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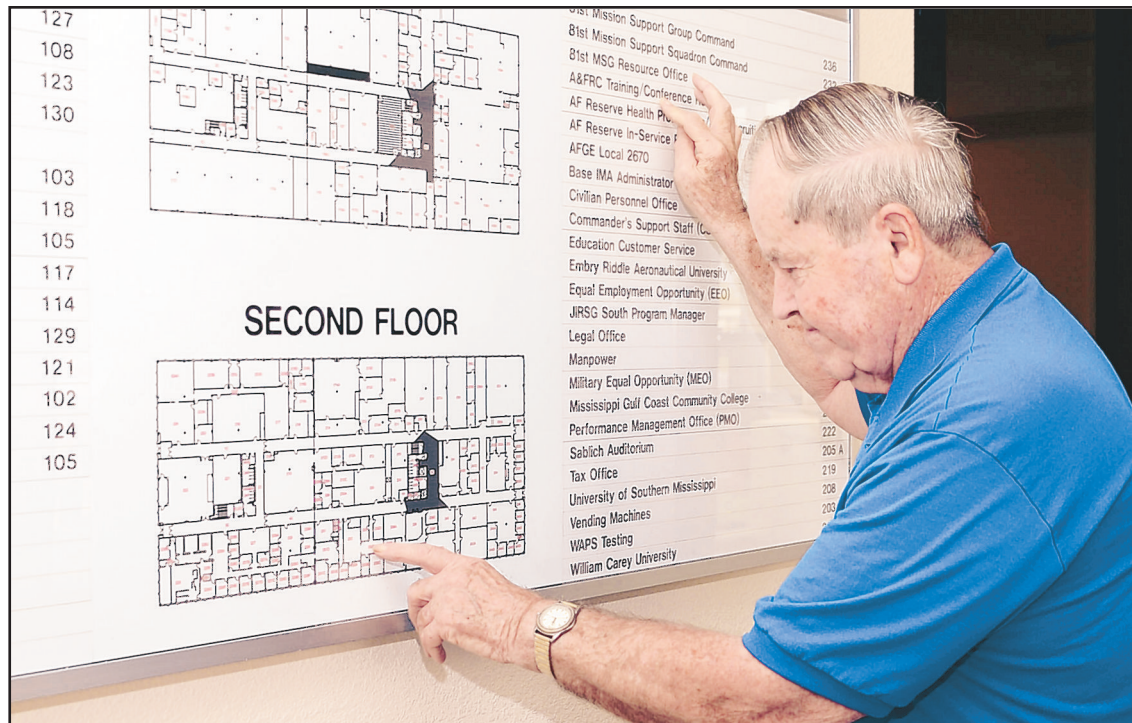
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Joe Peters, a retired senior master sergeant who's volunteered in the retiree activities office for 37 years, checks the new directory showing office locations in Sablich Center. Photo by Kemberly Groue

Sablich Center reopens today

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Sablich Center, the heart of Keesler's support activities, marks its grand reopening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, 9 a.m. today.

Gen. Duncan McNabb, Air Force vice chief of staff, joins base leadership and members of the Sablich family for the

ceremony. Tours and refreshments are included.

The two-story building was trashed by Hurricane Katrina Aug. 29, 2005.

Since then, Sablich Center agencies have operated wherever temporary space could be found — old Cody Hall, which had been slated for demolition before the storm;

Levitow Training Support Facility; Vosler Academic Development Center and a former chapel.

The 143,000-square foot facility was built nearly 30 years ago at a cost of \$3.8 million. Repairs, modifications, Air Force Contract Augmentation Program expenses, asbestos removal and miscel-

laneous repairs totaled nearly than double that amount — \$7.26 million. That figure doesn't reflect \$1.4 million for furniture and installation, \$254,000 for removal of damaged furniture and \$200,000 for additional electrical support.

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Air Force Smart Ops For The 21st Century

Recipe for success includes support of mentors, family

By Col. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

Late on Friday, I received word that the president had nominated 29 officers to the Senate for promotion to brigadier general; I was fortunate to be one of them.

On behalf of Charlene and our family, I'd like to thank you for your great support and all the well-wishes we've received in the aftermath of this promotion.

I was asked this weekend by a fellow Airman how one becomes a success and a brigadier general.

Frankly, there's no single recipe for this type of promotion. For me, a promotion like this comes after more than 24 years of active service, 16 different postings, deployments to the Middle East and Asia, one overseas long and one remote tour, a lot of hard work, and a lot of luck.

I've been extremely fortunate to have had great mentors along the way who guided me and served as great examples of integrity, service and excellence. I've been fortunate to serve with fabulous Airmen from around America, and around the world, who shared the same values that I learned from my parents.

I learned early to listen to my senior non-

commissioned officers -- chief master sergeants like Carl Rosengrant, Don Scruggs and Glyn Howells, who taught me valuable lessons in leadership and technical discipline.

I was fortunate to serve with outstanding civilian leaders like Abe Wright and George Harmon, who demonstrated the courage to do things the right way, every time.

I've also been fortunate to work for and with great officers, like Brig. Gen. Alan Lurie, Maj. John Maluda, Col. Jerry Reinholt, Maj. Gen. Tom O'Riordan, Lt. Gen. Gary North and Gen. Duncan McNabb, who believed in me, gave me the opportunity to succeed and coached me when I didn't.

Most importantly, I have to thank my wife Charlene and our children, Andrew and Kate, who sustained me throughout the years and allowed me to serve alongside the greatest men and women of our nation. Having a supportive and loving family is the key to happiness and success in anything you do!

Success should never be measured by the rank you achieve. Rather, it's measured by the people you associate with along the way. By that measure, all of us who are called Airmen should consider ourselves very lucky and very successful.

Thank you for your kindness.

ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Col. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

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

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

Items of general interest

A-76 hotline — 376-8176
Airmen and family readiness center — 377-2179
Base locator — 377-2890
Base operator — 377-1110
Base taxi (official use) — 377-2430
Career assistance adviser — 377-3697
Central medical appointments — 1-800-700-8603
Child development center — 377-2211
Civil engineering — 377-5561
Civilian personnel — 377-2268
Military personnel flight — 377-2276
Keesler Federal Credit Union — 385-5500
Emergencies — 911
Family campground — 594-0543
Finance — 377-4212
81st Communications Squadron help desk — 377-0066
Housing — 377-9741
Identification cards — 377-3203
Inspector general — 377-3010
Legal assistance — 377-3510
Library — 377-2181
Lodging (reservations) — 377-9986
Medical center information — 376-2550



Colonel Touhill

may appear in this column.

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

Military equal opportunity — 377-2759
Military pay — 377-7272
Pass and registration — 377-3844
Pharmacy (refill call-in) — 376-1000
Satellite pharmacy — 377-9791
Public affairs — 377-2783
Red Cross — 377-0732
Sexual assault prevention and response team — 377-8635
SARC 24-hour hotline (to report sexual assaults) — 377-7278
Law enforcement desk — 377-3040
SARC 24-hour hotline — 477-7278
Shoppette, Class Six — 432-2367
Telephone trouble — 377-2130
Traffic management (outbound) — 377-2446
Traffic management (inbound) — 377-7813
Visitor center — 377-2595
Youth center — 377-4116

Choices



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Making the choice to drink and drive can lead to this result.

Thumbs up, medic!

Comment — I compliment Master Sgt. Jimmy Freeman at the satellite pharmacy for being an exemplary employee.

I call in as many as 15 prescriptions at a time, which is sometimes a problem — not for Sergeant Freeman. They were all perfect when I picked them up.

Response — Thank you for take the time to recognize one of our highly capable, caring and professional medical staff members.

No. 1 in Air Force,
2004, 1997.

No. 1 in AETC,
2004, 1998, 1996;
No. 2, 2006, 2003,
2001, 1999, 1997,
1991, 1989, 1986;
No. 3, 2005, 2002,
1995;

honorable mention,
1992.

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

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Someone who rises
above the standard and
puts others first.

— Airman 1st Class Brandy
Foley, 81st Dental Squadron



Someone who steps up
when they are called upon.

— Senior Airman Elliot
Sessions, 81st Civil
Engineer Squadron



A person who sets the
bar and leads by example.

— Airman 1st Class Colin
Guzak, 81st Medical
Operations Squadron



DRAGON ON THE STREET

What's a hero?

Summer event chance to further goals

By Craig Duehring

Assistant secretary of the Air Force
for Manpower and Reserve Affairs

Recruiting, developing and retaining the very best enlisted, officer and civilian members America has to offer are critical steps to effectively accomplishing the Air Force mission.

The annual Tuskegee Airmen Inc. convention is a great opportunity to further these goals through effective training, mentoring, motivation and community outreach. Annually more than 1,000 TAI members, military personal and Defense Department civilians attend the TAI convention, including surviving Tuskegee Airmen.

This year's convention is July 17-20 in Philadelphia, Pa.

Focused Air Force participation in major conference events such as TAI

enhances and facilitates partnerships, aids in recruiting and increases retention. The participation of our Airmen is an essential element in successfully achieving our goals to:

Cultivate a diverse and highly motivated force.

Maximize individual and career growth.

Develop effective and accountable leaders at all levels.

Provide and sustain a fully capable, combat-ready force.

Leverage strengths of all Airmen to enhance the total force.

Foster support for America's military in every community.

Partner with community organizations to support national defense objectives.

Cultivate opportunities to guide youth towards aviation careers.

Outreach to America — telling the story of today's Airmen.

It's imperative that our Air Force leaders developed and sustain the community outreach program to establish strategic relationships that attract a diverse group of personnel to the Air Force within civilian service, military and contractor. The partnership between the Air Force and TAI is one of many initiatives in our efforts to build relationships and expose Airmen to unique training, developmental mentoring and community outreach opportunities. We encourage participation by all organizations in the total force, with a focus on junior members (enlisted, officer and civilian).

Through activities such as TAI, the Air Force continues to lead Department of Defense in aggressive outreach efforts and diversity development initiatives.

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suspicious
activity
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fraud, waste
and abuse
at Keesler,
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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Training leader wins AETC award for aviation resource management

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Senior Master Sgt. Philip Kreiser is the winner of Air Education and Training Command's outstanding aviation resource management instructor award for 2007.

As superintendent of the aviation resource management course in the 334th Training Squadron, Sergeant Kreiser "demonstrated outstanding leadership that significantly impacted the career field by overseeing two formal courses," said his commander, Lt. Col. Doug Chowning.

"His intense focus on the betterment of his career field was key in being awarded \$50,000 toward a new aviation resource management training simulation under the Air Force's



Sergeant Kreiser

Education and Training Technology Applications Program."

The sergeant led a seven-member team responsible for training 384 students, and he personally spent 600 hours in

the classroom during the year. He was the catalyst for Keesler's groundbreaking interactive multimedia instruction course and launched and taught AETC's first aviation resource management chief's course.

He was credited with his team's contributions to the squadron's "excellent" rating in last year's operational readiness inspection, as well as 100-percent course compliance during the 81st Training Group and 2nd Air Force standards and evaluation inspections.

Sergeant Kreiser was also chosen as the 81st Training Group's senior noncommissioned officer instructor of the quarter for April-June.

He's been in the Air Force 19 years and at Keesler for nearly three years.

New form steers civilians toward training goals

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Without it, they're stuck in park. With it, however, they can rev up their future.

With the introduction of the Standard Form 182, which was rolled out recently by the Office of Personnel Management, Air Force civilians now have an elite vehicle in their inventory that can effectively steer them toward their individual training goals.

Whether it's an advanced clerical course, a motor vehicle operating class or one of hundreds of other critical courses and training conferences, the SF-182 is the mechanism that can put civilians' training needs in motion.

"The new form is a big improvement over the Defence Department Form 1556, which we have been using for more than 25 years or so," said Hugh Lovelady, chief of the workforce effectiveness section with the Air Force Personnel Center. "The SF-182 is clearer, more specific, easier to use and should help our customers better identify and communicate their individual training needs."

In addition to being easy to use, another factor behind OPM mandating use of the form was to give government agencies the ability to enter training data in the enterprise human resource integration system, which is a tool initiated by OPM to maintain training data

and personnel information.

"The SF-182's user interface helps Air Force training managers use that information more effectively," said Mike Hameroff, Air Force academic programs branch chief at the Pentagon. "With help from the defense civilian personnel data system, they can now track completed training using a variety of reporting and filtering tools."

At the base level, training offices currently accept the SF-182 in electronic and in hard-copy forms. However, electronic routing is preferred.

"Even though it has been an adjustment for people who were used to using the older 1556, we do see the long-term potential with the new form's electronic

signature process and drop down code menus. We encourage units to submit SF-182s via e-mail so we can electronically sign the form. It speeds up the process," said Patricia Lapsley, civilian training manager for more than 5,000 civilian employees at four Air Force bases.

The SF-182 can be downloaded at <http://www.opm.gov/forms/>.

Air Force members can use blocks in the basic information, course data, and cost and billing sections to meet their specific needs. Although not required, military members can also use the form to put their training goals on the fast track. See local training program managers for details.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

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.

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 — 9 a.m. May 29; 6

p.m. 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.

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.



Perfect student

Tech. Sgt. Laurie Kelsey graduated March 27 from the 11 1/2-week financial management and comptroller apprentice course in the 335th Training Squadron with a perfect score. She's assigned to the Wisconsin Air National Guard's 115th Fighter Wing, Truax Field.

Applications are available at high school counseling offices in the three coastal-

counties, the Keesler Thrift Shop and online at <http://www.keeslerspousesclub.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.

Tuition aid online

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

Touhill nominated for first star

Keesler Public Affairs

Col. Gregory Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander, has been nominated by the president for promotion to brigadier general.

Colonel Touhill assumed command in October.

His focus is on rebuilding Keesler, renewing ties with the local community and reloading the Air Force with highly-trained and motivated Airmen.

Touhill has come full circle, starting his Air Force career at Keesler in 1983 as a new second lieutenant. He spent nine months in communications electronics officer

training, and he, his wife, Charlene, and their young son were stationed at Keesler again in 1991.

He commands about 12,000 Airmen and civilians, providing technical training for officers, enlisted and civilians of the Air Force, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and other Defense Department agencies, as well as allies.

The training covers numerous electronic, computer, medical, weather, personnel, controller and information management career fields and creates combat capability for air expeditionary and space forces.



Colonel Touhill

Services' flight chief earns AETC award

By Tech. Sgt. Chuck Marsh

Keesler Public Affairs

Carmen Steed, 81st Services Division, earned the 2008 Air Education and Training Command Services Civilian fFight Chief award.

She oversees the largest flight in the division, with three fitness centers, 19 lodging facilities, five food service operations, the library, readiness, mortuary and honor guard. She's accountable for \$150 million in assets, \$4.6 million in food and \$11 million in yearly contracts.

Her oversight led to Services' "outstanding" rating during the 2007 operational readiness inspection. She led the third-largest food service team, which served more than 1.5 million meals in 2007, to win the Hennessy Award for AETC and runnerup at Air Force level.

Ms. Steed introduced 14 free weekly exercise classes. Her efforts with the health and wellness center led to Keesler's first-ever health and wellness expo.

She worked with base civil engineers to acquire two roofs, energy-efficient lighting for basketball and racquetball courts, realigned softball fences and dugouts and resurfaced basketball courts, track and exercise areas, a shed and loading zone for about \$2 million worth of upgrade projects for quality of life initiatives.

In addition to regular customers, Ms. Steed's team fed more than 1,000 Special Olympians, 1,500 Air Force Junior ROTC cadets, 300 Air Force Academy cadets and 500 Boy Scouts.

Ms. Steed now competes at the Air Force level.



Ms. Steed



Annual event celebrates Keesler's kids

Keesler's annual Child Pride Day is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 26 in marina park.

The free event is open to everyone eligible to use Keesler facilities.

Registration is 8 a.m. for the 1- and 2-mile run-walk that starts at 9 for ages 18 and younger on the track adjacent to the park.

The event includes food, demonstrations, displays, rides, entertainment, games, inflatable jumpers, costumed characters, giveaways and music by the Moss Point High School Band.

In case of rain, activities move to the youth center.

For more information, call 377-5935.

IN THE NEWS

Air Force Assistance Fund

Keesler's 2008 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign has raised \$33,529.

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 23.

Boy Scout Camporee this weekend

Keesler hosts more than 500 Boy Scouts and troop leaders for the Pine Burr Area Boy Scout Council Merit Badge Camporee this weekend.

All Camporee volunteers must attend youth protection training, held 10 a.m. Friday at Welch Auditorium.

All Camporee participants check in between 5-7 p.m. Friday at the Pass Road Gate. Signs and volunteers are posted along the way, guiding campers to the Levitow Training Support Building.

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

For more information, call 1st Lt. Michael Newson, 377-7626 or 1-719-930-6462.

Road closure

Starting Wednesday, Chappie James Avenue from the circle drive exit of Locker House to Z Street is closed for approximately two weeks for water line replacement, weather permitting.

A parallel road by the recycling center and housing maintenance is the recommended detour route.

For more information, call 377-5857.

National Prayer Breakfast

Keesler's National Prayer Breakfast is 7 a.m. April 23.

The location has been changed to Vandenberg Community Center.

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.

Clinics closed for warrior training

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

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

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.

Coming in 2009: Radiation oncology clinic

NFECS and 81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast awarded a \$10 million contract March 4 for a radiation oncology center at Keesler to Carothers Construction Inc., Water Valley, Miss.

"This project is a result of special Hurricane Katrina funding," said Ron Drew, resident engineer in charge of construction at Keesler.

Katrina flooded the northeast corner of the base, destroying most of the radiological equipment, which was in the medical center basement.

The new clinic's location is the southwest corner of the medical center just outside the women's services clinic. The location allows for easy access to the medical center, while leaving entry into the emergency room and nearby pediatric clinic unimpeded.

In order to prevent major flooding damage in the future, the building has a finished floor elevation of 24 feet above mean sea level, about six feet above the existing basement level floor.

"This is a significant step in our

project to protect the medical center's high-value equipment," said Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Doug Robb, 81st Medical Group commander. "Hopefully, the new radiation oncology center and the central energy plant already under construction will be safe from any future Katrina-like storm surge.

"The new facility will enhance our ability to provide the superior care the Keesler community expects from the Keesler Medical Center team," he added.

"It is important to provide high-

quality spaces that will compare favorably with similar facilities in the public health-care sector," said Lt. Col. Richard Onken, Air Force Health Facilities chief of design.

The project includes two linear accelerator vaults, a simulator room, exam rooms, physician offices, physicists' work areas and offices and other basic support spaces required for clinic operation.

Completion of the project is expected by September 2009.

Reopening,

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Three new air conditioning and heating units were installed. Ceramic tile is now in place, as are new ceiling grids, refinished walls, trim and molding work, sanded door frames, reinstalled doors and trim, and reworked interior finishes.

Network cables were tested, repaired, replaced and reconfigured to meet communication infrastructure requirements. Other work included electrical, interior repair and life-safety upgrades, including a new fire suppression system to meet current fire and building codes.

A voice-over-Internet-protocol telephone system is in place, with new numbers featuring a 376 prefix. Calls are forwarded from previous 377 numbers during the transition period.

The renovated structure still bears the name of Army Air Force Sgt. Julius Sablich, a native Biloxian who was killed in action during World War II. He was serving as flight engineer on a B-26 Marauder twin-engine bomber when it was shot down on a combat mission over the Mediterranean Sea in 1944.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Top, Airman 1st Class Troy Rivers, left, and Senior Airman Shawn Rasdall help Airman 1st Class Ronald Hodges assemble a desk in the finance office. They're assigned to the 81st Comptroller Squadron.

Sablich Center offices

First floor

Airman and family readiness center — Room 110, 105 (training room), 107 (lending locker), 126 (employment network center and computer lab) and 127 (readiness program).

Career enhancements — Room 123.

Customer service — Room 130 (identification cards and Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System).

Finance — Room 103.

Housing — Room 118.

Knowledge operations team — Room 105.

Passenger/commercial travel — Room 117.

Relocations/employment — Room 121.

Retiree activities — Room 102.

Traffic management — Rooms 113 and 114.

Unit deployment manager — Room 124.

Vending machines — Room 105.

Second floor

81st Mission Support Group — Room 236.

81st Mission Support Squadron — Room 232.

Airman and family readiness center conference room — Room 230.

American Federation of Government Employees

Local 2670 — Room 210.

Area defense counsel — Room 243.

Auditorium — Room 222.

Base individual mobilization augmentee administrator — Room 216.

Civilian personnel — Room 213-214.

Commander's support staff — Room 207.

Education — Room 224.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University — Room 217.

Equal employment opportunity — Room 204.

Legal — Room 227.

Manpower and organization — Room 212, 215.

Military equal opportunity — Room 206.

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College — Room 221.

Performance management — Room 244.

Reserve recruiting — Room 216.

Tax — Room 205A.

University of Southern Mississippi — Room 219.

Vending machines — Room 208.

Weighted Airmen Promotion System testing — Room 203.

Make your commitment to Air Force Assistance Fund today.

PERSONNEL NOTES

WAPS test schedules

Weighted airman promotion system test schedules:

Master and technical sergeant — through Monday.

Staff sergeant — May 1 to June 15.

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

For more information, contact unit WAPS monitors.

New Web application

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Active duty Air Force members — officers and enlisted — who log on to the Air Force Personnel Center's assignment management system find a new Web application that makes navigation faster and easier.

The new system is rewritten in the Microsoft .Net Framework, and is menu-driven, using drop-down menus to make navigation easier and faster.

To access the AMS site, eligible users can go to <https://inraweb> and click on "Secure Apps." After clicking on "AMS," users can sign in to the AMS page.

Reduced manning for reenlistments

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

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

MPF customer service changes

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

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

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

Retirement annuity information

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

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

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

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

Household goods option

SmartWebMove is a new option allowing service members to set up their household goods moves on the Internet.

It can be used to set up household goods moves within the continental U.S. Sailors can also use SmartWebMove to arrange shipments overseas.

It can't be used for do-it-yourself moves, shipment of privately-owned vehicles, boats or mobile homes, or by first-time movers.

Personnel moving for the first time, call the personal property office, 377-9439 or 3436, to schedule counseling briefings.

For more information, go to <http://www.smartwebmove.navy.mil>.

Users need their permanent change-of-station orders, proof of dependents, current power of attorney (if move is being set up by someone other than the service member) and an e-mail address that's in effect until the move date.

Status

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.

Key phone numbers

Civilian personnel flight — 377-8176.

Competitive sourcing office — 377-4848.

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

**Could your work
center run
more efficiently?**

**Is time being
wasted where
you work?**

**Do you have an idea
to save money
or streamline
your job?**

**If so,
we want to know.**

**Call the 81st
Training Wing
Air Force
Smart Operations
for the 21st
Century Office:**

**Capt. Ted West,
377-0123.**

DRAGON OF THE WEEK

Name — Airman 1st Class Quincy Harris
Unit — 81st Communications Squadron
Position — client support administrator
Time in Air Force — 18 months
Time at Keesler — 15 months
Hometown — Columbus, Miss.

Noteworthy — I solely recruited nine enlistees while the recruiter was on temporary duty on my second recruiter assistance program tour last month. I'm a member of the honor guard and was recently elected vice president of the dormitory council. I helped stand up the 81st CS consolidated support center for more than 900 computer users.

Why did you join the Air Force? My dad is an Army major and encouraged me to take advantage of this awesome opportunity.

What are your hobbies?



Photo by Kemberly Groue

I'm currently writing a novel, and I like to hang out with my best friend.

What's your favorite quote? "What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight — it's the size of the fight in the dog."

What are your short- and

long-term goals? short-term, to earn my degree and to help someone else accomplish this task, too, as well as to receive my A+ computer certifications; long-term, to become a 3A information management functional manager and publish a book.

DIAMOND NOTES

A good wingman is concerned for the well-being of fellow Airmen.

We're all obligated to help each other live up to our core values.

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



Sergeant Evans



MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Feb. 27, 1942

The first airplane mechanics class graduated.

Heat-to-cool transition under way

81st Civil Engineer Squadron

It's "nightmare time" for the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron — one of the two annual periods when facilities are switched back and forth between heating and cooling.

The impact to building occupants depends on the type of heating, ventilating and air conditioning system.

Many newer buildings have four-pipe systems that can provide both heating and cooling year-round automatically. Most older facilities have a two-pipe system that can only cool or heat at any one time and must be manually switched.

Older structures with longer transition times from heating to cooling include Buildings 823, 2101, 2816, 2901, 2902, 3101, 3709, 3821, 4430, 4431, 7402 and 7502, and the 20, 48, 49 and 50 block dormitories.

The two-pipe systems take about eight days to shift from heating to cooling and three days to convert from cooling to heating. The waiting time is required because temperature changes can result in immediate system failure, with damage to compressors, tube ruptures and loss of refrigerant gases. Replacing refrigerant is an expensive proposition and an environmental concern.

The decision to end cooling and implement heating in older buildings has a degree of history and guesswork built into the process, so the change is made as late as possible to minimize inconvenience.

The 81st CES works closely with lodging management, the consolidated dorm management office and other affected users to determine the best days for the changeover.

Once units are switched to heating, crews begin equipment maintenance in preparation for the next heating season.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Personal role bolsters care, training, prevention

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of four articles in conjunction with the observance of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Although April is the Department of Defense's fourth annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Keesler's focus on the problem never stops.

Keesler's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office was established nearly three years ago as part of DOD's comprehensive victim support network that includes every major military installation and vessel.

The staff includes Liz Waters, sexual assault response coordinator; 2nd Lt. Stephanie Lutz, deputy SARC, and Barry Newman, program technician. Lieutenant Lutz is currently deployed to Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan.

Throughout the year, the Keesler team is responsible for annual employee training and classes for first responders and victim advocates. They work with health care providers, law enforcers, criminal investigators, legal officials and chaplains to ensure victims receive first-class care.

The staff also provides training for personnel scheduled for overseas SARC duties, student briefings, joint training with the Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport and the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence and certain activities for the Keesler Integrated Response Team and Wingman Day.

The Keesler program also includes 39 trained victim advocates who provide around-the-clock direct response to victims to help them navigate the military's response network. The victim advocates also ensure that victims get accurate and comprehensive information on available options and resources so they can make informed decisions about their care and involvement in the investigative process.

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Editor's note: For more information, call the sexual assault prevention and response office, 377-8635.

Through Wednesday and April 16-30 — sexual assault awareness display, corner of Larcher Boulevard and Meadows Drive.

Wednesday — 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., 81st Training Wing conference room; sexual assault trauma training for victim advocates.

Wednesday through April 16 — display in the Triangle.

April 10 — display, Keesler Medical Center lobby.

April 14 — display, commissary.

April 16 — 6:30 a.m., 5-kilometer run/walk, Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport.

April 21 — 5:30-7:30 p.m., free self-defense class, Dragon Fitness Center. To preregister, call 377-8635.

April 29 — 6-9 p.m., "Romance with Respect: An Evening Under the Stars," Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence fashion show, poolside at Imperial Palace Casino. To purchase tickets or for more information, call 377-8635.

"Several victim advocates have deployed and assisted deployed SARCs in the area of responsibility, so their training not only helps Keesler, but the Air Force, too," Ms. Waters pointed out.

She said this year is the Department of Defense's fourth annual observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The 2008 theme is, "Prevent Sexual Assault: Ask! Act! Intervene!"

"In other words, individuals need to ask if friends need help, act when they do and intervene when they see trouble," Ms. Waters commented. "This year's program emphasizes the relationship between alcohol and sexual assault and focuses on the importance of bystander intervention in dangerous situations."

The theme "serves as a message that every service member can have a positive role in preventing this devastating crime," said Michael Dominguez, principal deputy under secretary of defense for personnel and readiness at the Pentagon.

"We've continued to strengthen our programs across the military departments in the areas of comprehensive victim care, training and prevention, and system accountability," he continued. "It's only with the support of every service member that we can shape a military free from sexual violence and other destructive behaviors."

Military sexual assault victims have two reporting options — restricted and unrestricted reporting.

Restricted reporting enables a victim to confidentially disclose a sexual assault to specified individuals, such as a SARC, victim advocate, health care provider or chaplain. The victim, whose identity is not released to command officials, can receive medical treatment and use support services without triggering the investigative process. The option gives victims more time to weigh their options and to seek advice about whether or not to participate in a criminal investigation.

Unrestricted reporting initiates an official investigation of a sexual assault using standard reporting procedures. Victims can receive the same medical care and resources available in the restricted option, but law enforcement is alerted and the criminal investigative process is initiated. Under this option, a victim's commander is also notified.

Next: Alcohol — rapist's weapon of choice.

Polish refugee gives 'something back' to U.S.

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Maj. Alina Khalife truly cherishes being an American. She has first-hand experience of the alternative.

The commander of the 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron's surgical inpatient flight is a native of Poland. She lived under Communist rule for more than two decades before escaping to the West, and then to the U.S.

The major had completed college, majoring in both biology and chemistry, and decided to become a teacher.

"I finished college in 1969 and taught until 1977," she recounted. "That's when I got into trouble ... teaching history.

"After about eight years of teaching biology and chemistry, I substituted as a history teacher. A student asked me about an event that happened shortly after World War II had ended."

To put what transpired into perspective, Major Khalife explained that not long after the Soviet Union took control of Poland, Russian soldiers went to the town of Katyn and removed most of the educated Polish military officers — about 300. That was the last anyone saw of them until a mass grave was discovered years later. The Polish soldiers had been executed.

She took the student who asked her about the incident aside and told him the truth. Another student apparently overheard the conversation and reported her to officials.

"The next day when I arrived at school, a government investigator was there," she said. "He gave me a piece of paper telling me to report to the police station.

"I went and was interrogated for almost eight hours. They wanted to know how I knew about Katyn. I told them I had read about it in a book. They asked who I got it from and I lied because my brother had provided it to me. From that time, I could not do anything without being scrutinized."

It was about this time Major Khalife "began to think about what I could do with the rest of my life. The Polish people had to stand in line to buy basic necessities such as meat, bread and sugar. "Meanwhile, everything was going to the Soviet Union. I developed a hatred for them. I was still very young at the time and very outspoken; I said what I thought."

The school director, who was a Communist Party member, encouraged her to join. She told him she didn't need to do that to teach.



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Second Lt. Sherry Arboneaux, left, one of the unit's clinical nurses, reviews a patient's chart with Major Khalife at the surgical inpatient unit nurse's station.

Shortly afterwards, Major Khalife met the man she would soon marry. Michel is Lebanese.

"Not long afterwards, he went to Austria to live," she said. "I applied for a visa to go to Rome and visit the Vatican as part of a group. We married in Vienna in 1979. I stayed there two months and then I returned to Poland while my husband stayed in Austria."

That's when her problems really began. Married to a foreigner, she came under increased scrutiny.

"Time and time again, the government refused to give me permission to leave Poland and join my husband in Austria," she explained. "The government also refused to give my husband a visa to come to Poland."

After a week, she was asked to report to the police station and was questioned about where she went and who she spoke to. She had her first child, daughter Ewa, and continued teaching while her husband was living in Austria.

"I tried to figure out how to leave Poland," she said. "I couldn't get a visa.

"Finally, I went to a friend who had been a teacher and was now working at the police station. I asked him for help in getting visas and passports for

me and Ewa. I knew if I left without her, I'd never be able to bring her out later.

"He told me I'd need money to get my daughter a visa, so I gave him my engagement ring (which had cost the equivalent of a year's salary)," she continued. "The next day I went back. He asked me to promise him my daughter and I both would return to Poland. Of course I told him we would."

She couldn't bring herself to tell her parents about her plans to leave the country and not return, which posed a problem, since Ewa was with them. Major Khalife did tell her brother and asked him to bring Ewa to the airport.

There were no problems when officials reviewed the major's visa at the airport. However, they told her Ewa's name was not in the system. She explained she had a valid passport and had obtained a visa for the child. Ultimately, they let them leave.

The major and her daughter joined her husband in Vienna. Michel arranged for a lawyer to accompany them to a local police station where Major Khalife requested political asylum, which was granted in June 1980.

"It was based on the fact that Poland was a Communist country,

which prevented me from teaching freely and provide factual information to my students," she said.

Although now in a free country, the major discovered life wasn't what she envisioned.

"We wound up in a refugee camp," she said. "It wasn't a bad place. There was nice housing and everything was provided. There were a lot of people there from Poland. It was a temporary situation; we stayed there for about a year."

In the meantime, Major Khalife learned the police visited her parents and brother's homes almost daily trying to obtain her address. Her Austrian lawyer advised her not to contact anyone in Poland.

The Khalifes asked Austrian government officials if they could leave the country. They were told they could and were given the option to emigrate to either Australia, Canada or the U.S.

"Growing up, I had watched movies about America," the major said. "I loved the U.S."

In December 1982, the family arrived in New York City. From there, they settled into a small apartment in a Polish-German community in Buffalo.

"Although we didn't know anyone and I was sad that I wouldn't be able to see my family in Poland until I had my U.S. citizenship, I felt this was a dream come true," Major Khalife said. "I truly believe you can do anything in the U.S."

She became a citizen in June 1987, but still was uneasy about visiting Poland. However, in May 1988, she renounced her Polish citizenship and later that year returned to visit her family. Everything went well.

Although fluent in Polish, Italian and German, Major Khalife spoke no English when she arrived in the U.S. She learned from her daughter, who was in first grade, and television.

After working in a day care center and as a substitute teacher, the major went to nursing school. She entered the Air Force in 1989.

"I wanted to give something back to this country; it had given me and my family such a wonderful opportunity," she explained.

The major and Michel came to Keesler from NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen, Germany, in November. Ewa, 32, works for USAA in San Antonio and Caroline, 25, is a senior airman and diagnostic imaging Phase II instructor at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.



Airman Lively

CDC scores earn praise for 12 Airmen

Twelve Airmen received certificates of achievement March 25 for scoring 90 percent or higher on their career development course final exams.

Topping the list was Airman 1st Class Kyle Lively, fire department, with 96 percent. In addition to the certificate, he was presented an 81st Training Wing command chief coin by Chief Master Sgt. Alex Perry.

Other certificate recipients:

333rd Training Squadron — Staff Sgt. Chosniel Jefferson.

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Staff Sgt. Brian Turbide and Airmen 1st Class Harold Young, Kyle Eiler, Brian Gunkel, Mark Born, Zachary Chichwak and Samuel Johnson.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Airman 1st Class Timothy Horne.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Airmen 1st Class Annette Davis.

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — Airman 1st Class Rupert Laco.

KEESLER NOTES

Food service changes

Under the new contract, hours for the flight line kitchen are reduced from 24/7 to 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

The pastry kitchen is closed.

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.

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 contrac-

tors, 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.

ADC closure

The Area Defense Counsel Office is closed Monday through April 11.

For assistance, call the command post, 377-4330, and ask to be connected to Capt. Matthew Schwartz.

'Baby Boot Camp'

"Baby Boot Camp" is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 10 in Room BF 400, Keesler Medical Center.

Classes cover infants from birth to six months.

To sign up, call 376-5375.

Support group

A breastfeeding support group is offered by the family birthing center.

The next two sessions are 11 a.m. to noon April 16 and May 14, Room BF-402, Keesler Medical Center.

For more information, call 376-3121.

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. Household hazardous waste turn-in, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., recycling center

Also planned is energy conservation awareness training.

For more information, call Angel Hays, 377-1262.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

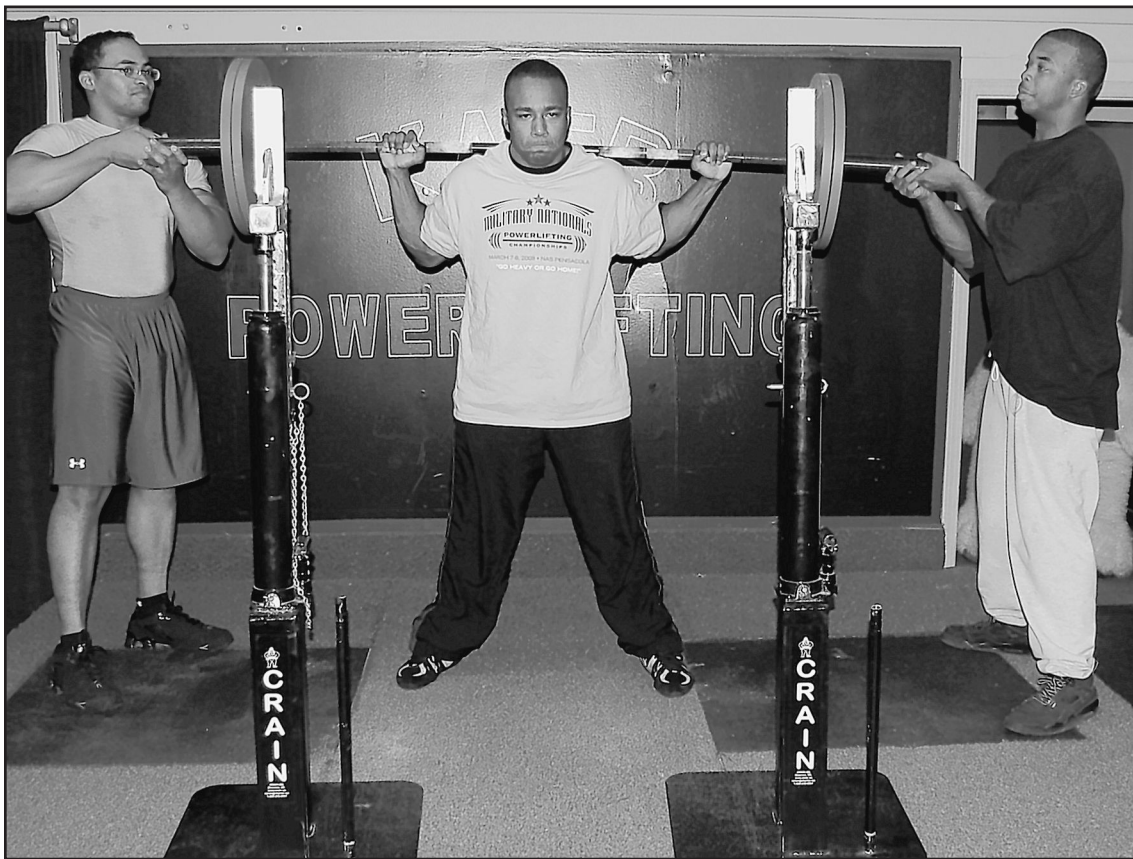


Photo by Steve Pivnick

Graham lifts about 275 pounds in the squat as Evans, left, and Dennis spot for him.

3 powerlifters from Keesler win, place in national event

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Three Keesler members took honors at the Military Nationals Powerlifting Championships March 7-8 at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla.

Darrell Evans, 333rd Training Squadron; Bruce Graham, 81st Medical Operations Squadron; and Marcus Dennis, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, each placed in their respective weight classes.

Evans garnered first place in the 220-pound weight class, Graham took first in the 165-pound class and Dennis was third at 198 pounds.

The Nationals are an annual event open to anyone — male or female — with a Defense Department identification card, including dependents.

The event includes three different lifts: squat, bench press and dead lift.

“Lifters get three tries (in each of the three categories) and the scorers take the highest

weight made,” Evans explained. “For example, if I made 500- and 530-pound lifts but tried and didn’t get 550 pounds, my score is 530.” At the end, officials take the highest score in each lift and total them. The totals for each participant are compared and the winner is selected.

“Winners receive medals and rankings,” he continued. “If they get a high enough score, they can get ranked in ‘Powerlifting USA,’ the sport’s main magazine.”

Evans has been involved in the sport for 16 years, starting at age 21. He’s won seven national meets.

Dennis said he was first introduced to powerlifting as a high school junior in 2005. He’s competed for about 18 months, including two meets at Keesler. This was his first national competition.

Graham has been lifting for only about six months. The Pensacola championship was his first try in the nationals. He has participated in events on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

8 ways to prevent boating tragedies

By Tech. Sgt. Chuck Marsh

Keesler Public Affairs

In the past couple of weeks, boaters have lost their lives in accidents in Mississippi Gulf Coast waters.

In one instance, what started out as a day of fishing turned into tragedy for four boaters. When the winds increased, their boat flipped over. Only two of the four boaters were wearing life jackets. One of those not wearing a life jacket drowned.

All the necessary equipment and safety gear are useless if boaters don't take advantage of them and use the proper risk management.

Here are some basic tips:

Take a boating safety class offered at outdoor recreation for use of their boats or go to <http://www.boated.com/ms/handbook/> for information about Mississippi boating

Know the boat's load limit and don't exceed it. A safe boat is a well-equipped boat. Always carry the necessary safety gear in good condition and know how to use it.

Learn "the rules of the road" for boating and obey them.

Know how to swim. However, even good swimmers



don't always survive the shock or panic of sudden immersion in cold water or rough swells.

Keep life jackets visible and accessible.

Don't overdo boating. In three hours of normal boating, the noise, motion, sun, wind and glare can frequently double an individual's reaction time.

Don't consume alcohol while operating a boat.

Check the weather and make sure conditions are safe before pushing away from the dock. Take along a radio and monitor the weather throughout your boat trip.

For more information, call outdoor recreation, 377-3160.

Over-30 playoffs: Then there were 4

By Airman 1st Class David Salanitri

Keesler News staff

Going into this week in the Over-30 Basketball League, one team was eliminated in post-season playoffs.

The 85th Engineering Installation Squadron lost its first game March 25 to 2nd Air Force, 57-49. The 85th EIS was then eliminated March 27 by the 81st Training Support Squadron, 60-34.

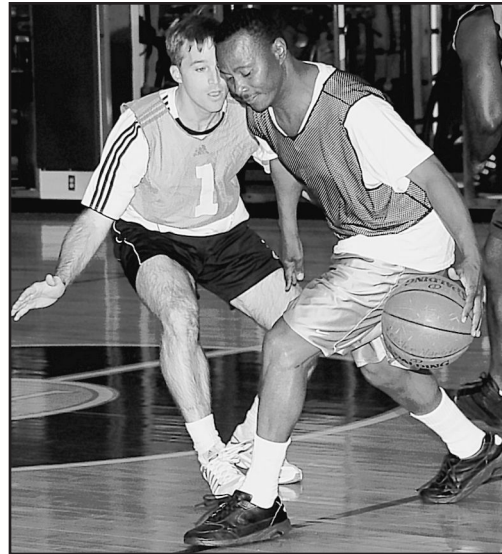
The 338th Training Squadron continued its dominance, pounding the 81st TRSS, 70-30, March 25.

At the Keesler News' noon Monday dead-

line, the 338th TRS was slated to play the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron. The 81st CES was 1-0 in the playoffs going into Monday's game, bulldozing 2nd Air Force 59-29, March 27.

"Our team is trying to play more aggressive and more physical in the playoffs," said William Mays, 338th TRS coach. "Our team is not going to be pushed around. We are playing strong defense and challenging every shot our opponent takes."

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



Mark Wall, left, 81st TRSS, blocks Edward Goldsmith, 85th EIS, as he dribbles down the court during a playoff game at Dragon Fitness Center March 27. The 81st TRSS won, 60-34, knocking the 85th EIS out of the double-elimination event.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

SCORES AND MORE

Basketball

Over-30 League

Playoffs — championship game 11 a.m. Tuesday; second game follows at noon if necessary.

Bowling

League standings

Monday Budweiser (as of March 24)

Team	Won	Lost
Perry's Refrigeration	98	63
Our Gang	96	65
Wayne's World	93	68
Gannon's Cannons	91.5	69.5
Old Skool	90	71
3 Steps Forward	87	71
Man On	87	74
Why Not	84	72
Slater's Shooters	85	76
Pin Heads	81	80
Team 2	79	82
Hoops Gang	79	82
The Corner Pins	75	86
Endangered Species	69.5	91.5
Ghost Riders	69	92
Martini's	64	97
Unpredictables	60	101
B-Busters	53	108

Tuesday Hospital Mixed (as of March 18)

Team	Won	Lost
Bed Buddies	130	54
Pill Pushers	129	55
Radiology Renegades	125	59
Drug Dealers	114	72
Pediattack	104	80
Team 6	32	152
Team 8	26	158
Team 7	16	168

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 27)

Team	Won	Lost
6-Pack	120.5	68.5
Three is Company	109.5	79.5
Dummys Dummies	107	82
Team 16	105	84
Team 12	104	85
2 Bees & a D	99	90
The Very Best	97	92
Delema	95.5	93.5
Freda's Kids	94	95
Amy's Bunch	94	95
Team 1	93.5	95.5
T-N-T	90	99
Barb's Boys	87.5	101.5
Friends	86	103
Team 15	84	105
Full Speed	84	105
Team 2	77.5	111.5
Guys and Dolls	73	116

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	128	68
Lady and the Tramps	128	68
Team 3	106	90
Sandbaggers	102	94
Jax Hax	100	96
3 Guys and A Babe	92	104
Pin Busters	89	107
Pin Pals	89	107
Harry's Team	88	108
Dreamers	58	138

Other

League registrations — for Monday trio, Tuesday family, Thursday intramural and Thursday morning seniors; call 377-2817.

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

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.

Chess

Air Force base-level tournament — 2-5 p.m. Friday, Vandenberg Community Center; registration deadline today. 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. For more information, call 377-3308 or 2958.

Fitness centers

Slugfest V — May 9; registration 6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Vandenberg Community Center, and Wednesday, Blake Fitness Center. Tryouts 6 p.m. April 10, Blake Fitness Center. Light, middle and heavy-weight divisions for men; women's divisions to be announced.

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, Triangle Fitness Center. Squat, bench press and dead lift; one attempt in any or all three events; 12 weight classes for men, 10 for women. Set a record for

most pounds lifted or break an existing record and get your picture on the wall of fame. Open to all Department of Defense personnel 18 years of age and older.

For more information, call 377-3056.

Golf

Free beginners lessons — 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Friday and April 19 for nonprior service students; 4 p.m. Tuesday for company grade officers; 4 p.m. April 15 for pay grades E5-9; and 1 p.m. April 26 for E1-4.

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

Driving range — 40 balls, \$2.

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

Camping special — 10 percent discount on No. 1 camping package this month.

Preregistration for swimming lessons — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 15-17, outdoor recreation building. Lessons begin in June.

Delacroix, La., fishing site — two self-contained trailers for rent for \$50 per night; maximum four per trailer. Bring linens and cooking utensils. Louisiana fishing license required.

April fish of the month — weigh in largest white trout and win \$100 savings bond.

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

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.

Back bay fishing trips — April 12 and 19. \$15 per person. Maximum eight people; call for time.

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

Airman Leadership School Class 08-3

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Senior Airmen Dante Davis, Leopoldo Galindo, Jonathan Jones, Michael Kehoe, Asa Oliver, Melvin Penafiora, Kaota Saechao and Patrick Wiseman.

81st Communications Squadron — Senior Airman Samuel Bush.

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — Senior Airman Stephen Hoffman (academic achievement award).

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Senior Airmen Kerry Henderson (distinguished graduate), Wendy Lloyd and James Strawn.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Senior Airman Katherine Robinson.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Senior Airmen Rashaud Blair (class first sergeant), Thomas Evans and Sterling Winn (class commander).

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Senior Airman Magen Thomas (leadership award).

81st Training Wing — Senior Airmen Tomeka Jackson (chapel) and Carlos Rodriguez (public affairs).

81st Transportation Squadron — Senior Airmen Robert Shavers (distinguished graduate) and Gareth Smith.

333rd Training Squadron — Senior Airman Kyle Beshears (John Levitow Award).

334th TRS — Senior Airman Sabrina Booker.

Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 419 — Senior Airman Joshua Bowles.

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Andrew Bridges, Clinton Brown, Anthony Cambisi, Kirk Cilley, Jeffery Cottingham, Robert Crosier, Jeffrey Davis, Gregory Defilippo, Bailey Delaney, Jeremiah Diamond, Keith Dison, Bernard Dona, Douglas Field, Charles Foster, Zachary Francis, David Frost, Matthew Golden, Mitchell Green, Benjain Gursky, Andrew Hodges, Amos Hommel, Brandon Howard, Brion Humenay, Jesse Hunt, Kyle Hynds, Nicholas Irwin, Christopher Johnson, Andrew Kelly, Peter LaCasse, Aldo Lotito, Aaron Lowrey, Jaye Marshall, Brandon Mitchell, Andrew Mueller, Timothy Newingham, Travis Niles, Jeremy Pacheco, Dimitrios Pappas, Christopher Powell, Alexander Pruden, Daniel Ramsden, Darryl Sampson, Eric Scott,

Joshua Snider, Gregory Stanley, Joshua Thomason, Miles Toran, Michael Velez, Bryce Weaver, Jeffrey Williams, Aerial Woods and Michael Zepp; Airmen Arabo Babakhani, Sean Francis, Zachary Gray, Michael Johnson, Joseph Kelly, Steven Landmesser, Barry Nixon and Christofer Wheatley; Airmen 1st Class Alexander Bastow, Benjamin Bowles, Brandon Briggs, Scott Calhoun, Jason Carlson, Joshua Champlin, Vincent Clark, John Clyburn, Richard Derby, Lourdes Diaz, Brian Donlan, Cody Foltz, Steven Gershowitz, Rafael Gonzalez, Jonathan Goode, Keith Holman, Daryl Lal, Kyle Lamond, Jennie Lane, Braxton Ledward, Keiron Legg, Alex Makuch, Marc Montreuil, Edgar Nunez, Joseph Pecora, Adam Roush, Christopher Russek, Mark Savage, Justin Schultz, Steven Sihrer, Charles Silva, Chanreaksmey Sok, Nicholas Stewart, Zachary Thompson, Dominic Tunison, James Twidt and Sared Yim; Senior Airmen Tony Bloyd, Shane Dupuy, Stephen Ely, Edward Escareno, Matthew Myers, Richard Tomasso and Jonathan Voyles; Staff Sgts. Christopher Anders, Abigail Cahoon, Paul Clampet, Cody Hendrickson, Michael MacDonald, Kurt Nagel, Terence Smith, Anthony Thomas, Joel Toroestrella, Bryant Williams and Jeromy Wolf; Tech. Sgts. Mohammad Ali, Scott England, Vance Rizzo and Kenneth Sprinkle; Master Sgt Kevin Merrihew.

Metrology course — Airmen Basic Christopher Holloway and Coleman Moore; Airman Nicholas Tappa; Airmen 1st Class Joshua Fielder and Daniel Reza.

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Aerospace control and warning systems course — Airman Basic Nicholas Hazzis; Airman 1st Class Robert Price.

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Joseph Borgen, Brandon Caulkins, Trevor Huddleston, Erin Long, Ryan Longwill, Amber Martin, Thomas Moore, James Soto, Matthew Tarpley and Quentin Terry; Airmen Michael Butler, Daniel Cutrell, Brandon Fritcher, Sean Greenwell, Corey Kwiatowski, Fabian Ramirez and Patrick Smith; Airmen 1st Class Dustin Allred, Garret Boyer, Matthew Cook, Misty Flores, Justin Kimble, Timothy Linden, Correon Malone, Chad Maniace, Christopher Marmet, Lance Taufasau, Nelson Vargas and Brinton Whalen; Senior Airmen Paul Arbogast and Matthew Warner

Command post apprentice course — Airman Basic Steven Bock; Airmen 1st Class Eric Basinger, Benjamin Ekblad, Kristin Garland, Scott Roy and Holly Turner; Senior Airmen Melissa Kitchens and Stuart Madison; Staff Sgts. Andrew Fraser, Thomas Hansen, Daniel Persico, Phillip Saunders and Cari Schoemann; Tech. Sgts. Charles Bartosh, Brian Benson, Kevin Edwards, Ted Gladden, Chester Greenhalgh, Wendy Hood, Robert Parris, Glenn Petersen, Nickolas Reed, Michael Stutlien, Joseph Wilson and Morgan Young.

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Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Mark Atkinson, Erik Coffell, Amanda Compton, Kendra Curtis, Tiffany Holmes, Johnathan McEachin and Emily Stormfeltz; Airmen Willie Hogan, Heather Lippert and Nathan Sharpless; Airmen 1st Class Marcus Ayala, Christina Bako-McKinney, Nicholas Gidaly, Jeremy McCray, Corrine Miller, Tobey Newby, Clinton Pettey, Mark Rosone, Jaclyn Scott, Ryan Simbro and Daniel Wisniewski; Senior Airmen Mildred Cassidy, Ceasal Clyburn, David Warner and Crystal White; Staff Sgts. Jeffrey Brooks, Jameal Hollis, Samantha Hren, Lori Presnar and Stephen Swanson; Tech. Sgt. Kevin Dreibelbis.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Brandan Awalt, Frederick Chamberlain, Charles Colclasure, Magnus Creed, James Ecker, Amber Foster, Timothy Higgs, Bryan Smith, Jodie Schulthorpe and Rudi Vogel; Navy Recruit Caroline Petty; Airmen Ashley Carpenter, Nick Elwell, Brent Prazak and Sam Tompkins; Navy Airmen Ashley Burgos, Christopher Kyall, Matthew Lobaugh and Sharon Smith; Marine Pfc. Nicholas Gonzalez and Deolu Sopade; Airmen 1st Class Bracey Blair, Kyle Haynes, Jared Lindley and Blake Medler; Marine Lance Cpls. James Pratt and Kenneth Sheridan; Senior Airman Tom Teckmeyer; Staff Sgts. Adan Garcia, Adam Hernandez and Seth Huisenga; Marine Sgt. James Scott; Tech. Sgt. Brian Roell.

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Communications-computer systems flight — Airmen Basic Nathan Barlow, Matthew Feagley, Michael Franklin, Nicholas McVay, Scott Morgan and Kurt Rotzler; Airman Chad Cameron; Airmen 1st Class Michael Conklin, Brian Glenn, Steven Jensen,

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

Prior-service students lodged off base

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

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

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

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

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

CHAPEL SERVICES

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

Protestant

Sunday worship

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

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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Savathi Kem, Matthew Killion 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 Muentz and Ronald Nesbitt; Tech. Sgts. Kevin Cramp, Joseph Crane, Gregory Huff and Daniel Jones; Master Sgts. Timothy Burget, Tommy Gray, Brian Haase, Michael Nickerson and Dwain West; Senior Master Sgt. Ronald Glazer; Chief Master Sgt. Guy Plante.

Communications and information flight — Airmen Basic Derek Armstrong, Ray Cole, Joshua Gonzales, LaKendria Harris, Ernest Leon, Travis Mollema and Sherrill Steve; Airman Samuel Cox; Airmen 1st Class Susan Benson, Laura Bentz, Nicolas Campbell, Eugene Evans, Adam Falcsik, Danielle Fox, Christopher Heckman, Matthew Martinez, Joshua Russell, Kareem Spearman, Steven Su and Justin Warner; Senior Airmen Joshua Bartholomew, Kimberly Brown, Jared Cooke, Aaron Gentry, Richard McDonald, Julio Rodriguez, Caleb Sears, William Stevenson, Nathan Svenkerud, Shaun Wehe and Dylan Wolfe; Staff Sgts. Donald Abell, Ashley Clark, Shawn Dillard, Mark Finney, Nicole Gilpin, Mark Jackson, Darrick Moitosa, Dylan Turner, Joshua Velders, Daniel West and Charles Yurkin; Tech. Sgts. Gilson Douglas, Leona La Madrid, Jeffrey March, Matt Wisner and Judy Wren.

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Airfield systems — Airmen Basic Christopher Jadwisiak, Christian Louer, Zachary Northcutt, Jessica Yeadon and James Wilson; Airmen William Draves and Jonathan Samolinski; Airman 1st Class William Schull; Franz Koenig.

Ground radar — Airman Kelly Darr; Staff Sgt. Jackson Parnell.

Ground radio — Airmen Basic James Reynolds and Brandon Scott; Airmen Cory Briley, Preston Flolo, Daniel Haire and Josiah Schmidt; Airmen 1st Class Michael Albright, Damon Daniels, Nicolas Edwards, Nicholas Fitzgerald, Douglas Fox, David Huntsberger, Jason Johnson, Kalef Lewis, Nathaniel Locke, Aaron Loudenberg, James McKenzie, John Norman, Jameson Seymour, Alexander Sidawi, Janell Stokes, Lawanda Washington and Christopher Webb; Senior Airman Callie Rios; Tech. Sgts. Michael Bieberleand and William Walsh.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 08-4 — April 14-May 21.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 08-3 — graduates today.

Class 08-4 — April 15-May 22.

Airman and family readiness center

Adoption options workshop — 5:15-7 p.m. April 10, Triangle Chapel annex. The Mississippi State Adoption Agency, Catholic Social Services, legal Assistance, customer service and adoption agency representatives talk with military and civilian personnel about the adoption process, including the military adoption reimbursement program, legal issues, home studies and international adoptions. Free refreshments provided. To sign up, call the airman and family readiness center 377-2179, or email sandra.brzovic@keesler.af.mil

Arts and crafts center

Multi-craft shop

Spring craft camp — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday-April 10, ages 8 and older; \$35 including supplies for four projects. Preregistration required; call 377-2821.

Ceramic mold pouring — 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday; \$25 including mold use, all supplies and first firing. Learn to cast ceramics and use different paints for finishing techniques.

Ceramics technique — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and April 12. Learn to paint with a certified Duncan instructor. Project is ceramic eagle with fish, \$37.50. No prior ceramic experience needed.

Pottery-clay handbuilding — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 19; \$40 includes five pounds of clay and project firing. Bring bag lunch; must preregister.

One-stroke painting with acrylics — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April

19; \$32 including project and paint. Decorative painting technique doesn't require previous experience.

Auto hobby shop

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

Auto cruise-in show — May 10, base cruise and youth obstacle course; registrations being accepted from auto and motorcycle hobbyists and youth bikers.

Free auto care briefing — 4:30-6 p.m. April 17.

Qualified mechanics — can assist with vehicle maintenance.

Oil collection site — for personal vehicles.

24-hour coin-operated car wash, vacuum and tire air pump — wash, rinse, wax system, towelettes, Armorrall 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.

Wood shop

Beginner woodworking/equipment safety briefing — 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday; \$25 including material, instruction and operator card. Hardwood and plywood in stock; onsite books and plans for shop users.

Beginning intarsia — 10 a.m. Saturday or April 19; \$15 includes project and tool use. Intarsia is the art of cutting and shaping wood pieces in decorative patterns for wall hangings.

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. April 12 or 26; \$20 including materials and tool use. New project each month.

Frame shop

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

Chapel

All classes are held at the Triangle Chapel Annex through May. For more information, call 377-2520.

Catholic religious education — after 9 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Protestant Sunday School — 10:30-11:30 a.m. for preschool, elementary, teens and adults.

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

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

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

Dinner and the Bible — 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Triangle Chapel Annex.

McBride Library

Open house — 2-4 p.m. April 24; refreshments served.

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.

April fax special — 50 cents a page.

Easier access to fiction books — now filed together.

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.

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.

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

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

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

Friday

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

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

Saturday

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

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

Sunday

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

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

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

Wednesday

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

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

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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. For more information, call 377-2219.

Thirsty Thursday — 5 p.m. April 24. Cook your own steak or chicken. Members price \$6 for steak and \$5 for chicken; nonmembers add \$2.

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.

Give parents a break/parents night out — 4-10 p.m. April 12, youth in kindergarten-grade 6. Certificates must be coordinated through the airmen and family readiness center. Parents night out is \$3.50 per hour. Participants must have current shot records on file.

Artistic kids art club — 4-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays through April 10, ages 9 and older. Art displayed April 15-30.

Spring break camp — 5:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through April 11, ages 6-12. Breakfast, lunch, snacks and activities. Pre-registration required.

Free pitch, hit and run competition — 5 p.m. April 11 at youth ball fields, ages 6-12. Preregistration required.

Teen hot-shot competition and 3-on-3 basketball tournament — 7-11 p.m. April 18. \$5 members, \$7 nonmembers. Refreshments and prizes.

Saturday night shots — 6-10 p.m. Hot-shot competition and 3-on-3 basketball tournament, ages 6-12. \$5 members, \$7 nonmembers. Refreshments and prizes.

Free job ready class — 6 p.m. April 28, ages 13 and older. Introduction to the youth employment service program and information on what to expect in the workplace.

Baseball registration — throughout April, ages 6-12. \$25 for members, \$35 for nonmembers. Volunteer coaches needed; call 377-4116 or 2826.

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.

TICKETS AND TRIPS

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

Gulf Islands Water Park — season tickets available.

Discounted tickets — for many attractions including Busch Gardens, Sea World, Universal Studios and Disney World in Florida. For price list, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>.

Information on area and out-of-state attractions — free brochures for Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Georgia.

Free day at Anheuser-Busch parks — Anheuser-Busch launched "Here's to the Heroes" to acknowledge the service of military members and sacrifices made by their families. The program provides a single day's free admission to any one Sea World or

Busch Gardens park, Sesame Place, Adventure Island or Water Country USA for any active duty, active reserve, ready reserve service member or National Guardsman and as many as three direct dependents. Register online at <http://www.herosalute.com> or in the entrance plaza of a participating park and show Department of Defense photo identification. Also included are members of foreign military coalition forces in Iraq or Afghanistan or attached to American units in the U.S. for training.

For more information, visit <http://www.4adventure.com> or call toll-free 1-800-4ADVENTURE.

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. today, 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. Tuesday, 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.

MEETINGS

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

Upcoming

Rising VI — 3:15 p.m. Wednesday, Room 121, Thomson Hall; open to pay grades E1-6. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Destiny Guy, 377-7400.

Recurring

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

Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 652 — 7 a.m. third Tuesday of the month, Live Oak Dining Hall. For more information, call Master Sgt. Kat Hataway, 377-1389, or visit the group's Web site, <http://www.afsa652.org>.

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

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

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

At Eze Toastmasters Club — 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Building 1101 conference room. For more information, call Dewi Clark, 377-2714 or e-mail dewi.clark2@keesler.af.mil; Fred Blache, 377-1048, or visit <http://www.toastmasters.org>.

Blacks in Government — 5:15 p.m. second Thursday of the

month, Taylor Logistics Building conference room. For more information call Florence Clay, 377-8681, or Paulette Powell, 377-2270.

Company grade officers council — meets first Wednesday of the month. For time and location, call 1st Lt. Michael Newson, 377-7626, michael.newson@keesler.af.mil.

Keesler Amateur Radio Club — 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Hangar 3, Room 215. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Justin Meyer, 377-4149 or 324-5806, or e-mail justin.meyer2@keesler.af.mil.

Keesler Christian Home Educators Association — 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month, September-May, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call Heather Melancon, 831-8895.

Keesler Spouses Club — second Tuesday of the month. For time and place, call Gretchen Gorline, 374-8024, or visit <http://www.KeeslerSpousesClub.com>.

Native American Heritage Committee — for more information, call R.I. Whiteside, 863-0479, or Capt. Elizabeth Tailon, 377-6242.

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

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

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

Tuskegee Airmen Inc., Col. Lawrence E. Roberts Chapter — 5 p.m. first Thursday of the month, McBride Library. For more information, call Glenda Mosby, 243-1992, gmosby1@bellsouth.net, or Charles Bowers, 860-3665.

MISCELLANEOUS

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.

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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.