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Dragons deployed
— 259



Photo by Kemberly Groue

View down McNarney Drive of some of the 36 new units opening to junior NCO families March 20 in Throrer Park.

First new family housing ready

**Air Force Center for Engineering Excellence
and 81st Civil Engineer Squadron**

After nearly a year under construction, the first 36 units of the Throrer Park housing area are being turned over to Keesler.

They represent the initial group of more than 1,000 military family housing units being built under a \$287.4 million contract to replace homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina in August 2005.

"Once completed in July 2008, the Throrer Park site will add 198 much-needed junior NCO family units to the inventory," said Col. Rod Croslen, 81st Mission Support Group commander.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony to inaugurate the first new units is scheduled for March 20, with participation expected by congressional, Air Education and Training Command and senior Pentagon officials.

Parking March 20 is in Hiller Park.

The next two construction sites, West Falcon and Shadowlawn-Maltby Hall, include 136 noncommissioned officer and 200 mixed use units, respectively.

A second phase at the Falcon site adds 364 more NCO units, expected to be

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AFSO21
Air Force Smart Ops For The 21st Century

Position, rank have nothing to do with being a leader

By Col. Richard Pierce

81st Training Wing vice commander

Throughout my career, I've had the wonderful opportunity to give multiple talks on my leadership philosophy to a wide variety of audiences.

At Keesler, many have heard my particular leadership thoughts at promotion and awards ceremonies. A number of our flight commanders may have listened to my discussions while attending the flight commander upgrade course. Certainly the company grade officers and first sergeants have sat through my "Five Cs of Leadership" lectures in the past.

Whether I've spoken to an Air Force audience, students at Tulane University or business and political leaders downtown, one thing is quite clear — people in supervisory positions are very interested in trying to become the best leaders they can be, and will incorporate the best leadership techniques they come across.

'Five C' principles

My "Five C" principles seemed to have resonated with many, and I've been asked to share my ideas. What follows is a six-part series on my "Five Cs." I'm certainly not claiming my ideas are the best, but I do feel if you earnestly follow these simple concepts, your leadership experience will be very rewarding to both you and those who work with and for you.

Before I start with my first "C," which will be the subject of the next article, let me explain what I think leadership is not. In order to do this, I ask you to think of someone who you feel is a great leader. That person may be a family member, a military hero, a religious figure or maybe just someone who has somehow touched you. Take your time because this is important — continue reading only after you've decided.

Leadership traits

OK, now that you've thought of someone, please try to list some of the traits that make this person a great leader in your mind. This is also important for the point I'll make next, so once again, spend some time thinking about these characteristics before you continue reading.

I'll almost certainly bet none of you selected a person solely on the basis of the position the person held or the rank the member may have attained. In all my years of discussing leadership with folks, I've yet to hear some-

one say, "The person I chose is a great leader just because he was president of the United States" or "...because he is a four-star general."

Clearly, if you chose someone simply because of a position or rank, that would mean every single person who ever attained that position or rank would be a great leader in your eyes. We all know this isn't the case, so our ideas on effective leadership must contain some other quality.

Nothing to do with position

Now to my point ... there's no such thing as a "leadership position." Leadership has absolutely nothing to do with position or rank. Position and rank give you certain authority and you may be considered a supervisor, but they don't make you a leader.

As an example, my position on base as the 81st Training Wing vice commander gives me lots of authority, and I supervise many members of Team Keesler, but being the "vice" doesn't make me a leader. Leadership comes not from a position, but from the relationships you build with those all around you — your bosses, your peers and those placed under your charge. In fact, those who rely solely on a title as their source of authority are the least effective "leaders" around. Workers may still appear as though they "follow" these types of supervisors because of professional courtesy, but that in no way means these employees see their supervisor as a leader.

Inspire through actions

President John Quincy Adams stated, "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, then you are a leader." There are two key words in that quote ... "actions" and "inspire." True leaders know how to inspire all those around them and just preaching isn't enough. Being a verbal cheerleader works fine for short bursts of inspiration, but ultimately a leader must combine words with actions.

So if you accept my thesis statement that leadership isn't about position or title, and further accept that leadership is about the inspirational relationships you build with all those around you, the obvious question is, "How can we become true leaders and not just supervisors?"

My next five commentaries will discuss the principles I've come to realize are absolutely vital for anyone to make the leap from being an adequate leader to one who has reached his full potential of leadership.

ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Col. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

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

Suggestions to help make this a more valuable and useful tool are welcome. Call the commander's action line at 377-4357, write to Commander's Action Line, 81st TRW/PA, Keesler AFB, MS 39534-2603, e-mail 81st TRW Commander's Action Line (on-base) or commanders.line@keesler.af.mil (off-base). For personal responses, include your name, address and phone number.

Items of general interest

A-76 hotline — 376-8176
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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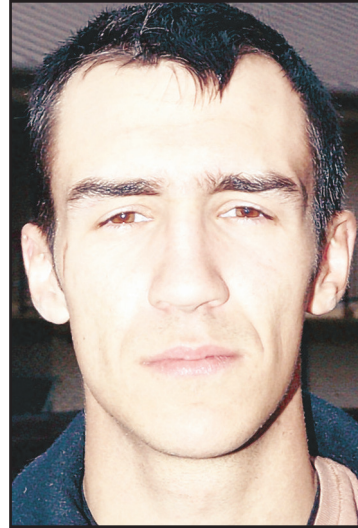
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ing and doing volunteer
work.

— John Dockens, 81st
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I see myself being an Air
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I see myself being out of
the Air Force and working
with my dad.

— Airman 1st Class
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see yourself
in 10 years?



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Virtual tools appeal to 'different kind of Airman'

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The 81st Training Group is pursuing distance learning over the Internet and virtual classroom innovations to reload the Air Force more quickly and economically.

With cuts in training personnel and resources, technological advances are vital to mission success, according to Col. Prince Gilliard Jr., 81st TRG commander.

Colonel Gilliard, who came to Keesler from the Defense Information Systems Agency in September, is finding his previous assignment gave him valuable experience and insights that are paying off at Keesler. DISA is a combat support agency that plans, engineers, acquires, fields and supports global net-centric solutions for the president, vice president and Department of Defense.

Digital immigrants

"Think about where we came from — electric typewriters to write reports, and we thought that was cool because we had correction tape," he recalled.

"Today is different — we're appealing to a different kind of Airman," Colonel Gilliard stated. "The way information was fed to us — newspaper, television — was very directed. Today's digital immigrants are able to get on a cell phone and grab the information or news they want."

Using free Web tools

Keesler is employing two free Web conference tools provided by DISA that offer two-way video, audio and a chat box, as well as the ability to provide visual aids to the students. The one currently in use is Net-Centric Enterprise Services E-CollabCenter. Trainers are now evaluating the second tool, the NCES Defense Connect Online, released earlier this year.

In addition to distance learning, Keesler continues to enhance its in-residence training. One initiative, the Cyber Campus Training Network, was named an Air Force "best practice" last year.

CCTN is a three-phase approach to creating a virtual training environment.

"The first phase consisted of virtualizing the 333rd Training Squadron's server suite by using a thin client-to-virtual server combination," according



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Patrick Vincent, left, and John Ledet, contractors in the 333rd TRS from General Dynamics Information Technology, set up a "virtual machine" in Stennis Hall for access by students in locations around the world.

to Master Sgt. Darrell Evans, instructor supervisor for the squadron's network administration training. Thin clients are components used in server-based and virtual computing.

"Cost savings are immeasurable since we've effectively turned one piece of hardware into three or five or six virtual machines," Sergeant Evans commented. "Now instead of having a room cluttered with hundreds of pieces of hardware, we have a clean, user-friendly learning environment that's totally maintained and administered from a remote location by support personnel.

"In the future, most of Keesler's training squadrons will be connected to a centralized, virtualized server core," he added.

In the second phase, other Air Education and Training Command bases are connected to the CCTN, minimizing costs and maximizing the return on investment. AETC instructors will be able to go to the students instead of the students going to the instructor.

The final phase creates connections for all Air Force distance learning requirements. This phase gives the operational Air Force the ability to provide "just in time" training and skill awarding and certification from a

student's home station by using a local desktop connection and a Web browser. The approach for this phase is led by the Air Force Communication Agency and supported by the Combat Information Transport System's program management office.

The new training technologies assure continuation of the training mission in spite of unforeseen disruptions and make the most of every training dollar.

Hurricane Katrina in August 2005 provided a strong impetus for finding ways to keep the training mission rolling in spite of natural disasters and other roadblocks.

"Immediately after Katrina, Keesler had great difficulty accommodating TDY students in the numbers we had in the past," Colonel Gilliard pointed out. "That pushed us to explore distance learning over the Internet."

Besides a solid contingency plan for training, Keesler's training team has noted other benefits from employing the new technologies.

"Now we can teach classes over the Web from anywhere to any location around the world with an Internet connection," explained Capt. Randall Noel, instructor supervisor for basic communications officer training in the

"We were even able to push training to an Airman in Afghanistan, despite rocket attacks at his location."

— Captain Noel

333rd TRS. "Our students routinely attend from U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Pacific Air Forces locations.

"We're also more flexible," Captain Noel continued. "Multiple students receive just-in-time training before short notice deployments without going TDY. Two students attended from hotel rooms while on leave, and five overseas students were added to the class roster the day training began. We were even able to push training to an Airman in Afghanistan, despite rocket attacks at his location."

Computer-savvy students

Captain Noel said today's computer-savvy Airmen are very comfortable in the online environment.

"Our students have no problem with the virtual classroom, and they don't need a camera and microphone to participate in the class," he said. "The younger students have grown up using instant messaging and chat and have taken online courses in their civilian education. They're very efficient at interacting with the instructor and each other using the chat and messaging features."

Cost is another reason for pursuing distance learning programs. In fiscal 2007, Keesler saved an estimated \$380,000 by employing the new technologies.

"You're going to spend \$1,500 to \$2,000 per student to bring them here for a one-week course," according to Capt. Keith Melancon, 81st TRG executive officer, who previously worked virtual classroom issues in the 333rd TRS. "Class sizes run from 12 to 16 students, so you're looking at \$20,000 to \$30,000 savings just by not making people travel. Your overhead doesn't increase, either."

Upcoming exercise tests force protection, emergency responses

By Tech. Sgt. Dan Neely

Keesler Public Affairs

The 81st Training Wing conducts a large-scale exercise of its force protection and emergency response capabilities at unannounced times before the end of the month.

Base officials ask for everyone's patience as first responders work to improve their overall readiness to save lives and property in case of real-world emergencies.

These events could impact vehicular or pedestrian traffic and close or alter gate and other access routes at any time, day or night. All base motorists should be prepared to obey directions from 81st Security Forces Squadron members who may need to redirect traffic without advance notice. Also, be alert for and yield to first responder vehicles that will be operating with warning lights only during exercises.

While on base during exercise scenarios, members should be prepared to:

Monitor and comply with announcements broadcast via the commander's access channel (base channel 3), network alerting system (command post-generated alerts transmitted

throughout the base computer network) and Giant Voice system. Information on peacetime emergency notification signals broadcast via the Giant Voice is posted on the Keesler public Web site at: <http://www.keesler.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-080310-061.pdf>.

Comply with public address system announcements from security forces or other first-responder vehicles.

Evacuate if directed by official announcements.

Report any suspicious activity to the 81st SFS, 377-3040.

Call the recorded 81st TRW "straight talk line," 377-3901, for current updates on base status, such as exercise and real-world force protection conditions or other important messages.

Base housing residents and parents of children in base day care facilities should have and review their family plans for emergency evacuations or shelter-in-place actions due to fires, industrial chemical accidents, terrorist actions and more. Sponsors are responsible for preparing such plans according to information periodically distributed by their respective unit emergency management representatives.



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. Tuesday 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.

Scholarships

The Mississippi Sound Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers awards a \$1,000 college scholarship to two graduating high school seniors entering a financial or resource management course of study.

The application deadline is April 21.

For more information, call Marcella LeBlanc, 377-7280.

Triangle clinic

The mental health clinic in the Triangle is open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

For more information, call 377-7016.

GI Bill benefits

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

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

Tuition aid online

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

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.

Student TMO

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

and Wednesdays in Room 213, Levitow Training Support Facility in the Triangle.

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

CCAF online

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

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

OTS counseling

Officer Training School applicants may schedule appointments with a counselor by calling 377-2323 or visit the education office, second floor, Hangar 2.

NEWS AND FEATURES

Keesler News editor wins Air Force award

Perry Jenifer, editor of the Keesler News for 23 years, placed first in the sports article category of the 2007 Air Force Media Contest.

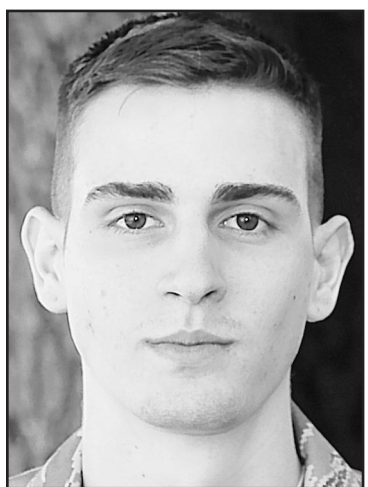
The winning article was on Josh Wiggs, an 81st Civil Engineer Squadron electrician who was preparing for his fifth trip to the Air Force men's softball camp in six years.

This was Mr. Jenifer's second first-place award in this category.

He's won five individual Air Force awards, including first and second in print journalist of the year and first in special achievement.



Mr. Jenifer



Airman Freed



Mr. Crosby



Sergeant Deknikker

3 earn logistics readiness awards

By Airman 1st Class David Salanitri

Keesler News staff

Three Keesler team members have received Air Education and Training Command logistics readiness awards for 2007.

Airman 1st Class Michael Freed, 81st Supply and Transportation Squadron, won the award in the airman category. Airman Freed was recognized for his performance in preparing his unit for last year's operational readiness inspection with a coin from the 81st

Training Wing inspector general.

John Crosby, 81st SUPS-TRANS, won the senior civilian manager award. Mr. Crosby decreased late deliveries by more than 25 percent and increased supplies in stock effectiveness from 76.05 percent to 90.5 percent.

Master Sgt. Jody Deknikker, 2nd Air Force, is the enlisted manager award winner. The 2006 Special Operations Command, Pacific, noncommissioned officer of the year supervised movement of 130 Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen last year.

Offices begin return to Sablich Center

Organizations displaced by Hurricane Katrina are moving back to Sablich Center over the next few weeks.

Offices may close while moves are under way:

Monday — 81st Comptroller Squadron and area defense council.

Monday-Wednesday — Support Squadron staff and civilian personnel office.

March 20 — 81st Mission Support Group staff.

March 20, 24 and 25 — education office.

March 25 — manpower and organization office.

March 26 — 81st Mission

Support Squadron staff and civilian personnel office.

March 27, 28 and 31 — airman and family readiness center.

March 28 — housing office.

April 1, 2 and 5 — military personnel flight.

April 6 — traffic management office.

IN THE NEWS

Public affairs NCO killed in Iraq

Air Force Print News and 377th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Staff Sgt. Christopher Frost died March 3 near Bayji, Iraq, in a crash of an Iraqi Army Mi-17 helicopter.

Sergeant Frost, 24, was deployed from the 377th Air Base Wing Public Affairs Office at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M. He worked with the Multinational Security Transition Command-Iraq, which is responsible for organizing, training, equipping and sustaining Iraqi Security Forces, including the Iraqi Air Force.

He was from Waukesha, Wis., joined the Air Force six years ago and cross-trained into public affairs in 2005.

The crash is under investigation.

AFSO21 contest winners

Tech. Sgt. Joseph Wheeler, 81st Training Support Squadron, earned a Keesler Dolphin II fishing trip for two by winning the Air Force Smart Operations for the 31st Century contest for his entry, "The Deployment Process."

Other winners: Airman 1st Class Israel Walker, 81st Supply-Transportation Squadron, second for "Keesler In-Processing," a full-day pontoon boat trip; Roger Toney, 81st TRSS, third for "Automate Civilian Time Cards," a bowling party for 10; and Tech. Sgts. Michael Johnson, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, and Jennifer DesJardin, 335th Training Squadron, and Senior Airman Edward Perez, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron, free bowling or golfing for four.

The contest was intended to generate innovative ideas for using base resources and people more efficiently.

Submit ideas to AFSO21@keesler.af.mil. For more information, call Master Sgt. Debra Wright, 377-0123.

Officers selected for promotion

Two Keesler officers have been selected for promotion to major: Capt. Jeremy Davis, 2nd Air Force, and Chaplain (Capt.) Scott Jobe, 81st Training Wing.

Clinics closed for warrior training

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler Medical Center clinics are closed 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. today for warrior training.

Airman found dead in dormitory

Air Force Print News

SHEPPARD Air Force Base, Texas — An Airman at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, was found dead in a dormitory room March 7 with injuries consistent with a stab wound.

The incident is under investigation by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations and the 82nd 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.

Air Force Assistance Fund Annual campaign begins Monday — base's goal this year is \$70,000

The Air Force Assistance Fund campaign begins Monday and runs until April 11.

Keesler's goal is \$70,000, which is \$20,000 more than last year.

AFAF raises funds to help active duty, Guard, Reserve and retired Airmen and their spouses through grants, loans and assisted living.

Contributions can be made to these four charities:

Air Force Aid Society — provides emergency assistance to Airmen and their families, sponsors educational assistance programs and offers a variety of base enhancement programs. Last year Keesler received more than \$185,000 in support from AFAS.

Air Force Enlisted Village — provides

accommodations near Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., for indigent widows of retired Air Force enlisted members. For more information, visit <http://www.afenlistedwidows.org>.

Air Force Village — provides retirement living, with access to continuing health care, for officers and their spouses in San Antonio, with priority to retired Air Force officer widows and widowers. For more information, visit <http://www.airforcevillages.com>.

Gen. and Mrs. Curtis LeMay Foundation — helps widows of all Air Force retirees, officers and enlisted, through financial grants. For more information, visit <http://www.lemayfoundation.org/>.

For more information on AFAF, visit <http://afassistancefund.org>.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Col. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander, seated, signs his AFAF pledge as, standing from left, Chief Master Sgt. Alex Perry, 81st TRW command chief; Capt. Jermaine Jordan, AFAF project officer; and John Lowe, AFAS officer, discuss the 2008 fundraising campaign.

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completed in 2009.

The most complex of the sites, Bay Ridge, delivers 130 senior NCO and senior officer units, to be finished in early 2010.

The Keesler project is considered the largest of its kind in Air Force history.

Once the project is complete, Keesler will be the proud owner of the newest — and among the best — housing in the Air Force," said Colonel Croslen.

Richard Fry, project manager, said the Air Force Center for Engineering Excellence incorporated industry-wide construction practices used in commercial housing developments to rebuild the entire Keesler housing inventory, including roads, utilities and amenities.

Bob Moore, Air Force deputy chief of asset management and operations, noted the way the project has been managed is becoming known as the "Keesler Model," which he believes sets the standard for acquisition of all future military construction projects.

After the design concept was complete, AFCEE contractors were asked in an open forum to review all the preliminary work done to date and come up with innovative ideas for the massive project.

"The exchange was outstanding and in a matter of weeks a request for proposal was released, allowing the interested contractors to create their own solutions to a constrained construction schedule, and encouraging them to propose enhancements commonly used in commercial housing," said Mr. Fry.

As a result, AFCEE was able to reduce the acquisition time, and the project is on schedule and on budget.

Hunt Building Construction of El Paso, Texas, was awarded the contract to rebuild all Keesler military family housing in a five-site, 43-month effort.

Hunt-Yates is doing the demolition, site preparation and utility work at all the sites.

"This has to be one of the most exciting and challenging projects an Air Force project manager could be a part of — we are shaping the way of the future," Mr. Fry concluded.

PERSONNEL NOTES

WAPS test schedules

Weighted airman promotion system test schedules:

Master and technical sergeant — through March 31.

Staff sergeant — May 1 to June 15.

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

For more information, contact unit WAPS monitors.

Retirement annuity information

Personnel affected by A-76 can get estimates of their retirement annuities at the Air Force Personnel Center secure Web site, [https://wwa.afpc.randolph.af.mil/AFPCSecure /Main-Menu.asp](https://wwa.afpc.randolph.af.mil/AFPCSecure/Main-Menu.asp).

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

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

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

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.

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.

Move authorizations

81st Transportation Squadron

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

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

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

E-mailing deployed troops

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

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

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American Forces Press Service

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

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

Updating LeaveWeb

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

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

Furniture can pose hazard for children

By Airman 1st Class
Torri Ingalsbe

48th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A new bedroom set and entertainment center might make a nice addition to a home, but they could pose a real danger to children.

Every year young children are involved in accidents when furniture wasn't properly secured or anchored to a wall or the floor.

"Injuries are the leading cause of death of children younger than 4 years old in the U.S.," said Capt. Susan Evitts, 48th Medical Operations Squadron nurse practitioner. "Toddlers and preschool children can walk, run, jump and climb to explore their environment."

Deaths and injuries can occur when young children climb onto, fall against or pull themselves up on furniture such as bookcases, dressers, shelves and TV stands. Items like toys and remotes left on top of TVs can tempt children to try and reach them and should be put somewhere out of sight.

If a home has large furniture that isn't secured properly, there's a risk for an accident involving furniture tip-overs, especially for children 10 years old and younger.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reported tip-overs result in an average of 22 deaths per year and an estimated 3,000 injuries. There were 31 deaths in 2006 from improperly secured furniture and TVs.

The following are several



safety measures for those with small children:

Secure all types of furniture using an anti-tipping device provided by the manufacturer or purchased at a home store. Follow all instructions to ensure proper hold. All drawers should be kept closed to prevent climbing.

Don't place unsecured, child climbable furniture in "children play areas."

Place televisions on a low, wide sturdy base and place as far back as possible.

Keep remote controls off the TV stand to reduce temptation for children.

The International Association for Child Safety lists unstable furniture as one of the seven common child safety hazards. The CSPC has rated furniture tip-overs as No. 3 of the top five hidden home hazards.

These hidden hazards are avoidable. When purchasing new furniture take into account more than just décor; also consider safety.

DRAGON OF THE WEEK

Name — Tech. Sgt. Ron Smith

Unit — 338th Training Squadron

Position — network infrastructure systems instructor

Time in Air Force — 13 years

Time at Keesler — 4 1/2 years

Noteworthy — recently awarded master instructor certification; received a “hard charger” award during last year’s operational readiness inspection.

Hometown — Middleboro, Mass.

Why did you join the Air Force? for the travel opportunities and to serve my country.

What are your hobbies? spending time with my family and playing billiards.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

What’s your favorite quote? “A teacher who is attempting to teach without inspiring the student with a desire to learn is hammering on a cold iron.”

What are your short- and long-term goals? short term, to make master sergeant; long term, to finish my bachelor’s degree in computer/information systems.

DIAMOND NOTES

Fitness is a readiness issue.

We must view it

as a way of life

and not just a test score.

— Master Sgt. Sherman Miller, 81st Security Forces Squadron first sergeant



Sergeant Miller



MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Sept. 20, 1941

The Army Air Corps Replacement Training Center (Technician) was activated to train new recruits.

Status

The A-76 reduction-in-force remains on hold. The Air Force Personnel Center is still anticipating a 120-day delay, which impacts contract transition timelines.

Senior leaders at Air Education and Training Command headquarters are working this hard to come up with reasonable timelines for both RIF and contract transition. Milestone dates will be published in this section as soon as they are known.

The status of “little BOS,” which involves communication support for the base, is unchanged and remains in federal court.

Col. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander, has met and will continue to meet with union representatives to keep them informed about the latest updates.

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.

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Acquisition transformation changes how bases do business

Air Force Print News
and Keesler News staff

Today's "Installation Acquisition Transformation Roadshow," 1-3 p.m. in Welch Auditorium, gives industry partners a preview of upcoming changes in Air Force contracting business.

An IAT team from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, presents information about a comprehensive restructuring of installation acquisition approved in August by Secretary of the Air Force Michael Wynn. This installation acquisition transformation strategically sources goods and services in support of all Air Force installations in the continental United States.

The decision followed an 18-month study by Air Force acquisition leaders of the organizational structure currently supporting stateside installation acquisition activities.

"Results of this assessment call for the fundamental transformation of the installation acquisition organizational structure," said Secretary Wynn. "This transformation enables the Air Force to take advantage of strategic sourcing and leverage resources effectively across the enterprise."

The new system maintains acquisition support at installations, introduces five regional centers, and consolidates acquisition management and oversight under Air Force Materiel Command, headquartered at Wright-Patterson.

Keesler will be served by the southeast regional center at Warner-Robins, Ga. Other regional centers are being located in San Antonio, St. Louis, Colorado Springs and Hampton Roads, Va.

"The transformed installation acquisition structure focuses on the use of strategic sourcing, minimizes supply chain costs through integration and collaboration, and

Fate of Keesler personnel yet to be determined

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The final effect of installation acquisition transformation on Keesler personnel is yet to be determined, according to Lt. Col. Chris Wegner, 81st Contracting Squadron commander.

"Manning reductions at the existing squadrons, including the 81st CONS at Keesler, will take place as acquisition authority transitions to the regional centers," the colonel said.

"A decision has yet to be made if this transformation will result in a 'transfer of function' or 'transfer of workload,'" Colonel Wegner explained. "As I understand the process, that decision will effect whether or not the transformation will result in a reduction in force versus reassignment."

Since Secretary of the Air Force Michael Wynn approved the IAT initiative Aug. 20, Air Force leadership in the acquisition community has been working on establishing the provisional leadership teams at each regional center.

"The current timeline shows the main thrust of personnel moves from the squadrons to the regional centers occurring in fiscal 2010 at the soonest," Colonel Wegner said.



results in considerable annual savings to the Air Force," said Charlie Williams Jr., deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for contracting.

"It creates increased visibility and accountability in the acquisition process and simplifies purchasing at the installation level," Mr. Williams continued.

"Air Force leaders recognize that an increased emphasis on strategic sourcing will improve customer service, reduce purchasing costs and accelerate delivery of goods to installation customers," said Sue Payton, assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition.

An important consideration in this restructuring is the effect on local small businesses around Air Force installations, according to Ronald Poussard, director of Air Force small business programs.

"By integrating small business partnerships, especially within the local business communities, the regional centers can create strategic and operational solutions that provide world-class support to the warfighter," he said.

In fiscal year 2006, 36 percent of all Air Force small business contracts went to local small businesses. To maximize the success of the transformation, the regional centers will continue strong socio-economic program support.

The new structure presents leadership and professional development opportunities for military and civilian acquisition professionals within the acquisition career field, Mr. Williams said.

Susan Griggs, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.



Tax help here for you
Sgt. 1st Class Candy
Agregaard, left, Miss. Army National
Guard, 1108th Activity Depot Aviation
Unit, Gulfport, gets her taxes done by
Richard Ess, 81st Training Wing tax
office manager. The tax office is open
8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. duty days in Room
234, Hangar 2. For appointments, call
377-4454.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

Short-term counseling program coming to Kesler next month

By Staff Sgt.
Tanya Holditch

Kesler Public Affairs

A new short-term counseling program is available for Airmen and their family members in April at the airman and family readiness center.

The Military and Family Life Consultant program is a non-medical counseling service intended to augment existing military support services. The goal of the MFLC program is to assist Airmen and their families in coping with situations, such as multiple deployments and reintegration. Active-duty, Guard and Reserve and military family members are all eligible.

Counselors assist individu-

als, families, couples and groups with a variety of issues. Some typical issues that the counselors might address include relationship problems, loss and grief, homesickness, anger management, conflict resolution, decision making, parenting, school issues and deployment stress. The primary goal of the counseling sessions is to assess and deliver short-term, solution-focused feedback.

With the exception of mandatory state, federal, and military reporting requirements (such as domestic violence, child abuse, and substance abuse), counseling sessions are confidential. The services are also anonymous, so no records are kept of details disclosed within the

session or of the session itself.

The counselors all have at least a master's degree, are licensed clinicians and are trained on Air Force-specific culture and issues. They rotate on 45-day assignments, at which time a new counselor is available at the airman and family readiness center.

The program is funded by the Office of the Secretary of Defense and began with the Army in Europe to provide support to families of extended Soldiers of the 1st Armored Division. The success of the program resulted in a military-wide expansion.

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



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Ms. Marinovich, left, weighs Airman 1st Class Jamie Turbessi, medical records flight, at the first "Fit Challenge" session.

Fit challenge

Medical center teams sign weight-loss contracts

By 1st Lt. Romeatrius Moss
81st Medical Operations Squadron

Members of Keesler Medical Center's pediatric clinic and medical records flight have a goal for 2008: taking off pounds.

They've begun a "Fit Challenge" which included signing contracts to lose weight. They are being assisted by a total fitness team comprised of Terri Jordan, health and wellness center; Linda Marinovich, Dragon Fitness Center; Lt. Col. (Dr.) Jane Holtzclaw, mental health flight, and Maj. Stacey Van Orden, nutritional medicine flight.

Carol Coon is the pediatric flight's team captain and Tianna Boseman heads the medical records team.

The Fit Challenge was initiated to provide a support system for those wanting to lose weight and live life to the fullest. It started Jan. 23 and ends April 16.

All members began with weigh-ins and measurements which are monitored weekly. In addition to the signed con-

tract, each participant paid a one-time fee of \$10.

Members pay a \$3-per-pound penalty for every pound gained. Funds collected are included in the grand prize which goes to the winner and the flight's "sunshine fund."

Ms. Jordan and Ms. Marinovich determine the winner, based on percentage of pounds and inches lost. The losing flight washes the winning flight's vehicles during lunch hour April 17.

From 8-9 a.m. Wednesdays, members weigh in and speakers are featured.

Piggy-backing off another successful weight loss program, guidance is provided to support each member with suggestions towards fitness to include lunch-time workouts, healthy snacking and portion control. Also, motivational e-mails are sent out weekly.

The main goal for the Fit Challenge is to change the way people view the word "diet" and replace it with "way of life," while adopting healthy habits ensuring a promising quality of life.

Honor guard gets payday



Photo by Airman 1st Class David Salanitri

Members of the honor guard pose with a check for \$10,000 presented to them by Col. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander, far left, and Chief Master Sgt. Alex Perry, 81st TRW command chief, third from right. Master Sgt. Andrea Turner, left of Chief Perry, accepted the check on behalf of the honor guard. The money will be used for training tools and new uniforms. The honor guard's area of responsibility covers a 48,000-square-mile radius between Mississippi and Louisiana. If you're interested in joining this elite unit, call 377-1986 for more information.



Services planned for Lent, Easter

The Keesler Chapel has announced the schedule for Lenten and Easter activities and services.

Ecumenical

March 23 — 6:30 a.m., “SonRise” service, Triangle Chapel.

Protestant

Sunday — 10:30 a.m., Sunday School Easter egg hunt, Triangle Chapel Annex.

March 23 — 8:30 a.m., traditional worship service, Larcher Chapel; 10:30 a.m., contemporary worship service, Triangle Chapel; noon, gospel worship service, Triangle Chapel.

Catholic

Sunday — 9 a.m., Passion Sunday Mass and procession with palms, Triangle Chapel.

Monday — 7 p.m., joint Lenten penance service, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 2090 Pass Road, Biloxi.

March 20 — 7 p.m., Holy Thursday Mass and Eucharistic adoration, Triangle Chapel.

March 21 — 7 p.m., Good Friday liturgy, Triangle Chapel.

March 22 — 7 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass, Triangle Chapel.

March 23 — 9 a.m., Easter Mass, Triangle Chapel.

Child care requires licensing

By Earlene Smith

81st Services Division

People living in base housing who care for children in their homes could be breaking the rules.

Air Force Instruction 34.276, which governs day care in on-base quarters, states “any individuals caring for children more than 10 hours a week on a regular basis must get approval.”

It states that the “installation commander may revoke the housing privileges of individuals who provide child care but refuse to become licensed or who continue to provide care after their license has been suspended or revoked.”

The rule applies whether or not caregivers are compensated for their services.

“People living in base housing who regularly care for children without being licensed may be unaware of the regulation,” said Mary Allgood, family child care program coordinator.

Licenses are granted by the 81st Mission Support Group commander, usually within 30 days of completion of initial family child care provider training, background screenings and home inspections.

Training includes child guidance, play environments, nutrition, ages and stages of development, child abuse and neglect, recordkeeping, business management, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid.

“Family child care providers are professionals trained to give the best possible care to the children left in their charge,” said Ms. Allgood.

Once licensed, providers may care for children from 2 weeks through 12 years old. They’re assisted by the FCC staff in setting up their home and have access to an extensive library for toys, equipment and materials to keep costs down. They set up their own hours of operation and fee structure.

For more information, call 377-3189, 5934 or 5935, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

KEESLER NOTES

Vehicle operations

Starting Saturday, the vehicle operations shop reduces its weekend hours.

Saturday and Sunday hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Customers needing "you drive it" vehicles before 8 a.m. on weekends must arrange to pick them up no later than 6 p.m. Friday.

For after-hours emergency vehicle service, call the command post, 377-4330.

For more information, call 377-2430.

Mystery dinner theater

An interactive mystery dinner theater is April 12 at Blake Fitness Center.

A social hour begins at 6 p.m., followed by the show at 7.

Tickets are \$20 per person for the show, dinner and dessert, and are on sale at Vandenberg Community Center and Gaude Lanes.

To preregister for child care, call the child development center, 377-2211, or the youth center, 377-4116.

The production, rated PG-13, is sponsored by GEICO, Keesler Federal Credit Union, Kim Beck KIA, National Productions and USAA.

For more information, call 377-2503.

Spouses club barbecue

The Keesler Spouses Club barbecue is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at marina park.

The cost is \$10 per person.

Those attending are asked to bring an item from the thrift shop wish list at <http://www.keeslerspousesclub.com>

E-mail membership@keeslerspousesclub.com by Friday if you plan to attend.

Commissary closed

The commissary is closed March 23 for Easter.



Bike bonanza

Dameon Holmes, 6, a kindergarten student at Pass Road Elementary School in Gulfport, is guided by Chief Master Sgt. Jimmy Kelly as he tries out one of 16 new bikes and helmets donated to the school by 2nd Air Force. Dameon's mom is Dionne Lombard. Chief Kelly is 2nd Air Force's command chief. The school is in a disadvantaged area where many families can't afford to buy bicycles and neighborhoods aren't safe for cycling, according to principal Kenny Hudson. Third grade teacher Marsha Hack mentioned the situation to her husband, Walt, 2nd Air Force's deputy director of training operations. Mr. Hack teamed up with 2nd Lt. Amy Gilliland to collect enough bikes so the school can start a bicycle club to reward good grades and behavior, as well as to teach bicycle skills and safety. The bikes and helmets were delivered March 6.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



Lee Young, left, 81st TRSS, pursues Grayling Bocage, 81st CES, March 4, in Over-30 Basketball League play at Dragon Fitness Center. The training supporters won, 44-42.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

Over-30 leader 338th TRS, 10-0, takes week-long break

By Airman 1st Class David Salanitri

Keesler News staff

The undefeated 338th Training Squadron, 10-0, had the week off last week while the rest of the Over-30 Basketball League teams took advantage of its absence.

The 85th Engineering Installation Squadron improved its record to 3-6, placing them just a half game behind the 81st Training Support Squadron, 4-6.

"I believe if we have the same players show up the next two weeks that showed this week, we have a strong chance at getting to the cham-

pionship," said David Brown, 85th EIS coach.

The 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, 7-4, and the 81st TRSS, 4-6, split a two-game stand with the 81st TRSS winning the first match up, 44-42, and the 81st CES winning the second, 51-35.

Double elimination playoffs, set to start March 20, are played at Dragon Fitness Center. The regular season standings will be used for seeding purposes.

For complete scores and standings, see Scores and More, page 24. For more information on the Over-30 Basketball League, call Mr. Wilson, 377-2444.

He teaches fencing 'to continue learning'

Billington shares love of physical, mental challenges

By Staff Sgt. Tanya Holditch

Keesler Public Affairs

Fencing is easy to learn, but difficult to master, according to Brian Billington, 81st Civil Engineering Squadron, a fencing instructor at Dragon Fitness Center.

He offers free classes there Tuesdays at 5 p.m. Although Billington has been fencing for five years, he was initially drawn to the sport because it looked cool in movies, he said. Since then, he said he's learned to love the physical and mental challenges of the sport.

Each serious match, or bout, is fought with calculated intensity, Billington explained.

Two opponents wearing masks, gloves and lamés (protective jackets), thrust their foils (swords) decisively at each other to attack. Each aims to catch the other off guard, while making a move with lightning speed.

As the fencers charge each other, the clank of metal resonates as swords clash. In the back and forth of battle, the fencers repel each other like matching ends of a magnet. After the rush of attack, the opponents stop and draw back, standing firm on the mat, ready to pounce again.

The sport is about skill and precision, said Billington, who relies on two volunteer assistants to help him teach the class.

"They are loads of help. I couldn't pull this off without them," he said about his assistants.

"You'd be surprised at how worn out you get after a minute or two," said assistant instructor Bradley Olsson, 81st Medical Group. "It's speed and agility, move against countermove, defend and attack."

Before this physical chess game can take place, students must first learn basic maneuvers, which Billington eagerly teaches newcomers in about an



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Billington instructs Brandy Jones, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron, on the basic foil position.

hour. As they learn, the two assistant instructors guide more advanced students.

Billington urges his students to relax, have fun and practice.

"I practice a lot, and I am nowhere near perfect," he said.

"He's very knowledgeable," said assistant instructor Ken Williams, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron. "He knows how to get the basic student involved quickly so they get interested in it, and hopefully, they come back."

Fencing is a welcome addition to the fitness classes currently offered at Keesler, and feedback has been positive, according to Tom Golden, 81st Services Division.

"Not everyone likes the same thing," he said.

Equipment is normally available for everyone to use, said Billington, because the instructors usually bring extra. Students can also acquire their own full set (jacket, mask, glove, and foil) online for about \$80.

Other fencing classes offered on the Mississippi Gulf Coast charge students, said Williams. The lessons at Keesler are free because Billington donates his time.

"He is volunteering his services for no charge," Golden said. "He doesn't have to do it. It's honorable."

"The only reason I teach is to continue learning," said Billington.

For more information on fencing classes, call 377-4409. .

Basketball

Men's Over 30 League

Standings (as of Feb. 28)

Team	Won	Lost
338th TRS	10	0
81st CES	7	4
81st TRSS	4	6
85th EIS	3	6
2nd Air Force	0	9

All games at Dragon Fitness Center

March 4 — 85th EIS 56, 2nd Air Force 30; 81st TRSS 44, 81st CES 42.

March 6 — 85th EIS 46, 2nd Air Force 35; 81st CES 51, 2nd Air Force 35.

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

Tuesday — rescheduled game; 11 a.m., 81st TRSS vs. 85th EIS at Blake Fitness Center.

Other

March Madness five-on-five basketball squadron challenge — 6 p.m. March 24, Blake Fitness Center; single elimination tournament.

Bowling

League standings

Monday Budweiser

(as of Feb. 25)

Team	Won	Lost
Perry's Refrigeration	89	41
Our Gang	77	56
Old Skool	77	56
Gannon's Cannons	76.5	56.5
3 Steps Forward	76	57
Wayne's World	72	61
Man On	72	61
Pin Heads	72	61
Slater's Shooters	68	65
Why Not	66	67
Team 2	65	68
Hoops Gang	65	68
Endangered Species	60.5	72.5
The Corner Pins	60	73
Ghost Riders	56	77
Martini's	53	80
Unpredictables	49	84
B-Busters	41	92

Tuesday Hospital Mixed

(as of Feb. 19)

Team	Won	Lost
Radiology Renegades	113	39
Pill Pushers	109	43
Bed Buddies	102	50
Pediattack	92	60
Drug Dealers	84	68
Team 6	32	120
Team 8	18	134
Team 7	16	136

Wednesday Mixed

(as of Feb. 27)

Team	Won	Lost
Oceans Eleven	104	57
Ichiban	95	66
Hang Chucky	95	66
Misfits	94	67
Jokers Wild	94	67
Clyde's Crew	92	69
3DR	84	77
2 Old 2 Bowl	84	77
Lucky Strikes	79	82
MUDD	75	86
Neighbors + 1	73	88
70s Plus	72	89

Resurfaced Triangle Track back in service



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Adam Rivera works out on the refurbished track. He's assigned to the 338th Training Squadron.

By Airman 1st Class David Salanitri

Keesler News staff

Keesler recently made another improvement to help its Airmen stay "fit to fight" by resurfacing the Triangle Track.

The \$1.1 million 79,000-square-foot project closed the track from Oct. 29 through Feb. 16.

Contractors applied Mondo sports surface, the official surface of the last eight Olympic Games.

One of the most important features is its double-layered rubber construction, called Double Durometer.

"This feature provides proper shock absorption, optimal energy return, an appropriate coefficient of friction and total comfort for specific sport activities," said Linda Marinovich, 81st Services Division fitness program director.

Not only does the track reduce the chances of injury due to the give in the surface, it also helps runners go faster

"Due to the elastic property of the rubber used in the track surface, energy is returned with each step an athlete takes, thereby decreasing the amount of energy lost during a sport activity," said Marinovich.

The maintenance-free track can last up to 18 years, according to the manufacturer.

During a time when being "green" is important, the materials are environmentally friendly.

"The primary raw material, natural rubber, doesn't harm the environment since the trees that produce rubber aren't harvested," said Marinovich. "Mondo's rubber surfaces may be disposed of in a regular landfill."

For more information on the track and its new surface, call Marinovich, 377-8380.

Thursday Retired Seniors Mixed (as of Feb. 28)

Team	Won	Lost
6-Pack	103.5	57.5
Three is Company	96.5	64.5
Dummys Dummies	88	73
Team 16	88	73
Freda's Kids	86	75
2 Bees & a D	85	76
The Very Best	85	76
Team 12	85	76
Team 1	84.5	76.5
Delema	81.5	79.5
T-N-T	80	81
Amy's Bunch	77	84
Barb's Boys	75.5	85.5
Friends	74	87
Team 15	70	91
Full Speed	68	93
Team 2	64.5	96.5
Guys and Dolls	57	104

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	110	58
Lady and the Tramps	107	54
Team 3	94	74
Jax Hax	83	85
Pin Busters	83	85
Sandbaggers	82	86
3 Guys and A Babe	82	86
Pin Pals	75	86
Harry's Team	72	96
Dreamers	45	123

Other

Limited open play — Saturday and Sunday.

Bowling ball drilling — by appointment with 48 hours advance notice; 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.

Closed — March 23 for Easter.

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.

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.

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.

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

Easter egg hunt and parade — Saturday; parade 9 a.m., Easter Bunny photos 9:30 a.m., egg hunt 10 a.m. Prizes and bicycle giveaways in three age groups. Rain date March 22.

St. Patrick's Day special — Monday. Wear green and get 10 percent off equipment rental.

March fish of the month — weigh in largest croaker and win \$100 savings bond.

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

Fish of the month — weigh in largest croaker for March; win \$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.

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

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

Running

St. Patrick's Day 5K fun run/walk — 3 p.m. Friday at the marina; register 2 p.m. Prizes awarded; token gift to anyone wearing something green. Green beer and cabbage served at the Katrina Kantina following event.

Softball

Home run derby and softball tournament — March 8; 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, first; 81st Engineering Installation Squadron, second; 81st Medical Support Squadron, third; James DePaolo, 334th Training Squadron, home run derby.

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.

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Andrew Anderson, John Barrett, Bradley Batchelor, Anthony Cambisi, Nicholas Cope, Ronald Corkin, Mark Entwistle, Joseph Fischer, Michael Funes, Adidas Granger, Benjamin Gursky, Jesse Hunt, Justin Ivey, Andrew Kelly, Nicholas Irwin, Peter Lacasse, Andrew Lesner, Aaron Lowrey, Brandon Lumsden, Michael Morrison, Zachary Northcutt, William O'Hare, Ryan Oleary, Christopher Powell, Jomar Rodriguez, Darryl Sampson, Kevin Thomas, Timothy Viles, Bryce Weaver and Jessica Yeadon; Airmen John Abston, Alexander Blench, Jason Bowman, Daniel Egert, Aaron Ferrell, Fred Gilmore, Steven Landmesser, Armon Taylor, Alexander Weaver and Jacob Woods; Airmen 1st Class Jefferson Aguiar, Benjamin Boulanger, Robert Diveley, Dustin Fink, Kyle Glover, Kevin Heesh, Christopher Hekowczyk, Scott Henderson, Jinwoo Hwang, Kristan Johnson, Richard Kaulfers, Christopher Kenney, Joshua Kuder, Brandon Kuehmichel, Corey Mayle, Mychal Mulhall, Julio Reategui, Edwin Rivera, Adam Roush, Mark Savage, William Schull, Andrew Snyder and William Sovitsky; Senior Airmen Robert Bowman, Bradley Dial, Edward Escareno, Jean Moreno, Richard Tomasso and Terence Smith; Staff Sgts. Charles Breaux, Abigail Cahoon, Eric Chaisson, Paul Clampet, Juan DeLaCruz, Stephen Gall, John McLaughlin, Kurt Nagel, Charles Pittman, Ruben Sanderson and Bryant Williams; Tech. Sgts. Mark Andrews, James Johnson and Kenneth Sprinkle.

Metrology course — Airman Nicholas Tappa; Airman 1st Class Darren Ayers.

334th TRS

Aerospace control and warning systems — Airmen Basic Andrea Anderson and Ausner Gentil; Airmen 1st Class Austin Johnson; Senior Airman Jenny Jeffrey.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Christen Abner, Kendra Curtis, Robert Sharpe and Emily Stormfeltz; Airmen Robert Kiddey, Heather Lippert, Derek Perez, Nathan Sharpless and Marcus Zachary; Airmen 1st Class Elizabeth Hallett, Corrine Miller, Tobey Newby, Rashad Noori, Jeffrey

Phillips, Ryan Simbro and Daniel Wisniewski; Senior Airman Ceasal Clyburn, David Warner, Crystal White, Dorothy Wilson; Staff Sgt Samantha Hren, Daniel OHara, Lori Presnar; Technical Sgt Kevin Dreibelbis, Laurie Kelsey

Weather training flight — Navy Airmen Recruit Bryan Boone and Diane Jeffers; Airmen Basic Carey Bowman, Patrick Marable, Joshua Todd and Victor White; Navy Airmen Beverly Anthony, Anthony Prudom and Emmanuel Sanchez; Airman Edward Schafer; Marine Pfc. Nathan Whited; Airmen 1st Class Winston Alspaugh, Dale Altman, Nathan Blanton, Anna Dampare, Mitchell Emrick, Christopher Gwerder and Sara Sanderson; Marine Lance Cpl. Lawrence Abee, James Bragg and Ruben Molina; Marine Sgts. Jessica Cavender, James Christian and Nathan Pennington.

335th TRS

Communications-computer systems flight — Airmen Basic Nathan Barlow and Matthew Feagley; Airmen 1st Class Savathi Kem and Michael Nicholson; Senior Airmen Cory Fromm and Anthony Randazzo; Staff Sgts. Wesley Fennel, David Glass, Joshua Hawkins, Micah Huber, Daniel Manwaring, Rafael Marrero, Glen Muento and Ronald Nesbitt; Tech. Sgts. Kevin Cramp, Gregory Huff and Daniel Jones; Master Sgts. Brian Haase, Michael Nickerson and Dwain West; Chief Master Sgt. Guy Plante.

Communications and information systems flight — Airmen Basic Karla Burns, Joshua Gonzales, Kendall Haynes and Stephanie Wahl; Airmen Ronnice Jenkins and Vanessa Mims; Airmen 1st Class Liaquat Ali, Nicholas Earl, Eugene Evans, Michael Fowler, Timothy Guerin, Caleb Johnson, Aaron Lovely, Joshua Robertson, Justin Warner and Ian White; Senior Airmen Anabel Allen, Joshua Bartholomew, Aaron Gentry, Alana Lewis, Richard McDonald, Nathan Svenkerud, Shaun Wehe and Dylan Wolfe; Staff Sgts. Kevin Cornish, Shawn Dillard, Mark Finney, Mark Jackson, Mandy Martin, Darrick Moitoso, Benjamin Willock and Charles Yurkin; Tech. Sgts. Jeffrey March; Master Sgts. Lisa Clayton and Wendy Shovlin; Vanessa Briggs.

338th TRS

Airfield systems — Airman Daniel Slay; Airmen 1st Class Daniel Ackerter, Jason Gamble and Thomas Lenga.

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 — Airman Basic Nicholas Fitzgerald; Airmen Jose Cortes, Skyler Hart, Melissa Knox and Alyssa Wetzel; Airmen 1st Class Daniel Balcarcel, Brandon Barone, Von Collins, Curtis Dowless, Sara Dowless, Rigel Forte, Christopher Hernandez, George Hernandez, Robert Hicks, Sharrod King, Matthew Lindsey, Shane McHaffy, Sara Mesenbrink, Nelson Miles, John Norman, Christopher Ruter and Kelly Strahan-Golley; Senior Airmen Michael Boyce, Greggor Ilagan and Christopher Marx; Staff Sgts. Donald Adkins, David Alexander, Bradly Beard, Brian Bennett, Michael Forte, James Hastings, Bryan Massey, Jonathan McLennan and Kenneth Nelson; Tech. Sgts. Michael Lyons and Donald Moore.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 08-3 — graduates March 27.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 08-3 — graduates April 3.

Arts and crafts center

National Craft Month

Youth craft day — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. \$25 for four projects. Bring a bag lunch. Pre-registration required.

Airmen's view — 5-7 p.m. March 20 at Vandenberg Community Center. Demonstrations, prizes.

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

Prize drawing reception — enter all month for prizes to be awarded at noon March 29. Free cake and punch.

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SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

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

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

Technical training route

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

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

Prior-service students lodged off base

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

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

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

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

Editor's note: Duty passengers have priority over "space available" riders. Schedule may be impacted by increased official operations or severe weather. Those who are physically challenged, have excess baggage, medical appointments at off-base hospitals or clinics or unable to ride the base shuttle, call 377-2432 for the base taxi. For more information, call 377-2430. Until further notice, weekend shuttle service isn't available. Taxi service is available on an "as needed" basis.

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.

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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Multi-craft shop

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

Pottery on the wheel — Saturday. Two hours for beginners. \$40 includes five pounds of clay and project firing. Must preregister; space limited. Call for time.

One stroke painting with acrylics — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Decorative painting technique. Doesn't require previous painting experience. \$32 including project and paint.

Spring craft camp — April 8-10. To register, call 377-2821.

Auto hobby shop

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

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

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, towellettes, Armorall and vacuum.

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 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 preschool, elementary, teens and adults.

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

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

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

McBride Library

Free wireless Internet available — check at circulation desk.

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

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

Overdrive — information available at front 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.

Mental health clinic

Post-traumatic stress disorder — 1:30 p.m. Mondays.

Healthy thinking — 2 p.m. Tuesdays.

Stress management techniques — 10 a.m. Wednesdays.

Relaxation techniques — 9 a.m. Mondays.

To register, call 376-0385.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

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

Guessing games — guess the weight of the blarney stone and the number of jelly beans in the pot of gold. Winner announced Monday. Prizes for first and second place.

Easter egg hunt — noon March 23 for nonprior service students.

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

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. Mondays. New menu each week. \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers.

St. Patty's party — 4 p.m. Friday. Beer, brats, corned beef, cabbage and music. Free for members.

Crawfish boil — 5 p.m. March 27. \$6 for club members, \$8 nonmembers.

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

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

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

Youth center

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

St. Patty's Irish jig dance and flashlight Easter egg hunt — 7-11 p.m. Friday, ages 13 and older. Dance contest, games, prizes, snacks, live DJ and more. \$5 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. Pre-registration and shot record required. Cost based on parent's income.

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

Cooking club — Tuesday, ages 9 and older. Call for times. Free for members; space limited. Preregistration required.

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

Gulf Islands Water Park — season tickets available; call for details.

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. 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 mem-

DINING HALL MENUS

Today

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

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

Friday

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

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

Saturday

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

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

Sunday

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

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

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

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

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bers 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. 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

14th annual Southern Region Military and Civilian Job Fair — 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 8, Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center, Biloxi. Over 120 employers expected to attend this free event. Individuals should take resumes and information to use when completing on-the-spot applications, including three to five references. Wear business attire; military uniforms acceptable.

The airman and family readiness center offers resume writing/job fair preparation class, 1-3:30 p.m. April 2. To register, call 377-2179.

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 1st Lt. Michael Newson, 377-7626, michael.newson@keesler.af.mil.

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 Tailon, 377-6242.

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

Rising VI Association — 3:15 p.m. third Wednesday of the month; location varies. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Toyshaline Young, 377-0591, or Tech. Sgt. Jodi Evans, 377-2835.

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

Tuskegee Airmen Inc., Col. Lawrence E. Roberts Chapter — 5 p.m. first Thursday of the month, McBride Library. For more information, call Glenda Mosby, 243-1992, gmosby1@bellsouth.net, 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.