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It's moving day in Thrower Park



Photo by Adam Bond

Staff Sgts. Derek Eady, left, and Christopher Kissam move furniture into the Kissams' new home in Thrower Park March 20. Both men are 81st Training Wing chaplain's assistants.

Families occupy new units

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Justin and Candice Kissam bounded up and down the stairs of their new Thrower Park home Friday morning as their mom sat surrounded by packing boxes in the spacious living room.

"I love the house!" exclaimed Loretta Kissam as she awaited the return of her husband, Staff Sgt. Christopher Kissam, a chaplain's assistant, and their youngest child, 2-year-old Nathan, with another truckload of family belongings from their previous residence in West Falcon Park. "If we just had our Colorado mountains outside, it would be perfect."

The Kissams were one of 36 families moving into the first new homes completed in

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Air Force Smart Ops For The 21st Century

Air Force Assistance Fund: Chance to help each other

By Col. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

Since 1974, Air Force members have helped each other through their donations to the Air Force Assistance Fund.

I'm proud to say over the years, AFAF has demonstrated the willingness of Air Force people to take care of their own during emergencies and in times of need. In the past, the aid AFAF has provided our service members has made a positive difference in many lives.

Perhaps you have been a beneficiary of AFAF. At Keesler, we've personally seen the results of their efforts in a big way. AFAF aided the victims of Hurricane Katrina to the tune of \$2.1 million. That help has made a huge difference in the lives of so many Gulf Coast community residents, and has done much in speeding up Keesler's recovery.

Just last year, AFAF provided \$185,000 in emergency aid to Keesler people. AFAF is able to provide this money and much more through four programs it supports, each of which helps those in our Air Force family who need it.

First of these is the Air Force Aid Society. The official charity of the Air Force, it helps our active-duty and retired members with financial emergencies. AFAS provides grants or interest-free loans for necessities such as food, rent, utilities and other essential

goods and services.

The Air Force Enlisted Men's Widows and Dependents Home Foundation provides the widows and widowers of retired enlisted members with housing and related services. Widows and widowers of active-duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members live and receive care in Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., near Eglin Air Force Base.

The Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund supports the Air Force Village in San Antonio. The facility provides life-care services for retired spouses, widows and family members.

The General Curtis E. Lemay Foundation provides direct support to indigent officers' widows.

These organizations give help where it's vitally needed. To continue to help those fellow Airmen, they need our support. Fully 100 percent of the money you give to AFAF is used to help active-duty, retirees and their families. Your donations are also tax-deductible.

This year's AFAF campaign runs through April 11. Our goal is \$70,000.

Our Airman's Creed says we won't leave our fellow Airmen behind.

AFAF is a great opportunity to help each other. Please give what you can — every dollar counts.

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



Colonel Touhill

may appear in this column.

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

Library — 377-2181
Logging (reservations) — 377-9986
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

Have cart, will travel

Comment — No one seems to be using a cart that sits in front of the medical center.

Why not use it to assist elderly patients to and from the parking lot?

Response — Keesler Medical Center purchased a six-passenger golf cart which volunteers use to shuttle elderly patients to and from the parking lot.

Arrangements for this service can be made by calling 376-2550.

Disabled patients with handicapped stickers can park in the parking lot right in front of the basement entrance to the medical center. Wheelchairs are also available for those who need them.



WHO'S YOUR WINGMAN?

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No. 3, 2005, 2002,
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1992.

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I love that we're minutes
away from the beach.

— **Carissa Adams, Army
and Air Force Exchange
Service**



I like the new paintball
course the best.

— **Airman 1st Class Larry
Moreno III, 81st Mission
Support Squadron**



I love the hospitality of
my coworkers and cus-
tomers.

— **Jeffrey Ward, AAFES**



DRAGON ON THE STREET

What do you
like best about
Keesler?

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Exercise tests accident response capabilities



Senior Airman Mario Ibarra, left, listens as Senior Airman Vanetta Jackson makes a radio call after they provided medical care for Master Sgt. Michael Freeck, 81st Security Forces Squadron, during a major accident response exercise March 19. The senior airmen are from the 81st Medical Operations Squadron. In the scenario, a derailed east-bound freight train leaked toxic chemicals near the White Avenue Gate. Several personnel were overcome with fumes.



From left, firefighters Airmen 1st Class Brian Gunkel and Kyle Lively, Daniel Fish and John McIntyre simulate a decontamination shower for Angel Lujano, a gate guard from Southeastern Protective Services.

Staff Sgt. Billy Wince operates air sampling equipment as 2nd Lt. Jennifer Lepper, a member of the exercise evaluation team, observes. Both are assigned to the 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron.

Photos by Adam Bond



Courtesy photos

Sergeant Wilson, center, said the residents in his deployed location “are very friendly for the most part and enjoy visiting and providing services for us.”

Instructor for Dark Knights gains valuable insight on deployment

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Staff Sgt. Seth Wilson is just halfway through his second deployment to Southwest Asia. Already he has fond memories of spending a day cruising the desert dunes in a sports utility vehicle, riding a camel, swimming in the Persian Gulf and having the locals throw the Americans a barbecue, followed by smoking hookahs.

It was a welcome break for Sergeant Wilson, supervisor of the communications focal point maintenance operations center for the 379th Expeditionary Communications Squadron since Jan. 3.

In a few months, he returns to instructor duties in the visual imagery and intrusion detection systems course in the 338th Training Squadron. The squadron currently has 19 deployed.

His team tracks and reports the status of communication outages throughout the area of responsibility for Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, as well as the Joint Task Force Horn of Africa. The team assigns and tracks preventive maintenance inspections for squadron equipment, assigns trouble tickets to appropriate shops during communication outages and monitors fix actions.



Sergeant Wilson

Sergeant Wilson also serves as client support administrator for the 379th Air and Space Expeditionary Wing and tenant units and augments the communications help desk during peak hours.

“I like helping leadership keep abreast of the entire AOR as far as communications and what sites are having problems,” he said. “It’s rewarding working with multiple career fields in one office and learning all about the computer and network management world. I am the only VIIDS guy in our squadron and one of only three on this base.”

His snug living quarters consist of a 10-foot by 10-foot-square “box” he shares

with one roommate. Getting dressed to make a 100-yard trek to the latrine in the middle of the night is a little inconvenient, he admitted.

“The dining facilities, gym, movie theater, community activities center and learning resource center are good,” said Sergeant Wilson, who’s been in the Air Force for six years. “They provide a lot of activities here, and I also play darts.

“They offer a lot of professional enhancement classes with topics like supervision, promotion and mentoring,” he continued. “There are also many money management seminars and other good life skills kind of stuff.”

The biggest deployment challenge for Sergeant Wilson is being separated from his wife, Daniell. They keep in touch with e-mails and morale calls. He misses lounging with his wife and cooking on the grill.

Sergeant Wilson said he’s gaining experience that should enhance his classroom skills when he returns to Keesler.

“This has been a great opportunity to get my hands into a little bit of everything that a communication squadron is involved in,” he explained. “I’ll definitely be more educated with a broader scope of abilities when I return.”

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 — 8 a.m. April 18 and Nov. 14; 6 p.m. July 17 and 7 a.m. Sept. 19.

Parades — 6 p.m. 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 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.

Quarterly awards

The 81st Training Group's first quarter awards ceremony is 3:30 p.m. April 10 at Welch Auditorium.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Darrell Evans, 377-0613.

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>.

ASMC 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 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.

Academic counseling

For college counseling, call 377-2323 or 2171.

Instructor earns Bronze Star

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

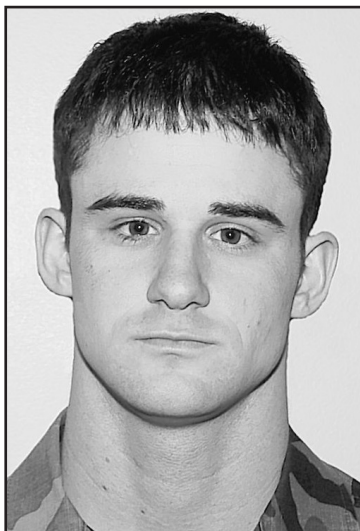
The global war on terror came into clear focus for the 81st Training Group March 20 as one of its own was honored for bravery in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Staff Sgt. Michael McCormick, a combat control instructor in the 334th Training Squadron, was presented the Bronze Star Medal with valor by Lt. Col. Jeffrey Staha during an 81st Training Group student parade March 20.

Colonel Staha commands Sergeant McCormick's former unit, the 22nd Special Tactics Squadron, McChord Air Force Base, Wash.

"Colonel Staha also went on a few missions with me down range during the time period for which the Bronze Star was earned," said Sergeant McCormick, who arrived at Keesler Jan. 28.

The distinction "with valor" means that the award resulted from an act of combat heroism, which sets it apart from meritorious achievement awards. When awarded for bravery, the Bronze Star is the U.S. military's fourth-highest combat award and the ninth-highest for the armed forces.



Sergeant McCormick

From March-August 2007, Sergeant McCormick served as a combat controller in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 22nd Expeditionary Special Tactics Squadron, 1st Expeditionary Special Operations Group, with the combined joint special operations air component.

Sergeant McCormick, who's been in the Air Force 6 1/2 years, was recognized for his exceptional ground combat skills and terminal attack control, enabling his Iraqi-American special forces team to succeed in a complex counter-insurgency environment.

His expertise was essential to the success of 75 direct action raids capturing 62 high-value targets, 237 insurgents and hundreds of small arms, machine guns and ammunition caches.

Sergeant McCormick's command and control of aerial assets provided unhindered movement across fortified insurgent neighborhoods across central Iraq, as well as unprecedented battlefield awareness and dominating fires from the air.

His Bronze Star was presented "with valor" because during an attempt to rescue captured American soldiers, Sergeant McCormick's team came under fire, seriously wounding a teammate. Disregarding his own safety, he exposed himself to enemy fire in order to direct attack helicopters.

Sergeant McCormick's team provided lifesaving care without risk of further casualties and extricated the wounded soldier. With a teammate seriously wounded and under heavy small arms fire from two directions as close as 15 feet, Sergeant McCormick directed AC-130 fire with devastating results, enabling his team to move safely to its extraction site.

Cancer claims Gaudé Lanes manager



Mr. Schon

Gregory "Bum" Schon of Biloxi, manager of Gaudé Lanes, died Saturday in Ocean Springs after a battle with cancer.

Mr. Schon, 50, a Gulf War veteran and retired technical sergeant, worked at Keesler for the past 16 years.

An avid bowler, he was a member of the U.S. Bowling Congress and its Hall of Fame. He also was a fan of the Cleveland Indians and Mississippi Sea Wolves.

Mr. Schon is survived by his wife, Debra Schon; two sons, Jason Schon and his wife, Katrina, of Tucson, Ariz., and Daniel Schon of Biloxi; and a granddaughter, Ariana Schon, of Tuscon.

Other family members from Ohio include his mother, Margaret Schon; sister, Michele Lane and her husband, Ken; two brothers, James Schon and his wife, Jane, and Mike Schon and his wife, Cris.

His funeral was Wednesday at Lighthouse Baptist Church in D'Iberville, followed by burial at Biloxi National Cemetery with full military honors.

Donations may be made to the family by calling Tom Golden, 377-3705.

IN THE NEWS

Air Force Assistance Fund

Since Keesler's 2008 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign began March 17, \$16,476 has been pledged.

This year's goal is \$70,000, \$20,000 more than last year. The drive ends April 11.

For a list of unit representatives, see Digest, Page 27.

National Prayer Breakfast

Keesler's National Prayer Breakfast is 7 a.m. April 23 in the 403rd Wing's fuel cell hangar.

The guest speaker is Chaplain (Col.) Howard Stendahl, Air Education and Training Command's command chaplain.

Tickets are \$3 for pay grades E-1 to E-4 and \$5 for others.

For more information or tickets, contact your squadron chaplain or first sergeant or call Triangle Chapel, 377-2520.

Nominations for Biloxi volunteers

Wednesday is the deadline to nominate Keesler volunteers for recognition at the City of Biloxi's 25th Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony, 5:30 p.m. April 30 at the Donal Snyder Community Center on Pass Road in Biloxi.

For nomination forms and more information, call Linda Edison, Keesler's volunteer coordinator, 377-0698.

IRS payments start May 2

Internal Revenue Service

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service begins sending more than 130 million economic stimulus payments May 2.

A new online calculator enables people to determine the amount of their stimulus payments.

Stimulus payments are made by direct deposit to people who receive their 2007 income tax refunds through direct deposit. All others receive their economic stimulus payments in the form of a paper check.

Stimulus payments are sent out in the order of the last two digits of the Social Security number used on tax returns.

Female Thunderbirds pilot honored

Air Force News Agency

SAN DIEGO — Maj. Nicole Malachowski, former Thunderbirds No. 3 right wing pilot, was inducted into the Women in Aviation International's Pioneer Hall of Fame here March 14.

The induction of the first woman to fly on a U.S. military flight demonstration team took place at the San Diego Air and Space Museum.

Nancy Love, Geraldine Mock, Margaret Ringenberg and the Women's Section of the Air Transport Auxiliary were also inducted.

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; Bunksmall Apartments and H&H Hideaway in Pascagoula, and Toni's Lounge in Moss Point.

Housing,

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the largest military housing project in Air Force history. The \$287.4 contract is replacing homes rendered uninhabitable by Hurricane Katrina in August 2005 with more than 1,000 new homes.

This is the sixth military housing unit for the family in Sergeant Kissam's eight years in the Air Force, and the fourth Keesler home in four years. That doesn't count Mrs. Kissam's time with Justin, 6, and Candice, 5, back home in Colorado awaiting Nathan's birth while Sergeant Kissam was in Iraq, his second deployment since arriving at Keesler. Fortunately, being in Colorado kept the family safe from Hurricane Katrina.

"The high ceilings and half-wall between the living and dining rooms make for a much more open floor plan," Mrs. Kissam observed. "I can't believe the amount of storage, especially with the closet, cabinets and shelves in the garage. There's a huge pantry for the kitchen and two big hallway closets upstairs."

"Military families need a lot of storage space," Sergeant Kissam pointed out. "I don't think we've every gotten completely unpacked in our many moves."

Justin and Nathan sleep in bunk beds in one of the three bedrooms, while Candice has a room of her own.

The home has two bathrooms, a single garage and a large patio enclosed by a privacy fence.

"And this carpet is so nice," Sergeant Kissam said. "In the past, we bought a piece of carpet at a home store

Sablich Center ribbon-cutting set

A ribbon-cutting ceremony, 9 a.m. April 3, marks the grand reopening of Sablich Center.

Speakers, tours and refreshments are planned.

Many offices have already completed their "return home," but the move-in process continues for many of the offices displaced 31 months ago when Hurricane Katrina slammed Keesler and caused major damage to the structure.

Traffic management office — moving today, reopens Friday in Rooms 113 and 114. Phone numbers remain the same until further notice.

Airman and family readiness center — moving today, Friday and Monday.

Military personnel flight — moves Tuesday, Wednesday and April 5.

and dragged it from house to house, trimming it down to fit the space."

He gave kudos to the base housing office for making the moving process painless for his family.

"To do something of this scale is unprecedented," he said. "To do all they've done for base families since Katrina is nothing short of amazing."

Across McNarney Drive, Tech. Sgt. Robert Patrick, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, was preparing to get settled into a new home with his daughter, Kayla, who turned 8 two days earlier.

"I told Kayla this new house was her birthday present," said the single dad who's served eight of his 14 years in the Air Force at Keesler.

The Patricks were one of three families highlighted in ribbon-cutting remarks March 20 by Col. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander.

"Sergeant Patrick, you were here for Katrina and have made a tremendous contribution leading your shop's efforts in Keesler's recovery from the hurricane," Colonel Touhill said. "You've moved several times, and you and

your daughter deserve the opportunity to move — one more time — into a brand new home."

The colonel also mentioned Senior Airman Alexander and April Edgett, 81st Communications Squadron, "who led by example and have taken pride in their home on base, winning yard of the month more than once, and moving multiple times since Katrina."

Tech. Sgt. Andrew Wells, a firefighter who's moving his wife and their four children into one of the new units, "protects and serves Keesler families each and every day," the colonel said. "You lived in Thrower Park before Katrina, your home was damaged during Katrina, and you and your family also deserve a brand-new four-bedroom home.

"I'd like to recognize the efforts of the Hunt-Yates team for their timely work in building these homes," Colonel Touhill said. "Partnered with the Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence and 81st CES, they've quickly made this vision a reality. It took a lot of teamwork, partnership and commitment to get these housing units built, and I'd like to thank you for your outstanding efforts — you have a lot to be proud of."

Colonel Touhill presented Bob Moseley, former program management office chief for the 81st CES, the Air Force Award for Meritorious Civilian Service in recognition of his leadership for the housing project. Mr. Moseley now works for the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Biloxi.

Fraudulent claim, larceny end senior airman's career

Legal office and Keesler News staff

A senior airman from the 81st Comptroller Squadron was court-martialed in February for making a false, fraudulent claim against the government and larceny of military property valued at more than \$500.

The court sentenced the individual to a reduction to airman, a fine of \$12,045, six months confinement and a bad conduct discharge.

If the fine isn't paid, six months additional confinement is imposed.

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

MILITARY JUSTICE

Underage drinking down

81st Security Forces Squadron and Keesler News staff

Underage drinking incidents at Keesler in February were down by nearly one-half from January, according to 81st Security Forces Squadron records.

Meanwhile, driving under the influence occurrences were up slightly.

All six underage drinking incidents last month involved technical training students.

There were 11 such incidents in January.

Five DUIs occurred in February, one more than in January.

Three of the drinking drivers were permanent party Air Force members. The other two were civilians.

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

Alcohol leads to Articles 15 for 19 Airmen

Legal office and Keesler News staff

Nineteen Airmen assigned to Keesler units received Articles 15 in February for alcohol-related offenses.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — an airman first class forfeited \$500 for underage drinking.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — two airmen first class and an airman basic forfeited \$500 (suspended for six months) for underage drinking.

332nd Training Squadron — an airman basic received 10 extra duty days and forfeited \$673 pay for two months for underage drinking and engaging in indecent acts. An airman first class forfeited \$793 for two months, two airmen basic forfeited \$673 for two months and all three received 10 extra duty days for underage drinking and failing to pay a cab driver.

335th TRS — an airman first class received 30 days correctional custody, was reduced to airman (suspended for six months) and forfeited \$793 and an airman basic received 30 days correctional custody and forfeited \$670 for underage drinking.

336th TRS — an airman first class was reduced to airman basic and forfeited \$670 for two

months (one month suspended for six months) for underage drinking, simple assault and engaging in indecent acts. An airman basic received 20 extra duty days (suspended for six months) and forfeited \$670 for two months for underage drinking and indecent acts. Two airmen basic forfeited \$500 for underage drinking. An airman basic received 20 extra duty days (suspended for six months) and forfeited \$500 for two months for underage drinking. An airman basic forfeited \$673 for two months (one month suspended for six months) for underage drinking.

336th TRS, Detachment 2 — an airman basic forfeited \$670 for two months (one month suspended for six months) for underage drinking.

338th TRS — an airman first class was reduced to airman and forfeited \$751 for underage drinking, driving under the influence, missing a formation and being disrespectful to a senior noncommissioned officer. An airman first class was reduced to airman for underage drinking.

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

Drinking + driving
= deadly duo

Wing commander outlines principles for A-76 transition

Competitive sourcing office

The Air Force's core values of integrity, service and excellence guide the upcoming transition of base operating support to a contractor function, according to Col. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander.

"Our workforce is the key to the success of Keesler's mission, and our role in national defense is vital," Colonel Touhill emphasized. "As we prepare for and transition to the A-76 base operating support contract, to preserve our capabilities and sustain our people, we'll keep our core values in the forefront while we conduct the transition in a way that maximizes our ability to preserve employee rights while sustaining the mission. Everyone will be treated with dignity and respect."

Colonel Touhill outlined the guiding principles for the transition:

Mission sustainment

Affected unit commanders identify manning assistance requirements necessary to sustain the mission before, during and after transition.

Commanders immediately identify gaps in their ability to meet safety, security and legal requirements.

Commanders use contract support and other legal means of manning assistance to fill gaps created due to release or separation of personnel.

Separation incentives

Honor existing Voluntary Early Retirement Authority and Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay offers and, where necessary to sustain the mission, negotiate with employees to voluntarily extend their employment until their function is transferred.

Suspend future offers until

A-76 NOTES

Big BOS — The draft of the revised implementation instructions combining National Security Personnel System and General Schedule employees in the same reduction in force has been completed by the Office of the Secretary of Defense. It was sent out for national consultation with the unions March 6 for the mandated 30-day review.

Little BOS — The decision remains in litigation in federal court.

a reasonable date of separation can be chosen.

Priority placement

Allow the earliest possible registration into the priority placement program without severely degrading mission capabilities.

Military assignments

For military assignments for Airmen in A-76-affected units, the goal is to maximize professional development opportunities and look for opportunities to release those who have been stationed at Keesler more than five years.

Squadron commanders of affected units determine which Airmen can be released for assignment.

The 81st Mission Support Group commander continues to push the Air Force Personnel Center to coordinate assignments with Keesler's commanders in advance of loading them into the assignment management system.

A blanket cancellation of existing assignments won't be issued.

Coming soon: Energy-saving technology

By 1st Lt. Ciera Carson

81st Communications Squadron

Executive Order 13423 requires government agencies to improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

This is to be done through reduction of energy intensity by 3 percent annually through the end of fiscal 2015.

The Air Force Communications Agency estimates the Air Force can save \$15 million annually by turning off personal computers when they're not in use.

A course is being charted to field an Air Force enterprise solution to conserve energy using Wake-on-LAN technology to remotely turn on, patch and then turn off PCs during non-duty hours.

Although Wake-on-LAN technology isn't yet available, computer systems energy consumption can be reduced through these steps:

Reduce dual monitor usage wherever possible.

Turn off speakers, external drives, local printers, scanners, personal digital assistant docks and other peripheral devices not required during non-duty hours. An effective way to manage such devices is to plug all peripheral device power supplies into a single power strip and turn it off at the end of the duty day.

Enable power-saving modes on all networked printers and multifunction devices so they are available for use when needed, but use minimal energy when not in use.

Identify unused or unnecessary computer systems and remove them from service. Be sure to comply with Air Force Instruction 33-112, Information Technology Hardware Asset Management.

Ensure older non-energy star devices such as CRT monitors are identified and replaced first during annual technical refresh cycles.

DRAGON OF THE WEEK

Name — Tech. Sgt.
Jody Cummings

Unit — 81st Training
Wing Safety Office

Position — noncommis-
sioned officer in charge of
ground safety inspections

Time in Air Force —
19 years

Time at Keesler —
four years

Hometown — Kilgore,
Texas

Noteworthy — deployed
to Ali Al Salem, Kuwait, in
support of Operations Iraqi
Freedom and Enduring
Freedom, January-May 2007.

**Why did you join the
Air Force?** to serve my
country and travel the world.

What are your hobbies?
bass fishing and softball

**What's your favorite
quote?** "The power of
example is very important to
people under stress." — Sir
John Hackett.



Photo by Adam Bond

**What are your short- and
long-term goals?** Short-
term, to complete my associ-

ate's degree; long-term, to
fish competitively on the pro-
fessional bass anglers circuit.

DIAMOND NOTES

Supervisors are required
to perform initial (first 60 days),
mid-term (180 days)
and follow-up (60 days after
enlisted performance report)
feedback with their Airmen.

— Master Sgt. Gordon Comerford,
81st Supply-Transportation Squadron first sergeant



Sergeant Comerford



MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Dec. 1, 1941

The post exchange opened
its first full service store on Keesler Field.

State of medical care, training healthy again

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Doug Robb led wide-ranging improvements to patient care since assuming command of the 81st Medical Group and Keesler Medical Center in July 2007.

The medical center continued its monumental recovery from the effects of Hurricane Katrina, increasing numbers and varieties of services. The medical center — once the Air Force's second largest — again provides world-class care to the more than 27,000 currently-enrolled patients.

"We've spent a total of \$183 million on past, present and future construction projects," the medical center commander said. "This includes more than \$61 million to reconstitute our basement, which began in January 2006 and will be completed in April of this year. Additionally we've spent about \$9 million to "move up" our high-value, state-of-the-art medical systems and irreplaceable medical records to upper levels to keep them safe from any future storm-surge damage. This effort, started in October 2006, will be completed this month.

"To further protect our infrastructure, we began construction of an \$8.6 million central energy plant in September 2007; it is scheduled to be finished this October. In addition, we're building a new radiation therapy center, with ground-breaking scheduled this spring. It should be 'open for business' in August 2009. And finally, we plan a \$76.8 million inpatient medical tower to meet Base Realignment and Closure Commission guidelines. We have scheduled construction to start in March 2009, with completion in the summer of 2011."

General Robb stressed Keesler Medical Center's commitment to service.

"Although the staff will not have the same number of providers that we had prior to Katrina, the number of services the medical group can provide will almost equal pre-Katrina levels.

"Due to the loss of certain categories of patients, the Air Staff can no longer justify providing some manning. For example, we will not be able to offer cardio-thoracic surgery and neurosurgery at Keesler. Enrolled patients requiring these services will be sent to other medical facilities in the Tricare network, such as Ocean Springs and Singing River Hospitals and Gulfport's Memorial Hospital."

This brings up other areas the general is extremely excited about — graduate medical education and the Gulf Coast Consortium.

"Keesler's general surgery and internal medicine residency programs were reaccredited and restarted in the summer of 2006. With a new partnership with the University of Mississippi and the continued return of airmen to Keesler, we expect to restart pediatric and obetetrics and gynecology residents' rotations in the summer of 2009.

In addition to the medical residencies, General Robb noted, "We have restarted the three dental residency programs at Keesler. Advanced education in general dentistry resumed in 2006. The general practice residency restarted in 2007. The third, endodontics, restarted in 2007."

One of the most significant impacts in the post-Katrina era on the "continuum of care" in this area is the



Photo by Steve Pivnick

General Robb visits with 81st MDG members preparing to deploy back in September.

Gulf Coast Veterans Affairs/Defense Department Joint Venture. As the result of an extremely close working relationship developed between General Robb and VA Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System Director Charles Sepich, the two facilities have entered into several sharing agreements.

Among approved Joint Incentive Fund projects for the two medical centers are a joint angio/cardiac catheterization suite and a joint MRI center.

General Robb explained further, "Successful JIF projects are awarded 'seed money' to outfit, equip or staff a clinic or project. After two years, the clinic or project must recapture enough workload that formerly would have gone out to the civilian network to sustain the salaries and other costs associated to operate that clinic or project. The projects must benefit both the DOD and VA parties and support the VA/DOD Joint Strategic Plan. They must improve the quality and access to care for VA and DOD beneficiaries and also demonstrate a positive return on investment as they must be self-sustaining after two years."

The medical group commander stated, "The VA and the Keesler Medical Center have joined as 'Centers of Excellence.' While separate facilities, Mr. Sepich and I decided that we would look at each service we offer at each site and, where appropriate, realign and possibly consolidate services at the stronger site — thus bringing together the best that both offer. Not all services lend themselves to centers of excellence, but where one facility clearly has the lead in terms of expertise, staffing and equipment and facility arrangement, then we look at creating that as a center of excellence. Women's health at Keesler and sleep studies at the VA are two examples."

The two facilities are cooperating in a number of areas. Under current VA/DOD sharing initiatives, Keesler Medical Center is providing care to VA patients in the inpatient and intensive care units. In ad-

dition, several outpatient specialty care services are available to VA patients. These include women's health, reconstructive surgery, neurology, orthopedics and dermatology and its specialized Mohs surgery (a specialized technique for the treatment of skin cancer using frozen sections that permits the highest cure rate possible).

Other sectors Keesler Medical Center affords are residency training, ancillary services (laboratory, pharmacy, diagnostic imaging), the genetics lab, mammography screening and diagnostic workups.

Likewise, the VA medical center provides Keesler Medical Center beneficiaries OB/GYN ultrasound computerized tomography services, quality management, audiology, dental services and a sleep studies center of excellence.

Future VA-KMC sharing actions include Keesler's genetics lab, cataract surgery and the start-up of Keesler's radiation-oncology center of excellence.

The continuum of care extends beyond the two Biloxi medical centers. Several other medical facilities, reaching from New Orleans to Pensacola, are included, such as two Navy installations in New Orleans, the Gulfport Construction Battalion Center, Naval Hospital Pensacola and VA-Air Force facilities at Eglin and Tyndall AFBs and Hurlburt Field, Fla.

Finally, General Robb is especially proud of the role medical group members continue to play in the global war on terror as the second largest deployable Air Force Medical Service platform in the Air Force.

"Even following Katrina — although on a reduced scale — our medics deployed worldwide to care for war heroes wounded in the global war on terror," he said. "We take pride in knowing we contribute to the phenomenal success medics from all branches have had in saving lives of military members who, in past conflicts, would not have survived."

Keesler hosts Boy Scout Camporee April 4-6

By Staff Sgt. Tanya Holditch

Keesler Public Affairs

Keesler hosts more than 500 Boy Scouts and troop leaders for the Pine Burr Area Boy Scout Council Merit Badge Camporee, April 4-6.

The Scouts camp on the Triangle parade grounds and earn one of 27 merit badges. Electronics, golf, first aid, aviation, drafting and fire safety are among Keesler volunteers' topics of instruction.

The council encompasses troops from the lower 17 counties in Mississippi, which were hit hard by Hurricane Katrina.

"Many folks don't know that before it was Keesler Air Force Base, some of our northern property was the local Boy Scout camp, then called Camp Wilkes," said Col. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander. "Once the local community donated the land for the base to the military, the Boy Scout camp was relocated to the new Camp Wilkes location on the north side of the Back Bay of Biloxi.

"After Keesler was created, the Boy Scouts used to come back to the base for encampments, yet the last event was in 1956. Now is the time to renew our community ties with the original tenants, have some fun, and show the youth of Southern Mississippi what a great Air Force they have," he said.

Heading up the event for the base are 1st Lt. Michael Newson, 81st Communications Squadron, and 2nd Lts. Jeremy Dobbs and Timothy Bourcet,

81st Supply-Transportation Squadron.

"We will be able to provide a positive environment, be a role model and give them someone to look up to," said Lieutenant Dobbs of what Airmen have to gain from the Camporee experience. "A lot of young boys are looking for that.

"I look forward to seeing the interaction between the Boy Scouts and the military. Being in the military is about serving our country. Now we can serve our own community and demonstrate what we are about," said Lieutenant Dobbs.

"The Boy Scouts value the Air Force's core values of integrity, service and excellence, which makes Keesler a great place for the Camporee. Boy Scouts learn great values from their parents and through Scouting. During the Camporee, as our Keesler Airmen instruct the boys in merit badges they may not get the chance to earn in any other venue, we'll also demonstrate to the boys how important our core values are in leading a productive and happy life," said Colonel Touhill, a former Boy Scout himself.

"For the instructors, this is a great opportunity to showcase their talents outside their day-to-day jobs," said Lieutenant Newson.

More than 150 Keesler volunteers have been working with the Scouts to ensure the event's success. Lending a hand are organizations such as the Top III, Rising VI, company grade officers council and the Air Force Sergeants Association. Other key players in-

clude the 81st Security Forces Squadron, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron and 81st Medical Group, said Lieutenant Newson.

"It has given me a new appreciation for the organizations on base, branching out and getting involved — just to see how they impact the base," said Lieutenant Bourcet.

Participants arrive between 5-7 p.m April 4, using the Pass Road Gate. Drivers are checked at the gate for current registration and valid insurance and driver's license. They're issued a permit, which is displayed on their dashboard for the weekend.

Signs and volunteers are posted along the way to guide campers to the Levitow Training Support Facility. Volunteers show them where to park and the location of the campground, after they drop off passengers and supplies.

The opening ceremony is 8 p.m. April 4 at the fuel cell hangar. Merit badge classes are 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. April 5 at various locations. After classes, Scouts watch a movie at Welch Auditorium. They depart Keesler 10 a.m. April 6 after attending a church service.

"This promises to be an outstanding and memorable event for our base, for the local Scouting organizations and especially for the hundreds of youth impacted," said Colonel Touhill.

For more information, contact Lieutenant Newson, 377-7626 or 1-719-930-6462.

Plugging health care gap for separating military

Air Force Print News

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — Each year thousands of service members separate before they're eligible for retirement.

Although making the transition from military to civilian can be a challenge, there's support to help service members and their families meet their health care needs.

"As our warriors transition from the sacrifices of serving their nation, we don't want them to have to worry about having health coverage," said Army Maj. Gen. Elder Granger, deputy director of the Tricare Management Activity. "These programs are here to help bridge the gap between military health benefits and a civilian health plan."

The Transitional Assistance Management Program provides 180 days of transitional health care benefits to certain uniformed services members and their families, if the service member is:

Involuntarily separating from active duty under honorable conditions.

An Air National Guard or Reserve member separating from active duty after a period of more than 30 consecutive days in support of a contingency operation.

Separating from active duty following involuntary retention (stop-loss) in support of a contingency operation.

Separating from active duty following a voluntary agreement to stay on active duty for less than one year in support of a contingency operation.

For those who qualify, the 180-day TAMP period begins upon the active duty sponsor's separation. Separating active duty service mem-

bers and deactivating National Guard or Reserve members eligible for the TAMP must reside in a Tricare Prime service area or in an overseas area in which Tricare Prime Overseas is offered in order to use these Prime programs during the 180-day TAMP period.

Beneficiaries eligible for Prime or Prime Overseas during TAMP must enroll or re-enroll (if enrolled in a Prime program during the active duty period) at the beginning of the TAMP period. Those eligible for TAMP who don't reside in a Prime area can use Tricare Standard and Extra or Tricare Standard Overseas.

For separating active-duty service members and deactivating National Guard and Reserve members, Tricare Prime coverage during TAMP is slightly different than it was during the active-duty service period. During TAMP, beneficiaries are covered as active-duty family members and all rules for that beneficiary category apply, including any applicable deductibles, cost shares and co-payments.

For more information on TAMP, visit <http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/SpecialPrograms/TAMP> or contact the regional contractor.

National Guard and Reserve members may qualify for and purchase Tricare Reserve Select. TRS is a voluntary, premium-based health care plan that's only available to members of the Select Reserve who aren't eligible for any other non-premium-based Tricare health coverage (like when serving on active duty or if covered under the TAMP), or eligible for the Federal Employee Health Benefit Program. To learn more about TRS visit <http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/Plans/ReserveSelect>.

Another alternative

Individuals who lose Tricare eligibility or other coverage under the Military Health System are eligible for temporary health care coverage through the Continued Health Care Benefit Program. CHCBP isn't part of Tricare, but provides similar benefits and operates under most of the rules of Tricare Standard.

CHCBP is a premium-based health care program administered by Humana Military Healthcare Services, Inc. It offers temporary transitional health coverage (18-36 months) after Tricare eligibility ends. Beneficiaries who qualify can purchase CHCBP within 60 days of loss of eligibility for either regular Tricare or TAMP coverage.

Who is eligible? Under certain circumstances, the following beneficiaries may be eligible:

Former active duty service members released from active duty (under other than adverse conditions) and their eligible family members. Coverage is limited to 18 months.

Unremarried former spouses who were eligible for Tricare on the day before the date of the final decree of divorce, dissolution, or annulment. Coverage is usually limited to 36 months. However, some unremarried former spouses may continue coverage beyond 36 months if they meet certain criteria. Contact Humana Military for details.

Children who cease to meet the requirements to be an eligible family member and were eligible for Tricare on the day before ceasing to meet those requirements. Coverage is limited to 36 months.

Certain unmarried children by adoption or legal custody. Coverage is limited to 36 months.

For more information, visit <http://www.humanamilitary.com/chcbp/main.htm> or call 1-800-444-5445. Contact the regional contractor or a beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinator to discuss eligibility for this program.

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, \$20 per person, are on sale at Vandenberg Community Center and Gaude Lanes. Tickets include dinner and dessert. A full-service cash bar is available.

Recommended dress is business casual.

To preregister for child care, call 377-2211 for ages 6 weeks to 5 years, or 377-4116 for 6 and older.

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.

Operation Hero

Operation Hero, a program to acquaint children with the deployment process, is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 19 at the deployment facility.

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

Card requirements

Two forms of identification are required at the military personnel flight's customer service section to obtain identification cards.

This applies to new common access cards for active duty, civilian employees or contractors, or TESLIN cards for retirees, dependents, reservists

or guard members.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Ruby Bordley, 377-9464, or customer service, 377-2276.

Food handler training

Food handler training is required for unit fundraisers involving food.

For more information call, 376-3161 or 3155.

Clinic closure

The internal medicine clinic is closed compressed work schedule Fridays.

Stephen Ministry

Keesler Chapel Protestant Parish is implementing Stephen Ministry classes.

Stephen Ministry is a caregiving ministry that reaches

out to individuals who are facing life challenges or difficulties.

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

Thrift shop hours

The Thrift Shop is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Data disposal

For appointments to shred personal data, call the records management office, 377-2571.

Audiology clinic

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

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

Earth-Arbor Day events on base

Through April 11 — squadron recycling competition. Drop off items at recycling center 8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Friday.

April 17 — tree planting, 9 a.m., field west of child development center.

Also planned are a household hazardous waste turn-in, energy conservation awareness training and storm water runoff awareness handouts.

For more information, call or e-mail Angel Hays, 377-1262..

Flavorful pharmaceuticals

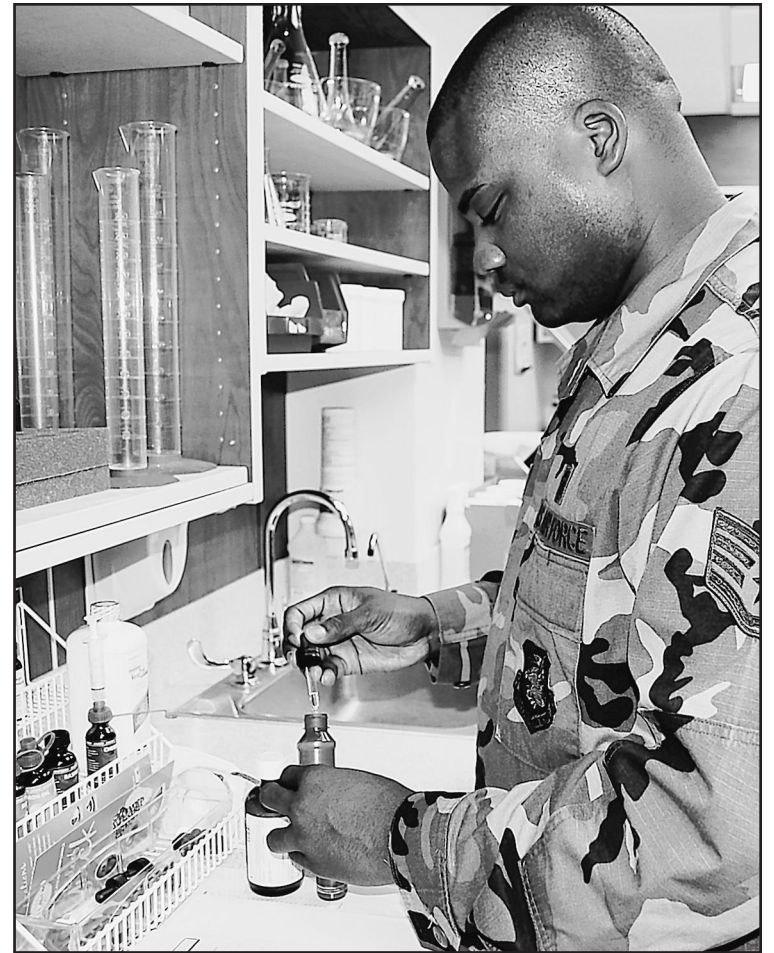


Photo by Steve Pivnick

Pharmacy technician Staff Sgt. Ronald Taylor adds a flavor to a medication in Keesler Medical Center's main pharmacy. Both the main and satellite pharmacies have the new FLAVORx system that allows the staff to flavor liquid medications. The staff can add flavors at provider or patient request to make medications smell and taste better. According to Capt. Stephanie Stichert, chief of clinical pharmacy services for the 81st Medical Operations Squadron's pharmacy flight, "Many network pharmacies have this system and it is a great addition to our pharmacy services."

ALS students get served by Chiefs

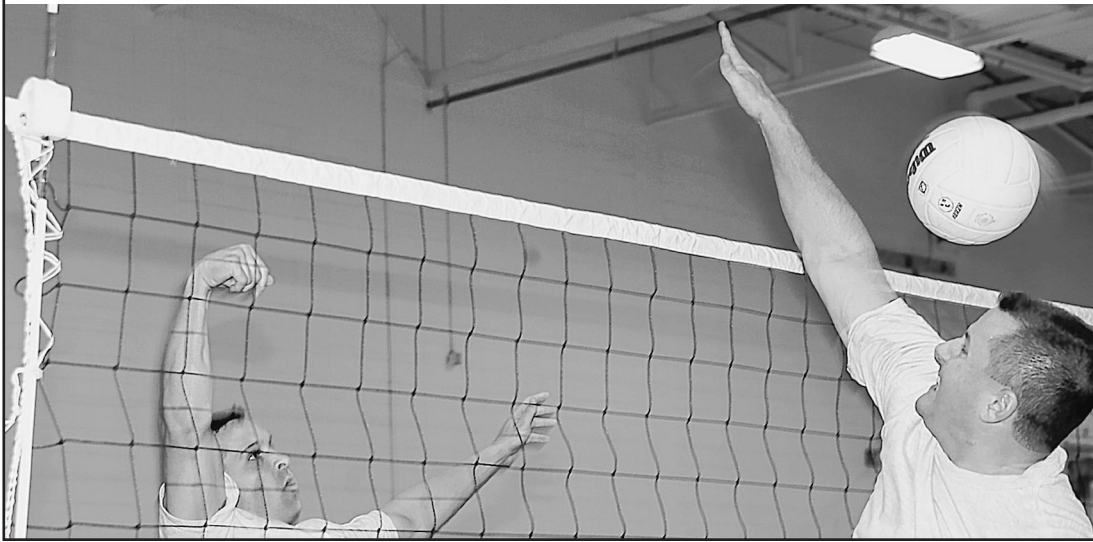


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Michael Kehoe, Airman Leadership School student from the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, spikes the volleyball as Richard Turcotte, 2nd Air Force, attempts to defend. The Chiefs won the three-game series March 20 against the ALS, 15-9, 13-15 and 15-

Over-30 playoffs tipped off Tuesday

**By Airman 1st Class
David Salanitri**

Keesler News staff

The Over-30 Basketball league began its playoffs this week at the Dragon Fitness Center in the league's first season since Hurricane Katrina.

Going into the playoffs, the 338th Training Squadron Dark Knights ran the court with a perfect 12-0 season.

In the first round of playoffs Tuesday, the 85th Engineering Installation Squadron, 3-8, took on the 2nd Air Force, 1-10. The winner plays the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, 11 a.m.

today at the fitness center.

The 338th TRS, 81st Training Support Squadron and the 81st CES all had first-round byes.

As playoffs unfold, the Dark Knights hope to maintain perfection throughout the post season, to earn the championship.

"It's the playoffs. Everyone will come with high energy and establish a defensive presence early," said William Mays, 338th TRS coach.

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

Sports injuries — keys to prevention

By Tech. Sgt. Chuck Marsh

Keesler Public Affairs

The weather is warming up and people are taking to parks and ball fields again.

With the dawning of new sports seasons comes the need for awareness of sports safety. Playing sports can be fun, but it can also be dangerous if athletes aren't careful.

Here are a few simple guidelines athletes can follow to help prevent injuries:

Get a physical before starting to play a sport.

Train correctly and play smart.

Address all aspects of fitness — muscle strength, endurance, cardiovascular and flexibility.

Don't get discouraged; noticeable improvements in strength and endurance take about four weeks.

Avoid overuse injuries like tendonitis and stress fractures by beginning slowly and gradually increasing the time and intensity of workouts.

Get acclimated to the environment to help avoid heat or cold-related stresses.

Limit workout sessions to two hours or less and allow adequate recovery time after training sessions.

Depending on the sport, different shoes, gear and equipment, including mouthguards or helmets, may be required.

Drink a lot of water before, during and after exercises or sports.

Stretching prepares mus-



cles for activity and helps prevent injuries.

Static stretches should be slow and sustained — no bouncing or jerking — and should include the entire body. This shouldn't be painful.

Warm-up prepares the body for performance, decreases the potential for soft tissue injury and helps reduce delayed muscle soreness after exercise.

Warm-up should consist of as sports-specific exercise as possible. This increases the body's heart rate, temperature and muscle elasticity.

If an injury does occur, rest to reduce the stress to the injured area. Apply ice to the injured area for 20 minutes at a time four times per day. Apply an elastic bandage to the injured area, but don't sleep with it on. Raise the injured body part above the level of the heart to decrease blood flow.

Basketball

Over-30 League

Playoffs — all five teams compete in double-elimination tournament that began Tuesday at Dragon Fitness Center. Games at 11 a.m. and noon today, Tuesday and April 3. Championship 11 a.m. April 8; second game follows at noon if necessary.

Bowling

League standings

Monday Budweiser (as of March 17)

Team	Won	Lost
Perry's Refrigeration	98	56
Our Gang	93	61
Wayne's World	89	65
Old Skool	88	66
Gannon's Cannons	86.5	67.5
3 Steps Forward	85	69
Man On	85	69
Slater's Shooters	83	71
Why Not	82	72
Pin Heads	74	80
Hoops Gang	74	80
The Corner Pins	73	81
Team 2	72	82
Endangered Species	67.5	86.5
Ghost Riders	62	92
Unpredictables	60	94
Martini's	59	95
B-Busters	53	101

Tuesday Hospital Mixed (as of March 11)

Team	Won	Lost
Radiology Renegades	125	51
Pill Pushers	122	54
Bed Buddies	121	55
Pediattack	106	70
Drug Dealers	104	72
Team 6	32	144
Team 8	18	158
Team 7	16	160

Wednesday Mixed (as of March 19)

Team	Won	Lost
Oceans Eleven	117	65
Jokers Wild	110	72
Ichiban	107	75
Hang Chucky	104	78
Misfits	102	80
Clyde's Crew	101	81
3DR	96	86
2 Old 2 Bowl	95	87
MUDD	91	91
Lucky Strikes	89	93
Neighbors + 1	73	88
70s Plus	77	105

Thursday Retired Seniors Mixed (as of March 20)

Team	Won	Lost
6-Pack	115.5	66.5
Three is Company	105.5	76.5
Dummys Dummies	102	80
Team 16	102	80
2 Bees & a D	96	86
Amy's Bunch	94	88
Delema	93.5	88.5
The Very Best	92	90
Team 1	91.5	90.5
Freda's Kids	91	91
T-N-T	86	96
Barb's Boys	85.5	96.5
Friends	82	100
Full Speed	82	100
Team 15	79	103
Team 2	74.5	107.5
Guys and Dolls	69	113

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

5-kilometer run/walk begins base observance

"Race to End Sexual Violence" is a 5-kilometer fun run and walk, 7 a.m. Wednesday starting and ending at Blake Fitness Center.

This is the first event for Keesler's Sexual Assault Awareness Month observance and is co-sponsored by the sexual assault prevention and response office and the 81st Force Support Squadron Services. This year's theme is "Prevent Sexual Assault: Ask, Act, Intervene."

Rick Pierce, 81st Training Wing vice commander, provides opening remarks.

Runners register on race day. T-shirts are given to the first 100 to register and water bottles are provided for other participants.

Thursday Federal Intramural (as of March 20)

Team	Won	Lost
Team 3	139	69
85th EIS	136	72
Team 5	129	79
332nd TRS	126	80
Team 14	116	92
81st CPTS	116	92
403rd Rolling Thunder	114	94
338th TRS	109	99
Team 4	106	100
81st TRSS	102	106
403rd MXS	100	106
Misfits	94	114
Team 10	86	122
81st MSS	86	122
GCCS Squad	85	123
Ghosts	16	192

Friday Mixed (as of Friday)

Team	Won	Lost
Team 10	121	68
Lady and the Tramps	119	63
Team 3	103	86
Sandbaggers	98	91
Jax Hax	95	94
Pin Busters	89	100
3 Guys and A Babe	89	100
Pin Pals	87	95
Harry's Team	84	105
Dreamers	53	136

Other

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

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.

Chess

Air Force base-level tournament — 2-5 p.m. April 4, Vandenberg Community Center; registration deadline April 3. Free. Open to active-duty military, Department of Defense

civilians and dependents 18 years of age and older. Tournament conducted in accordance with the U.S. Chess Federation rules. Awards for first- and second-place winners; other players receive certificates. Tournament director needed, preferably one with a USCF rating, but experienced player may be accepted.

For more information, call 377-3308 or 2958.

Fitness centers

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

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

Wall of Fame — powerlifting event, 1-4 p.m. first compressed work schedule Friday of every month. For more information, call 377-3056.

Triangle Fitness Center — open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays and weekends; closed holidays. For more information, call 377-3056.

Blake Fitness Center — open 4:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays; 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekends and holidays.

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

Golf

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

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.

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.

Paintball

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

Special Olympics

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

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

Squadrons interested in sponsoring food booths, call Rick Harmon, 377-7351.

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Spenser Amos, Elijah Bacchus, Bradley Batchelor, Anthony Cambisi, Jonathan Catamas, Eric Crider, Benjamin Cristofich, Robert Crosier, Teverence Davis, Nathan Dimambra, Bernard Dona, Stephen Fain, David Frost, Matthew Golden, Ryan Gallo, Steven Hall, Branden Holland, Brandon Howard, Brion Humenay, Jesse Hunt, Justin Ivey, Kelly Jellison, Bryant Jopplin, Adam Kramer, Joshua Lehne, Aldo Lotito, Aaron Lowrey, Jaye Marshall, David Michael, Brandon Mitchell, Nathan Munford, William O'Hare, Ryan O'Leary, Dimitrios Pappas, Ronald Paramore, Gavin Rock, Jomar Rodriguez, Darryl Sampson, Diego Sanchez-Gaona, Kyle Schultz, Luke Servas, Darius Shirts, Jessica Simpson, Casey Spoon, Michael Terek, Theodore Teague, Laniel Vazquez, Jeffrey Williams, James Wheeler and Michael Zepp; Airmen John Abston, Alexander Blench, Jason Bowman, Armando Castro, Andrew Clarke, Nathan Coley, Jordan Fiebelkorn, Sean Francis, James Godfrey, Steven Landmesser, Barry Nixon, Geoffrey Ogden, Levi Pratt, Armon Taylor, Chad Thomson and Jacob Woods; Airmen 1st Class Kurtis Baker, Alexander Bastow, Jonathan Becker, Benjamin Boulanger, Benjamin Bowles, Robert Bukowski, Joel Caesar, Zhile Cao, Kyle Carnegie, Evan Dangelo, Rebekah Davison, Justin DeLisio, Robert Diveley, Brian Donlan, Dustin Fink, Rafael Gonzalez-Alberto-Rio, Jonathan Goode, Benjamin Griffeth, Steven Hayward, Keith Holman, Kevin Hurley, Kristan Johnson, Brandon Kuehmichel, Braxton Ledward, Darryl Martin, Joshua Millard, James Miller, Jeffrey Moody, Sarah Pery, Zachery Rayburn, Ira Richardson, Edwin Rivera, Emanuel Rodriguez, Christopher Sagayo, Alexander Schemm, Justin Schultz, Steven Sihrer, Adam Smith, Nicholas Stewart, Dominic Tunison and Ian Wamboldt; Senior Airmen Steven Arons, Robert Banks, Tony Bloyd, Shane Dupuy, Stephen Ely, Jean Moreno, Dillin Nickson, Christopher Pawlowski, Steven Sandoval, Bryson Timothy, Richard Tomasso and Clint Williams; Staff Sgts. Frank Beverly, Randall Black, Charles Breaux, Abigail Cahoon, Paul Clampet, Juan DeLa Cruz, Danile Gagnon, Randall Main, Adam Mundy, Kurt Nagel, Charles Pittman, James Riley, Anthony Thomas, Jeremiah Walker, Richard Williams and Jeromy Wolf; Tech. Sgts. Mark Andrews, Craig Bailey, Scott England, Kenneth Sprinkle and Vance Rizzo; Master Sgts. Ralph Dellinger and Steven Kubera; Capt. Mansour AbuHazeem; Henry May and Phillip Tibbs.

334th TRS

Aerospace control and warning systems course — Airmen Basic Ausner Gentil, Jaime Rios and Deborah Rutledge; Airmen 1st Class Mayra Acevedo, Michael Fear, Joseph Kelly and Jocelyn Togafau.

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Krysta Cruz, Kyle Good, Kevin Holsey, Evan James, Erin Long, Ryan Longwill, Grauel Mikalina, Justin Ohm, Casey Springer, Matthew Tarpley, Quentin Terry, Katelynn Teufel and Leah Wood; Airmen Michael Butler, Daniel Cutrell, James Fox, Brandon Fritcher, Alyssa Horton, Cruz Kelly, Corey Kwiatowski, Adam Lewis and Chad Maniace; Airmen 1st Class Jeremy Allen, Garret Boyer, Matthew Cook, Misty Flores, Justin Kimble, Timothy Linden, Ronald Madarang, Christopher Marmet, John Petersen, Jessica Seeber and Brinton Whalen; Senior Airmen Paul Arbogast and Cedric Hall; Staff Sgt. Thomas Croteau; Tech. Sgt. Chiao Lun Cheng; 1st Lt. Dorcas Badu-yeboah.

Command post apprentice course — Airmen 1st Class Eric Basinger, Kristin Garland and Holly Turner; Senior Airman Melissa Kitchens; Staff Sgts. Andrew Fraser, Daniel Persico, Phillip Saunders and Cari Schoemann; Tech. Sgts. Charles Bartosh, Kevin Edwards, Ted Gladden, Chester Greenhalgh, Robert Parris, Nickolas Reed, Michael Stutlien, Joseph Wilson and Morgan Young.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Christen Abner, Mark Atkinson, Erik Coffell, Amanda Compton, Kendra Curtis, Tiffany Holmes, Johnathan McEachin, Robert Sharpe and Emily Stormfeltz; Airmen Robert Kiddey, Heather Lippert, Nathan Sharpless and Marcus Zachary; Airman 1st Class Nicholas Gidaly, Elizabeth Hallett, Jeremy McCray, Jeffrey Phillips, Jaclyn Scott, Ryan Simbro and Daniel Wisniewski; Senior Airmen Mildred Cassidy, Ceasal Clyburn, David Warner, Crystal White and Dorothy Wilson; Staff Sgts. Jameal Hollis, Samantha Hren, Daniel O'Hara and Lori Presnar; Tech. Sgts. Kevin Dreibelbis and Laurie Kelsey.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems flight — Airmen Basic Nathan Barlow, Matthew Feagley, Nicholas McVay and Scott Morgan; Airman Chad Cameron; Airmen 1st Class Brian Glenn, Steven Jensen, Savathi Kem and Michael Nicholson; Senior Airmen Cory Fromm and Anthony Randazzo; Staff Sgts. Ruben Deal, Wesley Fennel, David Glass, Joshua Hawkins, Micah Huber, Daniel Manwaring, Rafael Marrero, Glen Muenta and Ronald Nesbitt; Tech Sgts. Kevin Cramp, Joseph Crane, Gregory Huff and Daniel Jones; Master Sgts. Tommy Gray, Brian Haase, Michael Nickerson and Dwain West; Chief Master Sgt. Guy Plante.

Communications and information systems flight — Airmen Basic Melvin French, Joshua Gonzales, Timothy Lindsey, Kendall Haynes and Stephanie Wahl; Airman Vanessa Mims; Airmen 1st Class Gina Custer, Nicholas Earl, Eugene Evans, Michael Fowler, Timothy Guerin, Caleb Johnson, Aaron Lovely, Joshua Robertson, Joshua Russell, Steven Su, Justin Warner and Ian White; Senior Airmen Joshua Bartholomew, Jared Cooke, Aaron Gentry, Richard McDonald, Caleb Sears, William Stevenson, Nathan Svenkerud and Dylan Wolfe; Staff Sgts. Kevin Cornish, Shawn Dillard, Mark Jackson, Leona La Madrid and Benjamin Willock; Tech Sgts. Jeffrey March and Jeffrey Munn.

338th TRS

Airfield systems — Airmen Basic Joshua Williamson, Jonathan Samolinski and James Wilson; Franz Koenig.

Ground radar — Airmen Drew Bellah and Kelly Darr; Airmen 1st Class Matthew Glover and Andrea Kanizar; Staff Sgt. Jackson Parnell.

Network infrastructure systems — Airmen Basic Oscar Romero-Enriquez and Thomas Sickafoose; Airmen Ezra Kiiln and Jonathon Swarts; Airmen 1st Class Julia Alarcon, Mohd Firdau Mohd-Aliff, Greg Arrigotti, John Carrol, Mathew Elam, Alyssa Gisch, David Goodson, Darius Harper, David Lake, Gerald McLaughlin, Thomas Poperszky, James Spain, Zebualin Stark, Jason Wiggins, Timothy Wingate and Megan Velazquez; Senior Airmen Lucas Bailiff, William Eichenberger and Ronald Wickham; Staff Sgts. Robert Perez, Carolyn Smette and Gary Walters; Tech. Sgt. Kasper Kolbe; Master Sgts. James Helms, Clark Lohse, Jimmie Schnell and Allen Wolfe.

Visual information and intrusion detection systems — Airmen 1st Class Benjamin Paxson, Daniel Battisto, Zachary Charoenset, Peter Gignac, Matthew Goehring and Matthew Pingle.

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
	332nd TRS, Building 6957
	338th TRS, Building 6965
	Welch Auditorium
	AAFES Furniture Store
	Jones/Bryan/Hewes Hall at gazebo
	Thomson Hall
	New Cody Hall
	Supply, civil engineering
	Rental store
	Shaw House
	Old base exchange
	McBride Library
	Credit union, Blake Fitness Center
	Medical center, Tyer House
	Sablich Center
	Dental clinic
	Allee and Wolfe Halls
	Base operations
	Hangar 4

Technical training route

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

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

Prior-service students lodged off base

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

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

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

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

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

CHAPEL SERVICES

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2520.

Protestant

Sunday worship

Larcher Chapel traditional service.....8:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel contemporary worship service...10:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel gospel service.....Noon

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass

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

Weekday Mass

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

Jewish

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

Islamic

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

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

Latter-Day Saints

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

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CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 08-3 — graduates today.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 08-3 — graduates April 3.

Arts and crafts center

National Craft Month

Family bingo and crafts for fun — 1-3:30 p.m. Saturday.
Prize drawing reception — enter all month for prizes to be awarded at noon Saturday. Free cake and punch.

Multi-craft shop

Editor's note: open until 8 p.m. Thursdays.
Spring craft camp — April 8-10. To register, call 377-2821.

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, 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 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.
Online research data bases orientations — 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays.
Gale data base reference orientations — 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.
Orientations for commanders, first sergeants and instructors — 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

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.
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.
Crawfish boil — 5 p.m. today. \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers.
Karaoke night — 5 p.m. Thursdays before compressed work schedule Fridays.
Taco Tuesdays — members get two tacos for \$1, nonmembers pay \$2.
Catering — experts can assist with planning weddings, holidays, birthdays, official functions and other special occasions.

Youth center

Annual membership — \$25, ages 9 and older. Discounts on programs, classes and sports.
Before- and after-school program and all-day camp — 5:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 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.
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.

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.
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 members should complete congressionally-mandated pre-separation counseling in advance. Attire is business casual — no uniforms, jeans, shorts or T-shirts. 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.

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.

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

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

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

Friday

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

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

Saturday

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

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

Sunday

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

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

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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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 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., 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 adults and \$1.50 children for regular features, and \$2.50 adults and \$1 children for matinees. For recording about current features, call 377-6627.

Friday — 6:30 p.m., Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins (PG-13, 114 minutes).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Definitely, Maybe (PG-13, 112 minutes); 6:30 p.m., Step Up 2: The Streets (PG-13, 97 minutes).
Sunday — Fools Gold (PG-13, 109 minutes).

April weather outlook

Extreme maximum temperature (F).....	93
Mean daily maximum temperature (F).....	75
Mean daily minimum temperature (F).....	61
Extreme minimum temperature (F).....	36
Mean relative humidity (percent).....	71
Mean monthly precipitation (inches).....	4.68
Mean number of days with precipitation.....	7
Mean number of days with thunderstorms.....	5
Maximum 24-hour rainfall (inches).....	10.61
Percentage of observations with ceiling less than:	
2,000 feet.....	12.1
1,000 feet.....	6.9
300 feet.....	1.1
Percentage of observations with visibility less than:	
6 miles	18.2
3 miles	5.2
1 mile.....	1.7
Percentage of observations with wind:	
0-3 knots.....	39.7
4-10 knots.....	51.5
11-21 knots.....	8.7
22 knots or greater.....	0.1

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.

Air Force Assistance Fund

Project officer — Capt. Jermaine Jordan, 377-1704.
2nd Air Force — Master Sgt. Timothy Posvar, 376-6359.
81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron — Capt. Albert Yu, 376-0444.

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Master Sgt. Robin Sikes, 377-4652.

81st Communications Squadron — Master Sgt. Reynaldo Garza, 377-4444.

81st Contracting Squadron — Airman 1st Class Alex Potter, 377-1811.

81st Dental Squadron — Staff Sgt. Natasha Carter, 376-5116.

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — Capt. John Williamson, 376-5552.

81st Medical Group — Staff Sgt. Sharon Opel, 377-6510.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Staff Sgt. Tameka Hill, 376-5073.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Staff Sgt. Danielle Hindel, 376-3055.

81st Mission Support Group — 1st Lt. Shanna McCoy, 377-3847.

81st Mission Support Squadron — Master Sgt. Ernest Alvendia, 377-8628.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Michael Smith, 377-0982.

81st Services Division — Master Sgt. Michael Sullo, 377-2907.

81st Supply Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Brian Langley, 377-3009.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Senior Airman Jasmine Henderson, 376-0432.

81st Training Group — Master Sgt. Joseph Wheeler, 377-5044.

81st Training Support Squadron — Staff Sgt. Kira Thomas, 377-5180.

81st Training Wing staff agencies — Senior Airman Sara Johnson, 377-9011.

81st Transportation Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Brian Langley, 377-3009.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Capt. Joseph Kirk, 377-1862.

332nd Training Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Len Kedrow, 377-0737.

333rd TRS — Airman 1st Class Michael Tyra, 377-4186.

334th TRS — Jere Funk, 377-3050.

335th TRS — Tech. Sgt. Asha Gray, 377-0244.

336th TRS — Staff Sgt. Sharon Cleveland, 377-4272.

338th Training Squadron — Master Sgt. Eric Crawford, 377-4585.

Gaudé Lanes offers family fun, food

April 2008

By Earlene Smith

81st Force Support Squadron

Psst ... looking for a good time? Bring the whole family to Gaudé Lanes.

The air conditioned, non-smoking facility in Building 1203 on G Street has 24 synthetic lanes, automatic scorers, the 11th Frame Café and a pro shop.

During open bowling, bum-per bowling is available for ages 10 and younger on 19 lanes. Twelve lanes are automatically controlled and the others are manually controlled. Rails are raised on both sides of the lane which prevent the ball from going into the gutters so each child has the fun of knocking down some pins.

The lanes, pits and approaches are easily accessible by the physically challenged, who may also want to use the portable ball ramp built for their convenience.

If you're interested in league bowling, registrations are being accepted now for summer leagues. Sign-up for winter leagues begins in August. There are leagues for men, women, seniors, mixed leagues and youth leagues, to name a few. Some leagues are conducted in the morning and others in the evening. Bronze, silver and gold leagues on Saturday mornings are for youth ages 5 and older.

New bowlers are welcome to participate in any of the leagues. Often new bowlers feel self conscious about their inexperience and low scores, and think playing in a league is out of their reach. All Gaudé leagues are played with handicaps, and a new bowler's score can be a definite asset to a team. Many tournaments have been won by teams with high handicaps.

In addition to leagues, there are ample opportunities for open bowling to fit any budget. The cost per game is \$2.75 until 5 p.m. for adults and \$3.50 in the evenings. Nonprior service students play for \$1.50 per game until 5 p.m., and \$2 afterwards. Military in uniform and youth ages 17 and younger pay \$1.50 per



Photo by Adam Bond

Master Sgt. Ruby Bordley is congratulated on a spare by Pamela Jackson and Eric Gibson during the African American Heritage Committee's bowling tournament at Gaudé Lanes in February. All three work in the 81st Mission Support Squadron. For information on squadron and organization fund-raising opportunities, call 377-2817.

game anytime. Shoe rental is just \$2.

Penny-a-pin bowling is offered on Tuesdays. Your score is what you pay, rounded out to the nearest nickel. Bowl 225 or over and your game is free.

Glow bowling with brightly-colored lights and pulsating music is available from 9 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays.

The pro shop has a good selection of gloves, towels, shoes, bags and bowling balls for sale. However, if you don't find exactly what you want, special orders can be placed.

The 11th Frame Café is popular for its delicious items. Lunch specials are offered 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Mondays through working Fridays. Breakfast is served from 8-10:30 a.m. Thursdays only.

The \$6.95 April luncheon menu includes

country fried steak on Mondays, chicken parmesan on Tuesdays, meatloaf on Thursdays and shredded barbeque on Fridays. Meatball subs are \$5 on Wednesdays.

Parents with a child aged 13 or younger, who are looking for a different way to celebrate their child's birthday, can book a bowling birthday party from 1:30-3 p.m. or 3:30-5 p.m. Saturdays or 2:30-4 p.m. Sundays. Three birthday packages are available ranging in price from \$8.95 to \$15.95.

Gaudé Lanes is open for bowling 5-9:30 p.m. Mondays-Wednesdays, 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays, 3 p.m. to midnight working Fridays, 10:30 a.m. to midnight nonworking Fridays, 10 a.m. to midnight Saturdays and 1-7 p.m. Sundays.

Monday Madness Lunch Specials at the Katrina Kantina

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. overlooking the
Keesler Marina and Biloxi Back Bay.

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

Contractors welcome.

For more information, call 377-2219.

- April 7 — barbecue chicken, baked beans, potato salad, rolls
- April 14 — beef and chicken stir fry, rice, tossed salad, rolls
- April 21 — stuffed chicken breast, broccoli, tossed salad, rolls
- April 28 — beef tacos, chicken fajitas, Mexican rice, black beans, nacho cheese sauce, chips, and trimmings.

Lunches include iced tea and dessert.

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11TH FRAME CAFÉ

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

New daily lunch specials — 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Mondays-working Fridays. Mondays, country fried steak, \$6.95; Tuesdays, chicken parmesan, \$6.95; Wednesdays, meatball sub, \$5; Thursdays, meatloaf, \$6.95; and work Fridays, shredded barbecue pork sandwich, \$6.95.

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

BAY BREEZE GOLF COURSE

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

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

Free golf clinics for beginners — clubs and balls provided. Nonprior service students, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. April 4 and 19; company grade officers 4 p.m. April 8; pay grades E-5 through E-9, 4 p.m. April 15; and E-1s through E-4s, 1 p.m. April 26. Maximum 10 participants in each session; preregistration required.

Driving range — \$2 for 40 balls.

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

Pro shop — gloves, golf balls, tees, and more 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. April 12. Air Force funded program offers free child care. Certificates must be coordinated through the airmen and family readiness center. For a yearly schedule, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the child development center link.

Parents night out — 4-10 p.m. April 12, child care for ages 6 weeks to 12 years at \$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. A special dinner with all the trimmings and accolades is catered to each member by Keesler's first sergeants, officers, directors and others. Event is 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

5-kilometer fun run/walk — 7 a.m. Wednesday, Blake Fitness Center in observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Sign up day of the race; T-shirts for first 100 to register.

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, yoga, Turbo-Core, boxing workout, cycle/spin, fencing and Slo-Robics. For more information, call 377-2907.

Parent/child fitness room — at Dragon Fitness Center. Workout equipment; play area for ages 6 months to 7 years. Children must be supervised at all times.

GAUDÉ LANES

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2817. Bumpers are available on 19 lanes by reservation for ages 10 and younger.

League registrations — accepted for Monday trio/three-person teams, Tuesday family/three- or four-person teams/nine pin no-tap, Thursday intramural/four-person teams and Thursday morning seniors/draw for teams.

Penny-a-pin — Tuesdays. Your score is what you pay, rounded out to the nearest nickel. Bowl 225 or over and your game is free.

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.

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

Birthday party packages — 1:30-3 p.m. or 3:30-5 p.m. Saturdays and 2:30-4 p.m. Sundays. Basic package includes bowling and food \$8.95 per child. Mid package includes table supply and T-shirt \$11.95 per child. Premium package includes games and a pin \$15.95 per child. Reservations required.

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.

April beer of the month — Beck's, \$2 a 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. work Fridays at the human resource office inside Locker House, Room 5417, Building 3101, 505 C St. For current job openings, call the 24-hour job line at 377-9055 or log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>, and 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 link for ITT.

Tour to the World War II D-Day Museum in New Orleans — April 12. Military in uniform \$20; active duty, retired or spouse with identification card \$24; seniors \$26; adults \$30; ages 6-12 \$25; ages 5 and younger \$20, including admission and transportation. Sign up and prepay by April 9.

KATRINA KANTINA

Editor's note: Located in the marina building overlooking Biloxi's 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 cook-your-own-steak night — 5 p.m. April 24. Steak \$6, chicken \$5. Price includes potato salad, green salad and roll. 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 the circulation desk to get the network key/password.

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

Gale data base orientations — 4:30 p.m. April 9, 16, 23 and 30.

Open house — 2-4 p.m. April 24 in observance of National Library Month. Refreshments served.

Fax special — all faxes are 50 cents per page throughout April.

Easier access to fiction books — all fiction books are now filed together.

OUTDOOR RECREATION AND MARINA

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

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.

Back bay fishing trip — April 12 and 19. Learn where, when, what, and how to fish the Back Bay of Biloxi. \$15 per person.

Swimming lessons — preregistration is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 15-17. Classes begin in June.

Delacroix, La. fishing site — two self-contained trailers for rent for \$50 per night. Maximum four per trailer.

Camping special — 10 percent discount on our No. 1 camping package throughout the month. Package includes tent, sleeping bags, lantern, stove, 48-quart ice chest and camper's bow saw.

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

April fish of the month — weigh in largest white trout 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> and click on the outdoor recreation link.

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

Paintball course — Guns, CO2 tanks and safety gear may be rented on site. Personal equipment is 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.



Mystery Dinner Theater

It's hilarious. Don't miss this show.

April 12

Blake Fitness Center
Social hour 6 p.m. Show time 7 p.m.

\$20 Price includes show, dinner and dessert. A pay-as-you-go cash bar is available.

Tickets available at Gaudé Lanes and Vandenberg Community Center. Limited seating; purchase tickets early. Tables of four and eight are available. Recommended dress is business casual.

Child care is available at the child development center, 377-2211, and youth center, 377-4116. Preregistration required.

Rated PG-13 For more information, call 377-2503

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SLUGGFEST

THE MAY 9 ENDETTA

Are you the next ruler of the ring?

Registration — 6 p.m. April 7 and 8, Vandenberg Community Center; 6 p.m. April 9, Blake Fitness Center

Tryouts — 6 p.m. April 10, Blake Fitness Center.

Weight divisions — contingent on registration. Men's divisions: Lightweight under 155 pounds; mediumweight, 155-190 pounds, heavyweight, over 190 pounds. Women's division is to be determined.

Cash prize in each weight division.

Sponsored by Rex Distributing.
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For more information, call 377-3705.



CHILD PRIDE DAY

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 26 in Marina Park

Free food ~ Rides ~ Face painting ~ Displays
Games ~ Demonstrations ~ Entertainment
Inflatable Jumpers ~ Costumed Characters

It's all FREE thanks to many volunteers and sponsors:

Army and Air Force Exchange Service • Airman and family readiness center • Audubon Zoo
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For more information on sponsorship, call 377-1597 or 2503.

For more information, call 377-5935, 3077 or 4116 ~ Open to everyone eligible to use Keesler facilities. In the event of inclement weather, displays, demonstrations, and events are moved to the youth center.

Free Fun Run/Walk
1 and 2 Miles

9 a.m. for ages 18 and younger.
Register 8 a.m. in marina park.
Awards presentation 10:30 a.m.
for top three finishers in each age group for 2-mile event only.
To preregister and for more information, call 377-2331.
Hosted by the chapel and 81st Force Support Squadron Fitness and Sports Program.

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.

ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

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

Special

Youth spring break craft camp — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 8-10 for ages 8 and older. \$35 includes craft supplies for all three days. Bring a sack lunch. Preregistration required.

Auto cruise-in and show — May 10. Base cruise and youth obstacle course. Registrations accepted now from auto and motorcycle hobbyists and youth bikers.

Multi-crafts shop

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

Ceramic mold pouring — 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. April 5. Learn to cast ceramics and use different paints for finishing techniques. \$25 including mold use, all supplies and first firing. This class prepares participants to come back and cast shop molds to make and paint.

Ceramics technique — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 5 and 12. Paint with a certified Duncan instructor. Project is a ceramic eagle with fish, \$37.50. No prior ceramic experience needed. Register early and see the project on display.

Pottery — clay hand-building 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 19. 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. Bring a sack lunch; preregistration required.

One-stroke painting with acrylics — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 19. Decorative painting technique. Prepainting experience isn't required. \$32 including project and paint.

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; a 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. April 9, \$25. Equipment safety briefing and operator's card for regular shop use.

Beginning intarsia — One-day class, 10 a.m. April 19. \$15 including project and tool use. Intarsia is the art of cutting and shaping pieces of wood in a decorative pattern for wall hangings.

Advanced intarsia — One-day class, 10 a.m. April 26. \$20 including project and tool use.

Framing and matting

— one class, four sessions, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Thursdays beginning April 3. Matting, frame building and glass cutting. \$60 including materials, shop use and a complete project.

Auto hobby shop

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

Free auto care briefing — 4:30-6 p.m. April 17. Bring a friend, a spouse or your teen driver and pick up some hints and advice before traveling or prepare for some do-it-yourself auto work.

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.

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.

Base-level Air Force chess tournament — 2-5 p.m. April 4; register by April 3. Free to enter. Open to all active-duty personnel, Department of Defense civilians and dependents 18 years of age and older. Tournament conducted according to rules of the United States Chess Federation. Certificates for all participants. Awards for first and second place winners.

Chess tournament director needed — person with a United States Chess Federation rating preferred, but will accept an experienced player.

April Fool's Day — 1-6 p.m. Tuesday, stop by for a special April Fool's meal.

Guitar Hero night — 6 p.m. April 3 and 17.

Free pool tournaments — 6 p.m. Mondays 8-ball, Tuesdays 9-ball. Trophies awarded.

Movie night — 6 p.m. Wednesdays. New releases. Free popcorn.

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

Martial arts and self defense classes — offered.

Women's self defense class — offered the third Saturday of the month.

Vandy shuttle — free ride to 81st Force Support Squadron facilities for nonprior service students. Facilities visited are the bowling center, library, arts and crafts center, auto hobby shop, outdoor recreation and marina, golf course and Vandenberg Community Center. Shuttle runs 6-9:30 p.m. Thursdays before down Fridays, 1 p.m. to midnight down Fridays, 6 p.m. to midnight work Fridays, 6 p.m. to midnight Saturdays, and noon to 4 p.m. Sundays. Pick up bus at the Welch Auditorium bus stop.

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 vet clinic.

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

Sick call — please call for an appointment.

YOUTH CENTER

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

Annual membership — \$25 for ages 6-17. Discount prices on programs, classes and sports.

Give parents a break/parents night out — 4-10 p.m. April 12 for youth in kindergarten through grade 6. GPAB certificates must be coordinated through the airman and family readiness center. PNO is \$3.50 per hour per child.

Art club — 4-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, through April 10. Ages 9 and older express themselves on canvas. Art displayed April 15-30 at the center.

Spring break camp — 5:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 7-11, ages 6-12. Fee based on family income. Breakfast, lunch, snacks and activities. Preregistration required.

Free pitch, hit and run competition — 5 p.m. April 11 at the youth ball fields. Ages 6-12; preregistration required.

Teen hot-shot competition and three-on-three basketball tournament — 7-11 p.m. April 18. \$5, nonmembers \$7. Refreshments and prizes.

Saturday night shots — 6-10 p.m. Hot-shot competition and three-on-three basketball for ages 6-12. Refreshments and prizes. \$5; nonmembers \$7.

Free job ready class — 6 p.m. April 28, ages 13 and older, hosted by the TRAIL Club. Introduction to the Youth Employment Service program and information on what to expect in the workplace. Refreshments available.

Baseball registration — throughout April for ages 6-12. \$25, nonmember \$35. Volunteer coaches needed.

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

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