeant Kurt



Mr. Dupree

Communication, information competition Keesler earns 4 AETC awards

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Keesler earned four awards in Air Education and Training Command's communication and information competition for 2007.

Winners are:

Senior Airman Dallas Ebanez, 81st Training Support Squadron, communications and electronics airman (3C).

Tech. Sgt. Christopher Kurt, 338th Training Squadron, communications and computer systems (2E) noncommissioned officer.

Jack Dupree, 81st Communications Squadron, civilian technician.

333rd TRS, national level information assurance organization of the year.

Airman Ebanez, a curriculum developer, analyzed five deployable command, control, communications and computer packages and proposed 305 task deletions, saving 2,700 man-hours and \$12,000. He centralized five training tracks for information assurance professionals and validated a number of training courses, defining tasks, updating or eliminating obsolete requirements and fixing discrepancies.

He revamped certification for network controllers, setting rigid standards and benchmarking core requirements for 500 troops.

Sergeant Kurt, ground radio instructor supervisor, was NCO in charge of the site maintenance team at a convoy support center while deployed to Iraq. He designed, installed and spun up a radio over internet protocol routed network in central Baghdad in four days which filled 48 command and control gaps. He spearheaded eight RIPRNET installations providing around-the-clock response for 74,000 square miles of Iraqi battlespace.

At Keesler, he was rated "outstanding" during the 81st Training Wing's 2007 operational readiness inspection and the 81st Training Group's standardization and evaluation inspection. Rated No. 1 of 87 NCOs in his unit, he earned the squadron's Lance Sijan Award.

Mr. Dupree, the base communications equipment control officer, prepared Keesler's inventory of 32,000 information technology assets valued at more than \$45 million for the 2007 ORI, which merited an "excellent" rating. He received and tracked \$6.5 million in network management devices that facilitated upgrades to 22 facilities.

He enabled the donation of 750 personal computers to the Biloxi School System, installed 16 computers in various classrooms and was involved in Parent-Teacher Association fundraising and Boy Scout adult leadership.

The 333rd TRS team was responsible for an IA string suite used to train 576 communications and electronics technicians. The group piloted the 81st TRW virtual classroom program, eliminating 49 personal computers and servers and saving the squadron \$73,500 in computer upgrade costs. The team conducted 72 network protection training classes and prepared 166 computer security managers from seven major commands.

The IA unit managed Keesler's largest computer security account with assets valued at \$900,000 with 100 percent accountability and no inspection write-ups.

Team members are Master Sgts. Shaun Hataway and Brian Frazier; Tech. Sgts. Joseph Harkleroad, Tony Moon and John Lane; Staff Sgts. David Gersolina and Richard Striggow, and civilians Thomas Rivera, Charles Clonts and Charles Lyons.

IN THE NEWS

Commander's call

An 81st Training Wing commander's call is 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in Welch Auditorium.

Medical center breakfast bar

Starting Wednesday, Keesler Medical Center's dining room offers a new and improved self-service "Daily Grind" breakfast bar.

The menu includes hot and cold cereal, pancakes, waffles, bagels, fat-free yogurt, fruit, regular and decaffeinated coffee and tea, hot chocolate, cappuccino, milk, juice, soda, toast and muffins.

According to Maj. Stacey Van Orden, 81st Medical Operations Squadron nutritional medicine flight commander, the expanded menu offers more healthy items.

"For example we have removed the cookies and replaced them with bagels," the major pointed out. "We'll also have instant grits, oatmeal and bread. It's still a 'grab and go' operation. The waffles and pancakes are frozen and customers toast them themselves.

The dining room is only available to 81st Medical Group staff, patient visitors and personnel on temporary duty with the medical group. Keesler civilian employees, other than members of the 81st MDG staff, aren't authorized to use the medical center cafeteria. Also, guest privileges for duty personnel are normally limited to Thanksgiving and Christmas lunches.

The coffee bar is open 7:30-9:30 a.m. weekdays. It's closed compressed work schedule Fridays and holidays.

Death notification

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

Any person or persons having claims for or against Sergeant Templin's estate, call Maj. Steven Barker, 377-9514.

An account in Sergeant Templin's memory has been set up at Keesler Federal Credit Union to help his family. Donations can be made at any KFCU branch.

For more information, call Wayne Rowell, 377-5817.

Cell phone restrictions for drivers

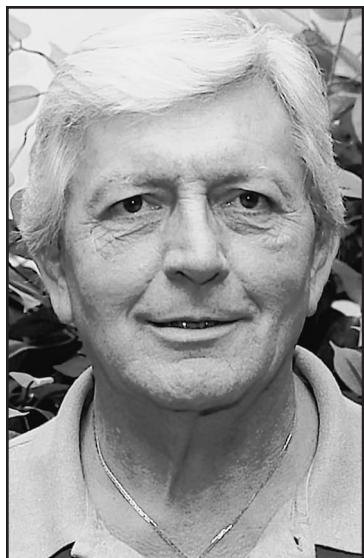
It's a primary offense to use a cell phone while driving on base without a hands-free device.

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

Off-limits establishments

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

Public affairs, Keesler News earn 10 awards



Mr. Jenifer

The 81st Training Wing Public Affairs Office and Keesler News won 10 Air Education and Training Command awards for 2007.

The office won the AETC Public Affairs Director's Excellence Award for issues management. This award recognizes "an exceptional communication program undertaken to deal with issues that could extraordinarily affect the mission or organization."

The Keesler News won nine media contest awards, more than any other newspaper in the command.

The awards:

Journalist of the year — Perry Jenifer, editor, first place. He won this award for the second straight year, fourth time in five years and fifth time in seven years.

Series — Airman 1st Class David Salanitri, first.

Sports article — Mr. Jenifer, first.

Sports photo — Airman Salanitri, first.

Contractor photo — Kemberly Groue, second. She also placed second in 2001 and first in 2002, 2004 and 2006.

Feature article — Mr. Jenifer, second.

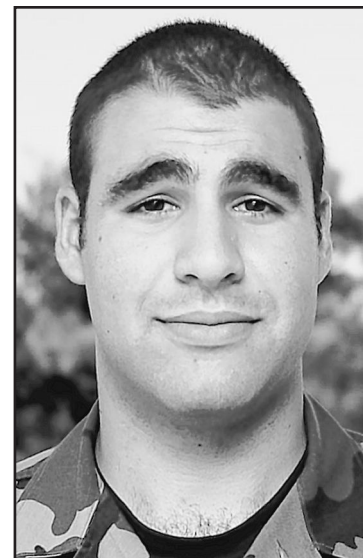
Commentary — Mr. Jenifer, second.

Outstanding new print journalist — 2nd Lt. Nick Plante, third.

Contractor article — Susan Griggs, third. She's placed first, second or third nine times since joining the staff in 1996.

The newspaper category was dropped from the media contest in 2007. From 1985-2006, the Keesler News placed first in that category three times, second eight times, third three times and received honorable mention once.

The 2007 awards bring to 134 the total number of AETC awards won by the Keesler News during the 23-year tenure of Mr. Jenifer, who retires April 30.



Airman Salanitri

Challenges,

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an airfield. Also, plans continue to bed-down the Global Hawk unmanned aerial vehicle at Andersen beginning in 2009.

General Chandler also spoke about the need to modernize the tanker fleet at Hickam, which ranges in age from 44-51 years old.

Aircraft aren't the only Air Force assets in urgent need of recapitalization. U.S. Space Command is also challenged with using aging space systems to provide essential capabilities for the Air Force.

Would-be adversaries know how the U.S. uses space in its warfighting capabilities, and understand how challenging the Air Force on that front can provide a way to contend with American air power, said Gen. C. Robert Kehler, commander of Air Force Space Command at Peterson.

General Kehler cited jamming attempts of American global positioning systems by foreign governments, and the use of an anti-satellite weapon by the Chinese last year as examples of developing threats for which the U.S. must be prepared.

"Space power has helped shape the American approach to warfare; it gives our

warfighters a precise advantage," General Kehler said. "Without space, military operations would be far less precise, focused, timely, coordinated and efficient, and far more costly."

Gen. Kevin Chilton, commander of U.S. Strategic Command at Offutt AFB, Neb., spoke of the need to reenergize the Air Force's nuclear capabilities. With nearly all the Airmen with experience in nuclear programs retired, and a waning focus on the nuclear mission since the end of the Cold War, nuclear capability is fast deteriorating.

"Today and in the future, we need a credible nuclear deterrent in the U.S.," General Chilton said. "We also need people with the expertise to build, maintain and use them in a deterrent scenario. We need infrastructure to support that weapons system. And the warfighters need the tools to do the assigned missions; the weapons and delivery systems to pose a credible deterrent for our adversaries."

Rounding out the conference were Generals John Corley, Arthur Lichte, Bruce Carlson and William Looney.

General Corley, commander of Air Combat Command, spoke about the importance of maintaining air dominance and learning from previous

conflicts and wars.

"Our ability to provide global vigilance, reach and power is predicated on the continued ability to own the skies," he said. "Our ability to achieve air dominance depends on overmatch in both capability and capacity. We must possess and maintain overmatch, and today that's becoming increasingly at risk."

General Lichte echoed those concerns for Air Mobility Command aircraft.

"The size of the fleet and force are decreasing, but airlift requirements continue an upward trend," said the AMC commander.

General Looney, commander of Air Education and Training Command, wrapped up the symposium on the state of Air Force education and training.

Air Force officials are working toward offering scholarships for ROTC cadets interested in entering medical career fields. They're also extending combat skills training for basic trainees beginning in October, and expanding survival evasion resistance escape training to more career fields.

Additionally, in fiscal 2010, Common Battlefield Airman Training becomes available for Airmen in certain career fields that require additional combat skills training

Medics honor top 2007 performers

81st Medical Group

The 81st Medical Group's annual award winners:

Airman — Airman 1st Class Danuta Krokovay, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron.

Noncommissioned officer — Staff Sgt. Nashona Ragland, 81st Medical Support Squadron.

Senior NCO — Master Sgt. Violet Thomas, 81st Dental Squadron.

Company grade officer — 1st Lt. Samuel Spralls, 81st MDSS.

Field grade officer — Maj. (Dr.) Lynn Berry, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron.

First sergeant — Master Sgt. Christopher Rash, 81st AMDS and 81st DS.

Civilian category 1 — Meleta Hand, 81st Medical Operations Squadron.

Civilian category 2 — Terri Jordan, 81st AMDS.

Civilian supervisory category 1 — Betty Adams, 81st MDSS.

Civil engineers claim 5 group awards

The 81st Civil Engineer Squadron dominates the 2007 81st Mission Support Group awards with five winners.

The winners are:

Airman — Senior Airman Adam Smith, 81st CES.

Noncommissioned officer — Tech. Sgt. Patrick Key, 81st Supply-Transportation Squadron.

Senior NCO — Master Sgt. Lonnie Bacon, 81st CES.

First sergeant — Master Sgt. Robert Worley, 81st Mission Support Squadron.

Honor guard program manager — Master Sgt. Andrea Turner.

Company grade officer — 1st Lt. Jennifer Mapp, 81st Contracting Squadron.

Civilian category 1 — Jack Dupree, 81st Communications Squadron.

Civilian category 2 — Patti Holliman, 81st CES.

Civilian supervisor category 1 — Arnold Olier, 81st CES.

Civilian supervisor category 2 — Kristin Vollbrecht, 81st CES.

PERSONNEL NOTES

New system for GPC cardholders

March 10, the government purchase card program begins using the Access Online system.

Conversion to the new system won't interrupt cardholder services; but mandatory training is required for all GPC approving officials and cardholders.

The 81st Contracting Squadron GPC program management team conducts training sessions, 8-10 a.m. or 1-3 p.m. today at Welch Auditorium. All cardholders and approving officials must attend one of the sessions, as well as complete the prerequisite online training at <https://wbt.access.usbank.com>.

For more information, call Sheree Fowler, 377-1849.

MPF customer service changes

The military personnel flight customer service office has new system requirements for a variety of services, including issuance of identification and common access cards.

For example, customers must now bring two forms of identification to be scanned before a new ID card can be issued.

For more information or specifics about particular situation, call 377-3018 or 377-3203.

Reduced manning for reenlistments

The reenlistment office is operating with reduced staff until June 1 because of a deployment.

Appointments only are accepted on work days from 8 a.m. to noon. Walk-in customers are accepted in the afternoons.

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 applied to active-duty officers and replaces the transitional Officer Development Plan. This month, 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.

Emergency data cards

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

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

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

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

Airmen serving long tours rewarded for commitment

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Some deployed Airmen who've served uncharacteristically long tours of duty become qualified for a special advance assignment/deferment program, according to Air Force Personnel Center officials here.

"This program recognizes that some of our Airmen, enlisted and officer, who have served a tour of duty of at least 300 consecutive days in a 365-day period in a location authorized hazardous duty pay, should be rewarded for their commitment," said Col. Stanley Perrin, director of assignments at AFPC.

The AAD program is designed to allow all qualified Airmen to request an advance assignment or an in-place 24 month assignment

deferment. In addition to serving 300 consecutive days in a 365-day period, Airmen also must have a minimum of 36 months time on station as of their permanent change-of-station date, according to officials.

Joint spouse consideration is applicable and Airmen must have sufficient retainability to serve the associated PCS. There are several other qualifying requirements.

Interested Airmen should contact their local military personnel flights. Applications should be made to an individual's unit commander by form letter. Drafts are available at MPFs.

"Desires of the Airman will be heavily considered; however, unit manning and the needs of the Air Force must be a deciding factor," said Colonel Perrin.

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Helpful, hazardous Power strips, extension cords can be double-edged swords

Keesler Public Affairs

The need to have many power-hungry electronic items on one's desk or just around the work center has seen an explosion in the use of power strips and extension cords.

These items, while helpful to extend the reach of your power outlets, can also damage electronics or cause accidents or fires.

Electrical extension cords are designed to provide temporary power to tools or equipment when conventional outlets aren't nearby. They're not to be used as substitutes for permanent wiring.

Before using extension cords:

Inspect them for damage prior to each use.

If any part of an extension cord is damaged (e.g., plug detached from the sheath, insulation cracked or worn, plug damaged), repair or replace the cord. Don't attempt to repair damage with electrical tape.

Don't overload extension cords by plugging in equipment that draws more wattage than the rating of the cord.

When using extension cords outdoors or in a damp environment, ensure protection is provided by a ground fault interrupter (either built into the cord, the outlet or the circuit).

Don't use multiple extension cords in series. Use one cord of the proper cord length.

Never use nails or staples to attach or hang extension cords.

If cords must pass through a walkway, road, sidewalk or other area which could cause a trip hazard or damage to the cord, protect them by molded housings or bridges.

If there's sparking, smoke or odor coming from an outlet, plug, tool or equipment, unplug the cord and call the



fire department immediately.

Before using power strip surge protectors:

Don't use strips in wet locations.

Don't use multiple strips in series or in combination with extension cords.

Use only strips that are Underwriters Laboratories approved.

Ensure plugs placed into the strip receptacles are firmly and fully seated to avoid exposure of the metal prongs.

Use only strips equipped with internal fuses or circuit breakers.

Don't use damaged strips. Strips equipped with indicator lights are recommended because they provide the only visual indication that a strip has reached its voltage absorbing capacity and is no longer functioning to protect the equipment plugged into it.

Use only three-prong grounded outlets.

Some power strips may have other limitations of use depending on the specific type. Be sure to read and follow the manufacturer's instructions.

For more information,, see AFOSH Standard 91-501, Chapter 8, or call the safety office, 377-2910, or fire prevention office, 377-2627 or 8440.

New clinic targeting active duty

81st Medical Group

Keesler Medical Center opens a new clinic March 17 to address the special needs of active-duty members in regard to mobility, foreign travel and duty and fitness requirements.

All active-duty members currently enrolled in the family practice clinic are being enrolled in the new clinic. Some non-active-duty enrollees assigned to the providers in the active-duty clinic are being reenrolled to other primary care managers within family practice.

“The new clinic allows us to better support the active-duty needs for readiness, duty requirements, and physical fitness,” explained Maj. Curtis Hudson, internal medicine clinic and medicine subspecialty group practice manager. “This process provides an ideal means of expeditiously caring for our active-duty members. Assigning them under one PCM team gives the members a centralized PCM team and provides the chain of command a single focal point for medical concerns.

“Centralization improves continuity of care within the PCM team and enhances our ability to provide the necessary support,” the major said.

The hours are the same as those of the family practice clinic: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m, Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday.

Affected beneficiaries receive a letter providing their new PCM's name.

For more information, call Maj. Pamala Brown-Grayson, 376-3335.

A-76 NOTES

Critical dates

Mobilization start — May 1, 70 days from today.

Transition start — July 1, 131 days from today.

Effective reduction-in-force date — Sept. 30, 215 days from today.

First performance period for Computer Sciences Corp. — Oct. 1, 216 days from today.

Status

The contract for Big BOS (base operating support) was signed by Computer Sciences Corp. and Air Education and Training Command Feb. 8.

Little BOS remains in litigation in federal court.

Col. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander, has met with local union leadership to apprise them of current issues.

Base officials are working with AETC, Air Force Personnel Center and Air Force headquarters to resolve issues with the civilian personnel transition timeline.

Voluntary Early Retirement Authority and Voluntary Separation Incentive Payment initial offers have gone out, and base officials are working with higher headquarters to get release of the next round. Once an executable timeline is received, an A-76 town meeting will be convened to brief 81st TRW personnel.

Key phone numbers

Civilian personnel flight — 377-8176.

Competitive sourcing office — 377-4848.

For more information, go to <http://www.keesler.af.mil> via the Air Force Portal.

**To report
sexual assaults,
call Keesler's
sexual assault
response coordinator
hotline,
377-7278.**

DRAGON OF THE WEEK

Name — Tech. Sgt. Melinda Fletcher
Unit — 336th Training Squadron

Position — information management course chief

Time in Air Force — 12 years

Time at Keesler — 2 years

Noteworthy — leads the fourth largest Air Force Specialty Code-awarding course with 1,419 students per year. Enacted weekly subject-matter testing for all instructors with no failures. Participated in 2007 Air Force Marathon.

Hometown — West Palm Beach, Fla.

Why did you join the Air Force? Growing up as a military dependent, I knew what the Air Force had to offer. I personally joined to be part of the Air Force family and get some direction in my life.

What are your hobbies? Spending time with



Photo by Adam Bond

my family, reading and coaching soccer.

What's your favorite quote? "Minds are like parachutes. They only function when they are open." — Sir Thomas Dewar, scientist

What are your short- and long-term goals?

Short term, to make master sergeant this year; long term, complete my master's degree and to help shape future Airmen.

32 medical officers at Keesler gain rank

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Thirty-two 81st Medical Group physicians and dentists have been selected for promotion.

They are:

Major — Capts. Brodie Bowman, 81st Dental Squadron; Stephen Boskovich, Lisa Bresloff, Clayton Chen, Jessica Cowden, Jessica Crowder, Shawn Cullen, Miechia Escó, Bryan Farford, Mack Jenkins, Darron Lewis, Melissa Mauro, William Pomeroy III, Timothy Skelton, Mark Wall and John Webb, 81st Medical Operations Squadron; and John Coleman, Luissa Fisteagkiprono, Hoon Jung, Craig Kolasch, Joseph Lotterhos Jr. and Jennifer Reodica, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron.

Lieutenant colonel — Majs. Lynn Berry, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, and Matthew Carroll, Susan Dotzler, William Hannah, Hyon Sik Scott Kang and David Norton, 81st MDOS.

Colonel — Lt. Cols. Michael Bashford, 81st MSGS; William Boleman and Steven Ritter, 81st MDOS; and Jane Wallace, 81st DS.

DIAMOND NOTES

Written family care plans are required for single parents, military married to military and members with unique circumstances.

— Senior Master Sgt. Jim Howard, 334th Training Squadron first sergeant



Sergeant Howard



MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Aug. 25, 1941

The War Department designated Army Air Corps Station No. 8 as Keesler Army Airfield.

Air Force Aid Society unveils new loans for emergencies

By Staff Sgt. Tanya Holditch

Keesler Public Affairs

The Air Force Aid Society's new Falcon Loan program is available to Airmen Monday.

The interest-free loans of up to \$500 are intended to assist Airmen with emergencies such as basic living expenses (rent, utilities or food), car repairs, emergency travel or other approved needs. The loans are available twice in an Airman's career.

Active-duty Airmen, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard personnel activated on Title 10 orders at the time of application are eligible. They first download the loan application from the AFAS Web site, <http://www.afas.org>. Then they bring the completed application to the airman and family readiness center with a current leave and earnings statement and their identification card.

The process is simple and easy and Airmen

can receive the loan the same day they apply for it, according to Master Sgt. Ernesto Alvendia, superintendent of the airman and family readiness center.

"The loans are pretty much on the honor system," said Sergeant Alvendia. "If they fit the criteria, they won't be turned down.

"This is Air Force Aid Society's attempt to meet the needs of the truly needy folks," he said. "Sometimes when Airmen encounter emergencies, they take out high-interest loans or add to their existing credit card debt. I think it's dangerous when they do because they are desperate, and they get caught up in a snowball effect."

Airmen are expected to repay the loans by allotment within 10 months or by their estimated time in service, if less than 10 months.

For more information, call the airman and family readiness center, 377-2179.



Airman Smith



Sergeant Outsey



Sergeant Bacon



Captain Johnson



Major Lawson

Keesler honors top military, civilian performers of 2007

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The 81st Training Wing honored its top performers for 2007 at the annual awards banquet Feb. 21.

Four of the 11 winners are from the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron. Winners are:

Airman — Senior Airman Adam Smith, 81st CES structural specialist. Airman Smith was instrumental in the \$895,000 renovation of 2nd Air Force's operations center. He upgraded a 20,000-square-foot storage vault, replaced rotted floor at the recycling center and directed flatbed trailer restoration which saved \$25,000 in replacement costs. He designed and constructed 16 ramps for dormitory balconies, renovated 4,000 square feet of ceiling in Muse Manor, spearheaded installation of four basketball goals and bleachers at one of the fitness centers and erected tents for a housing groundbreaking ceremony and deployment exercise.

Airman Smith, a physical training leader for his squadron, won the commandant's leadership award at Airman Leadership School graduation and supported the American Heart Association's Heart Walk, Hiller Park cleanup, Child Pride Day, Lopez Elementary School playground construction, Special Olympics and Keesler's celebration of the Air Force's 60th birthday.

Noncommissioned officer — Staff Sgt. Ladarian Outsey, 81st Training Support Squadron network infrastructure curriculum developer. Sergeant Outsey was deployed for 240 days to Afghanistan to provide command, control, communications and computer support for coalition forces for which he earned the Army Commendation Medal. He covered for 30 NATO convoys as leader of a reconnaissance team that searched for enemy forces and explosive devices.

Sergeant Outsey supervised two communications-electronics job qualification standard reviews and spearheaded solution efforts. He analyzed 12 field feedbacks on quality training packages and coordinated a course materials request for C4 training. He coordinated delivery of \$10,000 worth of school supplies donated by Keesler to an Afghan school, served as a school test proctor, assembled and distributed 450 Angel Tree packages, served as a youth center basketball coach and led games and activ-

ities during child development center's fall festival.

Senior NCO — Master Sgt. Lonnie Bacon, 81st CES heavy repair superintendent. Sergeant Bacon supervises six trades and 60 personnel while managing a \$1.5 million budget. He led completion of 897 work requests valued at \$2 billion. He managed paintball course construction, \$155,000 chapel renovation, \$300,000 dormitory renovation, \$276,000 lodging refurbishing effort and a \$196,000 project that built eight pavilions for student dormitories.

Sergeant Bacon managed Airman's Attic, served as 81st TRW Top III treasurer and Child Pride Day leader, and led the 81st Mission Support Group's Air Force Assistance Fund drive.

Company grade officer — Capt. Mishaun Johnson, 81st Comptroller Squadron financial services flight commander. Captain Johnson is Air Education and Training Command's financial services officer of the year and the 81st TRW woman of the year in the officer category. She developed three Air Force "best practices," changed travel voucher process to increase accuracy and oversaw the government travel card program to achieve a .37 percent delinquency rate, surpassing the command's 2 percent goal.

Captain Johnson served as treasurer of the company grade officer council, led a 14-member team that tackled a "Make a Difference Day" project at a Biloxi elementary school and volunteered at Special Olympics. She also chaired the Federal Women's Program's 10-member team that raised \$500 for cancer research during four events during Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Field grade officer — Maj. Leo Lawson, 333rd Training Squadron director of operations. Major Lawson led 115 military and civilian employees in delivering 29,000 hours of advanced training encompassing 54 courses, 340 classes and 6,000 graduates. He drove classroom transformation with \$250,000 virtual software and Thin-Client configuration that was recognized as an Air Force best practice. He advised and prepared the Scope Warrior conference and revamped the Scope Eagle course and guided personnel for course development of 26-day basic communications officer training.

At his previous assignment, Major Lawson ran the arts and crafts booth for the Boys and Girls Club Kids Day, participated in the American Heart Association's Heart Walk and volunteered to



provide Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for homeless and low-income families.

First sergeant — Master Sgt. Christopher Rash, 81st Dental Squadron and 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron. Sergeant Rash inspired volunteerism by holding NCO and Airmen calls which generated 793 volunteer hours and played a key role in winning AETC's large dental clinic of the year award. He developed a tracking tool for 30 family care plans which was adopted for base-wide use. He was credited with saving the life of a badly-intoxicated member and averting a potential suicide.

Sergeant Rash directed logistics for two 81st TRW welcome-

home picnics for deployed members and was involved with the Top 3 Thanksgiving dinner for permanent party dormitory residents. He chaired the first sergeants council's ways-and-means committee and co-chaired a first sergeant symposium for 60 senior NCOs. He led the sabre team for the senior NCO induction ceremony and led squadron involvement in Project Cheer and Angel Tree projects.

Honor guard manager — Master Sgt. Andrea Turner, 81st Services Division, won this award for the second consecutive year. She managed Keesler's honor guard program which provided more than 400 funerals in 2007. She supervised operations over the southern half of Mississippi and Alabama, an area encompassing about 48,000 square miles. She was responsible for more than 90 individuals in training and performance of their duties.

Sergeant Turner saved the program thousands of dollars in uniform costs by reusing uniforms from the uniform exchange program. She provided ceremonial guardsmen uniforms during a critical fund shortage, ensuring all members were attired in proper uniforms with minimum costs, saving more than \$6,000. She revamped the training program to increase team proficiency and mentored military members to improve unit capabilities and war readiness.

Civilian category 1 — Meleta Hand, 81st Medical Operations Squadron medical laboratory technician. Ms. Hand was Advance Magazine's Laboratorian of the Year. She serves as lead hematology technician and earned perfect scores on accreditation proficiency surveys. She helped reestablish Keesler's laboratory as a regional reference where testing for 22 Defense Department facilities was performed, saving \$1.3 million. She trained students in three sections with no failures.

As a member of the flight's morale committee, she helped raise \$250 to offset holiday party costs for junior enlisted members. She prepared and delivered 60 "meals on wheels" for homebound people and taught Sunday school for third and fourth grade students.

Civilian category 2 — Patti Holliman, 81st CES budget analyst and resources adviser. Ms. Holliman was a key contributor to the resources flight's Thompson Award for best resources flight in the Air Force. She managed a \$43.1 million budget, Keesler's largest squadron budget. She is fiscally responsible for the Air Force's largest construction program and facilitated obligation of 50 proj-

ects dealing with five separate contracting offices.

Ms. Holliman is an active member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, where she volunteers to assist elderly members each week. She's active in a variety of school and community athletic activities. As a member of her squadron booster club, she helped coordinate a Thanksgiving luncheon for 450 people.

Civilian supervisor category 1 — Arnold "Joey" Olier, 81st CES utilities section manager. Mr. Olier manages Keesler's \$100 million water system and directed repair of two damaged water wells to increase production capability by more than 25 percent. He achieved a 93 percent on-time completion rate on 860 work orders. He directed hydrostatic testing on fuel pipelines and overhauled 650 backflow devices and led repair of 11 damaged gas main lines and replacement of 200 gas valves.

He is a key organizer of Cruising the Coast and planned a car show for cancer research that raised more than \$18,000 for two area youths, as well as six other car shows that raised \$40,000 for Toys for Tots and other community outreach programs. He performed 120 hours of free plumbing work for 15 disadvantaged families.

Civilian supervisor category 2 — Larry Tabor, 81st TRW plans and programs analyst. Mr. Tabor personally trained 56 unit plans representatives to ensure currency and compliance with guidance from higher headquarters. He coordinates the crisis action team, crafted Keesler's hurricane database to provide 24/7 personnel accountability and was a key player in the wing's implementation of the Air Force Incident Management System.

Mr. Tabor served as vice president of the St. Martin/D'Iberville Chamber of Commerce and is a Mississippi Special Olympics board member. As chief executive officer of Mississippi Knights of Columbus, he leads more than 6,500 members, distributing \$84,000 to multiple charities, raising \$100,000 for the seminarian education fund and leading a fundraising drive for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Sponsors for the banquet included Keesler Federal Credit Union, Biloxi Chamber of Commerce, Biloxi Bay Chamber of Commerce, Beau Rivage Resort, Harris Jewelers, Army and Air Force Exchange Service and Keesler Top 3.



Sergeant Rash



Sergeant Turner



Ms. Hand



Ms. Holliman



Mr. Olier



Mr. Tabor

'Wrongful appropriation,' perjury produce conviction

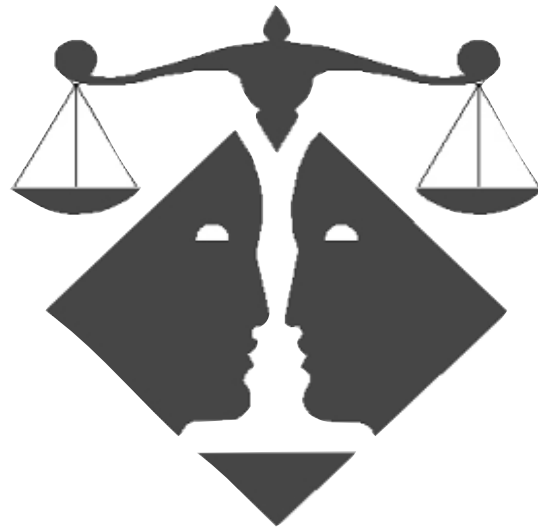
Legal office and Keesler News staff

One court-martial was convened at Keesler in January.

A technical sergeant in the 81st Communications Squadron was found guilty of "wrongful appropriation" and perjury.

The sergeant was found not guilty of attempted premeditated murder and larceny.

The military judge sentenced the sergeant to reduction to senior airman and a reprimand.



Brent Richardson, legal office, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

MILITARY JUSTICE

Alcohol leads to 6 Articles 15

3Legal office and Keesler News staff

Six Airmen assigned to Keesler units received Articles 15 in January for alcohol-related offenses.

81st Transportation Squadron — For underage drinking and trying to flee the scene, an airman was reduced to airman basic, received seven extra duty days and forfeited \$650 pay. The reduction in rank and forfeiture of pay were suspended for six months on condition of maintaining good behavior.

35th Training Squadron — An airman forfeited \$670 pay for two months for consuming alcohol off-base while in Phase I training, being late for formation three times, being out of uniform and making a false official statement. An airman first class forfeited \$767 pay and received 30 days correctional custody, which was suspended for six months, for

underage drinking at an off-base casino. An airman basic forfeited \$619 pay and received 30 extra duty days, which was suspended for six months, for underage drinking and making a false official statement.

336th TRS — An airman was reduced to airman basic and forfeited \$619 pay for two months, which was suspended for six months, for being caught with alcohol in a dormitory during an inspection.

336th TRS, Detachment 6 — An airman basic received 41 days of restriction and forfeited \$500 pay for two months for driving under the influence on base with an expired license plate while playing loud music.

Brent Richardson, legal office, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

New year opens with 4 DUI incidents

81st Security Forces Squadron
and Keesler News staff

The new year at Keesler opened with four cases of driving under the influence in January, according to the 81st Security Forces Squadron.

The DUIs involved a reservist, one Air Force and one Marine Corps technical training student and a civilian.

All four cases occurred at the White Avenue and Pass Road Gates.

The 81st SFS recorded 11 incidents of underage drinking last month.

Nine incidents involved tech training students, seven Airmen and two Marines. A permanent party Airman and a

civilian accounted for the other two incidents.

Six of the incidents occurred at the White Avenue and Pass Road Gates, and five at dormitories.

Tech. Sgt. James Kirk, 81st SFS, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

Drinking + driving = deadly duo.

Keesler Thrift Shop
is in former Chapel One building
adjacent to Sablich Center.
Open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays;
consignments accepted 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays.
Donations are accepted during regular hours.
For more information, call 377-3217.



Reaching out Protestant community launches new ministry

Keesler Chapel Protestant Parish is implementing Stephen Ministry classes next month.

Stephen Ministry is a caregiving ministry that reaches out to individuals who are facing life challenges or difficulties, such as grief, divorce, loneliness, hospitalization or other crisis.

There are thousands of Stephen Ministry congregations representing more than 90 Christian denominations across the U.S., Canada around the world.

To sign up to be a volunteer Stephen Minister, call Delphine McIntyre or Glenda Woodard, 377-2523.

The
Keesler
Honor Guard
needs new members.
For more
information,
call 377-1986 or 2081.

Earned income credit may boost tax refund

By Master Sgt. Scott Wagers

Air Force News Agency

RAMSTEIN Air Base, Germany — Filing his family's taxes each year online, Master Sgt. Ron Przysucha normally receives about \$3,000 in tax returns.

This year however, he was taken by surprise when the same Web site he traditionally uses calculated his return at nearly \$8,000.

"I immediately thought it was a mistake and I didn't want to owe the government money, so I went to the IRS Web site to verify the information for military members and it told me that there was a change in the (earned income credit) rules," said Sergeant Przysucha, a television broadcaster assigned to Air Force News Detachment 4.

The tax laws affecting military taxpayers have changed significantly over the last few years, said Capt. Mary Ellen Payne, the officer in charge of the tax center at Ramstein Air Base.

"In the past, military pay allowances such as variable housing allowance and cost-of-living allowance were traditionally included as part of your earned income, even though those allowances weren't taxed. This would put most military members over the annual income threshold of qualifying for the earned income credit," Captain Payne said.

"Also, non-taxable combat pay is no longer included in your annual earned income.

At Keesler

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.

If someone was gone to the desert for a significant period of time then his or her annual income is going to be significantly smaller which may better qualify him or her for earned income credit," she said.

"Your best chances of qualifying are if you're a couple filing jointly with two children have an annual income threshold of around \$39,000," Captain Payne said.

There are six different income thresholds based on the structure and employment status of each family, as well as the number of children included in the family.

The earned income credit is a law created to give tax breaks to working families. It's a refundable credit, meaning even if you have no tax liability — in other words, you don't owe taxes for the year and you're scheduled to receive back everything you paid out over the calendar year, you can still qualify to receive earned income credit on top of the money withheld throughout the year. The maximum amount of income credit being paid is \$4,716.

Airman 1st Class Michael

Schindler, 723rd Air Mobility Squadron, saw his annual return increase from \$2,300 to nearly \$5,000.

"I guess I wasn't filing my taxes right but now I am. I hope to use the extra money to buy a better car," he said.

"The last thing that's important to know is that it's difficult for the tax office to estimate how much people will receive on their return without using a certain type of software because there are many variables that affect what you qualify for," Captain Payne said.

"That said, we encourage people to come to us and we'll help them understand exactly how much they qualify for," she said.

Other mandates for earned income credit qualification:

You can't file "married, filing separately" to qualify for earned income credit. Partners must file jointly.

Both partners filing jointly and all claimed children must possess U.S. issued social security numbers.

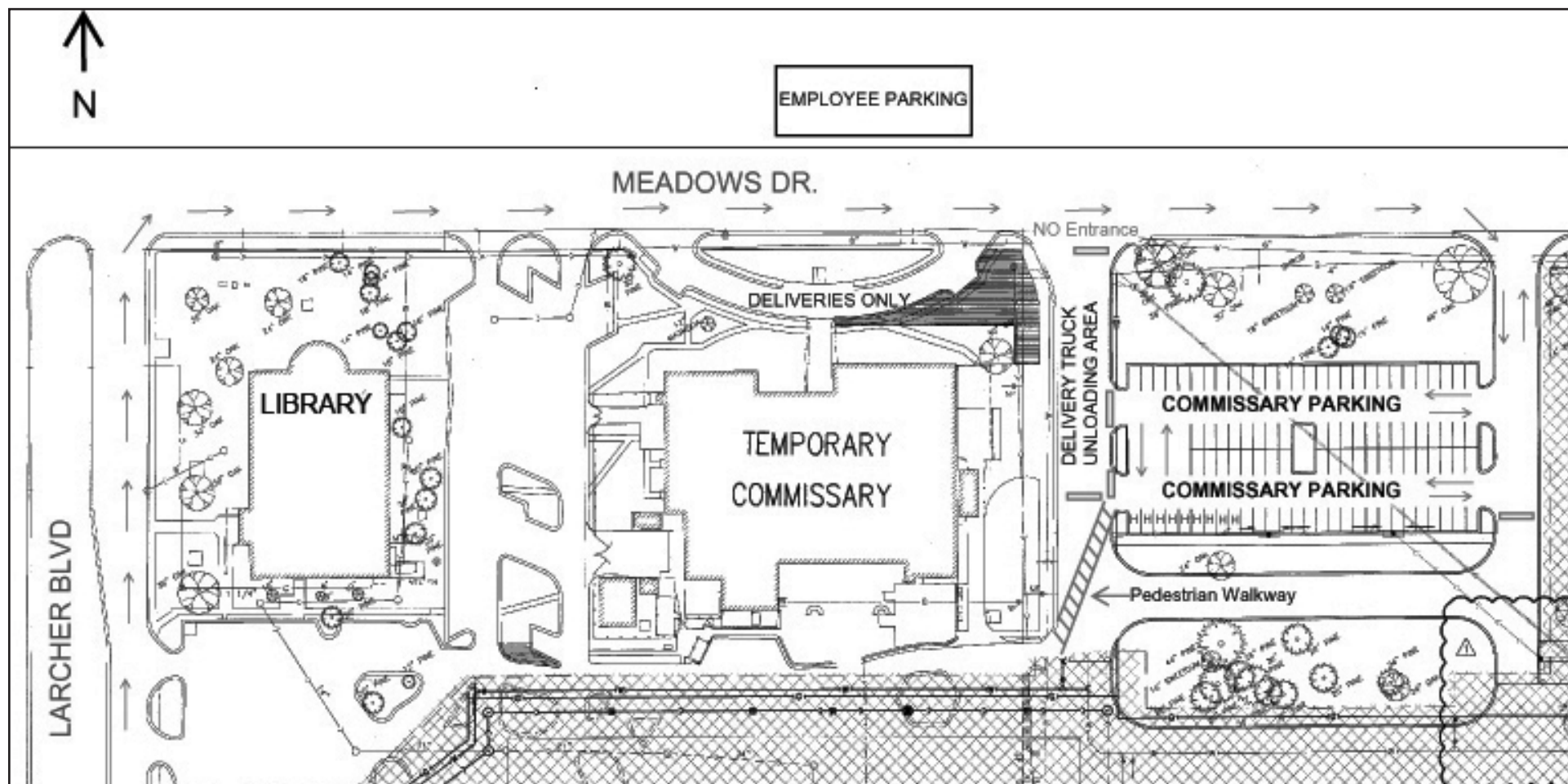
If you have a foreign spouse, they must possess a U.S. issued social security number (not an "ITIN," Individual Tax Identification Number).

You have to have lived in the U.S. for at least six months out of the year.

Military assigned to overseas bases qualify for six months U.S. occupancy

Civilians working at overseas bases don't qualify for U.S. occupancy.

Parking shifts for commissary customers



Barring inclement weather, a new parking lot for the temporary commissary opens Monday. The partial phased turnover allows the contractor to

take possession of the parking area south of the facility for the next phase of construction for the new commissary and base exchange.

Clinic services

Adult appointments for group therapy, individual and marital counseling and medication management are available at the mental health clinic.

Space-available therapy appointments are also open to children age 10 and older.

For more information, call 376-0385.

DAPS services

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

Multimedia services

For information on multimedia products and services available at Wall Studio, call the multimedia manager, 377-

2793, or multimedia quality assurance personnel, 377-4636.

Customer survey

Upon delivery of household goods, military members are asked to complete a customer satisfaction survey.

The survey is the primary source of data used in determining the performance portion of each transportation service provider.

To access the survey, go to <https://icss.eta.sddc.army.mil/SignInUrl=%fSurvey%2fDefault.aspx>.

Detectors required

Base housing residents are required to obtain carbon monoxide detectors at the

Food sampling

The Black Heritage Month free soul food sampling is 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday in the Larcher Chapel Annex.

For more information, call Antilisa Lewis, 377-7100.

self-help store unless they already have permanently-installed detectors.

One carbon monoxide detector is required for single-story units and two for two-story units. Mounting instructions are available.

For more information, call

base housing, 377-9741

Lactation services

Lactation services are available at Keesler Medical Center.

Included are prenatal teaching, breast-feeding education, breast-feeding assistance following discharge from the medical center, care for infants with special needs and breast care for non-breast-feeding mothers.

For additional information, call Brenda Valdez, lactation consultant, 376-3121.

Supply issues

For supply issues, visit the 81st Supply Squadron's customer service element, Room

126, Building 4002.

Customer service may also be reached by phone, 377-2005, and e-mail 81LGSCD@keesler.af.mil.

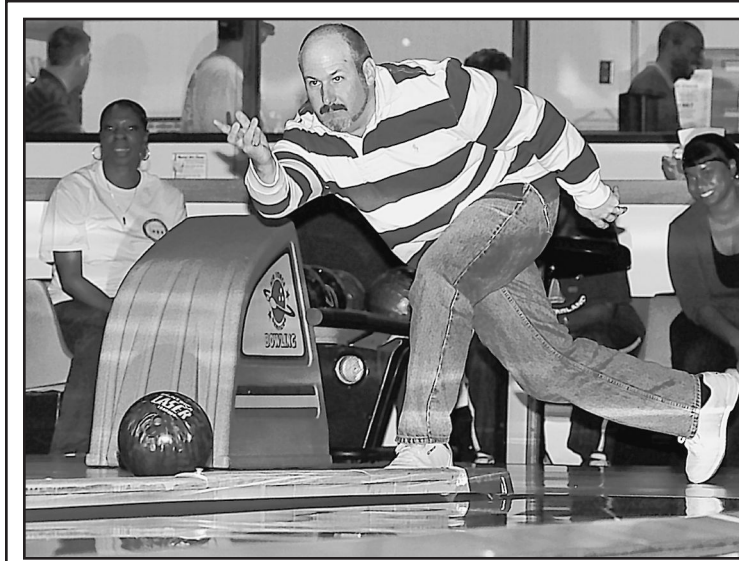
Mail delivery

Office mail must be picked up and mailed at Room C8, Building 0901, 708 Fisher Street between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday and working Fridays.

The deadline for same-day mail and Federal Express is 1:30 p.m. For more information, call 377-4060 or 3292.

Family advocacy

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



Strike for AAHC

Eric Gibson, 81st Mission Support Squadron, warms up for the African-American Heritage Committee's bowling tournament, Feb. 21 at Gaude Lanes. Results weren't available by the Keesler News' deadline.

Photo by Adam Bond

Dark Knights run streak in Over-30 League to 8-0

By Airman 1st Class
David Salanitri

Keesler News staff

The 338th Training Squadron extended its lead even further this week, going to an 8-0 record in the Over 30 Basketball League.

The Dark Knights have secured a demanding lead, with the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, 4-3, their nearest competitor with six games left for the playoffs.

"We want to remain unde-

feated and win everything. We want to win, period. That's our goal," said William Mays, 338th TRS coach.

"Scoring is our biggest weapon. Most teams are looking to score about 40 points; when we go out on the court, we want to score 100," said Mays.

With this being the first pay-to-play league at Keesler, many eyes are on it.

"The league is going great. The players are very appreciative, and so am I. We have

some great committed volunteer workers officiating and score keeping at the games," said Laurence Wilson, sports director.

The 81st CES played the 338th TRS Feb. 19 and lost by only seven points, keeping the pressure on the 338th TRS.

For complete scores, standings and schedules see Scores and More, Page 24.

For more information on the Over 30 Basketball League, call Mr. Wilson, 377-2444.

Dragons snuffed out early in SEMAC event

By Airman 1st Class David Salanitri

Keesler News staff

The Keesler Dragons men's varsity basketball team was eliminated early in the Southeastern Military Athletic Conference postseason tournament at Hurlburt Field, Fla., Feb 16-18.

Eventual champion Naval Station Mayport beat the Dragons, 100-76, in the opener of the double-elimination event.

Moody Air Force Base, Ga., sent them home, 56-49.

For more information call Laurence Wilson, sports director, 377-2444.

SCORES AND MORE

Basketball

Over 30 League

Standings (as of Feb. 21)

Team	Won	Lost
338th TRS	8	0
81st CES	4	3
81st TRSS	3	4
85th EIS	1	5
2nd Air Force	0	5

All games at Dragon Fitness Center

Feb. 19 — 338th TRS 56, 81st CES 49; 81st TRSS 40, 85th EIS 34,

Feb. 21 — 338th TRS 63, 85th EIS 46; 81st TRSS 54, 2nd Air Force 33.

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

Tuesday — 11 a.m., 85th EIS vs. 2nd Air Force; noon, 81st TRSS vs. 81st CES.

Other

March Madness — squadron invitational basketball tournament, slam dunk and three-point shot competition March 17-20, Blake Fitness Center. Single elimination, winner takes all; team trophy and individual T-shirts. Sign up at Blake Fitness Center. For more information, call Laurence Wilson, 377-2444.

Bowling

League standings

Monday Budweiser (as of Feb. 11)

Team	Won	Lost
Perry's Refrigeration	85	41
Old Skool	77	49
Gannon's Cannons	74.5	51.5
3 Steps Forward	73	53
Our Gang	72	54
Man On	70	56
Pin Heads	67	59
Slater's Shooters	65	61
Wayne's World	65	61
Team 2	63	63
Hoops Gang	62	64
Why Not	61	65
The Corner Pins	56	70
Endangered Species	55.5	70.5
Ghost Riders	52	74
Unpredictables	49	77
Martini's	46	80
B-Busters	39	87

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 Feb. 20)

Team	Won	Lost
Oceans Eleven	99	55
Misfits	92	62
Jokers Wild	92	62
Ichiban	91	63
Hang Chucky	88	66
Clyde's Crew	87	64
2 Old 2 Bowl	82	72
3DR	79	75

Lucky Strikes	77	77
Neighbors + 1	73	81
MUDD	70	84
70s Plus	69	85

Thursday Retired Seniors Mixed (as of Feb. 21)

Team	Won	Lost
6-Pack	96.5	57.5
Three is Company	91.5	62.5
Team 16	86	68
Team 12	85	69
Freda's Kids	84	70
Team 1	82.5	71.5
Delema	81.5	72.5
2 Bees & a D	80	74
T-N-T	80	74
Dummys Dummies	78	69
The Very Best	76	71
Amy's Bunch	75	79
Barb's Boys	73.5	80.5
Team 2	59.5	80.5
Friends	69	85
Full Speed	66	88
Team 15	63	91
Team 2	59.5	94.5
Guys and Dolls	52	102

Thursday Federal Intramural (as of Feb. 7)

Team	Won	Lost
85th EIS	110	50
332nd TRS	104	56
Team 3	98	62
403rd Rolling Thunder	92	68
Team 5	91	69
338th TRS	90	70
Team 14	86	74
403rd MXS	84	76
Team 4	84	76
81st CPTS	84	76
81st TRSS	72	88
Misfits	70	82
GCCS Squad	69	91
81st MSS	64	80
Team 10	62	98
Ghosts	10	142

Friday Mixed (as of Friday)

Team	Won	Lost
Team 10	108	48
Lady and the Tramps	107	54
Team 3	87	74
Pin Busters	83	78
Jax Hax	81	80
Sandbaggers	77	84
3 Guys and A Babe	77	84
Pin Pals	75	86
Harry's Team	67	94
Dreamers	43	118

Gulf Coast Jr. League (as of Feb. 10)

Team	Won	Lost
Keesler 1	12	4
Family Lanes 2	11	5
Keesler 2	9	7
Park Ten 2	9	7
Family Lanes 1	7	9
Park Ten 1	7	9
Pine Tree	6	10

Other

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.

Open bowling — for days and times, 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.

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.

Golf

Driving range — 40 balls, \$2.

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

Free women's clinics — 3-4 p.m. March 11, Bay Breeze Golf Course. Limit 10 per day/clinic. Fundamentals of the golf swing. For reservations, call 377-3832.

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

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

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.

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

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

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.

Paintball

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

Running

Valentine's Day Sweetheart Run 5-kilometer results — Naomi Henigin and Kraig Cressione, 81st Mission Support Squadron, first; Amy Gilliland and David Orr, 2nd Air Force, second; Cheryl Cromwell and Dwight Koehn, Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit, third.

Softball

Home run derby and softball tournament — March 8. Sign-up deadline 3 p.m. March 6; entry fee and lineup due to Joe Hudson, joseph.hudson@keesler.af.mil, 860-8040, or Nickie Lozano, lozano.johnetta@keesler.af.mil, 383-2066. Home run derby, \$5 for 15 balls. Tournament, \$100 team. Games follow 2008 American Softball Association code; two-game guarantee/elimination. Home run limit is five; ASA softballs. Military, Department of Defense civilians and coed teams allowed. Trophies awarded for first and second place. Food and beverages available. Hosted by Keesler's varsity men's and women's teams.

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 or e-mail Rick Harmon, 377-7351, rick.harmon@keesler.af.mil.

Soccer team falls short in tourney

By Airman 1st Class David Salanitri

Keesler News staff

Keesler's men's varsity soccer team was eliminated after a 4-2 loss in its fourth game in the 2008 Defender's Cup Alamo City Military Open Soccer Tournament, Feb. 15-17 in San Antonio.

In the Dragons' first game, they lost to Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., 5-1, with their lone goal scored on a penalty kick by Carlos Zuniga.

In the second game, the Dragons outscored the Defense Language Institute, Calif., 14-0.

Richard Bonsra scored five goals, Ranson Coleman scored four, and Kaota Saechao, Nathan Evans, Andres Paredes, Nathaniel Caldon and Jorge Panama each scored one.

The Dragons won their third game, 2-0, against Fort Sam Houston, Texas. The goals were scored by Zuniga on his second penalty kick of the tournament, and by Fort Sam Houston, scoring on themselves.

The Dragons moved into eighth place of 18 teams as they headed into their fourth game, where they met Randolph AFB, Texas.

"Like our first game, we had a hard time clicking and couldn't find our rhythm on the field," coach Eric Hernandez said.

"We didn't do anything extremely wrong. A lot of small things added up in the end and really hurt us," Hernandez concluded. "I'm proud of the team, but we all expected to finish higher."

Bonsra and Coleman each scored one goal in the 4-2 loss.

The team practices three times a week and experienced soccer players are invited.

The team hopes to join a Mobile, Ala., league this spring and has two tournaments lined up for the summer.

For more information, call Hernandez, 377-1991.

GRADUATIONS

Keesler NCO Academy Class 08-2

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Andrew Wells.
81st Communications Squadron — Tech. Sgts. Allen Nix and Joshua Wedin.

81st Dental Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Jill Higgins (academic achievement and distinguished graduate).

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Temekia Clinkscales.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Joaquin Robledo.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Heather Robertson.

81st Training Wing — Tech. Sgt. Melissa Mitchell-Cropper.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Ryan Robinson.

332nd Training Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Trina Girley.

338th TRS — Tech. Sgts. Kyle Bunn, Joseph Carello, William Christian and Latonya Sarrett.

403rd Logistics Readiness Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Brian Thompson.

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Cory Benton, Brandon Bryant, Jeffrey Burgess, Keith Callow, David Cline, Gavin Delphia, Michael Dugas, Allen Elkins, Robert Enox, Mark Entwistle, Ryan Fligor, William Garrett, Aulin George, Adidas Granger, Jordan Hayes, Ryan Huck, Nicholas Johnson, Stephen Martin, Michael Morrison, Nathan Munford, Richard Nelson, William O'Hare, Ryan O'Leary, Abraham Olivarez, Arron Ramelb, David Santiago, Brandon Scott, Cody Shaffer, Nicholas Smith, Kevin Thomas and Jessica Yeadon; Airmen David Amaya, Travis Bailey, Anthony Betzina, Jacob Jacques,

Christopher Leister, Geoffrey Ogden, Matthew Ribbey, Nicolas Tappa, Joseph Tidwell and Yusuf Washington; Airmen 1st Class Charly Bennamon, Robert Bennett, Benjamin Boulanger, Justin Brown, Anthony Cambisi, Christopher Cannon, Emanuel Cargle, Ryan Curtis, Robert Diveley, ShawMichael Dixon, Leland Ellis, Paul Farr, Aaron Fernandez, Daniel Gay, Nathan Hatzen-beller, Steven Hayward, Scott Henderson, James Hughes, Monica Jones, Aaron Lowrey, Jared Luczynski, Ryan Martinez, Joseph McCauley, Michael Mitchell, Jeremiah Nicholson, Lauren Persico, John Pinillos, Jeremy Reece, Robert Reed, Stacy Renson, Gavin Rock, Eric Rueth, Christopher Sagayo, Lance Schellhorn, William Shull, Samantha Sidebottom, Andrew Snyder, Derrick Tuomi, Dustin Wahl and Kenneth Warren; Senior Airmen Scott Berkemeier, Bryson Timothy, Aaron Burroughs, Timothy Meyers, Callie Rios, Joseph Salazar, and Clint Williams; Staff Sgts. Douglas Bennett, Randall Black, Charles Breaux, Warren Drummond, Geoward Eustaquio, Jessica Reynolds, Christopher Richmond, Ruben Sanderson, Michael Scoggins, Joseph Scott, Justin Thomas, George Walker and Brett Weir; Tech. Sgts. Mark Andrews, Michael Goth, James Johnson, Brian McGovern, Scott Schreiber and Kenneth Sims; Master Sgts. James Hyers and David Lucier; Senior Master Sgt. Raymond Sprague.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Thomas Britt, Jesse Creager, Ian Greene, Matthew Grove, Zarnell Heatley, Ashley Holland, Chris Hopek, Jordan Landavazo, Daniel Pepin, Justin Purcey, Adrian Rivas, Benjamin Shrewsbury, Lloyd Swede and Craig Williams; Airmen Anthony Campbell, Kelly Cruz and Jared Sinchak; Airmen 1st Class Luke Bullard, Kyle Causey and Stasha Lenz; Staff Sgt. Lester Frye; 2nd Lt. Dorcas Badu-Yeboah; Paul Kito.

Airfield management apprentice course — Airman Basic Erin Hammon; Airman Shawnee Blair; Tech. Sgts. Louis Barks and Domingo Aguilar; Master Sgts. Deeann Drake, Richard Woodworth and Allison Phillips.

Command post apprentice course — Airmen Basic Christine Poole and Willie Sloan; Airman Jillian Trujillo; Airmen 1st Class Alexandra Calderon and Tamera Shaw; Staff Sgts. Brian Acuavera, Patrick Atkinson, Robert Koon and Rosanne McConnell; Tech. Sgts. Sherry Fincham, Joseph Gentile, Roger Loesch and Edward Richer; Senior Master Sgt. Charles Bryant.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Christen Abner, Mindy Bolton, Joshua Cline, Kendra Curtis, Chadwick McIntosh, Erica Redmon, Robert Sharpe and Steffon Smith; Airmen Heather Lippert, Nathan Sharpless and Marcus Zachary; Airmen 1st Class Tonya Crook, Wesley Cure, Elizabeth Hallett, Patrick Maldonado, John Mendiola, Jeffry Phillips and Ryan Simbro; Senior Airmen Ceasal Clyburn, Brian Gardiner, David Warner, Crystal White and Dorothy Wilson; Staff Sgts. Robert Dietrich, Jameal Hollis, Daniel OHara, Lori Presnar and Kenneth Smiddie; Tech. Sgts. Christopher Kamholz and Laurie Kelsey.

Weather training flight — Navy Recruits Christopher Cordell, Joseph Garcia and Andrew Gutierrez; Airmen Basic Nadeem Ahmed, Charles Colclasure, James Ecker, Kayley Knighten, Patrick Marable, Javier Coello Martinez, Matthew Meinen, D'Andre' Shade, Joshua Todd and Victor White; Navy Airmen Apprentice Sarah Gomez and Michael Williams; Airman Marlyn Daust, Nick Elwell, Kristian Kemp, Margaret Peterson and Kristin Schulte; Navy Airmen Jeremy Bailey, Michael Champlin and Rylan Miller; Marine Pfc. Mitchell Laplume; Airmen 1st Class Spencer Charczuk, Paul Flint, Christopher Gwerder, William Harkins, Joshua Lacombe, Stephen McCutchan, Sara Sanderson, Katie Walker and Jonathan Wayman; Marine Cpls. Gary Stein, Lyndon Walke and Louis Williams; Senior Airman Thomas Teckmyer; Marine Sgt. Darryl Matulevich; Tech. Sgts. Judy Foley, Brian Roell and Thomas Weideman.

338th TRS

Airfield systems — Airman Basic Saben Leignbaugh; Airmen Joshua Mathes and Neil Barrett; Airmen 1st Class Andrew Knippenberg, Nicholas Holsclaw-Rusho, Daniel Ackeret and Patrick Lott.

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	:10
:12	:12
:14	:14
:16	:16
:18	:18
:20	:20
:21	:21
:25	:25
:28	:28
:33	:33
:34	:34
:36	:36
:37	:37

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 — Airmen Drew Bellah and Kelly Darr; Airman 1st Class Adam Jorgensen; Senior Airman Benjamin Brown; Staff Sgt. Jackson Parnell; Master Sgt. Troy Mitchell.

Ground radio — Airmen Basic Nicholas Fitzgerald and Nickolas Youmans; Airmen Jose Cortes, Kellen Hughey, Laurence Hunt and Alyssa Wetzal; Airmen 1st Class Daniel Balcarcel, Brandon Barone, David Comstock, Damon Daniels, Edwin Flores-Alvarado, Brian Freund, Carlos Gomez-Henriquez, Bryce Holman, Mathew Lindsey, Shane Mehaffy, Sara Mesenbrink, William McCabe, Enrique Nieves, Michael Turnell and Daniel Vrabel; Senior Airmen Gregory Bourey, Michael Boyce and Christopher Marx; Staff Sgts. David Alexander, Brian Bennett, James Hastings, Bryan Massey, David McCarra, Jonathan McLennan, Kenneth Nelson, Nichole Shearer and Gary Won; Tech. Sgts. Michael Bieberle, Casey Harris and Michael Lyons; Master Sgt. Gordon Bosie.

Network infrastructure systems — Airman Brian Stephenson; Airmen 1st Class Casey Benner, Kyle Hartry, Ian Norburg, Joseph Richardson, Lucas Rider, Jerry Robbins and Stephen Silcox; Senior Airman Larry Easter; Tech. Sgts. Robert Gilmore and Edward Koen; Master Sgts. Clark Lohse, Jimmie Schell and Allen Wolfe.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 08-3 — graduates March 27.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 08-3 — graduates April 3.

Arts and crafts center

Multi-craft shop

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

Thursday night specials — 5-6 p.m. today, poor man's night craft and snack. Minimal fees for all projects.

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, 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

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.

Leap Year birthday party — 6 p.m. Friday 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. Monday. \$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 — Tuesday, 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.

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. Saturdays. Dance and gymnastics, \$50 for members, \$55 nonmembers, ages 3 and older. Piano \$70 for members, \$75 nonmembers, ages 6 and older. Karate for ages 6 and older meets one week on Mondays and Tuesdays, following week Wednesdays and Thursdays; \$70 for members, \$75 for nonmembers; call for times.

TICKETS AND TRIPS

Discounted tickets — for many attractions including Busch Gardens, Sea World, Universal Studios and Disney World in Florida. For price list, log on to <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. 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

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

Lunch — herbed baked chicken, beef and noodles, fried catfish, blackeyed peas with rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, peas, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, cheeseburger soup, 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, garlic toast, spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken cacciatore, rice, gravy, broccoli, cauliflower, Italian baked beans, corn O'Brien, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chicken with wild rice soup, onion soup, chili, barbecue pork sandwiches and burritos.

Saturday

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

Dinner — fish almonline, 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 — fried chicken, cajun baked fish, jalapeno cornbread, barbecue ribs, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, okra and tomato gumbo, fried cabbage, cole slaw, garden cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

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

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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. 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 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 — 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.

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.

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., 27 Dresses (PG-13, 111 minutes).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Mad Money (PG-13, 101 minutes); 6:30 p.m., The Bucket List (PG-13, 97 minutes).

Sunday — 12:30 p.m., First Sunday (PG-13, 98 minutes).

March weather outlook

March, the first month of spring, is one of the wettest non-summer months of the year. A change in the type of frontal systems affecting Keesler usually occurs — Those originating in the Pacific Ocean increase and the cold polar outbreaks and waves on fronts in the Gulf of Mexico decrease in number. Squall lines and thunderstorms are common. Fog and stratus are less frequent.

Extreme maximum temperature (F).....90

Mean daily maximum temperature (F).....69

Mean daily minimum temperature (F).....55

Extreme minimum temperature (F).....24

Mean relative humidity (percent).....73

Mean monthly precipitation (inches).....6.33

Mean number of days with precipitation.....9

Mean number of days with thunderstorms.....6

Maximum 24-hour rainfall (inches).....5.68

Percentage of observations with ceiling less than:

2,000 feet.....17.4

1,000 feet.....10.9

300 feet.....3.5

Percentage of observations with visibility less than:

6 miles25.9

3 miles9.8

1 mile.....4.2

Percentage of observations with wind:

0-3 knots.....27.0

4-10 knots.....60.8

11-21 knots.....12.0

22 knots or greater.....0.2

Base personnel can access radar and satellite data and a general forecast on the local area network in the public folders under 81 OSF Weather.

Louisiana getaway available for anglers

By Earlene Smith
81st Services Squadron

Keesler's outdoor recreation has placed two camper trailers at Delacroix, La., available for rent by all persons eligible to use 81st Services Division facilities who want to enjoy an extraordinary fishing experience.

Delacroix is an unincorporated town located in St. Bernard Parish in the southeastern portion of the state. Settled by the Spanish in the 1780s, it became an established fishing community in the 1820s, supplying New Orleans restaurants with a seemingly endless supply of shrimp, fish and crabs.

Today the area surrounded by saltwater bays, lakes, bayous and marshes is famous for fishing and trapping and is considered to be one of the largest estuaries in the world.

Visitors are treated to some of the best freshwater and saltwater fishing in Louisiana. Prime catches include red fish, speckled trout, flounder, bass, sheepshead and drum.

Keesler's 30-foot expandable campers are within 75 yards of the only bait shop and boat launch in the area. They're completely self-contained, sleep four, have a table and four chairs, and rent for \$50 a night. They're available first come, first served, or can be reserved by calling 377-3160.



One of Services' self-contained trailers available for rent.

Campers must bring their own food, beverages, sleeping bag or bedding, cooking utensils, and boat. Those who don't own a boat can rent a 14-foot skiff with outboard motor and trailer from outdoor recreation.

The user fee is \$22 day, \$44.75 weekend or \$99 week.

When on the water, it is strongly recommended you use a Global Positioning System or map of Delacroix to avoid getting lost.

Travel to land's end

Getting to the Delacroix campsite is an experience in itself. It takes about two hours to travel the 110 miles from Keesler. When you reach your destination, you feel as though you've traveled to the end of the world.

Take Interstate 10 West into Louisiana. Leave the interstate at exit 246A toward NASA/Chalmette and merge onto Louisiana Highway 47 south, Paris Rd.

Turn left onto East Judge Perez Drive/LA-39 S and continue to LA-46 E which eventually become LA-300, better known to locals as Delacroix Highway. Keep driving. The camping area is on your left about 1/8 mile from the end of the road.



Photos by John Rettig
Former Services director Donald Cook displays two fish he caught on a recent fishing expedition to Delacroix. A Louisiana fishing license is required which can be purchased before departure at Wal-Mart or Academy Sports in Gulfport.

Monday Madness Lunch Specials at the Katrina Kantina

Take a break and enjoy lunch,
11 a.m. to 1 p.m., overlooking the
Keesler Marina and Biloxi Back Bay.

\$6 for members,
nonmembers
add \$2.

Contractors welcome.

March 3 — Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, greens and salad

March 10 — Creamy chicken over noodles, corn and salad

March 17 — Fried catfish, hushpuppies and coleslaw

March 24 — Pot roast, potato casserole green beans and salad

March 31 — Fried and baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy,
corn on the cob and salad

Lunches include bread, cobbler and iced tea.

For more information, call 377-2219.

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11TH FRAME CAFÉ

Editor's note: Located inside Gaudé Lanes. For more information, call 377-2036. Contractors welcome.

Daily lunch specials — 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Mondays-working Fridays. Mondays, chicken cordon bleu, \$6.95; Tuesdays, stuffed green peppers, \$6.95; Wednesdays, two burritos, \$5; Thursdays, hamburger steak, \$6.95; and working Fridays, barbecue pork riblet sandwich, \$6.95.

Breakfast served — 8-10:30 a.m. Thursdays.

ARMED FORCES VACATION CLUB

Space available accommodations — for Department of Defense-affiliated personnel at more than 3,500 resorts worldwide.

Affordable price — seven nights and eight days for two to six people, \$329.

To reserve — log on to <http://www.afvclub.com> or call 1-800-724-9988. Keesler's installation number, 121, is required at time of reservation. No membership, enrollment or annual fees.

BAY BREEZE GOLF COURSE

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3832 or 424-0479.

Open play — 18 hole, par 71 course; call for tee times. For list of fees, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on Bay Breeze link.

Free women's golf clinic — 3 p.m. March 11. Learn fundamentals of the golf swing. Limit 10 per class. Call to register.

Driving range — \$2 for 40 balls.

Golf lessons — \$25 for half hour of instruction.

Pro shop — gloves, golf balls, tees, and more are available.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2211. School age children go to the youth center. For more information, call 377-4116.

Give parents a break — 4-10 p.m. Saturday. Air Force funded program offers free child care. Certificates coordinated through the airmen and family readiness center. For 2008 schedule, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on family child care link.

Parents night out — 4-10 p.m. Saturday, child care for ages 6 weeks to 12 years, \$3.50 per hour per child.

DINING FACILITIES

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2200.

Wondering what's on the menu today? — call the Dine Line at 377-DINE (3463) or log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the dining facilities link.

Monthly birthday celebration — Magnolia Dining Facility hosts a monthly birthday celebration for all nonprior service students, permanent party enlisted and essential station messing members to celebrate their birthdays. A special birthday dinner with all the trimmings and accolades is catered to each member by Keesler's first sergeants, officers, directors and others. This event takes place 5:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month. Reservations must be made in advance by the 25th of the previous month; call 377-4368. Personnel collecting basic allowance for subsistence must pay cash and surcharge.

FAMILY CHILD CARE

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3189.

Expanded duty, permanent change of station, and returning home child care — is available. Call for details.

Providers needed — military spouses on and off base who wish to care for children in their homes. Providers are also needed to care for children with special needs including asthma, allergies, cerebral palsy and other physical impairments, and to work swing and evening shifts.

FITNESS

March Madness five-on-five basketball squadron challenge — 6 p.m. March 24, Blake Fitness Center. Single elimination tournament. For more information, call 377-4385

Massage therapist now available — by appointment only at Triangle Fitness Center. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 263-5515.

Free fitness classes at Dragon Fitness Center — step aerobics, Turbo-Core, boxing workout, cycle/spin, fencing, and Slo-Robics. For more information, call 377-2907.

GAUDÉ LANES

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2817. Bumpers are available on 12 lanes by reservation for ages 11 and younger.

Open bowling — limited on league days; first come, first served. Reservations accepted with groups of 20 or more. Discounts available with groups of 25 or more.

Limited open play — Saturday, Sunday and March 8, 9, 15 and 16 due to special event.

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

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

Birthday party packages — available Saturdays, 1:30-3 p.m. or 3:30-5 p.m., and Sundays, 2:30-4 p.m. Basic party package includes bowling and food, \$8.95 per child. Mid party package includes table supply and T-shirt, \$11.95 per child. Premium party package includes games and a pin, \$15.95 per child. Reservations required; call for more information. Parties not available Saturday, Sunday and March 8, 9, 15 and 16 due to special event.

Bowling ball drilling — available by appointment 48 hours in advance; Mondays and Wednesdays 12:30-3 p.m., and working Fridays 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Walk-in only Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Nonprior service students special — 5-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, bowl for \$1.50 per game, shoes included. Not applicable with other discounts or specials.

March beer of the month — Samuel Adams, \$2 bottle.

Plan a fundraiser — make money for your organization and have fun doing it.

HELP WANTED

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-9032.

Nonappropriated fund jobs — apply noon to 5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and noon to 4 p.m. working Fridays at the human resource office inside Locker House, Room 5417, Building 3101, 505 C Street. For current job openings, call the 24-hour job line at 377-9055 or log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>, click on human resource office.

INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TOURS

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3818. All tours depart from and return to Vandenberg Community Center.

Tickets — discounted tickets available to major attractions in three-state area. For a complete list of ticket prices, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the ITT link.

Trip to Colonial Bel Air Mall in Mobile Ala. — March 15. \$15. More than 130 stores. Sign up and prepay by March 12.

KATRINA KANTINA

Editor's note: Located in the marina building overlooking Biloxi's Back Bay. Contractors welcome. For more information, call 377-2219.

All ranks invited — snacks, beverages and music.

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

Wings and things — 5 p.m. Wednesday. Keesler Club members get in free, nonmembers pay \$3 at the door. Enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres and \$1 domestic draft beer.

Thirsty Thursday crawfish boil — 5 p.m. March 27. \$6 a plate includes corn and potatoes. Nonmembers add \$2.

We cater — let our expert caterer assist you with planning weddings, holidays, birthdays, official functions and other special occasions to celebrate. You choose your details; we'll do the work.

MCBRIDE LIBRARY

Editor's note: Copy machine available for a nominal fee. For more information, call 377-2181.

Wireless Internet service — now available; check at circulation desk to get the network key/password.

Free high-speed Internet and e-mail — now on 40 computers.

Overdrive — information available at the front desk.

Online research data bases orientations — 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Story time — 10 a.m. March 12, ages 3-5.

OUTDOOR RECREATION AND MARINA

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3160.

St. Patrick's Day special — March 17. Wear green and receive a 10 percent discount on equipment rental.

Wet slip fees — boats in excess of 32 feet are \$3.75 per foot, boats 32 feet and below are \$2.50 per foot. Overnight is \$5.

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

March fish of the month — weigh in the largest croaker for the month and take home a \$100 savings bond.

Resale items — snacks, soft drinks, beer, fishing and rental equipment, and Mississippi hunting and fishing licenses.

Rental equipment — for complete price list, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>, click on the outdoor recreation link.

Recreational vehicle storage slot — monthly fee, \$15.

Disc golf — discs for rent or sale. Free to use disc golf course.

Paintball course — Guns, CO2 tanks, and safety gear may be rented on site. Personal equipment will be calibrated before play. Paintballs must be purchased on location. Call to schedule play.

Deep sea fishing trips — nonworking Fridays and Sundays. \$60 including everything you need to fish. Minimum 10, maximum 22 people.

Deep sea fishing boat private charter — \$700 for the first six people. \$35 for each additional person Monday-Thursday; \$40 weekends and holidays. \$350 deposit required.

Charter the Boston Whaler — we provide the captain, knowledge and all tackle; maximum six, \$600. \$300 deposit required.

National Craft Month



Craft and Hobby Show

4-7 p.m. March 6;

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 7

Arts and Crafts Center ~ Auto Hobby Shop

Demonstrations

- Woodworking • Intarsia • Picture Framing
- Auto Diagnostics • Ceramics • Painting • Macramé

Every March sales receipt can be entered in prize drawing, noon March 29; stop by for free cake, punch, prizes

For more information, call 377-2821.

Sponsored by Isle of Capri, Kim Beck Kia and Raising Canes.



ST. PATTY'S PARTY

MARCH 14

5K FUN RUN/WALK

3 p.m. at the marina park, sign up at 2 p.m. Free to enter. Prizes awarded. Token gift to anyone wearing green.

377-4385

Sponsored by GEICO, Keesler Federal Credit Union, Raising Canes, and Rex Distributing.

Easter Celebration

March 15 in marina park

- 9 a.m. Easter parade
- 9:30 a.m. free photos with Easter Bunny (while supplies last)
- 10 a.m. Easter egg hunt

Age groups are 4 and younger, 5-8 and 9-12. More than 5,000 eggs to hunt and prizes for each age group. Bicycle for each age group. Rain date: March 22.

Sponsored by GEICO and Keesler Federal Credit Union. For more information, call 377-3160.

ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

Editor's note: Preregistration is required for all classes. Register at craft sales, Building 5904. Space is limited. For more information, call 377-2821.

Special

Youth craft day — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 15. \$25 for four projects. Bring a bag lunch; preregistration required.

Airmen's view — 5-7 p.m. March 20, Vandenberg Community Center. Demonstrations by professional crafters and free prizes.

Free auto care briefing for spouses of deployed troops — 4:30-6 p.m. March 20, auto hobby shop.

Family bingo and crafts for fun — 1-3:30 p.m. March 29.

Multi-crafts shop

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

Ceramic mini-class — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday. Clean a project for firing and paint. Learn about ceramic arts. Perfect for student Airmen. \$20 including all supplies plus firing.

Ceramics technique — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 8. \$37.50. Spring garden plate, paint with a certified Duncan instructor. No prior experience needed.

Pottery on the wheel — March 15. Two hours on the wheel for beginners. The instructor, Ohr-O'Keefe Museum's master potter, makes the art of working with clay an experience. \$40 includes five pounds of clay and project firing; preregistration required.

One-stroke painting with acrylics — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 15. Decorative painting technique. Prepainting experience not required. \$32 including project and paint.

Spring craft camp — April 8-10; register now.

Engraving shop

Custom items — available for gift giving, special mementos and squadron awards.

Ready-made gifts to go — great for the last minute office gift. Get a décor mug, gift box, candy dish, or basket filled with goodies; variety available for \$10 each.

Wood shop

Editor's note: Hardwood and plywood in stock and onsite books and plans for shop users.

Beginners woodworking — 5-7:30 p.m. March 12, \$25. Equipment safety briefing and operator's card for regular shop use.

Beginning intarsia — 10 a.m. Saturday or March 22. \$15 including project and tool use. Intarsia is the cutting and shaping pieces of wood in a decorative pattern for wall hangings.

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. March 8 or 29. \$20 including project and tool use.

Auto hobby shop

Editor's note: Open shop use. Preregister for classes. For more information, call 377-3872.

Qualified mechanics — on staff to assist you through your own vehicle maintenance.

24-hour coin-operated car wash, vacuum and tire air pump — features foamy brush wash, high pressure rinse, wax system, towelettes and Armorall.

Frame shop

Framing and matting — one class, four sessions, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Thursdays beginning March 6. Matting, frame building and glass cutting. \$60 including materials, shop use and a complete project.

MUSE MANOR MINI-MART

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2752.

Convenience store — snacks, cold drinks, health and hygiene products. Open 24 hours a day.

RESALE LOT

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2821. Located on Tingle Avenue behind the Keesler Club.

Buy, sell, trade — place your vehicle on the lot; \$5 for two weeks. Register with the arts and crafts center prior to parking on the lot. Registration, proof of ownership and insurance required.

VANDENBERG COMMUNITY CENTER

Editor's note: All events, except dances, are open to all Keesler personnel. For more information, call 377-4355.

Guessing games — March 10-17. Guess the weight of the blarney stone and the number of jelly beans in the pot of gold. Winners announced March 17. Prizes awarded to first and second place winners.

Easter egg hunt — noon March 23 for nonprior service students only. Eggs hidden inside.

Guitar hero contests — 6 p.m. Thursdays before working Fridays.

Free pool tournaments — 7 p.m. Mondays 8-ball, Tuesdays 9-ball. Trophies awarded.

Movie night — 7 p.m. Wednesdays. New releases, free popcorn.

Karaoke/movie videos — 7 p.m. Thursdays before working Fridays.

Late night dances — 6 p.m. to midnight Thursdays before compressed work schedule Fridays, Fridays and Saturdays. \$3 admission.

Institute of Combat Technology Kali martial arts class — 6-7 p.m. Monday-Friday. Knife and stick fighting art utilizing short knife, folder, long knife, machete, kerambit, single stick, double sticks and knife and stick combinations as well as improvised weapons. \$65 per month.

Pukulan Pencak Silat Tempur martial arts — 7-8 p.m. Monday-Friday. Purely for combat utilizing stand-up, ground tactics and weapons. This style is perfect for personal protection. \$65 per month.

Institute of Combat Technology ground fighting martial arts — 8-9 p.m. Monday-Friday. This class is not just grappling, but a combat approach to fighting from the ground utilizing grappling, kicks, elbows, knees, hand strikes, weapons and many other techniques incorporated from the styles of Silat, JuJitsu and Judo. \$65 per month.

Women's self-defense class — third Saturday of each month, \$25. Mental, physical and tactical training designed to develop awareness to potential danger, will to survive and skills to effectively resist an attacker. Call for times.

Congressional award program — Nonprior service students ages 18-23 set and achieve personal goals that build character and foster community service, personal development and citizenship. Earn gold, silver or bronze award or certificate. Program transferable to your next duty location.

VETERINARY SERVICES

Editor's note: located on 3rd Street, Building 0408. All animals in base housing must be registered with the veterinary office. For appointment call, 376-7495.

Eligible patrons — active duty, retirees, reservists and National Guard on active duty for more than 72 hours with orders may use the clinic.

Heartworm prevention — purchase here and save. Must have current negative heartworm check and have been seen by the Keesler veterinarian within the past 12 months.

Sick call — phone for an appointment.

YOUTH CENTER

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-4116.

Annual membership — \$25 for ages 9 and older. Discount prices on programs, classes and sports.

Give parents a break/parents night out — 4-10 p.m. Saturday for youth in kindergarten through grade 6. GPAB certificates coordinated through the airman and family readiness center. PNO is \$3.50 per hour per child.

Free open recreation — 4-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, ages 9 and older. Youth sign themselves in and out. FitFactor, arts, video, table games and tournaments offered.

Financial seminar — 6 p.m. March 10, ages 13 and older. Learn the basics about checkbook balances and entries. Snacks and prizes.

St. Patty's Irish jig dance and flashlight Easter egg hunt — 7-11 p.m. March 14, ages 13 and older. Chicken dance contest, prizes for best green outfit and closest guess on weight of blarney stone. Prize eggs in egg hunt, egg toss contest and spoon race. Snacks, DJ and more. \$5 for members, \$7 nonmembers.

Before- and after-school program and all-day camp — 5:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 21, ages 6-12. Preregistration and shot record required. Cost based on parent income.

Art, FitFactor, sewing clubs — 4-7 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, ages 9 and older. Free for members. Preregistration required.

Karate class — rotating schedule: one week Monday and Tuesday, following week Wednesday and Thursday. Ages 6 and older. \$70, nonmembers \$75. Call for times.

Dance and gymnastics class — 9 a.m. Saturdays, ages 3 and older. \$50, nonmembers \$55.

Piano lessons — 9 a.m. Saturdays for ages 6 and older. Call for assigned time slots. \$70, nonmembers \$75.

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